

he published *Simple Solutions: Harness the Power of Passion and Simplicity to Get Results with FedEx's Tom Schmitt* about best practices in business leadership. Mr. Perl founded the law firm Young and Perl, was a partner in the law firm Ford and Harrison, and he later became a member of the law firm Glankler Brown. Memphis has lost a fine leader. I extend my condolences to his wife Mary Lynn, his daughters Stephanie Perl Marks and Laurie Perl Meskin and their husbands, his extended family and his many friends.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
BRADFORD FREEMAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Bradford Freeman, a member of the Greatest Generation and a true hero. He belonged to Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment under the 101st Airborne Division, also known as Easy Company. Their exploits were memorialized in the HBO mini-series "Band of Brothers."

Mr. Freeman was born in Mississippi on September 4, 1924. He started his freshman year at Mississippi State University before enlisting in the Army in December of 1942. He finished his freshman year and reported in April 1943. He first reported to Camp Shelby, and then Fort McClellan for 13 weeks of basic training. He trained as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Georgia. In North Carolina, he joined the 541st which evolved into the 101st.

After midnight on D-Day, nineteen-year-old Freeman made his first combat jump. On June 5, 1944 he boarded a C-47, among a fleet of 87 aircraft, and travelled across the English channel over Normandy. German anti-aircrafts broke the soldier's silence. He jumped from the aircraft at 200 miles per hour, 100 miles per hour faster than normal jump speed. Freeman landed safely and was assigned to guard a crossroads near the Breccourt Manor farm, where the battalion would later take out four German artillery pieces. He heard Navy shells flying overhead towards targets further inland.

Freeman served for two years, 11 months and 20 days in the United States Army and left the service as a private first class. He returned home to his family on December 2, 1945. He reunited with his childhood friend Willie Gurfley, and the two were married in 1947. They had two daughters, Beverly Clark and Rebecca Louis. After over 60 years of marriage, Willie passed away in 2008. After returning from war, Mr. Freeman returned to farming. He loved to hunt, fish, and sit on his front porch.

I am deeply grateful for Bradford Freeman's lifetime of service to this country and the state of Mississippi. His sacrifices will never be forgotten, and his service always revered.

ADDRESSING THE SITUATION IN
KAZAKHSTAN
CONCERNING
KLEPTOCRACY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity today to recognize the importance of the bilateral relationship between the United States and Kazakhstan. Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the United States, on December 25, 1991, was the first country to recognize Kazakhstan's independence. Thereafter, the Clinton Administration facilitated the entry of Kazakh oil to the world market via the CPC export pipeline. American companies were the first to enter the Kazakh economy but were soon pushed aside from the most attractive projects, such as Chinese companies which have invariably won international tenders for privatized assets.

I rise today to express my growing concern over an article published by author Tom Burgis. The article contains information surrounding leaked documents that indicate the former Kazakh president's son-in-law, Timur Kulibayev, designed a scheme that would result in him receiving tens of millions of dollars from contracts related to a multibillion-dollar gas pipeline between Central Asia and China.

The Asia Gas Pipeline project was to accelerate a shift of economic power from the West to the East. Built jointly by Kazakhstan and China, these pipelines would stretch around 2000 miles and be funded by Chinese loans. "The first two lines would cost \$7.5bn, with a third to follow for some \$3bn and a fourth after that."

Author Tom Burgis states, "Mr. Kulibayev, who has served on the Russian energy giant's board since 2011, is the son-in-law of the former Kazakh president and has wide-ranging business interests, from banking to mining and real estate. As one of the most powerful officials in the country, he oversaw the state companies that awarded contracts to build the pipelines across Kazakhstan. Emails sent between 2008 and 2014 and leaked by a whistleblower contain detailed descriptions of a set-up that it appears would allow Mr. Kulibayev to receive a share of the profits from pipeline contracts granted to ETK, a company owned by Russian businessman Alexander Karmanov."

This is not Timur Kulibayev's first time coming to the attention of the West. In 2007, it was revealed that he was the mystery buyer of a multimillion-dollar Sunninghill Park estate that the Queen had given Prince Andrew as a wedding present. He also has faced money-laundering allegations in a Swiss case, which was eventually dropped.

The United States currently spends about \$115 million a year on global anti-corruption programs. Unfortunately, many of the funds we put toward anti-corruption efforts get trapped in multi-year technical programs that are unable to respond nimbly to sudden opportunities for governance reform. If the United States does intervene, authoritarian kleptocrats will gain ground. The United States needs to be proactive in developing strategic relationships and agile programs that will keep us relevant in moments of historic opportunity.

Recently, U.S. Senator BEN CARDIN (D-Md.) and Senator ROGER WICKER (R-Miss.), incoming Chair of the U.S. Helsinki Commission and Co-Chair, respectively, introduced the Countering Russian and Other Overseas Kleptocracy (CROOK) Act to upgrade America's anti-corruption efforts by targeting kleptocracy at the source. The CROOK Act would create an anticorruption action fund to help activists leverage public sentiment to achieve lasting reform, without any additional cost to taxpayers. The fund would be financed through a \$5 million surcharge on entities found liable for \$50 million or more in criminal fines and penalties under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Based on data from the last 10 years, this bill would put an additional \$16 million per year toward global anti-corruption work. Funds would continue to accrue until a historic window of opportunity opens, at which point funds would be rapidly deployed to help establish the rule of law.

Fighting corruption is an imperative for the United States. As a beacon of liberty and the rule of law, it is our duty and the purest expression of our values. It is also a highly practical form of soft power that advances our national security. As Kazakhstan is aspiring to be a strategic partner of the United States, I call on my colleagues to join me in urging the Biden Administration to review this case of kleptocracy and corrupt officials from Kazakhstan and assure that it will be included in our Government's discussions regarding this important part of the world.

HONORING SAM AND ARLENE
DANIELS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. and Mrs. Sam Daniels from Wellington, Kentucky.

Sam and Arlene Daniels visited in Kentucky in 1999. The trip resulted in the purchase of a home and a move to rural Menifee County. This move placed them on a path that led to assisting people in need by feeding the hungry in their area.

In 2001, Arlene Daniels was called by God to start a food pantry at their church, Dayspring. Her sister-in-law donated \$2500 to help start the pantry in memory of Sam's brother Albert Daniels. Pastor Andy Timblin shared the food pantry idea with the congregation and a visitor offered a \$1,000 donation. On May 14, 2001, the Dayspring Food Pantry became a reality.

For twenty years, community support and grants have brought much needed funds to the Dayspring Food Pantry. The pantry now helps over 400 families a month and has community partnerships with senior citizens, schools, churches, and other agencies to lend a hand to those in need. The Daniels have served as directors of the pantry since its beginning. Led by their strong faith, Brother Sam Daniels and Sister Arlene Daniels have impacted their community for generations to come.

On the 20th anniversary of the founding of Dayspring Food Pantry, it is my honor to recognize these amazing people and thank them