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My involvement in reaching the 20 year milestone for the Congressional Prayer Breakfast has been limited, and it would not have happened without the dedication of Gary and his team and the hundreds of attendees each year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for Roll Call votes on Tuesday, April

24, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage for the following bills: S. 447, the Justice for Uncompensated Survivors Today Act, H.R. 4744, the Iran Human Rights and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act, and H.R. 4681, the No Assistance for Assad Act.

Together, these bills promote America's obligation to protect religious freedom and human rights around the world.