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CONDEMNING ACTIONS BY SYRIA REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF LEBANON

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. ISSA and Mr. LANTOS for joining me in introducing this critical resolution, which condemns Syrian efforts to hinder the investigation into the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Hariri, expresses support for extending the mandate of the investigative commission, and supports punitive sanctions against Syria if it continues to fail to comply with the ongoing investigation.

On February 14, 2005, former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was assassinated in a vicious terrorist attack in Beirut, Lebanon that killed 22 and injured more than 100. In response, the U.N. Security Council passed Resolution 1595, establishing an international commission to investigate this attack and demanding the full compliance of all U.N. member states with the investigation.

This commission—led by German prosecutor Detlev Mehlis—released its initial findings in a report that implicated senior Syrian officials in the Hariri assassination. This past week, a second report was released that exposed Syrian efforts to impede and obstruct the investigation, including misleading the commission, providing falsified accounts and threatening those involved in the investigation. At this juncture, we must hold the Syrian regime accountable for their actions and demand Syrian compliance with the ongoing investigation.

Since the assassination of Prime Minister Hariri, targeted assassinations aimed at intimidating Lebanese opponents of Syria have continued unabated. Just this past week, a prominent and well-respected journalist was killed in a car-bombing in Beirut. Make no mistake; this was a clear attempt to limit freedom of the press in Lebanon on the part of the Syrian regime.

This resolution does just that. It supports the findings of the Mehlis report, condemns the Syrian Government for its apparent involvement in the assassination of former Prime Minister Hariri and others, and demands Syrian compliance. It also supports U.S.-led efforts to hold Syria accountable for its role in the Hariri assassination under Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter, which leaves the door open for sanctions.

As the U.N. considers the grave and far-reaching implications of the Mehlis report, I strongly support critical and timely resolution.

HONORING FLORIDA STATE SENATOR PAULA DOCKERY

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow public servant and dear friend, whose dedication and hard work has earned the admiration of not only the people of Florida, but public officials nationally as well. This is why I am proud to congratulate Florida State Senator Paula Dockery for her well-earned selection as *Governing Magazine's* 2005 "Public Official of the Year."

Senator Dockery was one of only eight public officials from across the country, and the only Florida official, to be so honored. She was recognized by *Governing Magazine* "in honor of her success in bringing diverse groups together to craft a sound and far-reaching water policy for the State of Florida." The magazine also stated "Since being elected to the House in 1996 and subsequently to the Senate, Dockery has demonstrated the ability to build consensus among groups with a history of contention." Senator Dockery has also recently been awarded "Legislator of the Year" by the American Water Works Association for her "outstanding leadership and dedication in developing water supply legislation for the people of Florida." Additionally, the Florida Ocean Alliance presented the Senator with an award of appreciation for sponsoring legislation that established the Florida Ocean and Coastal Resource Council noting her "leadership in sponsoring legislation to further conservation and management of ocean and coastal resources."

Yet, this is only a small portion of Senator Dockery's long history of bringing together disparate interests to craft sound environmental policy. As a defender of private property rights and protecting Florida's environmental resources, she constantly recognizes the importance of sound conservation principles in a rapidly growing State.

I had the opportunity to serve with Senator Dockery in the Florida State House of Representatives for 4 years, and it is her dedication to the common good, passion for legislating, and ability to inspire her colleagues, that has led the way to her success. In 1999, Senator Dockery authored the Florida Forever initiative, providing \$300 million a year to purchase land for preservation. Business interests and environmentalists both praised the program. In addition, she followed this initiative with the goal of developing a water plan for Florida. Spending much of 2003 and 2004 developing legislation to conserve water for Florida's future, Senator Dockery successfully led the passage of SB 444 in 2005, creating comprehensive water legislation that provides \$300 million to help local governments develop water supply through alternative resources.

The constituents of Senate District 15 and the State as a whole are extremely blessed to have her leadership serving them in Tallahassee. As the Senator continues to proudly serve the good people of Florida, I look forward to many more accomplishments as she continues to lead and guide the future of our great State.

IN RECOGNITION OF COMPANY ALPHA, 2ND BATTALION, 112TH ARMOR OF DENTON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated group of soldiers from Denton, Texas, who have devoted their lives to saving our country and bringing freedom to the people of Iraq—the soldiers of Company Alpha, 2nd Battalion, 112th Armor of Denton.

Denton's Company A is part of the 3,000 members of the 56th Brigade Combat Team of the Texas National Guard's 36th Infantry Division, which recently turned over its command to the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Brigade Combat Team in Macon, Georgia.

