

21ST CENTURY PEACE THROUGH
STRENGTH ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Chair, I would like to clarify the scope of the prohibitions in Division D of H.R. 8038.

As I understand it, Division D of H.R. 8038 would prevent TikTok from obtaining distribution through app stores and online marketplaces in the U.S. and deprive them of obtaining Internet-hosting infrastructure and services provided by U.S. entities, unless and until it is divested from ByteDance within 270 days of enactment.

When acting in their capacity of providing access to the Internet, Internet service providers (ISPs) do not engage in the activities that would be restricted by operation of Section 2(a)(1).

In providing their customers access to the Internet and connectivity to web sites and online service, ISPs are not engaging in distribution activities prohibited under subparagraph (A). And in providing access or connectivity to web sites or online services at the request and direction of their customers, ISPs are not engaged in providing any Internet hosting services restricted under subparagraph (B).

RECOGNIZING NATHALIE SANCHEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2024

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

Nathalie has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Nathalie, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Nathalie's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Arvada K-8 and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Nathalie Sanchez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING KEITH VICK

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions that have been made in our community by one of my constituents, Keith Vick, an active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County since 2022. In his first full year as a core construction volunteer, Mr. Vick has already made an immense impact. He believes in providing a hand-up, not a hand out to partner families.

As a U.S. Air Force Veteran and a retired first responder, Mr. Vick has contributed 434 hours of volunteer time. He leads by example!

Mr. Vick has become a favorite of the family partners because of his compassion and willingness to share the skills he has acquired throughout life. As each home is completed, Mr. Vick takes it upon himself to go through the final checklist, or "punch list", to make sure homes are finished to the high standards set by Habitat. Each day Keith is out there, he's always in a great mood and ready to work and help others. He's around enough to know what needs to be done each day. Part of what makes our country so great is the willingness of ordinary Americans to go above and beyond to selflessly give back to others. Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of our society and part of the fabric that unites us.

It is clear that Mr. Vick has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service.

HONORING THE POMEROY, OHIO
FIRE DEPARTMENT**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2024

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today celebrate the brave first responders of the Pomeroy Fire Department in Meigs County, Ohio, as they are being honored as the Ohio Fire Department of the Year by the State Fire Marshall and the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

The 30 members of the all-volunteer Pomeroy firefighting force have consistently demonstrated a level of training, preparedness, and dedication second to none. They've proven their commitment to excellence by pursuing advanced training, completing both in-service and multicompartment training exercises, enhancing the force's efficiency, loss reduction, and ability to safeguard our community.

I cannot say enough about how much Pomeroy's Fire Department has given back to Meigs County, serving well beyond their roles as first responders—leading food drives, educating the community on fire safety and prevention, and distributing smoke detectors, among many other contributions.

I am pleased to honor the fine men and women of the Pomeroy firefighting force for their justly deserved recognition as the Ohio Fire Department of the Year. Their service makes our community, Pomeroy, Meigs County, and Ohio, a better place—and I could not be more proud.

Congratulations to them on this well-deserved award.

HONORING THE HOWELL ROTARY
CLUB FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY**HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I celebrate a remarkable milestone—the 100th anniversary of the Howell Rotary Club—a century

of selfless dedication to serving others. Since its founding in 1924, the Howell Rotary Club has been a pillar of the community in Howell, the surrounding communities in Livingston County and across the state of Michigan.

Throughout its history, the Howell Rotary Club has truly embodied the Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self," with its members playing a pivotal role in shaping the moral fabric of its community, fostering goodwill, peace, and understanding.

This vision is clear in the many Rotary Clubs that Howell Rotary has helped start throughout Livingston County, from Brighton Rotary in 1936 to M-36 Rotary in 2020.

Howell Rotary's legacy of community involvement is extensive. In 1946, the Club provided the funding for the Howell High School football field, making it the first lighted football field in the state of Michigan.

The Club's commitment to supporting youth through education and forming international friendships is exemplified by the Club's foreign exchange student program. In 1951, Howell Rotary hosted the first foreign exchange student in Livingston County. Since then, Howell Rotary has sponsored these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for both inbound and outbound students to learn about different cultures and build international understanding.

