

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. GALLEGOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GALLEGOS. 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

acting in the best interests of the American people by reauthorizing the Ex-Im Bank immediately.

HIGHLIGHTING THE VITAL ROLE OF FORT POLK, LOUISIANA

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

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the vital role Fort Polk, Louisiana, plays in our Nation's strategic defense and to urge the U.S. Army to spare it from any cuts.

Fort Polk houses the Army's primary Joint Readiness Training Center, the Nation's premier combat training center.

Fort Polk is also home to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Polk's lone brigade combat team, a highly mobile, lethal, and flexible combat unit. This team was recognized as a superior brigade combat team, awarding it the Meritorious Unit Citation for its efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Any cuts to this award-winning unit would deal a devastating blow to the post, its surrounding communities, and Louisiana as a whole. The local community and State have invested money and donated land, demonstrating their commitment to this imperative post.

As the Army announces its troop realignment, Louisiana stands together to support the 3rd Battalion, 10th Mountain Division brigade combat team, the Fort Polk community, and the military excellence they represent.

PASS HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on July 31, the highway and transit trust fund will expire.

So what does the expiration of the trust fund mean to America, to American families?

It means the potential loss of over 600,000 jobs. It means the cancelation of major infrastructure projects. In fact, I heard this morning that five States have already canceled or delayed major projects because of Congress' lack of ability to do its work.

My home State of Michigan, we know more than anyplace that if we invest in our roads and bridges and rails, we grow our economy.

Other nations, instead of planning months ahead, are planning years ahead and building infrastructure. China, for example, is spending 10 times what we are as a percentage of their GDP on infrastructure.

Meanwhile, back in May, instead of thinking about the decades to come and hundreds of thousands of jobs, this Congress passed a 2-month extension, a self-imposed, manmade crisis, governing crisis to crisis on every big issue that we deal with.

We can't let this happen. This Congress needs to do its job. We need to come together in a bipartisan way—we can do it—and pass an extension of the highway trust fund that invests in America and puts American workers back to work rebuilding this country.

If we don't do this, we cannot expect our economy to grow. Congress has to act.

JOE'S BBQ IN FANNIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in the Ninth District of Georgia, there is something we like, and that is barbecue. Especially our office, our staff, and our interns know this well, and especially my ag intern, Casey, from Georgia, because we now can ascribe to Trip Advisory's latest pick of the Nation's best barbecue. And I am proud to announce Joe's BBQ was named number one barbecue in the country.

Joe's is located 90 miles north of Atlanta in Blue Ridge and was founded just 3 years ago by a former mortgage salesman, Joe Ray. Mr. Ray moved to Blue Ridge, Georgia, 10 years ago to pursue his career in mortgage banking, but he ended up doing barbecue. He calls it beginner's luck, but I think it is turning into a legacy and a tradition in north Georgia. You see, customers travel from hundreds of miles to experience the secret recipe at Joe's BBQ, and it has been named number one as proof of the fruits of their labor.

So now we have many coming to northeast Georgia to experience what we in the Ninth District always knew: the best barbecue is in north Georgia, the greatest place in world. And I just want to invite everybody to Joe's BBQ in Blue Ridge.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN YEMEN

(Mrs. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues a humanitarian crisis in Yemen. My district is home to many Yemenis who are deeply concerned, and many families have been in my office in total desperation and tears. This week, 45 civilians were killed after an airstrike hit a marketplace north of Aden.

Of real concern is the current outbreak of dengue fever. The World Health Organization estimates there are at least 3,000 cases of dengue fever in Yemen right now, and other groups are estimating it is twice that.

My constituents have family members who are suffering and have no access to medications, doctors, hospitals or, in many cases, even clean water. We must show U.S. leadership to help contain this outbreak.

Today I sent a letter to Secretary Kerry asking about plans the State Department is undertaking to combat this problem. I hope my colleagues will join me in a bipartisan manner to support real concrete action that is needed to help the Yemenis who are sick, desperate, and in critical need of assistance and leadership.

HONORING GRANITE STATE COMMUNITY LEADER DON MOORE

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

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a selfless Granite Stater who is paving the way for our mental health community and was recently awarded the Portsmouth Rotary Club's Humanitarian Award.

In 2014, Don Moore founded Seacoast Pathways in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, with the goals of providing those with mental illness resources to find a stable place to live, find a job, and opportunities for members to develop talents and interests to stay engaged in our community.

For far too long, the topic of mental health has been regarded as taboo and carries with it an undesired stigma. People like Don Moore are changing this negative perception and bringing about positive change for our communities.

In fact, the successes of the clubhouse model used by Seacoast Pathways are borrowed from another successful clubhouse in Manchester, New Hampshire, called Granite Pathways. This spring, I had the privilege of visiting both, meeting with their staffs and clubhouse members.

Seacoast Pathways' commitment to creating a community where members can reach their goals of work, education, and stable housing are absolutely commendable, and it is because of the selfless and dedicated folks like Don that our State remains a shining example of best practices in this area.

On behalf of the entire Granite State, congratulations to Don on receiving a well-deserved honor, and for working tirelessly on behalf of the mental health community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KEVIN JOSEPH SUTHERLAND

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

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, 4 days ago, on July 4, a young man was murdered just a mile from here in broad daylight on a crowded subway. That young man was Kevin Joseph Sutherland, 24 years old. He was my campaign volunteer, my intern, and my friend.

Maybe that is unremarkable. Violence seems to be a part of who we are and all too present with us.

But I want to tell this House that Kevin was in Washington because he