

says it is as if someone cuts your chest open, rips out your heart, throws it on the ground, stomps on it, picks it up, places it back in your chest, and then sews you back up. She said the parents carry that pain inside of their heart forever.

So, today, this is for Sybrina and Tracy, Trayvon's parents. As they fight for justice, I stand with them. We demand justice for Trayvon. We demand justice for all murdered children. Stay strong, Sybrina and Tracy, stay strong. I'll be with you at the rally this evening just as soon as votes here are done. Keep one hand in God's hand, and stay strong, my friends, stay strong.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

REMEMBERING NORTH CAROLINA STATE SENATOR JIM FORRESTER

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a friend, former colleague and public servant, North Carolina State senator Dr. Jim Forrester.

Jim was a lifelong public servant. He was a brigadier general with the U.S. Air Force and the North Carolina Air National Guard. He served as a flight surgeon during the Vietnam War.

He was a small town doctor and community leader. He and his wife of 51 years, Mary Frances Forrester, shared the values that made our country great, were committed to the community, and worked tirelessly for the betterment of their city and State. Together they sold Bibles to pay for his education at Wake Forest Medical School. He made time from his successful practice and family to serve on the Gaston County Board of Commissioners in 1982 before being elected to the State senate, where he served 11 terms.

Today we pay tribute to his life and service. My heart goes out to Mary Frances, his three daughters and son, and his eight grandchildren. May God's peace be with them and the many people who mourn his death and celebrate his life of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BYUNG WOOK YOON AND NATIONAL KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Korean American Day. I would like to recognize the 109th anniversary of the first Korean immigrants to arrive in the United States and the achievements of the Korean American responsible for bringing both this day and the importance of the contributions of Korean Americans to light, Dr. Byung Wook Yoon.

In 2003, Dr. Yoon, then-president of the Southern California Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States, began the campaign to establish a National Korean American Day. In 2004, when Dr. Yoon became president of the Korean American Foundation, he formed the National Committee of Korean American Day. Under his leadership in 2005, the committee claimed victory when the United States Senate and U.S. House of Representatives passed resolutions supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day and established an annual celebration recognizing the many contributions of Americans of Korean descent to the life and cultural fabric of the United States.

Aside from spearheading the campaign to establish Korean American Day, Dr. Yoon has accomplished a great deal in his lifetime. He is the recipient of the Presidential Award from the Republic of Korea, the Grand Award for World Korean Day from the World Korean Interchange and Corporation Association, and the Grand Award for Korean American Day from the Korean American Foundation.

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CONGRATULATING KRISTI HOUSE FOR ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE PORT OF MIAMI

(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. Mr. Speaker, as a popular tourist destination, south Florida is known for its nightlife and sandy beaches, but unfortunately this has also made our area a destination for human trafficking. Thankfully, Kristi House has been a beacon of hope for our community by providing abused children the care they so desperately need.

Recently, Kristi House saw the need to try to identify and intercept traffickers and their victims as they use our air- and seaports. As a result, Kristi House has teamed up with Miami International Airport and the Port of Miami in an unprecedented partnership. MIA and Port of Miami employees will undergo special training that will allow them to identify child victims of human trafficking and hold their traffickers accountable. Approximately 750 personnel at MIA will be trained, as well as 1,500 trained by the Port Authority.

This unique collaboration is positioned to become a national model that will be invaluable in the fight against human trafficking. I again congratulate Kristi House on this tremendous achievement.

TRAYVON MARTIN

(Mr. AL GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am before the House with a very heavy heart. I am very much concerned about the circumstances in Florida involving Trayvon Martin.

We live in a world, Mr. Speaker, where it's not enough for things to be right; they must also look right. And it just doesn't look right for a 17-year-old child to lose his life under the circumstances that have been announced.

I would like to thank all of the many colleagues here for the bipartisan support that has been shown in calling for the Justice Department to investigate. I also thank those who say they support what the Justice Department is doing in terms of an investigation. It doesn't look right, and I believe it is not right.

REPEAL IPAB

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for the Medicare Decisions Accountability Act that passed this body today.

The measure will repeal the controversial Independent Payment Advisory Board, or IPAB, that would limit seniors' access to Medicare.

In my rural Arkansas district, senior citizens rely on Medicare to see their doctor and get their prescriptions filled. Without the coverage, they would be in a world of hurt. IPAB has the real threat of limiting seniors' access to treatment. I won't stand idly by while the IPAB board of 15 unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats tries to deny Medicare services to my constituents.

Members of IPAB are not subject to any real checks and balances. A huge amount of power is being given to this Medicare-cutting board that will be tasked with deciding who can and can't receive health care benefits. I am committed to strengthening Medicare for today's seniors and the next generation of Americans for this program. The Independent Payment Advisory Board will not protect seniors; it will only deny care.

Mr. Speaker, the Medicare Decisions Accountability Act gives seniors in my Arkansas district the security of knowing that their Medicare benefits will not be denied by faceless bureaucrats. I hope the Senate will now take action and pass this important bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE SHENOUDA III

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, this week, the world laid to rest in the Egyptian desert a holy and wise spiritual giant, Pope Shenouda III, the