

Protests in over 100 cities have been silenced by the IRGC thugs as the rogue regime continues its crackdown on human rights.

The government has shut down the internet and social media.

The United States should stand with the Iranian people by seeing to it that the Iranians have access to social media through satellite communication.

If we help the Iranians have freedom of expression through speech and press, the world will know how the illegitimate regime persecutes its own people.

Hopefully, the people will remove this dictatorship and have a government that they, the people, put in power. After all, isn't that what freedom is all about?

And that is just the way it is.

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT PROJECT

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

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Ms. Tijuana Fulford, founder and executive director of the Butterfly Effect Project in Riverhead.

In 2014, Ms. Fulford set out to establish a free program to provide young girls with the tools they need to achieve self-confident futures in hopes of bringing forth a generation of strong, independent, and knowledgeable women.

This program has grown from 4 to 108 young girls with an ever-growing waitlist. These are girls who are empowered with the resources necessary to secure a prosperous future for themselves and their families.

Through financial, educational, emotional, and career support, the Butterfly Effect Project is building community involvement and curtailing the effects of cultural and mobility limitations.

With locations in Riverhead and Bellport, the Butterfly Effect Project is having such a positive effect on young girls from Riverhead, Flanders, Calverton, Mastic, Shirley, Bellport, Westhampton, Peconic, Patchogue, and West Islip.

The Butterfly Effect Project has provided an invaluable service to our community. I applaud Ms. Fulford for her dedication, and I look forward to witnessing the growth of her organization and the bright future of so many of the young women it supports.

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, President Trump's mantra is "no collusion." He says this constantly because he

wants people to think collusion—a hard thing to prove—is the only question in the Russia investigation. It is not.

Even putting aside the mounting evidence that Trump did collude with Russia, there is an equally serious question about obstruction of justice, and, for that, the evidence is overwhelming.

The greatest hits of Trump obstruction include:

Requesting an improper loyalty pledge from FBI Director Comey;

Telling Director Comey to drop the Flynn investigation;

Asking the DNI and the CIA Directors to lean on Comey to drop the Flynn investigation;

Firing Comey when he continued the investigation;

Admitting on national TV that the firing was because of the Russia investigation;

Admitting, essentially, the same thing to top Russian officials in a White House meeting;

Drafting a deliberately misleading statement for his son about the infamous Trump Tower meeting;

Attempting to fire Special Counsel Mueller;

And, most recently, this ham-handed choreography with Chairman NUNES to undermine all of the pending investigations—an attempt to set up the argument that we should drop the Russia investigations and, instead, investigate the investigators.

That is just the "Greatest Hits of Obstruction," volume I. There is a lot more to come, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

SOUP-ER HERO SOUP DRIVE

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some real-life super heroes from my district in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Students from Brookwood, Keystone, and Mill Creek Elementary Schools in the Bristol Township School District collected thousands of pounds of canned soup, dressed as "soup-er heroes," and delivered it to the Emergency Relief Association Food Pantry in Levittown. Mill Creek Elementary School collected 1,581 pounds of soup, Brookwood Elementary School collected 1,365 pounds, and Keystone Elementary School collected 1,016 pounds of cans to help those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I am so inspired by these outstanding young members of our community, who at a young age are already working hard to help people around them in need and make their community a stronger and a better place. I know we can all learn something from those boys and girls.

I encourage every school in Bucks and Montgomery County to follow the lead of Brookwood, Keystone, and Mill Creek Elementary Schools and find new and fun ways to help those in need.

DEVASTATION OF HOUSTON SCHOOLS HIT BY HURRICANE HARVEY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as school children rise across America to go to a place of work for them, but a place of joy, of learning, I rise today to reinforce the importance of education in the State of Texas.

The Texas education administrator, along with the Governor of the State of Texas, will be receiving a letter from me reaffirming the plea of local officials—both governmental and educational officials—to give Texas school children, because of the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, a waiver for 2 years for them to be able to improve their scores and to keep the schools open that the parents and the community want to have open.

Many of my school districts—seven of which I represent—have faced the tragedy of Hurricane Harvey: the displacement or relocation of their children and the devastation of their schools, including the Houston Independent School District. It has historic schools.

So my plea is that this is, likewise, a Federal issue. I was a strong supporter of the SUCCESS Act where we look at different elements, other than testing. Let's look at the holistic aspect of the school children of Houston. Let's give them a waiver. Let's understand Hurricane Harvey. Let's fix the schools and keep them open.

That is my fight, and that is my commitment.

CONGRATULATING PYEONGCHANG WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES ATHLETES

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

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate all 243 United States athletes that have secured qualification in the upcoming Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games. I am proud to say that 15 of these Olympians come from my home State of Utah. Through their talent, their hard work, and their dedication, I am confident that they are going to represent Utah and, in fact, the entire United States very well.

These individuals come from all walks of life. Some are in the middle of their professional careers, some are students, many of them are parents. Together, these individuals will be able to showcase their immense strength