

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE PEOPLE'S  
MUJAHIDEEN ORGANIZATION OF  
IRAN

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, in the 1980's the United States supported and helped arm the Afghan resistance to Soviet occupation of their country, a policy later portrayed in the award-winning Tom Hanks movie, "Charlie Wilson's War." Today we need to show support for dissidents fighting to overthrow the terrorist regime in Tehran. It will come as a surprise to most Americans that we are not doing so.

In that struggle to push the Soviets out of Afghanistan, not all of those Afghan freedom-fighters were fighting for democracy. It was a coalition of forces who had one thing in common: they wanted the Soviets out of their country. We supported them, and they won. Not only did the Soviets leave Afghanistan, within four years the Soviet Union imploded.

One of the main groups fighting to overthrow the Ahmadinejad regime is the People's Mujahideen Organization of Iran (PMOI)—also called the MEK—and its political arm, the National Council of Resistance in Iran (NCRI). Strangely, instead of assisting these dissidents, our Department of State decided to label them terrorists in 1997.

In the decade since, a debate has raged about whether the designation of the MEK as a terrorist group was driven less by the facts than it was a desire on the part of State Department bureaucrats to curry favor with "moderates" in the government of then-Iranian President Mohammad Khatami. Either way, it is has become clear that this "good will gesture" on the part of the State Department failed to yield any progress with Tehran.

The MEK advocates a secular democratic government for Iran, one that that respects human rights and basic freedoms (including freedom of the press and freedom of religion) and has provided intelligence and assistance about the activities of the Iranian regime in Iraq, and Tehran's covert nuclear program. Moreover, a number of the group's members are under the protection of Coalition troops in Iraq.

Unfortunately, the group was recently the victim of a missile attack at Camp Ashraf in Iraq. This is a testament to how much Tehran fears the group.

I hope the Iranian regime will refrain from future attacks of this nature, as Ashraf's residents are protected under the Fourth Geneva Convention. Their well being is and continues to be the obligation of the Coalition troops in Iraq, and the Iraqi government.

This raises another interesting point. Not only does the MEK not behave like a terrorist group, in many respects the U.S. government does not treat them like one.

The MEK is a group that the United States and the west should cultivate as we seek an organic, democratic change agent in Iran.

Fortunately, the United Kingdom has already come to this conclusion in removing the MEK from the British terrorist list earlier this year.

Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill were willing to enter into an alliance with Joseph Stalin and the Soviet Union in 1941 in order to defeat Hitler. We used every ally and every resource to defeat the Axis Powers. Yet today, in dealing with the terrorist regime of Iran, a regime that daily threatens to destroy Israel and the U.S. (the "Great Satan") and is actively seeking the means of fulfilling that threat, we cannot find it in our interest to render aid to the People's Mujahideen of Iran because of its checkered past.

It is time for the western world to re-examine our treatment of the MEK in the wake of the UK court decision.

For starters, the political goals behind designating the MEK as a terrorist organization here in the U.S. have failed to materialize. If anything, the Iranian government has become more aggressive and repressive in the years since the MEK designation. Iran is supporting violence and terrorism from Baghdad to Beirut, has defied U.N. demands to end its nuclear enrichment program, and shows no signs of moderating its behavior—test firing missiles yesterday in violation of UN Security Council resolutions.

What better way to send a message to Tehran than to free the MEK from the international stigma that comes with the 'terrorist' label.

This year's U.S. State Department Country Reports on Terrorism rightly brands the Iranian government as the number one state sponsor of global terrorism. Iran has also been the principal supplier of IEDs to terrorists in Iraq who are killing American soldiers and Iraqi civilians.

Despite continued efforts at diplomacy, financial sanctions, and—in the case of placing the MEK on various terrorist lists—outright appeasement by many western countries, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has declared that his country will never yield its "dignity" by suspending its uranium enrichment program.

U.S., EU and UN negotiators have been talking with Tehran about its nuclear program for many years, but Tehran has shown no sign of changing course. And why should they when we keep handcuffs on Iranian dissidents who might cause the Iranian regime real problems?

If western efforts at "dialogue" and "diplomacy" are to be successful, they must be more than opportunities for Iran to stall for time while moving forward with their nuclear program. A willingness to negotiate with carrots doesn't work unless one is willing to use a few sticks as well.

