

For years, Pakistan has been aiding and abetting the enemies of the United States of America. These are not enemies who simply profess to hate us. These are groups and individuals with American blood on their hands.

However, the United States continues to give billions of money to Pakistan.

Frankly, Pakistan has been playing both sides on the war on terror. Pakistan openly supported the Taliban both before and after they came to power in Afghanistan. They provided the radical extremists with cover, cash, and weapons to conduct attacks. Senior Taliban leaders still live in Pakistan to this day. They are not all hiding in remote caves in the mountains far from the eyes of Pakistani officials. Some of these terrorist leaders are known to live in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad. It came as no surprise that the leader of the Afghan Taliban was killed by a U.S. drone strike while in Pakistan in May.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, the worldwide Taliban headquarters is . . . in the Pakistan city of Quetta.

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There is more. The Pakistan Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Agency fosters close, cozy ties with the Taliban leaders, directly assisting them to carry out a terrorist agenda approved by Islamabad. Documents leaked in 2010 revealed direct meetings between the ISI and the Taliban to organize and orchestrate attacks on American soldiers in Afghanistan. Pakistan's security services also maintain illegal ties to the Haqqani network, a rabid criminal terrorist syndicate that has claimed responsibility for numerous bloody attacks against American and NATO forces.

Admiral Mike Mullen, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified in 2011 that Pakistan supported many Haqqani network attacks in Afghanistan, including an assault on the U.S. Embassy. Admiral Mullen even called the Haqqani network "the veritable arm of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Agency." Five years later, little has changed. This summer, the Department of Defense announced that it could not certify that Pakistan has taken action against the Haqqani network. Therefore, Pakistan lost hundreds of millions of dollars of U.S. aid.

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Yet another terrorist group protected by the ISI is Lashkar-e-Taiba, the perpetrators of the 2008 Mumbai, India massacre. This murderous rampage claimed the lives of 166 individuals and left over 600 wounded. This group arrogantly operates freely within Pakistan. Its founder Hafiz Muhammad Saeed is an open public figure in the country despite a \$10 million dollar U.S. bounty on his head. Pakistan has even maintained contact with the perpetrators of the most devastating attacks on our homeland, al-Qaeda. In fact, in 1998 Pakistani nuclear scientists met with senior al-Qaeda leaders to discuss the possibility of the terrorist group developing a nuclear weapon.

Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the invasion of Afghanistan, outlaw leaders of al-Qaeda and the Taliban knew just where to find a hideout—across the border to Pakistan. Home sweet home.

Evidence emerged in 2005 and 2008 that Pakistan's ISI was working hand in hand with al-Qaeda operatives to purchase arms. Further evidence shows the bandit groups moved Arab fighters to fight against Americans trying to bring peace to Afghanistan.

Finally, Pakistan was harboring public enemy Number 1, the coward Osama bin Laden, in a luxurious home near a military compound. American Navy SEALs brought justice upon his head in 2011.

These are well established facts that even the Administration has acknowledged Pakistan's despicable record of combatting terrorism. The most recent edition of the State Department's Country Reports on Terrorism plainly states that Pakistan "did not take substantial action" against terrorist groups nor did it limit their ability to attack U.S. interests in neighboring Afghanistan. It details the ongoing capabilities of terrorist groups to "operate, train, organize, and fundraise in Pakistan."

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In spite of this overwhelming evidence, the State Department still perversely and blissfully maintains that Pakistan is a "critical counterterrorism partner." This simply does not make sense. The American people demand an explanation. Is Pakistan a friend or a foe in the fight against terrorism?

My bill, the Pakistan State Sponsor of Terrorism Designation Act of 2016, will require the Administration to answer this question. The President must issue a report in 90 days detailing whether or not Pakistan has provided support for international terrorism. Thirty days later, the Secretary of State must issue a follow-up report containing either a determination that Pakistan is state sponsor of terrorism or a detailed justification as to why Islamabad does not meet the legal criteria for designation.

A day of reckoning has arrived. Fifteen years after September 11, 2001, we have more than enough evidence to determine whose side Pakistan is on. And it's not America's.

And that's just the way it is.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ROUND ROCK WOMAN'S CLUB

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Round Rock Woman's Club. Since its inception, the RRWC has been heavily involved in the Round Rock community. From beautifying downtown Round Rock to hosting their Soup and Bread fundraiser which brings in over 800 people each year, these committed public servants know how to bring the community together.

Founded in 1966, the Woman's Club has exemplified the strength of community that Round Rock so proudly boasts. Their Soup and Bread luncheon and silent auction allows the Woman's Club to donate thousands of dollars to various charities in not only Round Rock but also throughout all of Williamson County. The Woman's Club also awards two \$1,000 academic and community service scholarships each year to carefully selected students at Round Rock High School's Sub-Junior RRWC Club, also known as the Sweethearts.

The purpose of the Round Rock Woman's Club is to further any interests that enrich women's lives as well as remain actively en-

gaged in community participation and service, and they do a great job at that. I am proud to say that these ladies represent the core values of the great city of Round Rock and am especially proud of the remarkable work they have done for us. Happy 50th birthday ladies and here's to 50 more.

CELEBRATING EAST PENN MANUFACTURING'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to join with my colleague from Pennsylvania, Representative RYAN COSTELLO, to recognize the 70th Anniversary of East Penn Manufacturing, a family-owned business located in Lyons, Pennsylvania that exemplifies the American spirit of hard work and ingenuity.

As veterans returned home at the end of World War II, they were looking for reliable and affordable car batteries. DeLight Breidegam Jr., an Air Force veteran, and his father, DeLight Sr., responded to the growing demand for batteries in 1946 by starting a business to collect and rebuild old batteries.

The following year, in 1947, Karl Gasche joined the Breidegams and was named the company's Vice President. Gasche was an engineering graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and as modern materials became more available after the war, he designed a line of new batteries for the company. This line, which was named "Deka," is now one of the best known battery lines in America.

East Penn has shown an exemplary commitment to environmental stewardship during the past seven decades. That commitment has been ingrained in the company's identity and operations since day one through an extremely successful battery-recycling initiative. Today, East Penn recycles approximately 30,000 batteries per day. Furthermore, East Penn is making advances in emerging technologies, such as hybrid electric vehicles and smart grid services, which help to conserve energy and protect our environment.

Since its inception 70 years ago, East Penn has grown to become one of the world's leading battery manufacturers with more than 8,000 employees and 450 product designs. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to offer our congratulations to the talented and hard-working employees at East Penn Manufacturing, as well as the entire Breidegam family, as they celebrate 70 years of success and innovation in the Berks County area and beyond. May they enjoy continued prosperity.

S. CON. RES. 46

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. Con. Res. 46, Expressing support for the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust victims live with dignity, comfort, and security