

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SUSPENDING ENERGY IMPORTS FROM RUSSIA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 9, 2022*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the world is in awe of the Ukrainian people, who have shown extraordinary courage and an iron will in the face of Russia's unprovoked war.

As we speak, they are putting their lives on the line to protect their sovereignty and territorial integrity, protect their families, and defend their democracy.

Indeed, the entire country—parents and children, rich and poor, in big cities and in small towns—have come together to safeguard their heritage and their home.

Tragically, Putin has met their heroism with accelerating brutality: reportedly bombing indiscriminately and attacking civilians, including children.

In doing so, the world has seen what the United Nations has deemed the “fastest growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.”

At this pivotal moment, America will not be delayed or deterred in taking action to counter Putin's aggression and support the Ukrainian people.

With historic speed and coordination with our allies and partners, America has led the international community in taking devastating action against Russia.

We have crippled the Russian economy: cutting off its banks, choking off its access to technology, targeting oligarchs funding this war—and much more.

We have bolstered our support for NATO—and today the House will pass \$13.6 billion in new funding for Ukraine for humanitarian, military and economic assistance.

And now, the House will take major and severe step to continue our ongoing efforts to hold Putin accountable for his aggression.

By passing the strong, bipartisan Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act, we will further isolate Russia from the global economy and leave it weaker in every way.

For their relentless leadership in crafting this legislation, let us salute Congressmen LLOYD DOGGETT and EARL BLUMENAUER.

And thank you to Ways and Means Chairman RICHIE NEAL for his masterful work to steer this urgent package to the Floor.

This legislation contains three primary provisions.

First, we are banning the import of Russian oil and energy products into the United States.

This will tighten our stranglehold on Russia by cutting off the lifeblood of its economy—and a major source of Putin's wealth. Congress commends President Biden for announcing this step in his remarks today—and we will support his initiative with this legislation.

At the same time, American production of oil and gas is approaching record highs—and we

will continue working to protect families from Putin's Price Hike. In the long-term, America must move to diversify our energy sources: to defend democracy, protect our planet and bring down energy costs for our families.

Second, we are taking steps to review Russia's access to the World Trade Organization.

Access to the benefits of international trade is a privilege—not a right. By moving to deprive them of these benefits, we seek to further diminish Russia in the global economy.

Third, we are reauthorizing and strengthening the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act.

Enacted in 2016, the Global Magnitsky Act broadened the human rights abuses that can be punished with sanctions and bolstered coordination with our partners. The legislation we will pass today will ensure the United States can impose these sanctions on Russia for its heinous attacks on Ukrainian civilians and its violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

### PROTECTING AMERICAN FAMILIES

Putin's aggression has caused severe disruption to global oil markets, helping to increase prices here at home and around the world.

But the United States does not need to choose between defending our democratic values and protecting our economic interests.

As Congress and the Administration continue to work together to cripple the Russian economy, we remain laser-focused on bringing down energy costs for American families and our partners stemming from Putin's invasion.

We salute President Biden for leading our allies in releasing 60 million barrels of oil from strategic reserves—including 30 million from American reserves in the SPR—to stabilize global markets.

### CLOSE

This legislation is an urgent imperative: both morally, to stand with Ukraine, and strategically, to ensure our security interests.

And it is my hope that this package receives strong, bipartisan support worthy of the valor and sacrifice of the Ukrainian people.

With that, I urge a strong, bipartisan “aye” vote.

## HAITI DEVELOPMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND INSTITUTIONAL TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE ACT

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 9, 2022*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the House will proudly pass an omnibus government funding bill that delivers For The People: strengthening national security, bolstering economic prosperity and advancing democratic governance.

And this legislation will offer a strong foundation on which Democrats will continue our focus on Building a Better America: with lower costs, bigger paycheck and more jobs.

Thank you, Madam Chair ROSA DELAURO, for your tireless work in assembling this omnibus package. You have been a masterful force in crafting a package that will help us meet the needs of American families.

Let us also salute Ranking Member KAY GRANGER, as well as our committed counterparts in the Senate: Chairman PAT LEAHY and Ranking Member RICHARD SHELBY.

This legislation addresses many of the top priorities for our country and in our communities for the long-term.

For families, this means strong public schools; clean air and water; more public health resources; safe food and lower costs of insulin. With this bill, we are especially proud to increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$400; as well as establishing funding for President Biden's bold new ARPA-H initiative to finally defeat cancer.

For workers, it means better-paying jobs, support for our small businesses and a strong social safety net.

For women and girls, it means the long-overdue reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act: one of our nation's most powerful tools to safeguard safety, dignity and rights.

For our veterans, it means reliable benefits, reducing backlogs for veterans and their families seeking assistance, and meeting the needs of the VA's health care system.

For our national security, it means honoring the service of our troops with improvements to defense readiness and modernization, stronger defenses against cyber attacks and promoting our democratic values abroad.

Enacting this omnibus will also unlock billions in more federal dollars under our Bipartisan Infrastructure Law—delivering key investments in nearly every community across the country.

Doing so will help us rebuild our nation while reinvigorating our middle class: creating millions of good-paying jobs improving roads and bridges, public transit, ports and airports, water systems and broadband, and more.

As we proceed on this legislation, war rages on in Ukraine. This omnibus includes \$13.6 billion in emergency supplemental funding for humanitarian, military and economic assistance for Ukraine.