Today, there no longer remain any legal or political justifications for maintaining the MEK on the terror list. I therefore urge our govern-

ment to seriously reconsider its stance on the democratic opposition of Iran and remove the group from our list of terrorist organizations.

It's time to take the handcuffs off of the MEK.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRIS  
MURZIN, UNIVERSITY PARK'S  
2008 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chris Murzin who was named University Park's 2008 Citizen of the Year.

Chris and his family moved to University Park in 2006 and have been active members of our local community. As a father of a child with special needs, he was quick to identify local accessibility issues and has dedicated himself to improving the lives of the disabled. He is constantly on the forefront of our community—educating the public, meeting with officials from Highland Park Independent School District and PTA members, and coordinating a citizen-based fund drive to build a barrier-free playground. I know he will continue to strive for a better life for the disabled by serving as a vocal advocate. His vision and commitment to this cause has already led to greater awareness in University Park and will soon be evidenced by a barrier-free playground at Coffee Park.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our sincerest congratulations to him and our heartfelt gratitude for his dedicated efforts to better the lives of the disabled.

DR. JOSHUA CULBREATH

**HON. JOE SESTAK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a remarkable individual on the occasion of his induction into the United States Marine Corps Hall of Fame: Dr. Joshua "Josh" Culbreath, a native of Norristown, PA and an Olympic athlete, who distinguished himself as a community leader.

Dr. Culbreath was a bronze medalist as a member of the United States' 400 meter hurdling team in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, part of an American clean sweep of the medals in that race. As a star track and field athlete, he was a state high school champion and was a three time national 440 yard hurdles champion, setting a world record in that event.

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Dr. Culbreath recognized that "sport determined his destiny." A confident and self-motivated individual, he set seemingly insurmountable goals for himself. In addition to his brilliant racing career, Dr. Culbreath dedicated more than 60 years of his life as an educator and high school, college, and university track and field coach, sharing his knowledge, expertise, and love for track and field with aspiring athletes. The athletic accomplishments of his students are astonishing, as they won ten collegiate national titles. As the Director of Athletics at Morehouse College, Dr. Culbreath developed an athletic program that received national acclaim and Central State University named a new track, the Josh Culbreath Track, in his honor. Dr. Culbreath also took pride in tutoring his athletes, with more than 90 percent of them graduating from college.

The Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters awarded to Dr. Culbreath by Edward Waters College is clearly deserved. On the international stage, he represented the United States as a lecturer, coach and sports ambassador in Iraq and India. In particular, he must be commended for his humanitarian work with the International Cultural Exchange Program, which resulted in a groundbreaking integrated competition in Africa between Black and White athletes, who raced in Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nysaland. In the United States he led integration efforts in Hollywood, Florida, using his stature as a record-setting athlete and talent as a communicator to unite people in that community. His work produced integration in housing complexes and at sporting events.

Dr. Culbreath also served as a community leader by helping in the development and implementation of Plans for Progress in Philadelphia, a forerunner of the national Affirmative Action Program. He also assisted in the development of an affirmative action and equal employment opportunity program for the Sperry/Unisys Corporation. Through his work as a motivational speaker and lecturer, Dr. Culbreath has touched the lives of a diverse audience, appearing before corporate, governmental, and collegiate groups to discuss motivation and education, Olympic sports, and international athletics issues.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we pause and salute Dr. Culbreath, father of Sandra Allen Penn, Khaliq T. Culbreath (deceased), Maliq R. Culbreath, Jahan L. Culbreath, and Camille A.M. Culbreath, for his amazing athletics achievements, his extraordinary accomplishments as a community leader and his commitment to improving the lives of others.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF AL STERN

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Al Stern, a man who lived his life by the principal of Tikkun Olam, the healing of the world. He dedicated himself to the cause of free speech and to cultivating the seeds of Middle East peace and understanding in the Cleveland community.

The roots of his activism began during the Civil Rights Era, when he marched along side Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He was an activist

for the Congress on Racial Equality, the Committee for Sane Nuclear Policy, and was an activist against the Vietnam War and for women's reproductive rights. In 1974 when helped found the Cleveland chapter of Americans for Peace Now, a solidarity organization aligned with the Shalom Achshav movement in Israel formed out of the conviction that Israel's democratic character and future security were intertwined with achieving a just and peaceful solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Al Stern advocated for mutual understanding and a two state solution long before it was widely accepted. For twenty years he engaged with and educated the Cleveland community about the costs of the current conflict and the opportunities for peaceful solutions. His work took him all over the world, where he met with the people and leaders in Israel, Syria, Egypt and Gaza. He led by example through his own commitment to educating himself and reaching out to concerned members of the community.

