

Kyle Meyers, Joseph and Ashley Smith; great-grandchildren Caitlyn, Chris II, and Dominic II.

**CYBER VULNERABILITY
DISCLOSURE REPORTING ACT**

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 3202, the Cyber Vulnerability Disclosure Reporting Act. H.R. 3202 directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report to Congress detailing the procedures involved in disclosing cyber vulnerabilities to the private sector.

This bill aims to safeguard the nation against cyber security threats by requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to release a report disclosing specific cyber security vulnerabilities to the House Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate. H.R. 3202 also requires that the report include examples of these procedures in action over the past year, noting when the disclosure took place and how the information was used to prevent cyber-attacks. Finally, the report will also explain how the Secretary of Homeland Security, other Federal agencies, and relevant industries are working collaboratively to prevent, detect, and mitigate cyber vulnerabilities.

To best combat cyber threats, we must support full cooperation between the private and public sectors. In the past, cybersecurity vulnerabilities have been collected by the Department of Homeland Security and monitored by the intelligence community. The disclosure of these vulnerabilities to the private sector is an important step to promote transparency and to encourage preventative action on the part of stakeholders and industries.

I fully support H.R. 3202 to strengthen documentation of cybersecurity threats across the public and private sectors. I believe that informing Congress of disclosure procedures is a critically important step in guaranteeing transparency at the Federal level and ensuring that vulnerabilities are acted on.

**HONORING DEREK RONALD
McFERRIN**

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Derek Ronald McFerrin. Ronnie is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 313, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ronnie has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ronnie has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ron-

nie has constructed an 8' x 8' brick patio at Lake Doniphan in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, which hosts a summer camp for kids with special needs.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ronnie for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CLARK BARNES

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Clark Barnes for his service in the West Virginia Senate. Clark served as a State Senator from Randolph County for ten years and in 2015 became Senate clerk.

A preacher's son, he worked as a ranch hand at a camp for deaf teens, served in the Army, handled permits for a mining company, ran his own construction business, sold life insurance and worked for Miracle Ear in the hearing aid business. Clark put in 30 years as a Miracle Ear entrepreneur and operated in 13 locations.

Clark's work ethic cannot be matched. His dedication to his work life in both the private and public sector is simply astonishing. At 67, Clark has decided to retire and move to Florida to enjoy a few months fishing before seeing what lies in store. Enjoy retirement, Clark.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent 01/08/18 through 01/11/18 due to my recovery from surgery.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call No. 1, Present; Roll Call No. 2, YEA; Roll Call No. 3, YEA; Roll Call No. 4, YEA; Roll Call No. 5, YEA; Roll Call No. 6, YEA; Roll Call No. 7, YEA; Roll Call No. 8, NO; Roll Call No. 9, NO; Roll Call No. 10, NO; Roll Call No. 11, NO; Roll Call No. 12, YES; Roll Call No. 13, YES; Roll Call No. 14, YES; Roll Call No. 15, YES; Roll Call No. 16, NO; and Roll Call No. 17, YES.

HONORING KYLAN PAUL WOERTH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kylan Paul Woerth. Kylan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 337, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kylan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the

many years Kylan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kylan has led his troop as the acting Patrol Leader and earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Kylan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project by replacing a split-rail fence at Shoal Creek Living History Museum in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kylan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America, and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to ongoing issues surrounding the health of my youngest daughter in Minnesota.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 14; YEA on Roll Call No. 15; NAY on Roll Call No. 16; and YEA on Roll Call No. 17.

**POST-CALIPHATE THREAT
ASSESSMENT ACT OF 2017**

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4564—Post-Caliphate Threat Assessment Act of 2017.

This legislation would direct the Department of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Department of State, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to perform a threat assessment of current foreign terrorist fighter activities. This multi-agency assessment will include a breakdown of any country or region with a substantial increase in foreign terrorist fighter activity, travel and trends of terrorist movement, and an analysis of travel trends in and out of Iraq and Syria.

To successfully continue the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), our government agencies must understand the current terrorist threat. This conflict is complex and ISIS has lost a significant amount of territory in their self-declared caliphate, while anti-ISIS fighters have successfully regained control of the cities of Mosul and Raqqa. After these recent victories for the anti-ISIS forces in Northern Iraq and Syria, the enemy has dispersed across the region. The anti-ISIS victories have been essential to reestablishing order in the conflict zone, but unfortunately present new challenges in defeating the terrorist group. Shifts in power have caused ISIS to disperse into countries that border Syria and Iraq, such as Libya, Afghanistan, and Turkey, in order to evade total defeat. Recent reports on the whereabouts of fleeing ISIS fighters have varied, prompting the need for a post-caliphate threat assessment.