Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the life of Mr. Paul Mickelson today.

## A DECADE OF SERVICE

### HON. TOM EMMER
OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 13, 2017*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Minnesota public servant. After nearly a decade of service to his community, my friend, and St. Michael Mayor. Jerry Zachman is retiring from his post.

Jerry has deep roots in St. Michael as he is a part of the fifth generation of his family to live there and these strong ties to his beloved community no doubt inspired Jerry to serve.

As the community began to grow and develop, his main goal was to ensure St. Michael residents were always put first. I think that it's safe to say that Jerry did just that.

During his ten years as mayor, Jerry has made numerous improvements to this ever-growing city. One major project Jerry played a huge role in is the expansion of the I–94 corridor, which cuts through Minnesota's Sixth District.

I would like to thank Jerry for his unwavering dedication to St. Michael and to our great state, and I wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE NO CONGRESSIONAL CONSENT FOR PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP TO ACCEPT FOREIGN EMOLUMENTS OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 13, 2017*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the Constitution clearly states: "No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State."

The law defines public service as a public trust. It requires government employees to place loyalty to the Constitution, and laws and ethical principles above private gain. At his inauguration, President-elect Donald J. Trump will swear an oath to uphold the Constitution. Given the immensity of Mr. Trump's business dealings, grave concerns exist that he will immediately be in violation of this oath. Every one of his personal investments will pose a conflict of interest. Any ongoing foreign business relationship threatens to violate the Constitution's Emoluments Clause. The Constitution must be upheld.

Our Founding Fathers identified the principles important to the bedrock of our democracy; they included an anticorruption measure known as the Emolument Clause. Its inclusion emphasized their desire to preserve independence from external influence. There is no question this principle should apply to this President, as it has to every other President of our nation.

Mr. Trump has achieved great wealth and his investments spread across the United States and dozens of foreign countries. His personal finances are directly impacted not only by our own policy but also by policies adopted in other nations. His debt obligations pose great conflicts of interests and the possibility of hidden influences will eclipse every action and decision Mr. Trump makes. There is no way to be sure of the full depth of Mr. Trump's conflicts. He continues to refuse to release his tax returns, a key component of accountability provided by every President and presidential candidate since Richard Nixon.

When asked what he will do to eliminate the conflicts, Mr. Trump has said it's "a very simple situation" and "routine." Yet, thus far, he has not explained how he will address the conflicts. Meanwhile, there has been little division between Mr. Trump's business interests and his transition. This fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants approach is unconstitutional and dangerous to liberty.

Our Founding Fathers would not accept this uncertainty and subversion of the Constitution. They constructed the Clause to clearly forbid self-serving dealings. They established a clear baseline of unacceptable conduct, rather than force after-the-fact judgement. Further, they granted Congress the power to validate exchanges.

This is why I am introducing a joint resolution, the "No Congressional Consent for President Donald J. Trump to Accept Foreign Emoluments of Any Kind Whatsoever." It empowers Congress to act by explicitly denying consent for Mr. Trump to accept any and all emoluments, whatever they may be.

The resolution details that since the President is a federal office holder, he is subject to the strict scrutiny of the Emolument Clause. As such, the President cannot accept any Emolument without the consent of Congress and since emolument is broadly qualified, the consent or denial is in effect for a full spectrum of transactions. Specifically, these transactions include emoluments from foreign States and corporations owned or controlled by foreign governments. Further, the resolution explicitly denies Congressional consent for Mr. Trump's acceptance of any emolument, whatever it may be and requires President Trump to report back to Congress on specific action taken to ensure his compliance with the Emoluments Clause.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must act to uphold our Constitution and decide what should be allowed and what cannot be tolerated with Mr. Trump's business dealings. Without full sunlight and full separation of private interests from the public trust, we must deny any acceptance of any emolument.

## RECOGNIZING MRS. OLIVIA S. JACKSON

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 13, 2017*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Mrs. Olivia S. Jackson on her 88th birthday, which was December 13, 2016. Mrs. Jackson celebrated her birthday on January 7th in Chicago with her family and friends.

I am hopeful that she has many birthdays to come and wish her all the fun and joy in celebrating throughout the year.

## REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY DURING 2016

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 13, 2017*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address an increasing concern about the threat against our law enforcement officers, many of whom have been killed by civilians in the line of duty this past year.

We must honor and protect the men, and women that wake up every day to put their lives on the line for us, making an incredible sacrifice to keep their communities safe.

Without them our communities would be broken and our nation would be left fragmented.

Today more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serve the people of this nation, risking their lives for the communities they serve.

Last year proved to be one of tremendous violence, witnessing the loss of 140 law enforcement officers' lives across the nation—65 of whom died from gun violence alone.

Texas experienced the highest rate of law enforcement killings in the line of duty during, tolling 19 deaths—seven of whom were killed as a result of gun violence.

Dallas Police Department:

Senior Corporal Lorne Bradley Ahrens, July 8, 2016;

Officer Patricio E. Zamarripa, July 7, 2016;

Sergeant Michael Joseph Smith, July 7, 2016,;

Officer Michael Leslie Krol, July 7, 2016.

Dallas Area Rapid Transit Police Department:

Officer Brent Alan Thompson, 7/7/16.

Euless Police Department:

Officer David Stefan Hofer, 3/1/16.

San Antonio Police Department:

Detective Benjamin Edward Marconi, 11/20/16.

Today I rise in solidarity with the police departments and communities mourning the loss of their loved ones.

These brave men and women risk their lives to keep us safe and are too often taken from their families by the violence they toil to prevent.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence in memory of all of the Law Enforcement officers killed on the line of duty during 2016.

## HART COUNTY LIBRARY

### HON. DOUG COLLINS
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 13, 2017*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and enthusiasm of the team at the Hart County Library, located in Hartwell, Georgia.

The library, which had its humble beginnings in 1938 as a small lending library, has continuously sought to educate and inspire