After stepping down from his position on the board of Americans for Peace Now in 1993, he became a full time volunteer for the American Civil Liberties Union. I have had the privilege of hearing Mr. Stern speak on free speech and civil liberties issues. He and I have worked closely together in an effort to build bridges across the gaps that divide people in the Middle East and in Cleveland.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Al Stern, who has served as an inspiration for engaged, global citizenship. May his legacy of advocating for civil liberties and cultivating Middle East Peace be an example for all of us to follow.

#### CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS OF LIBERTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN ARGYLE, TEXAS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE DELL-WINSTON SCHOOL SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students from Liberty Christian School in Argyle, Texas for building a one-of-a kind solar-powered vehicle to compete in the Dell-Winston School Solar Car Challenge. Their solar powered vehicle passed inspection and was tested this weekend at Texas Motor Speedway.

The Dell-Winston School Solar Car Challenge began in 1993 in Dallas, Texas. The competition now attracts students from 19 high schools across Texas, in addition to teams from other states. Each team must build its own solar-powered car, and the car that completes the most laps at the Speedway during three-hour periods wins the competition. The Liberty Christian students used scrap parts, as well as some parts bought on the Internet, to build their vehicle, at a total cost of only \$8000.

The team members have varying interests, some planning on pursuing engineering or science in college, while others plan to study non-scientific fields, such as dance. Nonetheless, each member is dedicated to completing this very challenging project, which tests their

attention to detail, mechanical ability, and creativity.

The four-day competition took place this weekend. The students' vehicle, named "Racing for the Sun," was successful in completing eighteen laps. Now that the competition is over, the students' next step will be to travel across the country to display their work.

The six students from Liberty Christian have displayed team work, and they've shown how dedication and persistence can lead to success. I am proud to represent these students in the 26th District of Texas, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

#### ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT H.R. 3195, THE ADA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I respectfully submit the following for inclusion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The first is a letter of support for H.R. 3195, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and the second is a list of organizations that support this important legislation.

JUNE 17, 2008.

HELP SECURE THE PROMISE OF THE ADA: SUPPORT THE ADA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

CHAIRMAN MILLER AND RANKING MEMBER MCKEON. As you are aware, the Committee today is poised to consider legislation to secure the promise of the original Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The ADA has as its fundamental goal the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society, including employment for people who are willing and able to work despite their disabilities.

Unfortunately, court decisions over the last decade have excluded individuals who should have been covered under the current ADA law. These narrow court interpretations have restricted ADA coverage for people with diabetes, epilepsy, serious heart conditions, mental disabilities and even cancer. As representatives of a broad cross-section of both the employer and disability communities, we believe the proposal before the Committee strikes an appropriate balance between the needs of individuals with disabilities and those of employers. The proposal includes the following key provisions:

Coverage under the ADA—The proposal clarifies that Congress intended the ADA's coverage to be broad, to cover anyone who faces unfair discrimination because of a disability.

Definition of Disability—The proposal retains the requirement that an individual's impairment substantially limits a major life activity in order to be considered a disability and an individual must demonstrate that he or she is qualified for the job.

Protection for Mitigating Measures—The proposal would overturn several court decisions to provide that people with disabilities not lose their coverage under the ADA simply because their condition is treatable with medication or can be addressed with the help of assistive technology.

Regarded As—The proposal includes a "regarded as" prong as part of the definition of disability which covers situations where an employee is discriminated against because of his or her actual or perceived impairment. Moreover, the proposal makes it clear that

accommodations do not need to be made to someone who is disabled solely because he or she is "regarded as" disabled.

Chairman Miller and Ranking Member McKeon, we firmly support this legislation and we stand ready to work with you to enact this legislation this year. We thank you for addressing the important issue and look forward to working with the House of Representatives to secure its passage.

