

border security, changes to current immigration law—including earned legalization—and upholds labor rights for all U.S. employees, be they citizens or foreign born. H.R. 4437 is not this bill. It ignores the need to address societal, economic and national security shortfalls and I encourage my colleagues to denounce this insulting response to the American people and vote “no” on H.R. 4437.

CONDEMNING RECENT STATEMENTS OF IRANIAN PRESIDENT MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to unequivocally condemn Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's recent declaration that the Holocaust was a myth. Such outrageous comments dishonor the memory of the 6 million Jews and many others who perished under the Nazi regime. To suggest that such a tragedy was imagined as a justification to create the state of Israel, as President Ahmadinejad has done, demonstrates a disconnect from reality and complete ignorance of history. Numerous world leaders have already condemned his comments, and I encourage my colleagues and the entire international community to do the same.

Unfortunately, the denial of the Holocaust is only the most recent in a series of disturbing statements made by President Ahmadinejad. He has also declared that Israel should “be wiped off the map,” suggesting that its people should be relocated to Europe. Furthermore, despite efforts by our European allies to negotiate an agreement to end Iran's nuclear ambitions, Ahmadinejad has declined compromise, stubbornly insisting that Iran has a right to develop its own nuclear program.

Ahmadinejad's disgraceful statements and fervent opposition to engaging with other nations have even earned him condemnation from leaders within his own nation and run the risk of further alienating Iran from the world community. I ask my colleagues to condemn Ahmadinejad's statements about the Holocaust and Israel and demonstrate that there is no place for such intolerance in global political discourse.

CINCINNATI'S FLYING PIG MARATHON NAMED A “TOP TEN MOST ENJOYABLE MARATHON”

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Flying Pig Marathon which is based in my hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio. This week, Runner's World magazine picked the race as one of the top ten most enjoyable marathons in its January, 2006 issue.

Runner's World editors composed a list of 25 marathons known for creating a fun experience, and then allowed readers to vote for their favorites in an online poll. The Flying Pig Marathon was voted the third most enjoyable

event. The symbol of a flying pig has deep roots in the history of Cincinnati, which was once known as “Porkopolis” because of the city's pork industry heritage.

As an avid marathon runner, I am thrilled to see our wonderful hometown race receive the national recognition that it deserves.

The annual Flying Pig Marathon began in May 1999, and was created by my friends Iris Simpson-Bush and Bob Coughlin. Their hard work and leadership has built this race into one of the nation's premiere events.

A 26.2 mile “whole hog” course “flies” through the southwestern part of the Second Congressional District, showcasing some of the most picturesque neighborhoods in Cincinnati. The race also features a 13.1 mile half-marathon, a timed 10K run, a noncompetitive 5K run, and a children's “piglet” event. Last year, there were over 13,000 participants overall, and an entire weekend of family oriented events.

Congratulations to all associated with the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL JOHN A. “AJ” JACKSON

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, as we continue the fight against terrorism around the globe, we are constantly reminded of the sacrifice and service of our men and women in uniform. I rise today to honor a true American hero, a man who has dedicated his life to protecting our nation, Rear Admiral AJ Jackson from my hometown of Bartow, Florida.

A 1970 graduate of Florida State University, Rear Admiral Jackson entered the Aviation Officer Candidate School in May 1970, and was designated a Naval Aviator in February 1972 at NAS Kingsville, Texas. His active duty assignments included NS Rota, Spain, Attack Squadron Eighty One (VA-81) aboard the *USS Forrestal* (CV-59), and the staff of Commander, Light Attack Wing One, NAS Cecil Field, Florida.

Rear Admiral Jackson commanded Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Five Nine (VR-59), NR Carrier Group 0170, and NR Commander Seventh Fleet 111, and was selected for Flag rank in June 1998. In October 1998, he assumed duties as Deputy/Vice Commander, Maritime Defense Zone, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. One year later, he was assigned as Commander, Rear Area Command, U.S. Seventh Fleet, and in this role he also assumed duties as Commander, U.S. Naval Shore Based Forces Korea, during exercise or contingency operations in Korea.

In July 2001, Rear Admiral Jackson was assigned his present billet at U.S. Central Command as the Deputy Director (Reserve) for Plans and Policy (J5). From March 2002 until May 2004, he was assigned additional duties as Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command South. In this capacity he supervised the training and administration of over 10,000 Naval Reservists in 29 Naval Reserve Centers in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Texas. Rear Admiral Jackson was promoted to Rear Admiral (Upper Half) on October 12, 2001.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and other unit and campaign awards. In his civilian occupation, he is a Boeing 777 Captain with American Airlines based at DFW Airport, Texas.

After 35 years of dedicated service, Rear Admiral Jackson will be retiring to spend some well-deserved “R and R” with his wife Jana. On behalf of the residents of Florida's 12th District, I want to commend Rear Admiral Jackson's service to his country and wish him the very best for the future.

BORDER PROTECTION ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4437) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security, and for other purposes:

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Chairman, I rise with serious concerns over this legislation, which although it does address some illegal immigration problems is woefully weak on real substance. I fear that should this bill become law as is, six months or even a year down the road we will see no substantial improvement on the critical issue of deporting illegal aliens and protecting our borders.

Some measures in the bill sound good, but are in effect superfluous. Do we need new legislation requiring the Department of Homeland Security to achieve “operational control of the borders”? Shouldn't the federal government already have “operational control of the borders”?

Here is a road map for real immigration reform. First we need better enforcement of the laws we've got—which plainly call for illegal immigrants to be arrested and deported and for our borders to be secure. These things are already law, but the executive branch over the past decades has failed to enforce them. Congress can pass any law it wants, but unless federal agencies enforce those laws they are meaningless.

Second we need to eliminate the two main magnets attracting illegal immigrants to illegally enter the country, the welfare magnet and the citizenship magnet. Failure to address these in an immigration bill raises questions about achieving real results. That is why I introduced three amendments to this bill, in the hopes that we can finally do something about the problem of illegal immigration. I introduced an amendment to end so-called “birth-right citizenship,” whereby anyone born on U.S. soil is automatically an American citizen. I introduced an amendment to end the practice of providing U.S. Social Security payments to non-U.S. citizens. And finally I introduced an amendment to prohibit illegal aliens from receiving food stamps, student loans, or other federally-provided assistance. Unfortunately, none of my amendments were even allowed to reach the Floor for a vote.