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COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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October 7, 2015.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: Pursuant to section 202 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146), I am pleased to recommend the following individual to the Commission on Care.

Ms. Lucretia M. McClenny, Locust Grove, Virginia

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,
Democratic Leader.

U.S.-KOREA RELATIONS

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

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the U.S.-Korea partnership and to welcome President Park Geun-hye to Washington next week.

Having chaired the U.S.-Republic of Korea Parliamentary Exchange for nearly two decades, I have long championed closer ties between our two countries. Our alliance is one that was forged in bloodshed 65 years ago, when U.S. and Korean forces fought and died together. Our own colleagues, Sergeant CHARLIE RANGEL, JOHN CONYERS, and SAM JOHN-SON, of the Armed Forces stationed in South Korea.

Our alliance today has grown far beyond this single threat, though. We also have strong alliances in economic development and many, many other issues.

We are very, very excited about this wonderful relationship, and we welcome President Park next week.

WELCOMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to be able to stand up here today and welcome President Park Geun-hye next week coming to Washington, D.C., because the alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea has been one of the linchpin of peace, security, and prosperity in northeast Asia for more than 60 years, and we are united against the threat of a rogue regime in North Korea.

About 28,000 members of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in South Korea stand with their Republic of Korea counterparts in defense of the region.

We support President Park’s principled vision for peace, prosperity, and a democratic, unified Korean Peninsula. Our alliance today has grown far beyond this single threat, though. We also have strong alliances in economic development and many, many other issues.

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(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in welcoming the distinguished President of the Republic of Korea to the United States of America to confer with our great President. In 1950, I visited Korea for the first time as a combat infantryman. When I left, it was a nightmare, and I thought I would never want to go back to this place ever again.
To see this country now; to see what, out of the ashes, it has become; to see, from a very poor country, what a great democracy it has; to see the leadership of this great President; to see what a friend we have in that region when we are having a horrible time in the Americas and the world; to see that this country always has our back; the great contributions Korea has made to this country, those that have become citizens, makes me proud to be an American.

So when she comes here, the Congress is so proud that some of us were able to make just a small contribution to keep her from falling into the hands of the Communists and then becoming our seventh great trading partner, a leader of the region and a leader of the world.

CONGRATULATING ELISE WARDEL

(Mrs. LOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elise Wardel, who became a U.S. citizen last week in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Like many others, Elise came to Utah to attend one of our quality universities. She has now worked hard, paid taxes, and contributed to Utah’s close-knit society and a thriving economy for more than 11 years. She has worked through some difficult processes, becoming naturalized, for more than 2½ years.

She and her husband, Adam, are expecting their first child this coming April and are grateful to raise their child here in the land of the free and the land of opportunity. I am grateful to count her among my newest constituents and extend her and Adam my best wishes.

People like Elise enrich our Nation. I am proud of them for taking the required steps to become U.S. citizens. I believe that Congress must do its job so that Elise and many others, like my father, can enter our Nation through the front door.

As the child of immigrant parents, I welcome all of Utah’s new American citizens and pledge to work hard so that they can have access to the American Dream like I have.

WELCOMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the President of the Republic of Korea, President Park, on her arrival in Washington, D.C., next week.

I had the honor of meeting with President Park during my last visit to Korea last December, where we discussed the synergistic partnerships and opportunities between the U.S., Silicon Valley, and South Korea.

Mr. Speaker, we must look to build new bridges and reinforce the connectors that have already contributed so much to our mutual benefit.

As President Park said when she addressed the joint meeting of Congress in 2013: “Looking forward, our precious alliance is setting its sights on a better world—a brighter future.”

I wish President Park a very successful and fruitful visit to the U.S. and summit with President Obama. No doubt, our two nations’ very special alliance will grow even stronger in the coming years.

MAY GOD BLESS THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, many of you know South Carolina was inundated with a historic rainfall. They call it a 1,000-year rain event. The rivers have not crested yet. The floods continue. Many South Carolinians are displaced. Many are hurting.

I just want to ask the House and America to continue to lift my home State up. But let me remind you then, in the 24th Psalm, it is written: ‘The Earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein; for the world is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; and he hath established it upon the seas and established it upon the floods.’

Thank you for your prayers, and may God continue to bless the Palmetto State of South Carolina, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

NATIONAL HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL DAY

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, our neighbors in the Senate have introduced and agreed to a resolution that recognizes Thursday, October 8, as National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day. I invite my colleagues to support this commemoration and affirm our resolution to bettering our Nation, our economy, and certainly, our environment.

As the planet’s most abundant natural resource, hydrogen has a critical role to play in the way we think about renewable energy. It is already powering homes and vehicles across our Nation and has the potential to do even more if we recognize that energy efficiency should be our fuel of choice.

Businesses are already reporting success stories about their use of hydrogen fuel cells and the elimination of carbon emissions. The once pricey and seemingly unfeasible source has now become a practical avenue for America’s energy demand, and it is because we invested in that unique American innovative spirit and made it so. We should learn from this and apply that attitude to other corners in our energy sector.

Our Nation is projected to increase its energy consumption through 2040, and climate change is certainly a reality. We have no choice but to face that head-on. Please join me as we strive to make America the leading nation for renewable energy, a goal we can advance right now by recognizing this day as National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day.

WELCOMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome President Park Geun-hye to the United States for her state visit next week. The United States and the Republic of Korea enjoy a warm friendship built on a commitment to security, joint economic development, cultural exchange, and the democratic process.

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean war. Korea has transformed itself in six decades from a war-torn economy into the 13th largest economy in the world, and it represents one of America’s greatest foreign policy success stories.

President Park’s visit will reaffirm our strong bilateral relationship at an