

offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 537) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 537

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES.—Ms. Gabbard.

(2) COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES.—Mr. Horsford.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### IOWA'S NATIONAL GUARD

(Mr. BRALEY of Iowa asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, last month, after proposed cuts to the Iowa National Guard, I asked Iowans for their comments and stories about the impact the Guard has had on their lives. Today, I will be turning those responses in to Secretary Hagel and the Pentagon to make sure that the Pentagon hears, not just from me, but from the Iowans who have seen the tremendous good done by the Iowa National Guard. I want to share several of the responses I will be turning in.

Donna from Ankeny, who has a nephew in the Guard, told me:

The National Guard is an investment in our safety and security, but it is also an investment in many young people—a huge employer.

Nancy from Dubuque, Iowa, wrote:

Not only do they fight for our country overseas, but they do so much for our country, such as helping with the floods in Iowa or with the aftermath of 9/11 in New York. The National Guard is an important part of our safety at home and abroad.

These are just some of the hundreds of responses I have received, and I am submitting many of these for the RECORD.

The Iowa National Guard served the longest deployment of any combat unit in Iraq. They came back and helped deal with the most powerful tornado in the United States that hit my district in 2008 and the worst flooding in our State's history, and that is why we shouldn't cut their funding.

The following individuals also indicated that they do not support the Pentagon making cuts to the National Guard to reduce spending:

Kevin Burke—Grimes, IA; John Moore—Grinnell, IA; Kathryn Bly—Grinnell, IA; Jacob Knott—Liscomb, IA; Chris Brodin—Marshalltown, IA; Bing McHone—Marshalltown, IA; Carolyn Peters—Montour, IA; Rachael Johnson—Rhodes, IA; Bonnie Coble—Rhodes, IA; Darlene Eckhart—State Center, IA; Nancy Croy—Des Moines, IA; Deborah Mikelson—Des Moines, IA.

Julia Taylor—Urbandale, IA; Rob Maser—Urbandale, IA; David Bryant—Mason City, IA; Stacy Baumgartner—Joice, IA; Hope Hartwig—Manly, IA; Sloane Morrow—Fort

Dodge, IA; Londa Dawkins—Ackley, IA; Dawn Shepard—Aplington, IA; James Meehan—Cedar Falls, IA; Emilee Leonard—Cedar Falls, IA; Barb Hazen—Cedar Falls, IA; Kristine Grummitt—Cedar Falls, IA.

Janet Nieman—Cedar Falls, IA; Suman Kandula—Cedar Falls, IA; Lance Dewein—Denver, IA; Randy William's—Dike, IA; Patricia Ohrt—Fairbank, IA; Merle Wilson—Fairbank, IA; Raymond Rich—Fairbank, IA; Glen Hockemeyer—Grundy Center, IA; Ronald Crooks—LaPorte City, IA; Juanita Vanlaningham—Independence, IA; Todd Marsh—Jesup, IA.

Dave Smith—Hudson, IA; Mary Brown—LaPorte City, IA; Eugene Knoploh—Sumner, IA; Steve Smothers—Oelwein, IA; Raelynn Osmanski—Plainfield, IA; Maggie Monaghan—Masonville, IA; Myron Dinsdale—Traer, IA; Jeffry Traeger—Waverly, IA; James Campbell—Waverly, IA; Pam Hogan—Winthrop, IA; Rebecca Hurd—Westgate, IA; Verilyn Savage—Waverly, IA; Wesley Pilkington—Waterloo, IA; Suzanne Rigdon—Waterloo, IA.

Thomas Richter—Waterloo, IA; Duwayne Gray—Waterloo, IA; Lisa Goedken—Waterloo, IA; Sharon Holdiman—Waterloo, IA; Laverne Bovy—Waterloo, IA; Myles Douglass—Waterloo, IA; Tom Robinson—Waterloo, IA; Megan Troyer—Waterloo, IA; Nathan Heyerhoff—Waterloo, IA; Cindy Heyerhoff—Waterloo, IA; Debra Floyd—Waterloo, IA; Steve Lumsden—Waterloo, IA; Mary Klingaman—Waterloo, IA.

January Matney—Waterloo, IA; George DeBord—Evansdale, IA; Terrence Martin—Sioux City, IA; Vonda Maggert—George, IA; Janice Thompson—Council Bluffs, IA; Maureen Barry—Dubuque, IA; Jason Peterson—Dubuque, IA; Chad Streff—Dubuque, IA; Marie Therese Coleman—Dubuque, IA; Stacey Moore—Dubuque, IA; Galen Smith—Dubuque, IA; Rich Hatcher—Dubuque, IA; Betty Kilburg—Bellevue, IA; Joe Manternach—Cascade, IA.

