

ENDING THE KREMLIN'S
SUBVERSION CAMPAIGNS

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, I gave opening remarks with my esteemed colleagues Sen. WHITEHOUSE (D–RI), Rep. KEATING (D–MA) and Rep. ROONEY (R–FL) at an event hosted by the Free Russia Foundation discussing the Kremlin's disturbing and significant attacks on Western institutions.

During the event, the Free Russia Foundation released a report, which can be found at <https://www.4freerussia.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/misruleoflaw-web-pages.pdf>, demonstrating how the Kremlin's active measures and subversion campaigns infiltrate Western institutions to undermine the rule of law. The power of this report comes from specific instances of Russian influence and corrupt practices aimed at the United States and European Union. This includes a Kremlin-directed effort to pass legislation in European parliaments to effectively nullify the Yukos shareholder court decisions, to the benefit of the Russian Federation.

I encourage others to produce thoughtful research documenting Russian abuses of the rule of law. I am glad a light is being shown on these cases, but I know other instances of abuse continue unabated within Russia. As a nation, we must stand up to Putin's disregard for the international rule of law and ensure that the world is a safe place to live and conduct business.

I encourage Congress to continue to hold hearings on Russia's malign influence campaigns so the United States can defend our institutions from manipulation and misuse by the Russians.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. DUFFY. Madam Speaker, on Friday, July 12, 2019 I missed the following votes and was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on Roll Call No. 459; "no" on Roll Call No. 460; "yea" on Roll Call No. 461; "yea" on Roll Call No. 462; "no" on Roll Call No. 463; "no" on Roll Call No. 464; "no" on Roll Call No. 465; "no" on Roll Call No. 466; "no" on Roll Call No. 467; "no" on Roll Call No. 468; "no" on Roll Call No. 469; "no" on Roll Call No. 470; "no" on Roll Call No. 471; "yea" on Roll Call No. 472; "no" on Roll Call No. 473; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 474.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF BILL WILLS

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of Bill

Wills of Virginia Beach. Bill served our nation faithfully with "The Big Red One," a combined arms division in the U.S. Army, and is a survivor of the D–Day Normandy landing. Before the D–Day landing, he traveled all over the world and made landings in Africa and in Sicily. After returning from the war, Bill joined the New York City Police Department. He served many years with the mounted police and then retired in Virginia Beach with his wife of 65 years.

Bill Wills' courageous dedication to his country, community, and family brings great honor to our district. I am proud to recognize his health and the many years of wisdom he has offered our community and America.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
AND MRS. JUDDSON FLORIS ON
THEIR RETIREMENT FROM THE
ARMY

HON. DEAN PHILLIPS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. PHILLIPS. Madam Speaker, I'm honored today to recognize two of America's best, Lieutenant Colonel Juddson Floris, United States Army, and his wife, Rebecca, for their extraordinary selfless service to our Nation. Lieutenant Colonel Floris will soon retire from the Army after a long and distinguished career.

A native of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Judd has distinguished himself as a true leader of character both at work and at home. Lieutenant Colonel Floris began his Army career as a plebe at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1995, and, upon graduation from West Point, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry Branch in 1999.

Upon graduating from the Infantry Officers Basic Course, Lieutenant Colonel Floris was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he served as an Airborne Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Air Operations Officer. However, Judd always dreamed of something different, and he decided to apply for and attend Special Forces Assessment and Selection to begin the long journey of becoming a Green Beret.

After completing the Special Forces Qualification Course and earning his "long tab," Lieutenant Colonel Floris was assigned to the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) Commander's In-Extremis Force in Okinawa, Japan as a Special Forces Operational Detachment—Alpha Commander, Assault Force Commander, Company Executive Officer, and Company Commander. Lieutenant Colonel Floris was then assigned to the Pentagon as an Operations Officer in the joint Staff J–3 and the Army G–3 Special Operations Division. He then returned to 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) where he commanded a Special Forces Company and Task Force, and subsequently served as an Operations Officer at the Battalion, joint Special Operations Task Force, and Group levels. Lieutenant Colonel Floris most recently served as a Special Operations and Counter-Terrorism Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Op-

erations and Low Intensity Conflict in the Pentagon.

Lieutenant Colonel Floris has deployed fifteen times in support of named operations and Theater Campaign Plan events in the Middle East and Pacific areas of operations.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat and Expert Infantryman's Badges, the Special Forces and Ranger Tabs, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Staff Identification Badges from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, and the Army Staff. Lieutenant Colonel Floris also holds parachutist's badges from seven countries.

Judd earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Systems Engineering (Distinguished Graduate) from West Point and a Master of Arts Degree in Policy Management from Georgetown University.

But the accolades, awards, degrees, and badges don't tell the full story. They don't tell you how superiors, peers, and subordinates alike respect and revere Judd, not just for his military prowess, but for the care, compassion and empathy which he brought to every situation. They don't give insight into the selflessness shown by Judd and Rebecca to the soldiers and families under Judd's command. And they certainly don't tell the full story of twenty years of sacrifice, which the Floris family has endured as a result of fifteen deployments away from home.

So, on this day and on behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Lieutenant Colonel Juddson Floris, his wife, Rebecca, and sons, Callum and Max. I wish them the very best as they begin this new chapter of their lives.

TEMPLE AARON ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 130th anniversary of Temple Aaron located in Trinidad, Colorado.

Temple Aaron was constructed in 1889 and is one of less than two dozen synagogues still standing that were constructed in the 19th Century. The temple is the oldest continuously operating Jewish synagogue west of the Mississippi River and has been recognized by major historical preservation organizations as being of tremendous importance to the state.

Additionally, I would like to extend posthumous recognition to Kathryn and Leon Rubin, and their two sons, Randy and Ron, for their 30 years of dedicated service and care to Temple Aaron. In 1985, the Rubin family took the primary leadership role in supporting the temple, managing its congregation, and maintaining the building's infrastructure—which included preserving the temple's historic stained glass windows. The Rubins also organized fundraising events and submitted grant applications in an effort to keep Temple Aaron's doors open.