

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DENOUNCING POLITICAL PERSECUTION, ESPECIALLY THAT OF DR. SIMONE GOLD

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to denounce political persecution.

As of Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 860 people have been charged with crimes for actions on January 6, 2022. A large percentage of these people were peaceful protestors who did not even know they were violating the law.

As long as defendants groveled to the judges by renouncing their support of Donald Trump and insisting that he made them do it, they received plea deals of little or no jail time. If not, you might find yourself in jail for seven years, as happened with Guy Reffitt, whose son the Department of Justice encouraged to turn against his father. Another man, activist Brandon Straka, who did not even enter the Capitol on January 6th, was given the choice by the FBI to either admit to saying an incendiary remark he in fact did not say, or go to trial.

Perhaps the person most hated by the Deep State was Dr. Simone Gold. Not only did she have a problem with massive electoral fraud, she also was a leader in combatting COVID-19 misinformation. That is a bad twofor. Anyone who dares to speak out against a dangerous, deadly, and useless vaccine or abusive and illegal lockdowns that led to countless deaths and immeasurable suffering deserves maximum cancellation.

A judge sentenced her to prison for two months just for trespassing. She remained completely peaceful throughout her brief time in the Capitol. And now she fears for her safety and has complained of terrible treatment by prison officials, as have so many January 6 defendants—whose constitutional rights to due process and a speedy trial have been shredded and annihilated.

The left gets on its high horse about human rights abuses by the likes of Putin and deservedly so. But what about our own secret police and rotten justice system who pick and choose who to prosecute based on political beliefs? Hillary, Hunter, Peter Stroz, Lisa Page, Andrew McCabe, Black Lives Matter and antifa rioters, and those who destroy pregnancy care centers are free to egregiously break the law however they please. But innocent people like Michael Flynn, Steve Bannon, Roger Stone, Donald Trump, and the majority of January 6 defendants must go to jail.

If all protestors who trespassed in D.C. were thrown in a D.C. gulag for six months or several years, that would be one thing. Democrat activists have invaded the Senate floor and halted official business. No one went to jail. Democrat activists illegally stalked and harassed conservative Supreme Court justices, and no one went to jail. Indeed, the halls of the Capitol have been subjected to leftist sit-

ins, demonstrations, and other misbehavior for decades, and no one was sentenced to months or years in prison. Further, just recently, members of a film crew for the left-wing activist Stephen Colbert were caught vandalizing a house office and trespassing. They then lied to Capitol Police. All charges were dropped and they spent no time in a D.C. gulag. But conservative or Trump-supporting protestors who also trespassed on federal property have faced the full force of the law. This bifurcated treatment is a sign of corruption.

Our judicial system is broken. The FBI must be abolished. Irresponsible and corrupt DOJ officials must be purged, starting with Merrick Garland.

The United States is in an existential crisis between the forces of persecution, thuggery, and violence—administered and enforced by an unholy alliance of the long arm of the State and left-wing terrorists—and everyday Americans who want to live their life, raise a family, and worship their God. The only question is who will win. And time is running out.

LILLIAN CLAMENS

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Staff Sergeant Lillian LaDae Clamens, who was born on May 9, 1972, in Omaha, NE. As a proud graduate of Omaha's Central High School, Lillian enlisted in the United States Army, and served as an Administrative Assistant Specialist from 1990 to 2007, eventually attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

During this time, she served at stations in Korea, Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, Germany, Fort Sill in Oklahoma, and is a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While enlisted, she took advantage of her travels where she encountered many different people and made lots of friends from diverse cultures. She greatly valued the different perspectives on life she learned from the people she met.

Lillian was also an adored mother. She gave birth to her first son Ayinde in 1993 and later remarried to Sergeant Raymond Clamens and had two more children, Lana and Vitoria. As a devoted wife and a role model to her children, family was always at the center of her life.

On October 10, 2007, Staff Sergeant Lillian Clamens was tragically killed by a mortar attack on Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq. At the time, she was 35 years old and had already served 17 years. Sergeant Clamens was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

From the people who knew her best, Lillian was known as a woman who loved everyone who crossed her path and she demonstrated that when she sacrificed her own life to save

others during the attack before she was tragically killed herself. As a soldier, she demonstrated the courage to defend American freedom, so that democracy may continue to grow and prosper for future generations to come.