Today, I had the privilege of an extensive telephone conversation with President Zelensky. It afforded me the opportunity to praise the extraordinary courage and resolve of the Ukrainian people as they defend their communities and their democracy.

I also conveyed to him the sympathy of the Congress for the loss of life and livelihood in Ukraine—especially after Putin's barbaric attack on a maternity hospital, killing parents and children.

He expressed the gratitude of the Ukrainian people for the assistance that the United States has provided to date. But much more needs to be done. This legislation takes a strong step forward.

I am proud of the strong leadership of President Biden in his role in unifying NATO and

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other allies to cripple Russia's economy in response to Putin's diabolical, premeditated assault on Ukraine and its democracy.

Again, I thank Chair DELAUNO for her masterful leadership—and I urge a “yes” vote.

TROY CHAPMAN

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 15, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Troy Chapman for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Troy Chapman is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Troy Chapman is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Troy Chapman for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

### CONGRATULATING TONY HASS ON RECEIVING THE TRAILBLAZER AWARD

### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 15, 2022*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tony Hass, owner of the Walking Y Ranch, on being honored with the Denver Business Journal's 2022 Who's Who in Agriculture Trailblazer Award. After 36 years running a 200 cow-calf operation, Tony received this prestigious honor in recognition of his dedicated career to Colorado's ranching and agricultural community.

Tony graduated Lamar Community College with an A.S. in animal science before beginning his more than 5,000 acre ranching operation and local butcher beef business. This true American company is notable for its outstanding economic impact in southeast Colorado.

Tony married his wife Connie and raised two wonderful children—Matthew and Breann—all while continuing to work for the Las Animas community. Today, he is the proud grandfather of Liam.

In addition to his many decades operating the Walking Y Ranch, Tony has proudly served the Las Animas community for more than three years as a County Commissioner with the hope of being a strong voice for the people of rural Colorado.

Through his work and service before self, Tony has garnered not only a well-earned reputation for ranching, but the respect of everyone in our community.

On behalf of Colorado's 4th District, I offer my sincerest congratulations to Tony for his

well-deserved award and thank him for his outstanding role in our regions agriculture and tireless commitment to making his community a better place to live.

HONORING JEFFREY STRAND

### HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 15, 2022*

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 42+ year career of Hennepin County Civil Servant Jeffrey Strand.

Public service is a noble and tireless pursuit aimed at improving the lives of your neighbors and community. Jeff is a testament to that pursuit.

Jeff is retiring after 42+ years of dedicated service to our shared constituents of Hennepin County. His admirable public service will leave a legacy of vast knowledge, leadership, and kindness for the County's employees and constituents alike. We can only hope that our local, county, state, and federal governments fill their ranks with such dedicated servants like Jeff.

Jeff should be proud of the service he has provided to Hennepin County and I wish him the very best for the next phase of his life. Hennepin County is a better place because of his efforts and I know his fellow Hennepin County colleagues will cherish the memories of serving with him.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Jeffrey Strand for his hard work on behalf of Hennepin County, and to wish him well for his well-deserved retirement.

### IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF FINDLAY BEING NAMED THE TOP MICROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

### HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 15, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Findlay, Ohio, for being named the Top Micropolitan Community in the United States for the eighth year in a row by Site Selection Magazine. Findlay has routinely shown what a strong community with a commitment to prosperity can do through implementation of their renowned “Findlay Formula.” The city's focus on this formula continues to pay dividends and serves as an example to communities across the country.

In order to be considered a micropolitan city, the area must have a population ranging from 10,000 to 50,000. Cities that qualify were evaluated on business growth and economic sustainability. Findlay was able to secure this award for the eighth year in a row because of their focus on job creation, new construction, and capital investment that met Site Selection's criteria. In 2021, Findlay had an estimated \$160 million in capital investment and twenty-four qualifying projects. This investment has resulted in 1,600 net new employees hired in the Findlay area.

Fostering a cooperative environment between businesses and local government has

resulted in continued economic growth in Findlay. Over the past eight years, Findlay has completed over 200 projects and produced over 7,000 new jobs through an estimated \$1.65 billion in investment. This success would not be possible without the partnership and cooperation between the City of Findlay, the Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development office, the Hancock County Commissioners, and the entire Findlay community.

Congratulations to Findlay, for another year as the Nation's top-ranked Micropolitan Community.

HUNTER KOZNEY

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Hunter Kozney for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Hunter Kozney is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Hunter Kozney is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Hunter Kozney for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING ERNEST JONES

### HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 15, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ernest Jones of Waycross, Georgia for his victory with the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LVI.

Ernest is no stranger to successful seasons, his Senior year on the Ware County Gators High School Football team, he recorded 112 tackles, six tackles for loss, two sacks, three forced fumbles, and was named first-team Class 5-AAAAA.

From Ware County, Ernest committed to play football at the University of South Carolina, where he quickly became a starter following his freshman year.

Ernest led the team in tackles following his sophomore and junior seasons with ninety-seven tackles his sophomore year and eighty-six tackles his junior year, with five tackles for loss.

The Los Angeles Rams selected Ernest with the 103rd pick of the 2021 NFL Draft and became the starter in week eight of their championship run.

In the Super Bowl, Ernest was a force to be reckoned with, amassing seven tackles, one