

With its current track record of internal corruption and its roster of greedy little machine bosses that it has, the U.N. is hardly able to claim the moral high ground necessary to occupy this position.

Consider, for example, the Oil-for-Food scandal that facilitated as much as \$17 billion in grants, scams, and smuggling, keeping Saddam Hussein living in the lap of luxury while the people of his country, Iraq, starved, and also paying for the rewards for the families of suicide bombers as well. Even now that the first conviction of a central figure to that scandal has been served and dates have been set for the trials of several other co-conspirators, the U.N. continues to protect some of the most egregious offenders.

It has been long enough, Mr. Speaker, and I urge the United Nations to do what is right for once, to defend the sovereignty of the State of Israel and take the necessary measures to ensure the soldiers' immediate and safe return to their families and to give evidence of its credibility as a true broker of peace in the Middle East.

HONORING OFFICER RODNEY JOHNSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the early evening hours of last Thursday, Officer Rodney Johnson lost his life in the line of duty. And out of that most horrific tragedy came an outpouring of love, affection, and admiration for one of Houston's finest.

Officer Johnson's story, although he lived it every day, began to unfold. Alongside of this valiant officer was his valiant wife, a Houston Police Department officer by the name of Jocelyn Johnson. Both were the parents of five wonderful children. Included in the extended family were sisters and mothers and his very special sister, Susan Johnson. They were a family that were well known. Many of them or some of them were members or participants at the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in my congressional district, where at the time Reverend William Lawson was the pastor.

As we begin to learn, know, and understand Officer Johnson, as I indicated, the hearts of Houstonians poured out to him and his family. I think what was most telling about how this family loved each other were the kind words or the words of nonhatred of his wife, when asked if she hated the perpetrator, who now has confessed and is in police custody, and she said no. What a statement of valor. What a statement of courage. What a statement of leadership.

So this evening I pay tribute to Officer Rodney Johnson for his life and his legacy.

As the story unfolds, he was a wonderful husband, a loving father, and an

outstanding police officer. As I traveled around my district offering condolences to the number of men and women in blue that I saw, each one of them would say, we have lost a friend. You really needed to know Officer Rodney Johnson. He did so much. He cared so much. In fact, there was a story that indicated that he might have overslept on that day, but his wife woke him up and so he went on to work. When told the story, there was some reminiscing as to maybe that should not have happened, but then there was a thought that if he had woken up and found that he had overslept that he would, in fact, have gone to work because that is the kind of police officer Officer Rodney Johnson was and his legacy will continue to attest to.

He was a police officer's police officer, and he was a community servant. He worked with those who were in trouble. He worked with those who were at risk. He worked with community programs. He was a community Santa Claus because he was a big man, big with love, with earnestness, sincerity, and hard work. And, yes, he cared about his performance. He cared about his fellow brothers and sisters. And, of course, he loved his family.

So as Houston mourns, it shows what a city Houston is with a big heart. This evening there is a prayer vigil where a large gigantic card will be signed by all Houstonians. Yesterday, Quanel X organized in front of the Denny's in Third Ward, Texas, a fundraising effort that generated some \$7,600 just in the afternoon, Sunday afternoon. People drove up and came from all over to provide resources for the family. We are now planning a community-wide memorial that will take place this week after the funeralizing of this valiant and brilliant officer.

Most of all, we want to say to the family, his children, his wife, his sister, and many other relatives that we love Rodney for who he was. We love him for his legacy. We love his story and his commitment to our safety. And we will continue to work to provide more resources so our police officers can be more secure. Traveling not with one officer but two officers. A bullet-proof separation between the driver and the perpetrator or the arrested person.

And, yes, we will not scapegoat a whole class of individuals because the individual involved in this may have been without status.

The community is rallying together. The community is now honoring and mourning Officer Rodney Johnson. That is what we want this week to be, a tribute to his life and his legacy; and we want to move forward in tribute to him as we go into the weeks to come to provide more finances for our local police authorities, more cops on the beat, and, yes, to look into the request that his wife made that we find an opportunity or the resources to secure the driver and the perpetrator, to provide a bullet-proof separation from our police officers and the arrested person.

May Rodney Johnson rest in peace. May God bless his family and his children. May God continue to give them peace and comfort in His grace and mercy. My friend, our friend, Officer Rodney Johnson, well done, our good and faithful servant.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. MCCARTHY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. EMANUEL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES of North Carolina addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. MILLER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HINCHEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)