Just four years earlier, the Soviets had released Sputnik into orbit, as the first unmanned satellite, and in the process taken the leading the global space race.

Our confidence shaken, we set out to work on the mission before us.

The 1960s were a tumultuous time in our pursuit of the moon's surface. Our path was not linear and not without setbacks.

Before we could celebrate the triumph of the *Apollo 11* crew and the valor of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Michael Collins, we mourned the crew of *Apollo 1,* who died shortly after their capsule lifted off of Terra Firma.

Before we could walk on the moon, it was necessary first to orbit the earth.

Indeed, the journey to Mare Tranquillitatis was long, and a collective, national endeavor.

The pursuit would be the pursuit of three presidents until, on July 20, 1969, the crew of *Apollo 11* touched down on the Moon's surface.

The words uttered by Neil Armstrong were instantly immortalized, because, indeed, it was one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.

This moment was definitely a moment for joy and celebration for our entire nation.

But for those of us from Houston, this moment is an occasion for particular and unique pride.

The flight to the Moon, and indeed all manned flights, have been guided by the brilliant and hardworking men and women of Houston, who, for close to 60 years, have been the steady hand, guiding manned space exploration.

I thank them for all that they do.

As I conclude my remarks, I urge all within earshot of my voice to maintain that same sense of discovery and exploration, and wonder what lies next for us.

And, I evoke President Kennedy's admonition to us from 58 years ago, that we should not be motivated simply by what is easy, but that we should meet the difficult challenge and savor what can be accomplished by our collective efforts.

I congratulate all from NASA who have made the endeavor of space flight their life's work.

CONGRESSMAN ROB WOODALL STANDS UP FOR WIDOWS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful our talented colleague, Congressman ROB WOODALL of Georgia, stood up for what is right. Yesterday on the House Floor, Congressman WOODALL promoted the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act, the Widows Tax elimination.

''We had an opportunity under the new consensus calendar . . . to bring bipartisan legislation to the floor. What they [Democrats] said was if you bring enough Democrats and Republicans to support your bill, we will give you a special pathway to get that bill to the floor for those ideas that we want to celebrate together.''

''Congressman Joe Wilson has such a bill . . . to support the widows of our fallen servicemen and women. Widows and widowers.''

Because Democrats subverted this by removing it from the calendar, they did not follow their own rule. It is now legislative day four for a stand-alone vote, with now 371 cosponsors, bringing over 86 percent of Members of Congress as supporters.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION FORMALLY CONDEMNING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S SYSTEMATIC CRUEL AND INHUMANE TREATMENT OF MIGRANTS, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN, AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced a resolution formally condemning the Trump Administration's systematic cruel and inhumane treatment of migrants, particularly children, at the southern border.

This resolution was introduced with the support of more than fifty of our Democratic colleagues who agree that the House of Representatives needs to go on the record in their condemnation of the human rights crisis perpetrated by the Trump administration.

While Congress has voted to send billions of dollars in humanitarian aid to improve the conditions of detainees, the House of Representatives has yet to reject Trump's inhumane and horrific policies. With thousands of children separated from their families, more being denied asylum at the border, and far more languishing in detention facilities without the basic necessities to sustain a dignified life, this body must take a stand. The first step toward combatting evil is giving it a name. As the branch of government closest to the American public, we must formally condemn Trump's intolerant and hateful policies against some of the world's most vulnerable individuals.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Chair, I rise to support the amendment offered by Mr. Khanna, which I was proud to cosponsor.

If the President wants to go to war, he needs to come to Congress first. The Constitution gives Congress—not the President—the power to declare war.

This is about checks and balances. It does not prevent the President from defending America, it simply enforces current law exactly as it is written in the war powers resolution. There's no special category for Iran that allows the President to skip the critical step of coming to Congress.

Iran is dangerous. I am not blind to the threat it poses to our allies and our interests, but addressing those threats need not lead us into another war. We need to de-escalate heightened tensions in the region, so we don't stumble into a conflict with Iran. Now is the time for Congress to step up and assert our constitutional authority.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this amendment.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MUNIR MUHAMMAD CO-FOUNDER COMMITTEE FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD (CROE)

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, to every man, there is a way, a way and a way. The high souls take the highway, and the low souls take the low, while all the rest on the Mistry flats drift to and from. To every man there is a way, a way and a way, and each man decideth which way his soul will go.

Ever since I have known Mr. Munir Muhammad, he has been focused on helping people understand the work and the value of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Munir became acquainted with the teachings of Elijah Muhammad in 1972, and never stopped learning. In 1974, he became a member of the nation of Islam and spent much of the rest of his life extolling the virtues and the teachings of the life and works of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

To further and expand his efforts, Munir became an accomplished journalist and community leader. He hosted a regular television show, documentaries, forums and came up with other creative ways to keep the Honorable Elijah Muhammed in the forefront.

Mr. Munir Muhammad will be sorely missed, and may he rest in peace.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the decade of service that Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri has provided to its local communities as it celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

When Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri was founded in 2009, there were just two offices and two employees focused on family and mental health counseling. However, its role drastically changed in May 2011, when a powerful tornado struck the city of Joplin. Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri raced into action and became a vital lifeline for those