

university's newspaper. Through his coursework, he became fascinated by the unique political culture of Chicago and Mayor Richard J. Daley's administration.

After graduation, Mr. Flannery moved to Chicago and began his career in journalism covering politics and labor for the Chicago Sun Times. He built a reputation for integrity at a time when political corruption was a powerful force in Chicago politics. When Mr. Flannery transitioned to TV and joined WBBM-Channel 2 as Political Editor in 1980, he brought his unique sensibility into viewer's living rooms.

Over the course of Mr. Flannery's 50-year career, he has covered the administrations of ten Chicago mayors and eight Illinois governors with extraordinary insight and accuracy. Mr. Flannery's TV program has become a central stage for political discussion in Chicago, drawing countless elected officials and experts. His sharp questioning held powerful officials to account and provided context for the week's news for his loyal viewers. Behind the scenes, Mr. Flannery has been just as tireless in his pursuit of the facts, engaging regularly with community leaders and experts, even chasing politicians—sometimes literally—as he did when he jogged after former Illinois Governor Rob Blagojevich in 2010. Both on and off the air, Mr. Flannery has a record of relentlessly pursuing the truth on behalf of greater Chicago.

Mr. Speaker, I extend immense gratitude to Mike Flannery for his invaluable contributions to political reporting, and I wish him well in his retirement. His dedication to the public service of informing Illinoisans on the issues facing our state is commendable and he leaves behind a legacy of excellence in journalism.

RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 503, IMPEACHING JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, impeachment is serious, yet here we are engaged in a baseless political stunt to impeach our current President.

It is not a punishment, sought to be inflicted when one branch of government merely dislikes what a coordinate branch has done.

It is a serious remedy designed to prevent abuses of power and is designed to ensure that ours remains a government of, by, and for the people.

The Constitution governs the order of our nation, and it dictates the work of the Congress.

Article I details the powers of the House and the exercising of these powers as they relate to the coordinate, coequal branches of government, codified in Articles II and Articles III: three equal branches of government coexisting and cohesively working to provide oversight to the respective actions of the Congress, the Executive and Judiciary.

This has worked, with challenges of course, since 1789, yet the outright abuse of our Con-

stitution to use impeachment as a political tool is an abomination of our congressional duties.

This impeachment resolution is centered on accusations that the Biden Administration lacks appropriate security at the Southern U.S. border.

The resolution of impeachment specifically states that President Biden's conduct and dereliction of duty in these matters "warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States."

This accusation, that the President of the United States has abused his powers and that his conduct is in dereliction of his duties as President is flatly outrageous.

When the Framers of our Constitution designed our government, they bifurcated power between the federal and state governments, and divided among the branches.

They vested in the Congress the capacity to make the laws, and in the Executive the power to faithfully execute those laws.

Because the House enjoyed a natural superiority, as most representative of the passions of the populace, the Framers vested in the House of Representatives the sole power of impeachment and made the Senate the judges.

Entirely unlike the incredulous and now confirmed illegality of President Trump's behavior while in office, the President Biden has certainly not earned the same stain of impeachment from the House of Representatives and whereby his conduct absolutely does not merit conviction and removal from office by the Senate.

When the Founders inserted the Impeachment Clause in Article I, Section 2, Clause 5, they did so to preserve our democracy, protect the American people, and to prevent the abuses and excesses of the Chief Executive.

The Constitution has served our nation well for over two hundred years.

In order to keep faith with the Framers and with our future, we must preserve, protect and defend that Constitution and all its provisions.

This is why this impeachment attempt is not one that is within the national interest but a disgrace to our government and its entrusted duties.

I ask colleagues to vote no on this shameful resolution.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
NASSER ABOUKHALIL

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2023

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Nasser AbouKhalil.

Throughout his life, Nasser has shown his commitment to supporting patients and providing a space for advocacy and healing in the community. Nasser was born in Tyr, Lebanon and graduated from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. He opened the Alamo Pharmacy in 1987. In 1997, he opened the Oak Grove Pharmacy in Concord, California where it remains a staple in our community.

Through his work, Nasser practices compassionate care and comprehensive support.

He believes in not only ensuring that patients have the appropriate medications, but also offering individualized health care advice and cost-effective alternatives. Nasser also takes pride in mentoring aspiring health care professionals in the pharmacy, providing them real-world experience to prepare them as they enter the medical field and work to serve their communities.

In addition to his professional work, Nasser is also an advocate for the Lebanese community in the Bay Area where he volunteers with the Lebanese American Association.

Please join me in recognizing Nasser AbouKhalil for his leadership and invaluable contributions to our community.

IN MEMORY OF NAVAJO NATION
PRESIDENT BEN SHELLEY

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2023

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize former Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly, who passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, leaving his wife Mrs. Martha Shelly, five adult children, 12 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. The President and Mrs. Shelly were married for 57 years.

President Shelly's public service spanned numerous decades and positions. During his 16 years on the Navajo Nation Council, he rose to the esteemed position of Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. From 2007 to 2011, he served as Vice President of the Navajo Nation. On January 11, 2011, Shelly became the eighth President of the Navajo Nation, a position he held for four years. In fact, he was the first elected Vice President to ascend to President as well. President Shelly's service extended beyond Navajo Nation as a McKinley County Commissioner.

As President, Shelly was a steadfast supporter of self-determination and self-sufficiency for Indian Country. He and the Navajo Nation worked with Congress to secure approval of the Navajo Nation General Leasing Act to provide the Nation with leasing authority over tribal land. President Shelly also fostered economic development to bring prosperity to Navajo communities. In President Shelly's final testimony to Congress, he advocated for Gallup Indian Medical Center to become a "trauma one" level facility status. This would provide the highest level of care to our many tribal communities.

