

the Israeli forces. Machal, volunteers from outside the country, they are called.

Amongst these mighty warriors, 23 Cuban Jews bravely answered the call to arms and left Cuba to come to Israel's aid and secure her independence.

This Sunday, the Inter-American Chapter of Hadassah in my congressional district is honoring these courageous Cuban heroes, particularly the four remaining survivors.

Mr. Speaker, the sacrifice and heroism of Cuban Jews during the Israeli 1948 War of Independence will never be forgotten by us.

CALLING ATTENTION TO CHILD DETENTION RULES

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is still going on. The Trump administration is still holding thousands of little children in jails across this country in cages, cyclone fencing, cages.

These are babies and toddlers, preschoolers and adolescents. Their only crime is their desire to breathe free.

And just when you think the pit of the Trump administration's soul could get no darker, heartbreaking reports emerge from inside these so-called detention facilities.

These children are prohibited from touching one another. No hugs, not even from their siblings. They can't run around. They have to wake up at unreasonably early hours, with their jailers banging and making noise as if it is Alcatraz, for everyone to get out of bed.

Some of these children only get 1 hour to play outside a day. They are being held in strip malls and abandoned motels.

Some are banned from sending mail to their siblings. Others have scrubbed toilets or handled bags of unsanitary used toilet paper.

Mr. Speaker, these so-called detention facilities are nothing more than jails for children, baby jails. Let's end this madness.

THE BENEFITS OF TAX REFORM

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

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the benefits of tax reform.

Earlier this year, President Trump visited the Sheffer Corporation, a small manufacturing company in my district that pledged \$1,000 bonuses to all 126 of its employees as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

During the President's visit to Cincinnati, he invited Sheffer employees on stage to talk about their plans for their new bonuses.

A mom in the audience said she is using her bonus as spare cash for when she sends her children off to college this year. As any parent of a college student knows, the expenses add up and every dollar makes a difference.

The President also invited a young man to the stage to speak. He wants to start a family, and said that this money will go towards a home to raise his children.

While the recent law is an enormous step forward, we must and will continue to move forward to implement smart policies that give Americans the freedom to compete, innovate, and seize the opportunity to carve out a better future for themselves and their families.

THREE IMPORTANT ITEMS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, there are three items that I think are important for our colleagues.

A number of Members traveled to Texas to physically assess where we were in the reunification of these children and their families. Let me just say that those who are tasked with trying to do this dastardly, difficult task are putting their best foot forward, but they are dealing with a policy that is broken and chaotic. I witnessed the attempt to reunify families. There were about 20 children in the room, and we witnessed four reunifications, and each of us would have our heart broken, because children are still in shock, some didn't recognize their parents. I believe that this is a chaotic system that this administration must fix immediately.

I also want to bring to the attention of my colleagues about the Medicare payments to doctors, unequal payments. I am absolutely opposed. Give doctors a fair assessment of their treatment.

And, finally, do we realize, Mr. Speaker, that those immigrants who joined the military are now being kicked out? Do we have any heart? They have sacrificed their lives to wear the uniform. We need to stand up against it, Mr. Speaker.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS CHRISTOPHER CELIZ

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

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Sergeant First Class Christopher Celiz, who passed away in the line of duty at the age of 32.

Sergeant Celiz was assigned to Hunter Army Airfield in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

On July 12, he was struck by enemy small arms fire during a combat operation in Afghanistan. Sergeant Celiz was immediately taken for medical

treatment, but passed away from his injuries.

His regiment commander described him as always leading from the front and being a national treasure who led his Rangers with passion, confidence, and an infectious positive attitude.

A husband and father, I will keep Sergeant Celiz's family in my thoughts and prayers.

Because of Sergeant Celiz's service and bravery, he has been awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

CARTER PAGE FISA WARRANT

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, the release of the Carter Page FISA warrant makes it clear that the FBI was right to examine the connections between Page and the Trump campaign as well as their communications with Russian sources.

These warrants cast serious doubt on the credibility of the so-called Nunes memo, which is demonstrably inaccurate.

Earlier today, the President's press secretary announced that the administration was considering stripping top level former national security officials of their security clearances on the grounds that they, "politicized public service."

I would question whether any use of intelligence could be more political than writing a misleading document, namely the Nunes memo, to unjustifiably malign the integrity and competence of the FBI in order to shield the President.

It is clear that congressional Republicans are attempting to delegitimize the FBI and, through it, Special Counsel Robert Mueller's ongoing investigation.

We must protect the independence and integrity of this investigation, and I urge Speaker RYAN and the House leadership to do so immediately.

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AMERICAN TAXPAYERS HAVE MORE MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS

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

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, America has always been the land of opportunity, but I am hearing, as I travel my district, a renewed sense of optimism that is exciting. Our economy is stronger. Families have more money in their paychecks. Workers are seeing bonuses and better wages. Unemployment is at historic lows. Job openings are at historic highs, and confidence is soaring.

As a direct result of our tax cuts, about 90 percent of our workers are