This past spring, I was glad to see the City of Omaha honor our hometown hero by renaming a stretch of Caldwell Street as "Lillian Clamens (Cobbin) Street". The renaming of this North Omaha street near where she grew up, will ensure our community carries on her legacy and brings recognition to Sergeant Clamens' heroic service and sacrifice for others. We owe Lillian and her family a debt of gratitude that we can never repay.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOUISIANA JUMPSTART COALITION

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Louisiana Jumpstart Coalition for being awarded the State Coalition of the Year for 2022 by the Jumpstart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy. Financial literacy is crucial to the education of high school students as they prepare for life's next steps. Under the leadership of state coalition president Baine Grimes, Louisiana Jumpstart Coalition has taken the lead in making sure high school students are equipped with the tools and resources to achieve financial independence.

Despite a range of challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic to Hurricane Ida, Louisiana Jumpstart Coalition remained engaged with Louisiana students and businesses to continue the financial education program. Even starting new initiatives with Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome of East Baton Rouge Parish to host city-wide financial literacy education workshops. Additionally, in partnership with Jumpstart Financial Inclusion Initiative, the Louisiana Jumpstart Coalition developed a pilot program in three parishes to continue its mission of increasing financial literacy.

Again, I offer my congratulations to the Louisiana Jumpstart Coalition for its work on promoting financial literacy and investing in our students' futures.

REMEMBERING MR. ANTHONY "TONY" BRUSCATO

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in memory of Mr. Tony Bruscatto, a passionate public servant and member of the 11th

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District, who passed away on May 6th of this year. Mr. Bruscatto was an admired reporter, a dedicated public servant, and beloved partner, father, grandfather, and friend to many.

In 1953, Mr. Tony Bruscatto was born in Waukegan, Illinois to Anthony and Angela Bruscatto. A talented writer, Mr. Bruscatto was proud to continue his education at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, earning a bachelor's degree in broadcasting. Upon completing his degree, Mr. Bruscatto put his talents to use as he began his broadcasting career in Iowa, before then moving to Port Huron, Michigan, to sharpen his skills. As his skills in broadcasting sharpened, Mr. Bruscatto advanced to the larger metropolitan market, taking a position as Journalist for the Plymouth Observer Newspaper and serving with integrity through 2010. In addition, his work with the Observer and Eccentric in Wayne County made Mr. Bruscatto a recognizable and trusted voice for many.

While Mr. Bruscatto's broadcasting education and work led him across the Midwest, Southeast Michigan served as home for much of his professional career and later life. His knack for communication and love for community made Tony the best choice to ascend to the role of Plymouth Downtown Development Director. His skills served him well as he assumed this position, coordinating activity for the City of Plymouth and liaising with the various development committees. Undoubtedly, Tony Bruscatto's work as Director contributed to the vibrant culture that makes Plymouth a highly sought place to live. A coworker of Mr. Bruscatto attests to his work, saying "he helped grow many [City of Plymouth] events over the last decade, helped develop a new downtown Master Plan, assisted our businesses during the pandemic, and much, much more."

Mr. Bruscatto was preceded in death by his parents and son, Matthew Bruscatto. In addition to the love of his life, Lucia Morrison, Mr. Tony Bruscatto's legacy continues through his beloved children, Andrew (Jamie) Bruscatto, and Sarah (Craig) Bruscatto-Newsom, and grandchildren, Charlotte Bruscatto, Andelina Bruscatto, and Luciana Bruscatto. Along with cultivating a reputation of integrity and excellence professionally, Tony Bruscatto was also known as a lifelong Hoosiers fan, periodically attending basketball games, and was a regular attendee of shows at Fisher Theater in Detroit. Those who knew Mr. Bruscatto say that "he found every way to live life to the fullest" and will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Anthony Bruscatto led by example, demonstrating how one person can create significant positive impact on their community through service to others. The 11th Congressional District of Michigan and the greater region has benefited from the work of Mr. Bruscatto. Although he will continue to be missed by so many, it is certain that his legacy will continue through the many whom he inspired.

