

needed investments in our roads, rails, and bridges.

I say: "Fill her up with hi-test."

OUTRAGEOUS IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, President Obama's nuclear negotiations with Iran pose significant threats to American families. Already, the President has conceded too much. An agreement that does not clearly prohibit the development of nuclear weapons threatens American families and our closest allies, such as Israel.

Now, as the negotiation deadline has been further extended, it is clear that President Obama is willing to grant more concessions to this murderous regime whose program of developing intercontinental ballistic missiles puts America as a target.

I am grateful that Congress passed the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act, giving Congress a voice in the final deal. I urge the President to change course with this oppressive regime that promotes death to America, death to Israel.

It is not too late to prevent a legacy of appeasement and avoid being remembered as a new Neville Chamberlain, establishing nuclear weapons across the Middle East.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President by his actions never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

OPPOSING STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

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

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 5, a misguided bill which denies America's children access to high-quality education.

Today, greater numbers of economically disadvantaged children are entering our public schools. For example, in my State of Texas, of the 5 million students enrolled in public schools in 2014 statewide, more than 3 million would be adversely impacted if we vote to pass H.R. 5.

This Republican bill abandons the Federal Government's historic commitment to educating disadvantaged populations. H.R. 5 block grants vital Federal programs, such as title I of the education code targeted for English language learners, migrant children, neglected and delinquent youth, and Native American education.

The bill allows States and districts to siphon away these Federal funds and use them for other purposes because of the proposed changes in the intent of the many education programs passed many years ago—50 years ago to be

exact—under the leadership of President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

H.R. 5 would provide inadequate funding and move backward on equity and accountability, harming the education of our Nation's children.

I respectfully urge Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to vote "no" on final passage today.

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A NAVY MAN

(Mr. EMMER of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of my own. As of today, my son, Joe, is officially a member of the United States Navy.

My wife, Jacquie, and I are the proud parents of seven children. Last month, Joe, our fifth child, graduated high school and now is off to serve his country.

Today, as Joe leaves for basic, he knows that hard days lie ahead. He understands that he will have to listen and learn and, when the time comes, lead.

Like millions of brave and selfless Americans before him, Joe has taken an oath to serve his Nation and to protect the freedoms we hold dear.

My wife and I are so proud of Joe, and we are humbled by his chosen path.

So to Joe and his fellow recruits, we honor and thank you for your service, and we wish you fair winds and safe seas.

Joe, we will pray for you, and we look forward to seeing your transformation from citizen to sailor. We love you.

WEAR RED WEDNESDAYS

(Ms. WILSON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today we wear red to bring back our girls.

Boko Haram has heeded ISIS' call for increased violence and a so-called Month of Disaster in a rapid string of egregious acts of violence. A brutal spate of bombings and shootings has ripped through the country, killing at least 300 people in the past week alone.

Mr. Speaker, Boko Haram's unyielding thirst for violence and unflinching disregard for human life cannot go unchecked.

Later this month, when Nigerian President Buhari visits the White House to discuss the fight against Boko Haram with President Barack Obama, he must know that we here in Congress are committed to giving the Government of Nigeria the support it needs to defeat Boko Haram.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring H. Res. 147, as amended, to help the Nigerian Government bring back our girls and defeat Boko Haram for good.

Mr. Speaker, don't forget to tweet, tweet, tweet bring back our girls, #bringbackourgirls, #joinrepwilson, #bringbackourgirls. Tweet, tweet, tweet.

LET'S FIX OUR PARKS, NOT ADD MORE

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express concern about continued acquisition of private lands by the Federal Government.

The Federal Government currently owns about 30 percent of the land in our country but is unable to properly maintain this land, as evidenced by the Park Service's staggering \$11.5 billion backlog of maintenance projects, yet the Federal Government continues to spend limited taxpayer dollars and resources on more land. For example, many of my constituents are facing a push by the government to take over historically private land.

A June 30 New York Times article, entitled, "Let's Fix Our Parks, Not Add More," further illustrates the scope of this problem, criticizing the administration's decision to add seven new parks to the system.

I urge my colleagues to oppose future land purchases and instead focus the Interior Department's attention on properly maintaining existing Federal lands to ensure access for generations to come.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REAUTHORIZATION

(Mr. GALLEGO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight an issue that deserves our immediate attention: the Republican leadership's failure to bring the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank to the House floor for a vote.

The Ex-Im Bank plays a critical role in our economy, opening international markets to U.S. businesses by facilitating the sale of American goods and services overseas. The Bank even the playing field for American companies, enabling them to compete based on the quality of their products, not on the financing term they can offer.

Allowing the Bank's authorization to expire will have real-world consequences, Mr. Speaker. If we don't act, American businesses that employ tens of thousands of our workers will struggle to survive in this competitive global marketplace.

There is no question that there are enough votes in both the House and the Senate to pass the Ex-Im Bank reauthorization at this point on a bipartisan basis.

Mr. Speaker, for the sake of American businesses and workers, the Republican leadership needs to stop playing to their out-of-touch base and start