Sincerely,

American Association of People with Disabilities; American Diabetes Association; Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law; Epilepsy Foundation; HR Policy Association; International Franchise Association; Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; National Association of Manufacturers; National Disability Rights Network; National Council on Independent Living; National Restaurant Association; Society for Human Resource Management; U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

SUPPORTERS OF H.R. 3195—ADA AMENDMENTS  
ACT OF 2008

193 NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

JUNE 25, 2008

AARP; AARP Foundation; ADA Watch/National Coalition for Disability Rights; Air Force Association; Air Force Sergeants Association; Air Force Womens Officers Association; Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf; Alpha-1 Association; Alpha-1 Foundation; ALS Association; Alzheimer's Foundation; American Academy of Nursing; American Association for Respiratory Care; American Association of Diabetes Educators; American Association of People with Disabilities, AAPD; American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association; American Cancer Society Network; American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU; American Council of the Blind; American Diabetes Association.

American Federation of Government Employees; American Foundation for the Blind; American GI Forum of the U.S.; American Islamic Congress; American Jewish Committee; American Kidney Fund; American Liver Foundation; American Lung Association; American Mental Health Counselors Association; American Network of Community Options and Resources; American Psychological Association; Americans for Democratic Action; AMVETS; Anti-Defamation League; APSE: The Network on Employment; Arthritis Foundation; Asian American Justice Center; Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs, ATAP; Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies; Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies.

Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living, APRIL; Association of University Centers on Disabilities, AUCD; Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America; Autism Society of America; Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law; Blind Veterans Association; Brain Injury Association of America; Breast Cancer Network of Strength; Care4Dystonia, Inc.; Catholic Charities Disabilities Services; Central Conference of American Rabbis; Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder; Common Cause; Community Action Partnership; Community Health Charities of America; Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, CCD; COPD Foundation; Council for Learning Disabilities; Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation, CSAVR.

Disabled American Veterans; Disciples Justice Action Network, Disciples of Christ; Division on Developmental Disabilities; Easter Seals; Enlisted Association of the Na-

tional Guard of the United States; Epilepsy Foundation; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Federally Employed Women, FEW; Friends Committee on National Legislation; Friends Committee on National Legislation; Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; Guide Dog Foundation of the Blind, Inc.; Hearing Loss Association of America; Hindu American Foundation; HR Policy Association; Human Rights Campaign; Huntington's Disease Society of America; Hydrocephalus Association; International Franchise Association; International Union, United Auto Workers; International Ventilator Users Network; Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America.

Islamic Society of North America; Jewish Council for Public Affairs; Jewish Labor Committee; Jewish Reconstructionist Federation; Jewish War Veterans of the USA; Lambda Legal; Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, LCCR; Learning Disabilities Association of America, LDA; Learning Disabilities of the Council for Exceptional Children; Legal Momentum; Lupus Foundation of America; March of Dimes; Mental Health America; Military Officers Association of America; Military Order of the Purple Heart; Muslim Public Affairs Council; Myasthenia Gravis Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

NAACP; NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.; National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd; National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI; National Alopecia Areata Foundation; National Association for Black Veterans; National Association for Employment of People who are Blind, NAEPB; National Association for Uniformed Services; National Association of Community Health Charities; National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities; National Association of Governors' Committees on People with Disabilities, NAGC; National Association of Law Students with Disabilities; National Association of Manufacturers; National Association of State Head Injury Administrators; National Association of the Deaf; National Center for Environmental Health Strategies, Inc.; National Center for Learning Disabilities, NCLD; National Coalition of Mental Health Consumer Survivor Organizations; National Congress of Black Women, Inc.; National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare; National Council for Support of Disability Issues; National Council of Churches.

National Council of Jewish Women; National Council of Jewish Women; National Council of La Raza, NCLR; National Council on Disability; National Council on Independent Living, NCIL; National Disability Rights Network, NDRN; National Down Syndrome Congress; National Down Syndrome Society; National Education Association; National Employment Lawyers Association; National Fair Housing Alliance; National Family Caregivers Association; National Federation of Filipino American Associations, NaFFAA; National Health Council, National Industries for the Blind, NIB; National Kidney Foundation, National Legal Aid and Defender Association; National Marfan Foundation; National Multiple Sclerosis; Society National Organization for Women.

National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, NOFAS; National Partnership for Women and Families; National Psoriasis Foundation; National Rehabilitation Association; National Respite Coalition; National Restaurant Association; National Spinal Cord Injury Association; National Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals, VECAP; National Women's

Law Center; National Youth Leadership Network; Naval Reserve Association; NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby; Non-Commissioned Officers Association; Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation; Paralyzed Veterans of America; Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy; People For the American Way; Post-Polio Health International; Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., Washington Office; Prevent Blindness America.

RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association; Self Advocates Becoming Empowered; Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund, SALDEF; Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation; Society for Human Resource Management; Spina Bifida Association; TASH: The Arc of the United States; The Autistic Self-Advocacy Network; The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc.; The Episcopal Church; The International Post Polio Support Organization; The International Post-Polio Task Force; The LAM Foundation; The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; The National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias; The Paget Foundation; The Salvation Army, United States; The Workmen's Circle/Arbeter Ring.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Union for Reform Judaism; Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations; United Cerebral Palsy; United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries; United Jewish Communities; United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society; United Spinal Association; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism; US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association; Us TOO International; Veterans of Modern Warfare; Vietnam Veterans of America.

HONORING THE ESSEXVILLE-  
HAMPTON BOARDS OF EDUCATION

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the men and women of the Essexville-Hampton School District for their service on the district's boards of education. For over 50 years these men and women have been instrumental in shaping the minds and lives of Essexville-Hampton students. A reception will be held at Garber High School on July 14 to honor all the board of education members that served between 1957 and 2008.

Garber High School was named in honor of the Garber family. The family has a tradition of promoting education in the Essexville area and donated land to the school district. In keeping with this tradition, Melissa Garber, a family member, was the first female board of education member serving on the Essexville Board of Education in the 1890s.

The board members, past and present, that will be honored on July 14 are: Marilyn S. Abbs, Terrence R. Adcock, Bryan L. Augustine, Wilford D. Barber, Gary O. Bartow, Harold I. Blumenstein, Michael J. Brancheau, Richard D. Colony, Lowell R. Cuthbert, Frank

H. Davenport, John Debbink, Jennifer T. Duncan, John K. Duncan, Oscar Duyck, Reese Evans, E. Heric Fehrenbach, Victor A. Gansser, Lawrence R. Gordon, John W. Grigg, William F. Gross, Margaret A. Hanson, Mark M. Jaffe, Eugene H. Kramer, Bradford T. Light, Vagn A. Littrup, David A. Lovely, Clifford F. Mader, Ronald P. Maes, William R. Mahoney, John A. Martin, Donald J. Massnick, Margaret F. Morand, Karl D. Newingham, Austin P. Nickel, Frank C. Niemann, George L. Oliver, Gerald W. Pergande, Joseph E. Pergande, Charles C. Rochow, Michael D. Rowley, Daniel L. Santistevan, Jack A. Shaw, Robert N. Shuster, Richard J. Somalski, Melvin E. Steggall, Edward P. Trahan, Jill M. Urban, Gregory S. Wagner, Louis W. Westover, Dena J. Wirt, Gary Young, Eric W. Zimostad, Gary N. Zube.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the wonderful service provided by these board members since 1957. As a former teacher, I know first hand the impact boards of education have on shaping the curriculum, culture, and structure of our schools. I congratulate the Essexville-Hampton Board of Education for the work they have accomplished over the years.

CONGRATULATING SALLYANNE  
AND HAROLD ROSENN, 2008 RECIPIENTS OF THE MONSIGNOR  
MCGOWAN CORNERSTONE AWARD

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Sallyanne and Harold Rosenn, the recipients of the Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Award for their years of service to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

This prestigious award was created by the collaborative efforts of various nonprofit organizations in northeast Pennsylvania as well as the mid-Atlantic region that prospered from Monsignor McGowan's aid.

The Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Award is presented annually to an individual whose tireless efforts in the areas of service, leadership, humanitarianism, and philanthropy make them an invaluable resource to their community.

Sallyanne and Harold Rosenn are textbook examples of kindness and dedication. Harold Rosenn received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1941 and enlisted in the United States Air Force shortly after, earning three medals for his service.

Mrs. Sallyanne Rosenn met her husband when she was the executive director of the Girl Scouts while he was chairman to the Community Chest, predecessor of the United Way. This is the first of many positions she held that were dedicated to helping the area's youth. She was employed as field and camp director of the Wyoming Valley Council of Girl Scouts and served as president of the Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council; the Council on Juvenile Justice and Youth Service Commission of Luzerne County.

Mrs. Rosenn was the recipient of the Woman of the Year Award from the National

Council of Jewish Women in 1961. She received the Hannah G. Solomon Award in 1966, and the Woman of the Year Award from the Seekers of Mercy. She was also the first woman to run for the office of councilwoman in Kingston, in which she served a full term.

