

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

SPEECH OF

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 10, 2023*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to House Republicans' Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

The purported focus of this Select Committee is essential to the national security and economic vitality of the United States. Unfortunately, there is a consistent trend by some in the House Republican Conference, and unfortunately by many across the country, to use xenophobic rhetoric that enflames violence bias, and hate crimes against members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

Let me be clear. The CCP has an egregious record on human rights and forced labor, especially regarding the Uyghur people. Additionally, the CCP consistently uses underhanded economic tactics like manipulating its currency, stealing intellectual property, and using unfair trade practices to undercut American companies and gain an unfair advantage in the global market.

The CCP's record does not, however, mean we should condone xenophobic rhetoric, fearmongering, or attacks on individual people and AAPI community in the United States. This is especially concerning after the recent spikes in hate crimes and violence against Asian Americans. In 2021, hate crimes against Asian Americans increased by 339 percent and in 2020 they increased by 124 percent.

Many of my colleagues across the aisle have invoked racist terms like "the China virus" to ignore our own responsibility to safeguard public health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the Trump Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's China Initiative profiled Asian American researchers in the United States as conducting espionage on behalf of the CCP. The China Initiative led to numerous false accusations, quashing opportunities for affected researchers, and failed to demonstrate any effective results until, wisely, Attorney General Garland ended this program.

It is necessary to grow the United States' global leadership and dedicate resources that strengthen our scientific enterprise, bolster research and development, grow our domestic semiconductor manufacturing base, and onshore critical supply chains. That is what Democrats did, in a bipartisan manner, last Congress by passing the CHIPS and Science Act. Unfortunately, most of my Republican colleagues opposed this bipartisan economic competition legislation when it passed the

House and was subsequently signed into law by President Biden.

Under the leadership of President Biden, CHIPS and Science will put our nation on a path to reassert our international economic strength. Expanding the market for U.S. goods will help businesses grow in this country. Oregon exports everything from computer chips to potato chips, and more exports means more jobs at home. Competing globally necessitates a level playing field for all nations, including China. And when the playing field is level, America wins.

Although I remain hopeful that this Select Committee might be an important forum to focus on priorities for economic and national security priorities, we must make it clear that xenophobia, hate crimes, and stigma against Asian Americans have no place in our nation. I am heartbroken and infuriated by the violent attacks on members of our AAPI community and vandalism against AAPI-owned businesses.

Additionally, there are existing committees in the House with jurisdiction over the related issues that already have authority to examine and make progress on these important matters. And the Select Committee lacks legislative authority, so it will not deliver the solutions that House Republicans argue it will be working toward. Members of these existing committees have the experience necessary, many from our work last Congress on CHIPS and Science, to take the nuanced approach required to address these challenges. For these reasons, I cannot support the formation of this new Select Committee.

## CONGRATULATING HARRY K. STEWART UPON RECEIVING THE 2023 GOLDEN BEAVER MANAGEMENT AWARD

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 11, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Harry K. Stewart, Chief Operating Officer of the Dutra Group, upon receiving the 2023 Golden Beaver Management Award. Mr. Stewart has dedicated over 40 years to the Dutra Group, providing invaluable support to our nation's infrastructure, protecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, and directly contributing to the rapid development of the dredging and marine construction industry. Throughout Mr. Stewart's incredible career, he has demonstrated a sincere commitment to the construction industry and an unyielding zeal for defending the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta community.

Born and raised near the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, the hub of California's water supply, Mr. Stewart grew up witnessing the comprehensive planning and detailed care necessary to maintain our nation's harbors and waterways. After graduating from the Uni-

versity of California, Davis, with a degree in civil engineering, Mr. Stewart embarked on what would become a 4-decade-long career with the Dutra Group.

