

administration to stop that from happening without bloodshed. The Iranian regime has proven itself to be utterly untrustworthy to abide by any agreement it makes. That makes any negotiation with this regime highly problematic.

There is only one solution that promises to resolve this danger without the risk of a terrible war that could claim many thousands of innocent lives, and that is the collapse of the regime from within. Opposition to the oppression of the mullahs has been simmering in Iran for many years. It is time to provide material support to help these groups liberate their country.

Past administrations sent cargo pallets of cash on cargo planes to these bloodthirsty mullahs in hopes of currying their favor and cooperation. However good the intentions, the result was to help fund the oppression of the Iranian people and the export of terrorism throughout the world.

I believe the time has now come to provide the same assistance, not to the oppressors of Iran, but to the people of Iran and the resistance groups actively seeking their overthrow.

The overthrow of this regime from within would be the cheapest, surest, and most peaceful way to remove it as a threat to the freedom of the Iranian people, the stability of the region, and the peace of the world. That is what the Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus was organized to promote and what H. Res. 166 pledges to accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FINE).

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) for asking me here to talk about this important subject.

Mr. Speaker, I came to speak because the cause of Iran is not just a cause that we should care about for the Iranian people, though we should. As Americans, we are a people whose country was founded because a group of people were unhappy by the tyranny we faced. There is no question they face it over there, as well.

The cause of Iran is one that we should care about because it is in the best interest of the United States to care about it. We live in a world that, unfortunately, is on fire, whether it is in China, whether we see it in Russia, or certainly in Iran.

Iran has chosen to not only take their horrific, genocidal, lunatic policies to kill their own people, to hurt women, and to hurt people who won't abide by their radical Islamic faiths, but they have done it to other people around the world. They are the leading sponsor of terrorism around the world.

We saw this most dramatically just a little over 18 months ago when, on October 7, 2023, 1,200 people, most of which were Jews, but not all, people from dozens of countries, including Americans, were attacked and killed.

We focus on Hamas, but Hamas only exists because Iran funds and supports it. Just as we saw President Trump

free the last American citizen who was being held hostage because of Iran, those problems and challenges continue to happen today.

I did a little research. Obviously, I have an affinity for Jewish problems around the world because I am Jewish. I have always been part of a small minority throughout my life. I am one here in Congress, as well, and it is a great honor to be here.

In 1979, 100,000 Jews lived in Iran. The same people who Iran likes to fund to talk about genocide, suffering, and rooting out people and all these problems around the world, Mr. Speaker, you can say: How many of those folks still live in Iran today?

Today, estimates are that 10,000 Jews live in Iran. I am not saying that 90,000 of them have been killed. Certainly, some of them have. Mr. Speaker, 90,000 have left. That is 90 percent of this population, of just one population. There are many populations of people who would be at risk in a place like Iran, but 90 percent have left and fled. Many, by the way, have come to the United States.

They do that because they are not free to live their lives the way they want to live them. Today, when we talk about this, we stand with Iran not only because we believe in freedom for all people around the world but freedom of self-determination and to decide what kind of government we want.

Frankly, we want to allow women to vote, to have equal rights with men, to live in a society where religion is important but is not a tool for oppression.

We care about these issues because they create peace and security in the Middle East. Ultimately, that leads to peace and security here in the United States.

It is my honor to speak here today to support the gentleman and his resolution. We must do everything we can to get these lunatics out of power and allow the great Persian people, where many say civilization began thousands and thousands of years ago, to re seize that initiative that they had at the founding of civilization and to rebuild the kind of society they once had and certainly could have again.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, Mr. FINE has been here only about 6 weeks. As you can see, he is already distinguishing himself as a vital voice for freedom abroad and for liberty at home. I couldn't be more pleased to have him here today to speak on behalf of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, Iran is one of the oldest and greatest civilizations in history. It was one of the most free, advanced, prosperous, and open countries in the Middle East just a few decades ago. Then, came the revolution of 1979, when the progress abruptly ended with the takeover by the theocratic despots who introduced a reign of terror that has gone on now for decades.

Twice before, Iranians were on the verge of overthrowing this regime. In 2009, as Iranians took to the streets

during the so-called Green Movement, they looked to the United States for support but got only silence. In 2016, the American Government sent \$1.7 billion in cash to the mullahs on shrink-wrapped cargo pallets. In 2015, we released \$150 billion more in frozen assets, all to get a nuclear agreement that Iran never honored.