Harold Rosenn has held the position of commander of the Kingston American Legion Post No. 395 where he started a blood donor program which would eventually be adopted as the American Legion Blood Donor Program for Pennsylvania. He has chaired the United Way Campaign of the Wyoming Valley, twice chaired the United Jewish Campaign and served as chairman and president of Temple Israel. He also served on the boards of United Penn Bank, Franklin First Savings Bank, and Governor George Leader's nursing homes.

His community bonds extend to not only public service, but appreciation for the education of the region's youth. He has been extensively involved with his wife's alma mater, Misericordia University. He served as a member of Misericordia's board of trustees for almost 25 years and became a Director Emeritus in 1985. The plaza in the center of campus has been named "Rosenn Plaza" in their honor and they were the first recipients of the Trustees Award for their dedication. Atty. Rosenn was awarded an honorary doctorate of law degree and the McAuley Medal in 1991.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Sallyanne and Harold Rosenn on this auspicious occasion. Their inexhaustible efforts and dedication to community service is an inspiration to all.

A TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT  
VIRGIL BROWN

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Virgil Brown's 30 years of service to the Sacramento Police Department. Lieutenant Brown leaves a lasting legacy in Sacramento and his leadership and expertise will be deeply missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's finest public servants.

Lieutenant Brown began his career with the Sacramento Police Department as a community service officer in June 1978. By December of that year Lieutenant Brown was promoted to the rank of police officer in the Patrol Division. During his time on patrol his work ethic distinguished himself from others and in 1983 he tested for and was assigned to the Crime Suppression Unit where he had a 92 percent conviction rate. In 1989 he was promoted to detective in the Special Investigation Division. During his time as detective he conducted major multi-jurisdictional narcotic investigations, resulting in the arrest of many suspects and the recovery of thousands of pounds of cocaine and hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In 1995 Lieutenant Brown was assigned to the Office of the Chief Criminal Intelligence Unit where he worked with the Secret Service and sat on the Greater Sacramento Area Taskforce on Hate Crimes. Over the next few years Lieutenant Brown continued to distinguish himself on all of his assignments and was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In 1999

he was assigned to the North Area Patrol Division, and was promoted to his current rank of lieutenant, assigned to the Office of Operation in 2006 where he currently works as a watch commander for the south and east areas of Sacramento.

During his tenure with the Sacramento Police Department Lieutenant Brown has been honored for his hard work and dedication to Sacramento's safety. In 1991 he was named Narcotic Officer of the Year by H.I.P., the Joint Narcotic Investigation Taskforce of the Sacramento Police Department and the Sacramento Sheriff's Department. That same year he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition for the narcotic investigation of Oscar Garcia Escobar, Cali Cartel cocaine trafficker. In 1994 Lieutenant Brown was honored with a Special Award of Honor in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the field of Narcotic Law Enforcement by the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association in New York and was named the Narcotics Officer of the Year by the California Narcotic Officers Association.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Lieutenant Virgil Brown's distinguished commitment to law enforcement and Sacramento's safety. Lieutenant Brown's outstanding leadership and dedication to the Sacramento Police Department, has reduced crime and made Sacramento a better and safer place for us to live and work. We all are thankful for his efforts. As Lieutenant Brown's colleagues, family and friends gather to honor his service, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing him continued good fortune in his future endeavors.

H.R. 6304, FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE  
SURVEILLANCE AMENDMENTS ACT

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker I rise in opposition to H.R. 6304, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act (FISA).

There is no question that we need to modernize the laws that govern U.S. intelligence to protect our national security, but we must also rigorously defend civil liberties and ensure accountability.

That is why I am strongly opposed to any retroactive immunity for those telecommunications companies that are charged with violating those fundamental rights.

Legal experts concur that President Bush's wiretapping program was, and is, in violation of the Constitution and applicable federal law. Congress as a whole was kept in the dark for years about these activities.

It is our responsibility to protect innocent Americans who expect that their communications will remain private, except in circumstances provided under the law. Corporations that handed over their customers' records, without a valid court order or other legal instrument authorized by statute, undermined fundamental civil protections and privacy rights of Americans.

The courts should not be prevented from ruling on the legality of the actions taken by these corporations. And Congress should not meddle in the pending lawsuits.

Yes, we need to replace the outdated and controversial Protect America Act (S. 1927) and enable timely intelligence gathering against terrorists. But we must also ensure that power cannot be abused to violate our most precious freedoms.

