

Since 2013, the Russian Federation has imposed a campaign of political, economic, and military aggression in Ukraine.

Today the world is witnessing a manufactured war, arbitrarily ordered by Vladimir Putin.

President Putin and his associates must be held personally liable for the war crimes committed against the people of Ukraine.

Russia claims it is not attacking civilians, yet thousands of people have been killed, mostly from explosive weapons with a wide impact area, including shelling from heavy artillery and multi-launch rocket systems, and missile and air strikes.

Families are being separated by war, adults and children are being ruthlessly killed, and a rogue Russia is violently crushing political speech opposing the war from its own citizens.

As Russian ground forces advance in Ukraine, Ukrainians are sheltering from artillery and cruise missiles in subways and bomb shelters.

The western world must continue to march in unison against this senseless Russian invasion of a sovereign nation.

It is our duty to do all we can to stop these brutal attacks on democracy. Squeezing the bank accounts and assets of Russian oligarchs will eventually force them to take matter into their own hands and stop Putin.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 6930, the Asset Seizure for Ukraine Reconstruction Act to help put an end to Putin's evil invasion.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRINCETON BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER IN BIRMINGHAM, AL

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2022*

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Princeton Baptist Medical Center and Baptist Health System.

Though the history of Princeton Baptist Medical Center begins in 1922, the framework of the hospital, dates back to 1906 with the establishment of Birmingham Infirmary by Dr. William Christopher Gewin. Specializing in compassionate care in a Christian environment, Birmingham Infirmary was a pioneering medical center in the city of Birmingham, serving as the city's first training school for nurses.

By 1922, the Birmingham Baptist Association assumed ownership of Birmingham Infirmary, making it the first time any local Baptist association owned a hospital. As a faith-based hospital, Birmingham Baptist Hospital, now Princeton Baptist Medical Center, built its organization on the premise that it would provide service to patients regardless of their ability to pay. During their first day of operation, Princeton served 39 patients, with 11 more admitted by the day's end without any operating capital.

Ten years later, in 1930, the Princeton Baptist Medical Center leased a second location previously owned by one of the original medical staff, Dr. Seale Harris, who originally built and began operating the residential hospital. After acquiring another facility, the Baptist Health System began rapidly expanding, undergoing multiple major hospital expansions

and renovations. As the hospital infrastructure started to grow, its network was not far behind, expanding to meet the needs of its patients by adding new departments to expand critical services and conducting clinical research to stay abreast with the latest medical advancements.

During World War II, Princeton Baptist Medical Center became the first hospital in the region to have a United States Cadet Nurse Corps unit hosting over 100 students. By the 1960s, they continued building upon their esteemed reputation by performing pioneering brain surgery at Princeton Baptist Medical Center, becoming one of the first hospitals in the city to desegregate its wards, and introducing the use of automation in their laboratories.

With growth as a cornerstone, during the 1990s, additional hospitals joined Princeton Baptist to build one of the state's largest and most comprehensive networks of acute care hospitals and a true community of care; a network that was strengthened in 2015 through a partnership with Brookwood Medical Center to create the five-hospital system of Brookwood Baptist Health.

Upholding its "high tech and high touch" reputation, Princeton Baptist Medical Center has stayed at the forefront of technology, staffing the hospital with present-day pioneers bringing cutting-edge health care to the people of the north and central Alabama.

From its humble beginnings in 1922, Princeton Baptist Medical center has upheld its rich legacy of medical ministry by staying active in the community through education. Noted as a teaching hospital, Princeton Baptist Medical Center has several educational programs, becoming the first health care system in the United States to implement a pastoral education program and student internship. Now Princeton continues to provide these transformational opportunities by hosting multiple residency programs, creating the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing at Samford University and the Princeton Baptist Achievers Program, a mentoring/scholarship program for high school students interested in healthcare.

Working to provide the most efficient, cost-effective, and patient-friendly care, Princeton Baptist Medical Center now has a medical staff of more than 230 physicians, an additional 1,700 employees, and 505-licensed hospital beds. As the first hospital under Brookwood Baptist Health, Princeton Medical Center is a centerpiece to the state's largest health care system providing innovative and compassionate care to all patients.