Deployed in August of 2004, the soldiers from Denton trained at Fort Hood, Texas, through December of last year before embarking to Iraq. While in Iraq, they were stationed at Al Taqaddum, or "TQ" Airbase between Fallujah and Ramadi, Iraq.

During the year-long deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 56th Brigade took part in combat missions, humanitarian relief, convoy security and the recovery and destruction of munitions. They were engaged in more than 7,000 combat patrols, escorted convoys over 1.3 million miles and protected more than 150,000 civilian trucks. Most of the operations took place at night, and patrols lasted 12 to 14 hours. The soldiers encountered more than 330 improvised explosive devices while traveling on Iraqi roads, and the patrols were involved in more than 250 small-arms engagements.

These brave soldiers from Denton include: CPT Mark Christopher Grahmann, 1st LT Chester Lee Harbert, 1st SG Charles George Piatt, SFC Kevin Jay Brown, SSG Lonnie Ray Fuller, SGT Ryan Colby Erwin, SSG Michael Samson Bowen, SGT Andrew Culloden Bell, Chris William Coufal, SGT Ashley Brant Acevedo, SGT Shane Benjamin Walter, SPC John Christopher Britton, SPC Scott Alan Dolat, SSG Mark Steven Sims.

BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 280, the Brownfields Revitalization Enhancement Act. I want to thank Congressman MILLER from California for his hard work and dedication toward the issue of brownfields redevelopment. I look forward to working with Congressman MILLER in the future on this issue.

Brownfield sites are served by an existing infrastructure and through their remediation, urban sprawl can be reduced. Redeveloping brownfields could create 1.9 billion dollars annually in increased tax revenues for American cities.

H.R. 280 provides grant money to cities and towns to redevelop brownfield sites. This bill also detaches grant availability from section

108 loan guarantees, which allows more communities to have access to critical grant funds.

Mr. Speaker, we must clean up our Nation's brownfields. These contaminated sites are hazards to our communities, and through their remediation we can bring businesses and families back into American cities.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DENNY SCHAFFER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO NORTHWEST OHIO

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to a good friend of Northwest Ohio. In October of this year, the great city of Atlanta, Georgia received a gift of one of Ohio's adopted sons. After 25 years in radio, including more than a dozen years in Toledo, Denny Schaffer has become one of the newest Georgia Peaches.

A native of Flint, Michigan, Denny Schaffer dominated the Toledo radio market since his debut in 1993. After hosting the "Breakfast Club" on 92.5 KISS-FM for 10 years, Denny moved to 1370 AM WSPD's afternoon talk show. His biting commentary and political knowledge made Denny Schaffer one of the most listened to radio personalities in Toledo.

I had the privilege of appearing on Denny Schaffer's radio show on numerous occasions. Every time I was interviewed by Denny, I found him to be fair and knowledgeable of the political climate both in Northwest Ohio and in Washington. I know that Denny's quick wit and sharp mind will entertain the people of Atlanta and keep Georgia's politicians on their toes.

A frequent Fill-In Host for the nationally syndicated Glenn Beck Show, Denny's reputation in radio precedes him to Atlanta. Denny's devotion to God, his Family and his Country will serve the Atlanta listeners of WGST Radio well. For more than a decade, Denny has hosted charity events and encouraged his loyal fans to give freely to those in need. However, Denny's devotion as a loving husband and father is the best gift he can give. I am certain that Denny's legacy as a giving and big-hearted person will follow him to Atlanta.

I joined the thousands of saddened Northwest Ohioans this past August in learning that Denny Schaffer would no longer grace our airwaves. But we consider Denny our gift to the citizens of Georgia and know that they will be well served, and certainly entertained, by his commentary, his humor, and his ability to avoid FCC rebuke.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to an adopted Ohioan, Denny Schaffer. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am honored to recognize Denny's efforts to better our community. His impact on Northwest Ohio will remain in our minds long beyond his departure and we wish Denny, his wife Sharon, and their children Olivia and Joshua all our best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO ALL-AMERICAN HEROES

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to represent these All-American heroes. Their dedication to democracy and their strength of character are to be admired and emulated:

SPC Michael Wayne Bennett, SSG Roy Edgar Bowers, SGT Shawn Michael Porter, SGT Carlos Antonio Garcia, SPC Terry Davinci Mitchell, SGT Eric Arthur Stevens, SGT Jason Eiron Sternberg, SGT Jerome Joseph Koehler, SPC Jacob Sterling May, SGT Warren Keith Moore, SPC David Frank Denbek, SPC Johnathan Lee Hicks, 1LT Brian Marsh Gallavan, 1LT Matthew Vance Isch, 1LT Richard Joseph Sabe, SFC David Edwin Hewett, SFC Hudson Martin Roberts, SSG James Alson Fountain.