Since 1978, Howell Rotary Club has awarded scholarships to Howell High School graduates who demonstrate their passion for learning and community service to continue their educational journeys. In 2001, Rotarians established the Howell High School Interact Club, which helps students develop leadership skills and connect with their peers and community through acts of service.

Howell Rotary Club has demonstrated its dedication to improving the lives of others through charitable endeavors like the OLHSA Walk for Warmth, completing Habitat for Humanity home building projects, and raising over \$350,000 over a 13-year period for Livingston County United Way.

For 100 years, the Howell Rotary Club has lifted up its community through its enduring commitment to service, integrity, and leadership. From its original 17 founding members to its hundreds since, it is my honor to celebrate Howell Rotary Club's 100th anniversary and recognize its members' contributions.

APPRECIATING MRS. BEVERLY
JEAN LAHAYE**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2024

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am grateful to honor the remarkable life of Mrs. Beverly Jean LaHaye, founder, and former chairman of Concerned Women for America (CWA), the Nation's largest public policy women's organization. On Sunday, April 14, 2024, she passed from this life, leaving behind a legacy that will endure through the ages, shaping the lives of countless individuals. I am grateful for the profound impact Mrs. LaHaye left upon us all and her unwavering commitment to God and public ministry and offer my sympathy to her family. Included in the Congressional Record is the following obituary for Mrs. Beverly Jean LaHaye:

Beverly Jean Davenport was born on April 30, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan, the second daughter of Lowell and Nellie Davenport. Her father died when she was merely two years old, and her mother got remarried to a kindly neighbor man with whom she had two more children. Raised in an evangelical household, Beverly's faith was a very important part of her life.

Beverly attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, where she met ministerial student Tim LaHaye, who was an Army Air Force veteran of WWII. The two fell in love, and he was ready to propose marriage by Christmas break of their first year. They married the following summer before returning to school. Not long after, they welcomed their first child, Linda, into their family. After graduating, the young family moved to Minnetonka, Minnesota, where Tim pastored a small church, and together, they served the people of that community. Their two sons, Larry and Lee, were born there.

In 1956, they relocated to San Diego, California, to begin their ministry at Scott Memorial Baptist Church. Their youngest daughter, Lori, was born soon thereafter. Throughout their ministry together, Beverly served as an integral part of whatever God had called them to do. When the church needed a secretary, Beverly stepped up to fill the role. When the junior Sunday school department needed a director, the young pastor's wife met the need.

During that time of life, Beverly had the opportunity to hear from a well-known Christian speaker who taught on the importance of being fitted with the Holy Spirit. She was introduced to the concept that walking in the Spirit meant full dependence on Christ, no matter what she was called to do. She was challenged to commit an aspects of her life . . . her marriage, her parenting, her fears, and her insecurities, into the hands of her Savior. This teaching changed her world.

God began to direct her steps to do more public ministry, including speaking at women's ministry events and working alongside her husband in his ministry to married couples through Family Life Seminars. Additionally, she was challenged to write, and over the course of her life Beverly had written or co-written many books, including *The Spirit-Controlled Woman*, *How to Develop Your Child's Temperament*, and *The Desires of a Woman's Heart*. Her books were one more way she could communicate God's truth to women on subjects that were increasingly coming under attack in the culture around her, namely womanhood, motherhood, and devotion to family.

In 1978, Beverly saw Barbara Walters' interview with Betty Friedan, the founder of the National Organization for Women. While watching, Beverly was convicted that she must speak on behalf of millions of women who were not being represented by the feminist philosophy. Friedan's purpose, according to LaHaye, was to promote homosexuality, abortion on demand, and thoroughly "undermine the core of American culture: the family."

God led Beverly to begin an organization that would provide a platform to advance conservative values in politics and policy. Concerned Women for America was launched at a rally hosted by LaHaye in a local San Diego theatre. CWA began as a local interest, but within two years, it had grown to become a national organization aimed at protecting and promoting Biblical and constitutional principles through prayer, education, and advocacy.

Believing that prayer was vital to the success of every endeavor, Beverly founded CWA on the principles of prayer and action. CWA

became a fast-growing grassroots organization of conservative women and men who were challenged and educated to pray for their country and its leaders, as well as to take action in their communities, states, and even at the national level.