President Shelly was born on the Arizona-New Mexico border of Tsé'tah Si'ani, Lupton, Arizona. He lived most of his life in Thoreau, New Mexico, in the third congressional district. He never stopped working to support the people of the Navajo Nation. His accomplishments and legacy will live on for generations to come. May we all honor President Ben Shelly's incredible life and his deep commitment to serving the beloved communities of the Navajo Nation.

RECOGNIZING SARA KATHERINE
BOWEN

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2023

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my Communications Director, Sara Katherine Bowen, for her service to Kentucky's Second District.

The Georgia native joined my office in December 2020. A proud graduate of the University of Georgia, she began her career in Congressman Buddy Carter's office before serving as press secretary for the Energy and Commerce Committee. S.K. has proven to be an extremely valuable member of my team by clearly communicating what is happening in the halls of Congress with my constituents. S.K. has worked on many projects, with one of the biggest being the communications for the Healthy Futures Task Force—part of the House Republicans' Commitment to America. I am grateful for all her hard work behind the scenes to make sure Kentuckians' priorities were included in the blueprint for how the People's House would operate under a New Majority.

I want to thank S.K. Bowen for her work serving Kentucky's Second District as my Communications Director and I wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life, moving closer to Kentucky's Second District as she continues her education pursuing her Masters of Business Administration at Vanderbilt University.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call Numbers 144, 235, 238, 239, and 240. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

WELCOMING PRIME MINISTER
SHRI NARENDRA MODI TO THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2023

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with the Asian-American Community of Metropolitan Chicago in welcoming Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi to the United States of America to address a Joint Session of Congress on June 22, 2023.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF BARRON INDUSTRIES
OF OXFORD

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2023

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of Barron Industries of Oxford, Michigan.

Founded in 1923, Barron Industries has led a remarkable journey. Family-owned and operated since its beginning, this esteemed company has remained committed to delivering excellence, innovation, and quality.

100 years ago, Barron Industries began as a comparatively small foundry producing 60-ton sand castings and even hand-delivering other orders to customers like Henry Ford. But now, this company maintains a sterling reputation as a manufacturer of precision aerospace, defense, automotive, oil and gas, nuclear, and medical components which are shipped and used worldwide.

For decades, Barron Industries has built an impressive track record in countless industries, and they have done so here in our community. Since 1983, they have been a vital employer, innovator, and contributor to the Oxford area.

With the promise of quality and product integrity, this company has cemented its name as a trusted manufacturer by many other leading industries, all the while remaining family-owned and operated since its founding. Their commitment to precision, innovation, and their community truly embodies the sense of responsible American entrepreneurship that has driven our Nation forward for centuries.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Barron Industries of Oxford on their centennial celebration. Here's to another century of accomplishments, growth, and continued success both in our community and throughout the world.

CONDEMNING THE USE OF ELE-
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SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H. Res. 461, condemning the use of elementary and secondary school facilities to provide shelter for aliens who are not admitted to the United States.

This bill is an absurd measure to condemn the facilities of a public elementary or secondary school that serves students to provides shelter for non-U.S. nationals who are not admitted into the United States.

I believe that a comprehensive approach is needed to solving the current immigration crisis.

However, using the facilities of a public elementary or secondary school to provides shel-

ter for non-U.S. nationals who are not admitted into the United States should not be politicized, as this is humanitarian issue and failure of our broken immigration system.

As a Member on the Homeland Security committee, and more specifically the Border Security and Enforcement subcommittee, I interact with those at the border and migrants frequently.

As such, I think it is essential that migrants are brought and allowed into the country through legal immigration.

I am a strong proponent of humanitarian aid efforts in the immigration context, from preventing the breakup of individual families as a result of a wrongful deportation to ensuring that victims of civil wars and national disasters around the globe receive a temporary protected status under the U.S. immigration laws.

We should not condemn the use of public elementary or secondary schools provide shelter for non-U.S. nationals who are not admitted into the United States.

I acknowledge that school are places of learning and development for students, but there are time periods when school campuses are not being used, such as during school breaks.

Because of this, the space could be used for humanitarian aid purposes, such as allowing migrants to stay there while they wait for legal processing and paperwork to conclude.

Other exceptions need to be reviewed, such as whether migrants could stay at schools when school is in-session, but humanitarian aid should not be overlooked in the immigration context.

As a leading country on the global stage, it is our duty and responsibility to assist who we can in a legal manner.

More importantly when it comes to schools in America, we should be addressing critical issues that are truly impacting our educational system—namely, the hostile state takeovers of majority-minority school districts—as is what is happening in my district with the Texas Education Agency takeover of the Houston Independent School District.

State takeovers in other districts have led to school closures, layoffs, and no improvements in test scores.

The vast majority of school districts that have been taken over by state agencies (TEA included) have not improved but declined.

With data ranging back to the late 1980s, researchers found that most state takeovers don't translate to academic improvements.

We have to stop the State from intermeddling and overstepping into our educational systems—causing further harm and damage to our communities.

That is why I have called upon President Biden and the Department of Education, to investigate and take immediate action to address the recent systematic and dangerous efforts underway by state and local officials in Texas seeking to undermine and undo decades of civil rights protections and advancements in educational institutions and student populations.

And so, I am here today to say that these are the issues that the American people truly care about and want us to be fighting for, for the protection and preservation of their educational rights.