

Yesterday, I read a story in the Washington Post that noted that Montgomery County, Maryland, one of the five richest counties in the United States, is now serving 15,000 free meals a day to children who would otherwise go hungry. This is an increase of nearly 15 percent from previous summers, and I'm sure that most of these children come from families who have lost their unemployment and have no other way to buy food for their families.

Nationwide, an estimated 16 million children will go hungry this summer. I'm not sure what it will take for the Republicans to wake up and recognize that they're literally starving American families. We cannot wait one second longer.

George Bush said he was a compassionate conservative. They've simply thrown away, Madam Speaker, the word "compassionate." They are just conservative. They will not take care of working people in this country.

#### CAMP ASHRAF

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, the United States must stand by our commitment to humanitarian protection for the residents of Camp Ashraf in Iraq.

When we transferred responsibility for the security of Ashraf to the Iraqi Government, we sought and we were provided with Iraqi assurances that the residents would, in fact, be treated humanely and would be safe from any actions against their lives and well-being. However, Madam Speaker, repeated conduct by the Iraqi security forces has called these guarantees into question.

Camp Ashraf residents are in jeopardy. We must ensure that the Iraqi Government adheres to its obligations.

I call on the majority here in the House to bring House Resolution 704 to the floor for immediate consideration.

Further, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees must take all necessary and appropriate steps to extend Camp Ashraf's residents the humanitarian protections to which they are entitled. There is no time to waste, Madam Speaker.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF ARMY SPECIALIST RUSSELL E. MADDEN

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

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Army Specialist Russell Madden from Bellevue, Kentucky, who lost his life on June 23, 2010, in a rocket-propelled grenade attack on an Army convoy in the Charkh district of Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne

Brigade Combat Team, Conn Barracks, Germany.

Specialist Madden joined the Army in 2008 and is a 2000 graduate of Bellevue High School.

In addition to being an outstanding father to his two sons, Parker and Jared, Russell was a model citizen. Not only did he serve our country abroad, he was also committed to his community as a local youth peewee football coach. He was also a dedicated husband to his wife, Michelle.

According to his troop commander, Captain Matt Booth, the officers and fellow soldiers could always rely on his courageous attitude to make things happen when times were tough and was known as someone who would never leave his buddies in a bad situation.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Russell Madden's family and friends. We're deeply indebted to Specialist Madden and his family for their service and his sacrifice.

#### NO HOME ON THE RANGE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Sonoran Pronghorn antelope is in danger of extinction, so government "envirocrats" have prohibited Border Patrol from entering some wildlife areas on the range where the antelope play in Arizona.

The antelope protectors have stopped construction of seven Border Patrol observation towers they feel are too intrusive for the antelope. Never mind the Border Patrol can protect the antelope and secure the border as well.

And the "envirocrats" haven't gotten the word out to the illegals. Drug cartels and human traffickers and thousands of illegals trample through the home on the range running roughshod over the wildlife refuge every day. These trespassers leave trash and vehicles on the preserve. The drug cartels are even erecting cell phone tower stations.

The Buenos Aires refuge, also in Arizona, is closed, being too dangerous for Americans to enter because it, too, has become a sanctuary for drug cartels and traffickers.

Prohibiting the Border Patrol from entering these areas is not helping the wildlife but endangering these areas more. You see, the illegals don't care about the antelope and its home on the range.

And that's just the way it is.

#### IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM SANCTIONS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask that the

Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act, which was signed into law on July 1 by President Obama, be implemented in an expedited as well as a rigorous fashion.

This law, Madam Speaker, requires the President to impose sanctions on any entity that provides Iran with refined petroleum resources or engages in activities that will contribute to Iran's ability to import such resources.

The Government of Iran must verifiably suspend and dismantle its nuclear weapons program, stop all uranium enrichment activities, and comply with their commitments under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

There can be no doubt that Iran poses a significant threat to the United States and our allies in the Middle East and elsewhere, and it is proceeding with an aggressive nuclear weapons program, despite its claim that the Iranian program was designed for peaceful uses.

Madam Speaker, this law provides a powerful stick to force the Iranians to take decisive and concrete action to end their illicit nuclear weapons program. The time for Iranian delay, denial, and deception is over.

Mr. President, I urge you to begin the implementation of these sanctions without delay.

#### KOREA TRADE AGREEMENT

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud President Obama for recently making an important commitment to completing a free trade agreement with South Korea.

Korea is the United States' seventh-largest trading partner in terms of two-way trade and the sixth-largest market for U.S. agricultural goods. A free trade agreement with Korea will grow business and create jobs here in the United States.

And, Madam Speaker, the time for action is now. The European Union has recently completed a trade agreement with South Korea, and Canada is working on one as well, while the United States has continued to sit on the sidelines. We cannot continue to let America fall behind by withholding approval for crucial trade agreements while other countries move quickly to finish their trade deals.

Exports mean jobs. A trade agreement with Korea is the right policy to boost our economy and boost exports. I stand ready to work with my colleagues and the President to pass a free trade agreement with Korea.

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#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.