Today, America must stand with the people of Iran. The regime in Tehran has been crystal clear about its intent to develop nuclear weapons and, once developed, to use them.

There are only two ways this is going to end. It will end either with thousands, perhaps millions, dead in a terrible war or with a successful revolution and the long-overdue collapse of this regime.

The President is speaking out forcefully, and he is acting decisively. So must Congress.

H. Res. 166 has 224 cosponsors, representing both political parties. It expresses support for the Iranian resistance and its vision of a free, secular, and nonnuclear Iran. I urge the leadership to bring it to the floor for a vote.

Our Declaration of Independence proclaims that whenever a government becomes destructive of the natural rights of its people, it becomes their right to alter or abolish it. This critical hour has come for the people of Iran.

I believe it is time for the United States to step forward with material support for the freedom movement. For every dollar this government has given over the years to this brutal dictatorship, we owe many times over to the Iranians who are desperately trying to overthrow their oppressors and restore the blessings of liberty to themselves and their posterity.

They need the direct satellite access to the internet that the regime has denied them on the ground. They need us to restore economic sanctions, as the President is doing against the regime in a renewed boycott of Iran.

Mr. Speaker, decisive turning points in history do not come often. When history commands, we must answer. That answer will follow us far into the future.

This time and in this hour, let the United States take a stand with the people of Iran and, by so doing, fulfill those proud words in our Liberty Bell, to proclaim liberty in all the land and to all the inhabitants thereof.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 6, 2025, the following joint resolutions were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.J. Res. 75. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United

States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers”.

H.J. Res. 42. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the De-

partment of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Certification Requirements, Labeling Requirements, and Enforcement Provisions for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment”.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2023, the first, second, third, and fourth quarters of 2024, and the first and second quarters of 2025, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO JAPAN, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAR. 27 AND MAR. 31, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Mike Bost	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,407.21				4,785.21
Hon. Sam Graves	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		6,370.21				6,748.21
Hon. Mark Takano	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,257.21				4,635.21
Hon. Salud Carbajal	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,457.21				4,835.21
Hon. Young Kim	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,592.31				4,970.21
Hon. James Moylan	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		6,004.22				6,382.22
Dr. Brian Monahan	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,257.21				4,635.21
Courtney Butcher	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,257.21				4,635.21
Kate Knudson	3/28	4/1	Japan		504.00		19,568.02				20,072.02
Meghan McCann	3/26	4/1	Japan		756.00		7,850.71				8,606.71
Steve Gonzalez	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,407.21				4,785.21
Justin Vogt	3/28	3/31	Japan		378.00		4,357.01				4,735.01
Committee total					5,040.00		74,782.74				79,825.64

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Apr. 30, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO NORTH MACEDONIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 3 AND APR. 6, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Mike Turner	4/3	4/6	North Macedonia .....	.....	461.00	.....	11,097.51	.....	.....	.....	11,558.51
Hon. Linda Sanchez	4/3	4/6	North Macedonia .....	.....	461.00	.....	11,097.51	.....	.....	.....	11,558.51
Jason Galanes	4/3	4/6	North Macedonia .....	.....	461.00	.....	1,893.51	.....	.....	.....	2,354.51
Philip Bednarczyk	4/3	4/6	North Macedonia .....	.....	461.00	.....	11,921.22	.....	.....	.....	12,382.22
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,844.00	.....	36,009.75	.....	.....	.....	37,853.75

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, May 7, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, JORDAN, ISRAEL, AND DENMARK, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 21 AND APR. 26, 2025

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Leader Hakeem Jeffries	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Ann Wagner	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Gregory Meeks	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Amata Coleman Radewagen	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Madeleine Dean	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Marilyn Strickland	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Greg Landsman	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Hon. Laura Friedman	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
RADM Brian Monahan	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Tasia Jackson	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Wayne Williams	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Emily Berret	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Wyndee Parker	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Tejah Robinson	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Kalise Dickerson	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Kelli Parks	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Sajit Gandhi	4/21	4/23	United Kingdom		1,294.57		(³)				1,294.57
Leader Hakeem Jeffries	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Ann Wagner	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Gregory Meeks	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Amata Coleman Radewagen	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Madeleine Dean	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Marilyn Strickland	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Greg Landsman	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Hon. Laura Friedman	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
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Tasia Jackson	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Wayne Williams	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44
Emily Berret	4/23	4/24	Jordan		264.44		(³)				264.44