SFC David Wayne Harris, SSG Jose Manuel Orozco, SSG Douglas Ray Taylor, SFC Robert Lloyd Thomas, SFC Mark White, SGT Jose Arias, SGT Robert James Bush Jr., SGT Anthony Ellis, SGT Paul Douglas Ford, SGT Christopher Joe Henry, SGT Jason Lee Martin, SGT Archie Lamont Price, SGT Edward E. Roelofs, SFT Kristopher Erik Townsend, SGT Curtis Lloyd VanHuss, SPC Joseph Ray Calhoun, SPC Joseph Andrew Carten, SPC Robert Junior Downs.

SGT Gregory Wayne Horn, Jr., SGT Nathan Andrew Lemmon, SGT Wayne Douglas Melton, II, SPC Victor Cazares Mozqueda, Jr., SPC Daniel Patrick Rico, PFC Eric Alejandro Stanley, SPC Seth Thomas Tackett, SGT David Thomas Tolan, SPC Phillip James Easterling, SPC Ariel Daniel Garcia, SPC Matthew Alan Germain, SPC Nagaris Traion Johnson, SPC Raymond Gene Leger, SPC Keith Ryan McGriff, SPC Ernest Ronald McMichael, SGT Thomas Nelson Miner, SPC Joshua Roland C. Pierce, SGT Jeffrey Paul Rico, PFC Joshua Lee Walterscheid, SPC Robert Christopher Willis.

A TRIBUTE TO ANITA DEBREST

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Anita DeBrest as she reaches her 25th year as president of the COLT Coalition, a Philadelphia organization that she herself founded. Due to her tireless work, the COLT Coalition has built an impressive record in the past 25 years: it has developed many townhouses, including the first modular townhouse in Philadelphia, it has developed the St. Joseph's Apartment Building, and it has acquired many housing units to be used for low-income rental.

Ms. DeBrest's accomplishments are in no way limited to her time at the COLT Coalition. While this marks her 25th year as president of the COLT Coalition, it is also her 50th year of service to the Philadelphia community. Her list of achievements is a long and diverse one: first, in 1955, she created a school to teach girls etiquette and job skills, next moving on to become President of the Benjamin Franklin High School PTA, and later to become President of Tioga Homeowners Association and

the Tioga Nicetown CDC. She has been a member of the vestry of St. Simon's Church, and has taken on the role of Board Member in organizations ranging from the Nicetown Boys and Girls Club, to the Citizens of Tioga Nicetown, to both the Temple University Hospital and Jeans Hospital.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I extend my warmest congratulations to Anita DeBrest upon her 25th anniversary as president of the COLT Coalition; I also wish to express my deep gratitude for her many years of dedicated service to the community. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to recognize Ms. DeBrest for her many accomplishments.

THE DIGITAL TRANSITION CONTENT SECURITY ACT OF 2005

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, Jr.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Digital Transition Content Security Act of 2005. This legislation is designed to close the "analog hole" that has arisen as a result of the transition to digital transmission technologies. The term "analog hole" refers to the use of devices to convert analog content into digital versions which can easily be uploaded onto the Internet. Although many of those who convert analog content into digital form are not engaging in any illegal conduct, there are unfortunately criminals who take advantage of existing deficiencies in current law and technology to obtain copyrighted content in order to redistribute this content for profit at the copyright owner's expense.

There is no doubt that piracy of intellectual property can be a profitable criminal activity. Just this week, a software pirate pled guilty in Alexandria, VA, to making \$20 million in sales of counterfeit intellectual property. The House Judiciary Committee has extensively examined efforts to strengthen and update intellectual property laws to address intellectual property theft made possible by new technologies. This legislation is no different.

The "analog hole" is unfortunately a potential source of pirated content that becomes an attractive target for pirates as high quality sources of content are made available to the public in high definition format. Congress is already considering another technology, the "broadcast flag," to address the redistribution of high definition content. The analog hole is its counterpart.

Congress has previously mandated the use of technology to limit and frustrate redistribution of video content. Enacted at 17 U.S.C. 1201(k) as part of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Congress required the use and detection of Macrovision technology in several analog devices. This new legislation builds upon this existing law by mandating the detection and response to two separate technologies that work together to defeat pirates. The two technologies are the Content Generation Management System—Analog, CGMS-A, and Video Encoded Invisible Light, VEIL.

The timing for this legislation is readily apparent. New technologies have made the widespread redistribution of copyrighted content significantly easier. Some have referred to the Internet as the world's greatest copying