On a personal note, my family and I have experienced Princeton Baptist Medical Center's compassionate care firsthand. Their doctors, nurses, administrators, and other health care professionals provided excellent care while giving us the support and resources we needed to get well. They were God-sent, and the Sewell family is eternally grateful.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of Princeton Baptist Medical Center and its vital contributions to the medical profession and the health and well-being of the Birmingham community.

ACKNOWLEDGING FAITH AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (FACE) AND THE SAIGU CAMPAIGN

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2022*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE)'s efforts to unite Los Angeles on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the Los Angeles Riots.

As many of us remember, the Los Angeles Riots that occurred during the spring of 1992 left 63 people killed, over 3,000 business destroyed, and more than a billion dollars in property damage. The city's Korean community alone saw more than five hundred million dollars of property damage—leaving many to face the uncertainty of no longer being able to provide for themselves and their families.

As the 30th anniversary approached, FACE worked alongside community organizations to launch the Serve Advocate Inspire Give Unite (SAIGU) campaign to promote peace, tolerance, and unity across Los Angeles. Beginning tomorrow, events such as documentary screenings, art exhibitions, and interfaith prayer sessions will take place across the city. Together, these events are designed to highlight the community's desire to remember and heal from those traumatic events. This year's events are meant to build bridges of understanding and combat the myths that drive wedges between the city's diverse and vibrant ethnic communities.

30 years later, this anniversary comes at a time of rising xenophobic rhetoric, particularly against the AAPI community. As the one of only four Korean Americans currently serving in Congress, I am incredibly thankful of the work that FACE and others have done to reject hatred and promote diversity and understanding. I look forward to seeing the success of the SAIGU campaign and following FACE's continuing good work.

PATENTS FOR HUMANITY ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 5796, the Patents for Humanity Act of 2021, which will codify into law an expedited process to obtain patents for inventors who use groundbreaking technology to meet humanitarian challenges.

H.R. 5796 establishes a competitive process that awards certificates to be redeemed to accelerate applications, appeals, and reexaminations at the Patent and Trademark Office.

The Obama administration established Patents for Humanity in 2012 as an awards program initiative to encourage businesses to apply their patented technology to address global development challenges.

Since 2012, the program has proven to achieve that by rewarding innovators for using technology to better the global community.

2020 Winners included: Usee Vision providing prescription eyeglasses to people who

lack access to vision care, the PfSPZ Malaria vaccine with the highest effectiveness rate for a Malaria vaccine, NEW generator recovering nutrients from wastewater, and NonSpec providing affordable and adjustable prosthetic limb systems.

These inventions are just some of the many innovative solutions that Patents for Humanity fast-tracked in aiding world humanitarian issues.

Innovation is a vital tool in bettering society, but often it comes slowly, with high costs and inefficient implementation. The pandemic has only highlighted how important it is to develop solutions quickly and effectively.

Codifying Patents for Humanity will ensure that innovators can provide solutions to the less fortunate in a sustainable and efficient way through the Patent Office.

Patents are essential to the United States' economy as they encourage creative disruption and growth within the country. Patents need to remain accessible and innovation needs to be protected; especially when it comes to groundbreaking technology that can assist others on a humanitarian level.

Companies should prioritize Corporate Social Responsibility to align commercial interests with the global good. Patents for Humanity encourages corporate citizenship through rewarding humanitarian engagement and proves that reaching underserved markets is compatible with business.

Congress needs to reward innovation and incentivize creativity to progress intellectually and scientifically in solving global development problems, which is why I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 5796.

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**HOMETOWN HERO—MIKE E. SIMONDS**

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike E. Simonds, Senior Chief at Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. We congratulate Senior Chief Simonds on his retirement after dedicating forty-two years of service to the citizens of Tarrant County, including twenty-one years with the Arlington Police Department.

Senior Chief Simonds has served an instrumental role in our community and state through years patrolling our streets, keeping drugs out of our cities and ensuring murderers were put behind bars. His unwavering commitment is unmatched, from assisting in the implementation of the nationwide Amber Alert Program, to helping develop the number one Human Trafficking Unit in North Texas, to building a robust Narcotics Unit, to growing the largest Auto Theft Task Force in the state.

