

commitment and passion to serving our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor their work here today.

AMERICA GRANILLO ESTRADA

**HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 14, 2023*

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize America Granillo Estrada for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

America has achieved great things, all while overcoming adversity and challenges along the way. Students like America, who strive to make the most of their education, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to America's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate America Granillo Estrada on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

OPPOSITION TO H. RES. 927, CON-  
DEMNING ANTISEMITISM ON  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 14, 2023*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 927.

Let me be clear—I condemn antisemitism on our university and college campuses in the strongest possible terms. If I thought this resolution was a good faith effort to combat antisemitism, I'd support it. Regrettably, that is not the case.

Like many of my colleagues, I was disappointed by the testimony provided by the presidents of Harvard, MIT, and UPenn. Calling for genocide is dangerous and intolerable, and the presidents should have used their time in front of the Education and Workforce Committee to explicitly condemn attacks against the Jewish community and affirm their commitment to protecting Jewish and Arab students experiencing hate. Those private institutions are now deciding how to proceed with their leadership and make amends for their offensive statements.

This resolution does nothing to address the problem of antisemitism on campuses. Instead, House Republicans are once again using Jewish pain to score political points. There are many ways that Congress can address the rise in hate—for example, implementing President Biden's National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism. Or, instead of cutting \$35 million from the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights that protects Jewish students on campus, they could join Democrats in fully funding the office. This resolution fails to do either, and instead of funding these important initiatives, the House Republican majority is continuing to hide behind empty words—and actions speak louder than

words. I uphold and include in the RECORD the comments made by my colleague, The Honorable JAMIE RASKIN (MD-08) made on the House Floor on December 13, 2023.

For these reasons, I must oppose the resolution.

\*Remarks by Rep. Jamie Raskin per the United States House of Representatives Congressional Record, Volume 169, Issue 205, December 13, 2023.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose this resolution which, to my knowledge, would mark the first time in American history that the House of Representatives would vote to tell private college and university presidents to resign. I want all of my colleagues to think very seriously about what this means for us today and in the future.

We are all profoundly disturbed by the resurgence of anti-Semitism and racism in campus towns, including death threats, serious death threats against Jewish students at Cornell, and actual shootings and attempted murder of three Palestinian-American students in Burlington, Vermont.

We all want to express our outrage in House resolutions, which we have done more than 20 times as a House of Representatives, and numerous times even since October 7. For example, on November 2, we passed H. Res. 798, which condemned all forms of anti-Semitism on college campuses, denounced any support for terrorist groups on campus, reaffirmed the free speech rights of Jewish students and faculty, and urged enforcement of Federal civil rights laws to protect Jewish students against anti-Semitism.

Why do we need this resolution? The only thing new about it is it would have the U.S. House of Representatives call specifically for the resignation of two college presidents, a call that has been slipped in at the bottom of page 2 of the resolution.

This extraordinary passage comes close to being what the Constitution calls a bill of attainder, which is the unconstitutional imposition by Congress on a specific citizen or citizens of a criminal punishment or stigma by the Congress itself. Although this resolution is not a criminal punishment or stigma against specific citizens, it is undoubtedly a civil punishment and stigma against specific American citizens.

How many of you would like the president of the college where you went or where your children go to be walking around with a congressional resolution telling them to resign?

Everyone knows that this will be an academic scarlet letter and a professional death sentence for anyone carrying it around. Does anyone think that UPenn President Liz Magill, who has already resigned in the face of Ms. STEFANIK's ceaseless campaign to force her out, will ever be able to find another college presidency? Give me a break.

Now, I hold no brief for the college presidents' overly legalistic, ethically tone-deaf answers awkwardly advanced in response to Ms. STEFANIK's rapidfire, yes-no questions. It should not be difficult for anybody to say in an age of rampant gun violence and lax Republican gun laws, which have put tens of millions of AR-15s in circulation in our society, anyone calling for genocide of the Jews, or anyone else, should be sent immediately a campus security detail to see if they pose the risk of harm to other people or if they need an immediate mental health exam. If there is not an imminent threat, surely the call for genocide of the Jews by definition constitutes a hostile learning environment and should occasion aggressive disciplinary action.

Where is the common sense on the part of the college presidents? Where is the common sense in the Congress of the United States of America?

Calling for the resignation of private individuals at private universities would be a dramatic and unprecedented departure for the U.S. Congress, which has never before voted to tell a college president to resign.

Before we affix this lifelong stigma, reproach, and dishonor on a private citizen, do you think perhaps we should offer them some kind of due process, the kind of due process that even George Santos got and that Donald Trump is getting all over America right now for his 91 Federal and State felony charges?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MEUSER). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 2 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, should Harvard President Claudine Gay, who is the first Haitian American ever to serve in that position, and Sally Kornbluth, who is Jewish, get the chance to explain what they are actually doing to combat racism and anti-Semitism at their schools and what they have done in their lives and in their careers to oppose anti-Semitism and racism, which are the gateways to destruction of liberal democracy? Do we care about that, or is this just a bunch of drive-by talking points?