Since joining the Dutra Group in 1983, Mr. Stewart has served in each of the company's divisions: dredging, marine construction, and aggregates. Today, he uses his firsthand knowledge and on-the-ground experience of every facet of the Dutra Group to manage and oversee the 3 subdivisions as Chief Operating Officer. From helping protect America's coastal regions to promoting environmental responsibility through sustainable practices, Mr. Stewart plays an integral role in furthering the Dutra Group's work as a leader of the marine construction industry.

For his decades of service in the construction industry, Mr. Stewart has been honored as a recipient of the 2023 Golden Beaver Management Award. This recognition is bestowed by the Beavers, a social organization formed by companies and individuals engaged in the heavy engineering construction industry and committed to fostering goodwill an partnership among members of the industry. Mr. Stewart's exemplary career, contributions to our Nation's infrastructure, and service to the people of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta area, make this high honor of the Golden Beaver Management Award well-deserved.

Through the hard work and innovation of leaders like Mr. Stewart, our Nation's infrastructure has greatly advanced to where it is today. Mr. Stewart's 40 years of service with the Dutra Group has left an indelible legacy on the maritime construction industry that will last for many years to come. I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. Stewart upon receiving this great honor and extend my deepest gratitude for his decades of vital service to the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta community.

## RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF ALISA KORN

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 11, 2023*

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Alisa Korn on her retirement from the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission, where she has served as the President and board member for almost 12 years. Alisa's continued effort to improve communities in Northern Michigan deserves unwavering praise and recognition.

Moving from Florida to Michigan during high school, Alisa graduated from Traverse City Central High School and soon began her service to her community through the Grand Traverse County Parks & Recreation Commission. Throughout her distinguished career, Alisa has held both elected and appointed positions in Traverse City's local government—from County Commissioner to Grand Traverse

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County Delegate. Her effort to create lasting change in her community led her to become a valued member of the Traverse City Housing Authority, where she has been Program Manager and Family Self-Sufficiency Manager since 2016.

Throughout Alisa's career, she has been at the forefront of expanding the Traverse City Housing Authority's reach and impact within the community. Contributing to plans for future developments like the East Bay Flats community, and providing the necessary resources to ensure past developments, such as the Orchardview Townhomes, are efficiently run and operated to best serve the community. Her efforts throughout her career have created lasting change in the Grand Traverse area, providing the necessary resources to families and residents while ensuring the community's self-sufficiency.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Alisa Korn for her continued service to the Traverse City community. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Alisa and her family and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MARY ELLEN  
CONOLINE'S RETIREMENT AFTER  
46 YEARS

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 11, 2023*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Mary Ellen Conoline, whose work and dedication as an outstanding nurse anesthetist has touched many lives in the Lower Bucks County region and the surrounding areas over the span of over 40 years.

A lifelong resident of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Mary Ellen always had the conviction that her future career path lay in healthcare, which is why immediately after graduating from Bishop Conwell Catholic High School in 1974, she enrolled at the Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing in New Jersey, graduating from that fine institution with honors in August 1976.

One of her first jobs after nursing school was at St. Francis Medical Center. Mary Ellen later went on to practice nursing in various capacities, earning certifications and degrees in the areas of nephrology and critical care nursing. While gaining invaluable knowledge and experience along the way, Mary Ellen still knew that she was capable of, and wanted to give, even more.

Therefore, in 1981, Mary Ellen made the decision to attend Nursing Anesthesia school at Our Lady of Lourdes in Camden, New Jersey, and it was there she found her niche as a medical professional, an area where she could bring all her passion, dedication and numerous talents to bear. She graduated in 1983 and has been a dedicated and respected Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist up until her December 28, 2022 retirement.

Mary Ellen spent much of her 46-year professional career as a Nurse Anesthetist faithfully and tirelessly working at Lower Bucks Hospital and Bucks County Gastroenterology LTD, where she cared for many Bucks County residents during their most vulnerable and

many times unexpected health predicaments. Her bedside manner and utmost attention to patient care will always be what she was most proud of during her career in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey's healthcare systems.