In 1985, Beverly moved CWA headquarters from San Diego to Washington, D.C. Both she and Tim believed this move was vital in order for CWA to have its greatest impact on the culture as the organization continued to expand. Beverly's growing influence in the conservative movement, as well as Republicans holding a majority place in office, led to LaHaye's prominence during the presidencies of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. She regularly testified in congressional hearings, including Supreme Court nomination hearings for Antonin Scalia, Robert Bork, and Clarence Thomas.

Initially, Mrs. LaHaye jumped into the debate over the Equal Rights Amendment, helping lead the opposition to it as well as advocating for the life of the unborn. As time went on, other vital family-oriented issues arose that demanded attention. She led CWA to speak out on the protection of marriage, support for Israel, and more. Additionally, God led Beverly to add a legal defense department to CWA's growing list of involvement as opportunities arose to be a voice on behalf of women and men embattled in the court in the areas of life, marriage, education, and freedom of religion.

During the 1980s, Beverly's heart of compassion led her to reach out to Nicaraguan families who were displaced by the communist regime in their country. On numerous occasions, Mrs. LaHaye led teams of volunteers to the jungles of Costa Rica, where they provided much-needed aid to refugees fleeing from their own country. CWA established a refuge station in the jungle which provided clothes, food, education, medical assistance, and, most importantly, hope to these struggling people.

The influence of CWA has spread throughout the country, with chapters in almost every state. As chair and founder, Beverly hosted an award-winning radio talk show and appeared in numerous media interviews. Beverly would not hesitate to accept the opportunity to be the voice of Christian women on national television, often in direct debate against some of the leading feminist and pro-choice voices of the day. She always conducted herself with grace and dignity and spoke truth with strength and clarity.

Throughout her years in leadership, Beverly has received many awards, including Christian Woman of the Year, the Southern Baptist Convention's "Religious Freedom Award," as well as "Talk Show of the Year" in 1993 or the Beverly LaHaye Live radio program. In 1994, she was honored by the U.S. House of Representatives for service to her country, and in 2016, she was recognized by the Faith and Freedom Coalition with the "Winston Churchill Lifetime Achievement Award." Most recently, in 2023 Beverly was named one of the 50 greatest pro-life leaders in the past 50 years.

Mrs. LaHaye retired from her role as President of CWA in 2006. She and Tim returned to Southern California, where they were closer to family. She continued to serve as Chairman of the board for CWA until her retirement in 2020. In addition, she continued to accept speaking engagements and served on various boards for Christian colleges and organizations. Well into her eighties, Beverly still loved to be a voice in the cause and to educate future generations of Christian activists.

Throughout her life, Beverly's family was very important to her. She invested in them personally and prayerfully. While her life was very busy, whenever possible, she tried

to carve out time to visit her children and grandchildren wherever they were living. She organized family trips and opportunities for them all to be together.

In 2016, Beverly lost the love of her life, Tim, to a stroke at the age of 90. They had been married for 69 years. He was her greatest champion, her encourager, and true soulmate. Ten months later, her son, Lee, also passed away. It was a year of incredible loss for her. She took great solace in the company of her remaining children, nine grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Beverly LaHaye was not born into privilege nor blessed with extraordinary skills and abilities. Her life is a beautiful demonstration of what God can do with a person who is fully devoted to Him. She was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ all the days of her life and God used her in extraordinary ways to make a difference in the world around her.

RECOGNIZING DANICA BARELA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2024

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

Danica has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Danica, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Danica's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Drake Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Danica Barela on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING MIKE SUTTON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2024

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unique contributions of one of my constituents, Mike Sutton. Mike has served as the CEO for Habitat's for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco since 2014. When he arrived, the affiliate had built 280 homes in our community. That number is well over 850 today, with plans for a 900th home celebration in early summer. Under his leadership, the agency has grown from 19 to 75 employees, allowing for sustainable and impressive growth. His organization has also been recognized as one of the top 3 producers of new home builds among all 1,100 Habitat affiliates in the United States for several years in a row. In addition to his work at Habitat Pinellas and West Pasco, Mike is an active community member of numerous organizations. Mike is an active volunteer for the Valspar Championship, the University of South Florida Alumni Association, the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity Education Foundation, and the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. He has