Is it relevant that the Harvard and MIT boards have made unanimous statements affirming the leadership of their two college presidents? Are we saying that their boards don't matter or they are indifferent to anti-Semitism and the leaders of the Freedom Caucus know better than the Jewish president of MIT what anti-Semitism is?

Now I know these two were the presidents testifying before Ms. STEFANIK, but are we sure that these two are even the worst in the country when it comes to bias and discrimination? Is this a one-shot deal, or, as Ms. STEFANIK promises, is this just the beginning? Are we going to go through all of the college and university presidents in America? What about the CEOs of the businesses? Maybe they are not performing to her satisfaction either.

Indeed, maybe there are college presidents who have looked the other way in not hypothetical cases of anti-Semitism and racism but real cases of anti-Semitism and racism. What about them? Are we going to let them go, or are we going to go after them? Maybe we should determine who the worst are before we start using the resources of the House of Representatives to call for people to resign.

Are there college presidents, by the way, who looked the other way when there was sexual abuse of college male wrestling team members, rape of students, or female gymnasts or female soccer players? Are we interested in that now that we are superintending higher education in America, now that we are the appellate review board for the colleges?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, are we prepared to become the national academic appeals panel for college presidents, coaches, and professors, or is that perhaps best left to the universities themselves?

Maybe it is that we just don't have a positive legislative agenda of our own to lower drug prices in America, to get aid to our democratic allies in Ukraine against the fascist imperialist thug Vladimir Putin. Maybe we don't have anything real to do, so we decide instead to go around and start lecturing

the college presidents and the college boards all over America.

In the absence of a real program for America, the majority is filling our hours with censures, expulsions, motions to vacate the speakership, overthrow their own leaders, and, of course, impeachment of President Biden for what? For doing nothing wrong. That is all that they give us. This cannibalistic instinct they have unleashed now turns on private citizens, academic leaders who will wear the scarlet letter "A" so they can have some more press conferences.

Vote "no" on this resolution.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address my absence from Roll Call Votes on Thursday, October 26, 2023, through Monday December 11, 2023. I was detained in my District-TX18. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

ROLL CALL NO. 558, On the Passage of Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 557, On the Motion to Recommit, Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 564, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for the expulsion of Representative George Santos from the House of Representatives, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 563, On the Passage of Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL No. 562, On the Motion to Recommit, Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL 561, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended Hamas and Other Palestinian Terrorist Groups International Financing Prevention Act, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 560, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Declaring it is the policy of the United States that a nuclear Islamic Republic of Iran is not acceptable, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 559, On the Motion to Table, Censuring Representative RASHIDA TLAIB for antisemitic activity, sympathizing with terrorist organizations, and leading an insurrection at the United States Capitol Complex, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 578, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, Condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher education, which may lead to the creation of a hostile environment for Jewish students, faculty, and staff, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 577, On the Passage of Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 566, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4821) Dept. of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024; (H.R. 4820) Dept. of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024; and (H.R. 6126) Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024, I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 565, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4821) Dept. of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024; (H.R. 4820) Dept. of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024; and (H.R. 6126) Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 597, On the Passage of Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 596, On the Motion to Recommit, Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 622, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Censuring Representative RASHIDA TLAIB for promoting false narratives regarding the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel and for calling for the destruction of the State of Israel, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 608, On the Motion to Table, Censuring Representative RASHIDA TLAIB for promoting false narratives regarding the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel and for calling for the destruction of the State of Israel, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 602, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4664) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 601, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4664) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 645, On the Motion to Refer, Impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 643, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Debbie Smith Act, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 658, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 647, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5894) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 646, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5894) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 660, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5893) Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5961) No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act, I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 659, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5893) Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5961) No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act, I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 677, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Reaffirming the State of Israel's right to exist, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 676, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Calling on Hamas to immediately release hostages taken during October 2023 attack on Israel, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 679, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of (H.R. 5283) Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act; (H.R. 5961) No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act; (S.J. Res. 32) providing for congressional disapproval, relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)", I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 678, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of (H.R. 5283) Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act; (H.R. 5961) No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act; (S.J. Res. 32) providing for congressional disapproval, relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)", I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 689, On the Passage of Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act, I would have voted NO.

ROLL CALL NO. 687, On the Passage of No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 691, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for the expulsion of Representative George Santos from the United States House of Representatives, I would have voted YEA.

ROLL CALL NO. 690, On the Passage of, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)", I would have voted NAY.

ROLL CALL NO. 697, On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, Strongly condemning and denouncing the drastic rise of antisemitism in the United States and around the world, I would have voted PRESENT.

ROLL CALL NO. 693, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of (H.R. 4468) Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act; (H.R. 5933) DETERRENT Act; and (H.J. Res. 88) congressional disapproval relating to