CONGRATULATING TRACEY ANN TIPPETT FOR BEING NAMED 2022 UPPER PENINSULA VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Tracey Ann Tippet for being named the 2022 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. Through her dedicated service, exceptional leadership, and steadfast devotion to her community, Tracey has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The U.P. Veteran of the Year is chosen annually by a selection committee consisting of past commanders of various service organizations throughout the peninsula. It is given to recognize Yooper Veterans who go above and beyond in their service to their local communities and fellow Veterans. None are more deserving of this honor than Tracey. During her military career, Tracey served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, where she was decorated with the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Rifle Marksmanship Badge, Letter of Appreciation, and Certificate of Appreciation. Her devotion to the people of her country and community has not wavered since she returned from military service.

It is impossible to fully list all the ways in which Tracey works to better the lives of U.P. Veterans. She is an active member and has served in a variety of leadership positions in the Marine Corps League and Military Order of the Devil Dogs, and she is currently the U.P. Zone Vice Commandant and Department Adjutant and Webmaster for the State of Michigan. At her own expense, she makes copies of the Michigan Marine News and the Woof-O-Gram and mails them to members who do not have access to the Internet. Tracey serves on the Board of Trustees for the Marquette County Veteran's Alliance Committee and as the Secretary of the Marquette County Veteran's Board. She regularly volunteers at the DJ Jacobetti Home for Veterans, and is a member of American Legion Post 44, MODD Northern Wolves Pound 174, and Lake Superior Detachment 764. Within the Detachment, she is a member of the Color Guard, and she volunteers at Memorial Day services, Flag Day celebrations, 4th of July services and parades, Veteran's Day services, and Marine Corps Birthday celebrations. Tracey is dedicated to her fellow Marines and other Veterans, and she graciously does whatever is asked of her to ensure the Detachment's success. She has devoted decades to the people of Michigan, and her tireless efforts have directly improved the lives of thousands of U.P. Veterans.

Outside of her work for Veterans, Tracy is an active volunteer for Toys for Tots, the Marquette and Ishpeming Christmas parades, Negaunee Pioneer Days, and Trinity Lutheran Church. Her contributions to her community were also previously recognized when she was named the 2021 Marquette County Veteran of the Year, the 2021 State of Michigan Veteran of the Year, and the 2022 Marine Corps League Central Division Marine of the Year. Additionally, she is the recipient of the 2022 U.P. Michigan Credit Union League Dis-

tinguished Service Award thanks to the 28 years of service she has given to the TruNorth Federal Credit Union. As a servicemember, a Veteran, a volunteer, and a Yooper, Tracey consistently puts the needs of others before her own.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Tracey Ann Tippet for her decades of service to fellow Michigan Veterans, and for being named the 2022 Upper Peninsula Veteran of the Year. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless and devoted individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Tracey all the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ELLA SEWELL

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Ella Sewell.

Ella was born in Houston, Texas to Walter and Octavia Lee Taylor. She was a dedicated student and was named valedictorian of her high school. She married her husband, Lowell Giddings Sewell, and the couple moved to Richmond, California when Lowell was offered a job at the Kaiser Shipyards.

Throughout her life, Ella has been heavily involved in activism and has shown her passion for serving her community. In the 1940s, Ella advocated for equal voting rights for African Americans and helped to get many members of the community registered to vote. Additionally, for over 16 years Ella served on the Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission. As a part of this program, Ella hosted ambassadors from Japan and shared African American culture and history with them. Ella also took on multiple leadership roles within the Easter Hill UM Church and helped to introduce several programs to the congregation.

In her personal life, Ella enjoyed spending time with her family and expressing her creativity through dancing and cooking. Ella's love for cooking was passed along to her by her father and uncles. She also loved playing cards and enjoying barbecues with her family and friends.

Sadly, Ella passed away on July 10, 2021. She is survived by her daughter, Gloria, her sons, Michael (Gladys) and David, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two god-sisters, and three god-granddaughters. She was a cherished member of our community and she will be remembered for her compassion, intelligence, and dedication. Please join me in honoring Ella Sewell for her many contributions to our community.

DENOUNCING LEFT-WING TERRORISM

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to condemn the dramatic rise in left-wing terrorism. One member of Congress called antifa