

Farmers Branch. There, he charmed children every Sunday by showing them his squad car or telling them dry but easy jokes. People at the church were both protected and entertained by Smith. He is survived by his wife, a Catholic school teacher whom he met teaching racquetball to deserving youth at a YMCA, as well as their two beautiful daughters.

Mr. Speaker, the shooting in Dallas is a tragedy of enormous proportions. However, the impact Michael Smith made to the Dallas community and his loved ones is far bigger. Today, we honor his life.

REGARDING H.R. 5631, H.R. 4992  
AND H.R. 5119

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the three bills designed to weaken or undermine the nuclear agreement with Iran.

According to the IAEA, which conducts thorough, systematic and regular evaluations of Iran's nuclear energy activities, Iran is complying with its obligations under the JCPOA. The core of the Arak plutonium reactor was dismantled and destroyed, 19,000 centrifuges were put under close IAEA surveillance and 98 percent of Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium was removed out of the country. As long as Iran continues to fulfill its commitments, it is important that the U.S. not jeopardize the accord by abandoning its own. That is why these bills are so reckless.

H.R. 5631 requires the re-imposition of sanctions on individuals and entities that were delisted on Implementation Day; H.R. 4992 re-applies secondary sanctions on Iran's financial sector by prohibiting permissible financial transactions between Iran and the international community that are outside the U.S. financial system; and, H.R. 5119 prevents the U.S. from procuring heavy water from Iran. The United States does not produce heavy water so American industries and labs which need nuclear material for research must seek out international sources. This bill will cut American companies off from that important resource while also forcing Iran to sell its heavy water on the international market, where it can fall into dangerous hands.

The JCPOA is working. It has disassembled key elements of Iran's nuclear program and subjects the Iranians to unprecedented verification and monitoring requirements. As a result, all of Iran's pathways to a weapon have been blocked and the U.S. and our allies are safer. Taken together, these bills will require the U.S. to re-impose sanctions on Iran in violation of our obligation under the agreement to "refrain from any policy specifically intended to directly and adversely affect the normalization of trade and economic relations with Iran."

The JCPOA does not threaten U.S. foreign policy objectives. It does not require the U.S. to abandon its sanctions on Iran for its human rights abuses or terrorist activities. Those sanctions were not affected by the JCPOA in any way. The U.S. also retains its right to target Iran's ballistic missiles activities and to penalize Iran for its destabilizing regional activities.

Before the U.S. signed the agreement, the world was a significantly less safe place. Iran

had thousands of centrifuges spinning to increase its large stockpile of enriched uranium and Iran was only two to three months away from developing a bomb. When the JCPOA was signed, Iran agreed to ship tens of thousands of pounds of enriched uranium out of the country, two-thirds of Iran's centrifuges were dismantled or removed, and the international community was provided unprecedented access to Iran's nuclear facilities and supply chain.

These bills are not tough; they are foolish. They could recklessly endanger the security gains we have made as a result of the JCPOA.

### GUN VIOLENCE AND ZIKA

### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about a plague wreaking havoc on our nation . . . a sickness that brings in its wake the death of innocent children in communities all across the United States . . . mass shootings in our elementary schools, on our playgrounds, in our homes, stores, restaurants, and places of work. Innocent people are being slaughtered by criminals using military style weapons. . . . like the ruthless killer who shot and killed 49 young kids out having fun at a disco in my congressional district in Orlando, Florida.

Few countries make it easier than the United States for someone to buy an assault weapon to kill their victims in a matter of minutes. The horrific massacre in Orlando is only the latest example, and Mr. Mateen was able to kill so many people mainly because the assault rifle he was using could fire 30-round clips as fast as he could pull the trigger. No civilian anywhere should be allowed to have that ability. These types of weapons should be reserved only for our brave men and women in the military.

And so I take to the House floor once again, to demand that the House majority allow a vote on commonsense gun violence prevention legislation. Although not a cure all, we need to do all we can to help keep military type assault weapons out of dangerous hands so mass killings like the one that took place just last month in my district, which was, incidentally, the worst mass shooting in our nation's history, never happens again.

Month after month—Republicans in the House of Representatives have refused to increase funding to combat a dangerous public health crisis that is already hitting our country, and that has already arrived in my State of Florida: Zika virus.

Along with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the Florida congressional delegation, I am imploring the House of Representatives to consider fully funding efforts to combat this horrible disease. Indeed, over 250 people in the State of Florida have been diagnosed with Zika, including 43 pregnant women. This virus is not only a threat to our health and the health of pregnant mothers, but also to our economy and our everyday lives. And shifting funds from one public health crisis like Ebola, to another, is absolutely NOT an acceptable solution.

If we do not act immediately, we will see more and more babies born with Zika virus, and trying to figure out why Congress did not do more to help them. Congress needs to immediately provide the funding necessary for mosquito eradication, vaccine research, and our local community health centers so they can provide screenings and comprehensive health services.

### HONORING CHANDLER RALPH ON HER RETIREMENT

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2016*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ms. Chandler Ralph, the Chief Executive Officer of Adirondack Health.

Ms. Ralph has dedicated 21 years of public service to the Adirondack community by expanding vital medical services across the Tri-Lakes Region. She first took the reins of Adirondack Medical Center as President and Chief Executive Officer in 1995. Since then, Ms. Ralph has worked tirelessly to provide access to quality patient care and has shown a firm commitment to improving the lives of those her organization has served.

Throughout her career, Ms. Ralph has served as the Vice President for Operations and Planning at Columbia Memorial Hospital, Senior Manager with the Health Care Operations Consulting Group for Ernst & Young, and President and CEO for Mercy Center for Health Services at Mercy Hospital in Watertown, New York, before arriving at Adirondack Medical Center.

In her community, she has been actively involved in organizations such as St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center, the Saranac Lake Rotary Club, the Adirondack Economic Development Corporation, and the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.

Professionally, Ms. Ralph is a member of the American Hospital Association, the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE), the ACHE's Regent's Advisory Committee, the Northeastern New York Healthcare Association, the Federation of American Health Systems, the Adirondack Health Institute, the New York State Medicaid Redesign Task Force, and the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. In addition, she is the founding chair of the Helena Ptochia Foundation, which strives to raise capital and operational funds to build and operate a hospital for women injured during childbirth in Ghana, West Africa.

These accomplishments have earned Ms. Ralph the Adirondack Health Foundation's Dr. Edward L. Trudeau Award, the Greater Watertown Chamber of Commerce Athena Award, the New York State Woman of Distinction Award, the Friends of Mercy Award, the Health Care Association of New York State's Innovation Award for establishing the North Country Uninsured Task Force, the American College of Healthcare Executives' Regent's Award, and the Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Award.

On this day, I want to take a moment to thank Ms. Chandler Ralph for her years of service to our district. Chandler, congratulations on your retirement, you are a true leader