Marji Franzen—Delmar, IA; Neal Franzen—Delmar, IA; Susan Konzen—Dyersville, IA; Sally Knepper—Farley, IA; Geralyn Torkelson—Elkader, IA; Jeanette Kremer—Epworth, IA; Paul Kremer—Epworth, IA; James Bergin—Epworth, IA; Jason Heisler—Dyersville, IA; Wayne Frantzen—Maquoketa, IA; Kathy Dolan—Manchester, IA; Kathryn Guilgot—Manchester, IA; Randy Smith—Manchester, IA.

Lois Eads—Maquoketa, IA; Hannah Davison—Maquoketa, IA; Michael Cahill—Farley, IA; Michael Cline—Decorah, IA; Doris Engen—Decorah, IA; John Meyer—Decorah, IA; Dean Beinborn—Decorah, IA; Rick Cameron—Calmar, IA; Lucille Severson—Clermont, IA; Galen Kelly—Fayette, IA; Jane Regan—Harpers Ferry, IA; Michael Froehlich—Marquette, IA; Lisa McDanel—Protivin, IA; Kay Carter—Waukon, IA.

Donna Oltmann—Anamosa, IA; Jason Schwendinger—Anamosa, IA; Sarah George—Center Point, IA; Katy Diltz—Coggon, IA; Mona Reilly—Coggon, IA; Terri Staner—Delhi, IA; Pat Cook—Fairfax, IA; Robert Arbuckle—Iowa City, IA; Dwight Felling—Marengo, IA; Deb Conner—Marion, IA; Kathryn Baclet—Marion, IA; Dennis Lewis—Monticello, IA; Jay Currie—Mount Vernon, IA.

Scott McKnight—North Liberty, IA; Shiloh Herr—Palo, IA; Lynn Kramer—Robins, IA; Diana Muchmore—Rowley, IA; Steve Cavanaugh—Cedar Rapids, IA; Annette Rink—Cedar Rapids, IA; Greg Sohl—Cedar Rapids, IA; Larry Freese—Cedar Rapids, IA; Bill Crosser—Cedar Rapids, IA; Justin Kratts—Cedar Rapids, IA; Tim Watson—Cedar Rapids, IA; Sheree Martinez—Cedar Rapids, IA; Larry Donaldson—Cedar Rapids, IA; Joseph Berry—Cedar Rapids, IA.

Michael Graves—Cedar Rapids, IA; Andrew Kidd—Cedar Rapids, IA; David Owens—Cedar

Rapids, IA; Marcus Beebe—Cedar Rapids, IA; Kathy Tedesco—Cedar Rapids, IA; Tom Miller—Cedar Rapids, IA; Tony Schmidt—Cedar Rapids, IA; David Farland—Cedar Rapids, IA; Danielle Ellickson—Cedar Rapids, IA; Thomas High—Cedar Rapids, IA; Janette Benzing—Cedar Rapids, IA; Garnett Helming—Cedar Rapids, IA; Patti Sampson—Cedar Rapids, IA.

Jim Doerzman—Bettendorf, IA; James Stopulos—Bettendorf, IA; Jeanette White—Bettendorf, IA; Rick Seibel—Buffalo, IA; Renee Williams—Camanche, IA; Carla Edfors—Clinton, IA; Suzanne Reed—Eldridge, IA; Paul Fahrenkrug—McCausland, IA; Carolyn Kemper—Muscatine, IA; Edith Koehn—Davenport, IA; Sandra Davis—Davenport, IA; Roger Hutchison—Davenport, IA; Ron Huber—Davenport, IA.

Margaret Raibley—Davenport, IA; Kent Dexter—Davenport, IA; Sharon Carlson—Davenport, IA; Bekky Anderson—Davenport, IA; Jeanna Wonio—Davenport, IA; George Rasmussen—Davenport, IA; Jeffrey Arthur—Westgate, IA; Romaine Pickart—Dubuque, IA; Ann Schooley—Cedar Rapids, IA; Brenda Klenk—Hudson, IA; Sarah Croft—Pensacola, FL; Paul Olds—Gulf Port, MS.

### CUBAN PEOPLE DESERVE FREEDOM

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, there has been a lot of misinformation today about the Cuban Twitter program. This is not a secret program. Cuba democracy programs are public.

Both USAID and State publicly put out requests for proposals from different NGOs or private businesses to administer and implement our Cuba democracy programs.

The objective of these programs is to provide greater access to information to those suffering under the repressive regime. The Cuban dictatorship controls, censors, and blocks information going into the island to deny Cubans the ability to hear about world events or about the human rights violations occurring throughout the island in their very own country.

The funds help provide technology-based training to get through—to cut through the censorship of the Castro brothers. Our goal is to stimulate new ideas to help the Cuban people tackle pressing issues such as human rights abuses.

These new technology programs are also aimed at reaching out to the Cuban youth to share experiences and provide them with the tools to build their capacity for grassroots organizing to promote democracy, liberty, and freedom. The Cuban people deserve freedom.

### SAVE AMERICAN WORKERS ACT LESSENS BURDEN

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, businesses across the