Senior Chief Simonds served the last five years as the first Senior Chief for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office with honor and integrity, bringing exceptional leadership to the agency.

I thank Senior Chief Simonds for his leadership and the lasting impact he has made with our law enforcement partners. He serves as a role model and mentor to future leaders maintaining the highest of standards. Congratulations to Senior Chief Simonds on his retire-

ment and lasting memory of a career of service.

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**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2022*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, on April 27, 2022, I regrettably missed a vote in the House of Representatives due to a meeting I had with a constituent.

Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 127, H.R. 7314, the Assessing Xi's Interference and Subversion Act.

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**ASSESSING XI'S INTERFERENCE AND SUBVERSION ACT**

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SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 27, 2022*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 7314, the Assessing Xi's Interference and Subversion Act or AXIS Act.

The AXIS Act requires the Department of State to report to Congress on how China's government is directly or indirectly supporting Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The report will include evidence of the Chinese government helping Russian entities circumvent U.S. sanctions, inhibiting the U.S. government's investigations, or assisting Russia with any technology, propaganda efforts, and financial arrangements.

The bill notes that Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Xi Jinping met with Russian leader Putin on February 4, 2022, less than three weeks prior to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the two released a joint statement outlining a strategic partnership with "no limits" and no "forbidden" areas for cooperation.

Additionally, it notes that China abstained from UN votes condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 25th and March 2nd; and that China has not publicly condemned Russia's illegal and unprovoked invasion.

The Chinese government has demonstrated its support of Russia and Putin through complicity.

China opposed U.S. military support for Ukraine, and abstained when the UN General Assembly voted in favor of a resolution blaming Russia for the humanitarian consequences of illegal aggression against Ukraine.

Russian propaganda is spreading through China, subjecting the Chinese people to the delusion that the invasion of Ukraine is only a "special military operation".

Russia has claimed that their invasion is partly backed by Ukrainians attempting to free Ukraine from its Soviet Legacy.

The Chinese Communist Party has traditionally supported and encouraged Russia, as they are both rooted in communist ideology.

When Xi and President Joe Biden spoke on March 18th, President Biden communicated that there would be "implications and consequences if China provides material support

to Russia as it conducts brutal attacks against Ukrainian cities and civilians."

As a result of China's disinformation efforts related to Russia's war against Ukraine, China must be held accountable for suppressing Russia's war crimes, as well.

Russian war crimes include the indiscriminate killing of countless civilians. In light of this, if China is found to be materially supporting Russia in its war against Ukraine, there should be swift and rigorous consequences for China.

Specifically, this bill would include a discussion of China's support for Russia in terms of:

Helping Russia or Russian entities evade U.S. sanctions or multilateral sanctions and export controls;

Inhibiting U.S. export control end-use checks, including interviews and investigations in China;

Providing Russia with any technology that supports Russian intelligence or military capabilities, including certain classifications of semiconductors (EAR99);

Establishing economic or financial agreements that will have the effect of alleviating the impact of U.S. sanctions or multilateral sanctions;

Furthering Russia's disinformation and propaganda efforts;

Coordinating to hinder the efforts of multilateral organizations, including the UN, to provide aid to the people or government of Ukraine, to condemn Russia's war, to hold Russia accountable for the invasion and its prosecution of the war, or to hold those complicit accountable; and

Providing any material, technical, or logistical support, including to the Russian military or intelligence agencies and state-owned or state-linked enterprises.

We must ensure that, if China is aiding Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war against Ukraine, then such actions do not go unpunished.

This bill allows Congress to monitor the Chinese government's activity and assistance, and act accordingly. The report required by the bill would specific efforts relating to U.S. action and sanctions, recommending ways for our steps against Russia to be as effective as possible.

This alliance between the Chinese Communist Party and the Kremlin is a serious threat to the U.S. and our allies.

The world should know how China is aiding and abetting Russia in evading the effects of international sanctions.

I urge all members to join me in voting for H.R. 7314, the AXIS Act because as my colleague Congressman GREGORY MEEKS said, "if China is complicit in the bloodshed of the Ukrainian people, the world should know that too".

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**HONORING FARHAD MANSOURIAN**

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 29, 2022*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, in celebration of Farhad Mansourian as he retires from Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART). Mr. Mansourian has dedicated