Mary Ellen's husband of 39 years and 2 daughters have witnessed her dedication and selfless commitment to her line of work and celebrate her as she reaches this well-deserved retirement. Mary Ellen is eager to start spending more time with her family, which now includes a young granddaughter, as she enjoys this new chapter in her life.

We are all incredibly grateful for for the positive impact Mary Ellen has had through her long career, and we wish her countless blessings during her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DOUG LaMALFA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 11, 2023*

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 26.

HISTORY IN SOUTH CAROLINA  
TODAY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 11, 2023*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today is historic in Columbia as South Carolina Constitutional Officers are sworn in to begin four-year terms. The State House, with its record majority of Republicans, gained seven seats, and with the State Senate now has the largest number of Republican elected officials in 150 years.

Governor Henry McMaster will begin a term to achieve 10 years of service, the longest ever for a governor to serve with term limits. He is joined by Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette.

Re-elected for new terms today are Attorney General, Alan Wilson, Commissioner of Agriculture, Hugh Weathers, Comptroller General, Richard Eckstrom, Secretary of State, Mark Hammond, and Treasurer, Curtis Loftis.

Succeeding Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman, who ably addressed the Wuhan Virus crisis, is the talented and innovative Ellen Weaver.

Appreciated legislative leaders also includes President Tom Alexander in the Senate, and Speaker Murrell Smith in the House.

The success of the Republican party is due to the conservative accomplishments of limited government and expanded freedom.

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the Global War on Terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

HONORING LEWIS FIELDS

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 11, 2023*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of a great American, Lewis M. Fields. Mr. Fields lives in Lexington, Kentucky. Lewis Fields was born February 21, 1927, to Nancy and Gano Fields. He grew up in Sadieville, Kentucky as the oldest of 4 children. An active young man, Mr. Fields worked on the family farm, raised and sold miniature ponies, drove the local school bus, was a member of FFA, and played basketball and baseball at Sadieville High School.

Mr. Fields enlisted in the United States Navy on February 4, 1945, just prior to his 18th birthday. His father drove him to the enlistment office in Louisville, Ky. He trained at Great Lakes, Illinois. He was then sent to California, where he was assigned to the USS *Pensacola* as a Seaman 1st Class assigned to the Supply Division. The *Pensacola* CA-24 was a heavy cruiser that received 13 Battle Stars for its campaign during WWII. It was nicknamed "The Grey Ghost" by Tokyo Rose for its resiliency. Mr. Fields remembers sailing under the Golden Gate Bridge as they left California for Okinawa. All personnel were on deck and Sentimental Journey was played.

The battle in Okinawa, Operation Iceberg, was the last battle of WWII and was very intense. During the onslaught of enemy fire, numerous injuries were incurred by the crew. Mr. Fields still remembers how slippery the deck was from all the blood and was staggered by the thought that this blood was from his shipmates and friends.

Mr. Fields earned a Navy Occupation Service Medal, a WWII Victory Medal, an Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Star, a Combat Action Ribbon, a Discharge Button, and an Honorable Service Pin. He moved to the Reserves on August 4, 1946 and his final separation was August 3, 1954.

Mr. Fields moved back to Kentucky and married his high school sweetheart, Jeannine Hiles Fields. They were married for 69 years until she passed away in 2016. They have 2 children. He accepted a job with Gulf Oil, where he worked for 38 years. Mr. Fields has been a faithful member of Southland Christian Church and Tates Creek Christian Church. He used his woodworking hobby to craft many items for each church. He was also active in starting Right to Life.

Lewis Fields is a true patriot, a great American, and an inspiration to us all. I am forever grateful to him and other members of the Greatest Generation for sacrificing and fighting to preserve the freedoms that we hold dear. It is my honor to recognize him before the United States Congress.

HONORING MAYOR HARRY PRICE

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 11, 2023*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of dear friend and incredible public servant,