Since the tragedy of September 11, the Bush administration has abused its intelligence gathering powers. In 2005, we learned that the government had circumvented intelligence laws to spy on Americans' phone conversations. Last year, an investigation found that the FBI had misused tools intended to fight terrorism to conduct unrelated domestic surveillance. And earlier this year, reports have surfaced that the FBI requested thousands of phone records to cover up its previous abuses, and that this and other questionably obtained data is being compiled by the National Security Agency in a massive data-mining operation about which we know almost nothing.

I cannot in good conscience vote for this bill, which gives the Bush administration even broader spying powers.

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act implicitly gives retroactive immunity to telecommunication companies that facilitated warrantless wiretapping over the last 7 years and ensures the dismissal of all cases pending against telecommunication companies.

Furthermore, H.R. 6304 permits the government to conduct mass, untargeted surveillance of all communication coming into and out of the United States, without any individualized review, and without any finding of wrongdoing doing.

This act permits only minimal court oversight and court review is further trivialized by authorizing the Government to continue a surveillance program even after an application is denied by the court.

The legislation also contains a loophole that permits the Government to start spying and wait for up to 7 days to go to court and obtain a warrant.

Congress should not allow for the warrantless wiretapping of American citizens. Ensuring our national security must not come at the expense of our basic civil liberties. We can protect our Nation and our rights.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON  
THE PASSING OF ONESEPHOR  
PETER (O.P.) BROUSSARD

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest sympathies to the family of Oneseophor Peter Broussard, a constituent and citizen of Pleasantville, Texas, and a tireless civil rights advocate, who passed away June 25, 2008, at the age of 81.

Born in Louisiana to sharecropper parents, Mr. Broussard served in a segregated Army unit during World War II, in the battalion known as the Black Panthers. After returning to the States, Mr. Broussard served as a union organizer at Armco Steel, where he worked for 35 years.

But what truly distinguished Mr. Broussard, was his endless fight for civil rights, specifi-

cally for the integration of the Houston Independent School District. In 1966, Mr. Broussard and his wife filed a lawsuit against HISD to stop a project that would encourage de facto segregation. The suit eventually went to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, where the judges unfortunately refused to halt the program. Despite this, Mr. Broussard's eldest son, Richard Broussard, became the first African-American freshman at McReynolds High School in the Fifth Ward of Houston, TX. It was only thanks to his father's tireless struggle that Richard, and his siblings, were able to gain the good education that their father had never had.

In addition to this civil rights work, Mr. Broussard served as an officer in the Pleasantville Civic League, and as director of the Gulf Coast Community Action Board and the Community Development Commission. He dedicated his life to helping others, and this made him a true leader in every way. O.P. was a civil rights pioneer and a good friend.

He will be greatly missed by the Pleasantville community and by all those who knew him, and I ask that you remember the Broussard family in your thoughts and prayers.

SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN  
BOUMEDIENE ET AL. V. BUSH

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, the Supreme Court's recent decision in Boumediene et al. v. Bush has again shown a spotlight on this administration's misguided attempts to rewrite the Constitution to suit its own ends. Once again, the Court has spoken up for the Constitution and against attempts to do an end run around the venerable document.

In this important decision, the Court found that those at Guantanamo Bay "have the constitutional privilege of habeas corpus" and are "not barred from seeking the writ . . . because they have been designated as enemy combatants or because of their presence at Guantanamo" and struck down attempts by the 109th Congress and the President to prevent detainees from using this historic writ to challenge their detention in court.

In its ruling, the Court again reminds us "that the Framers considered the writ a vital instrument for the protection of individual liberty" as well as a safeguard of the separation of powers provided in the Constitution.

This decision marks at least the third time in which the Supreme Court has acted to overturn disastrous and controversial Bush Administration policies regarding the treatment of enemy combatants. These policies have helped to make Guantanamo a negative symbol of America around the world.

While I strongly believe that dangerous terrorists should and must be detained, the confusing, conflicting, and sometimes illegal policies at Guantanamo and the actions of the Supreme Court time and again clearly indicate a need for change. These changes must include the closing of the detention facilities at Guantanamo and an end to the torture and detention policies that have tarnished America's image, drawn condemnation from our al-

lies, and done little to help bring to justice those responsible for acts of terrorism against our country.

Prolonged indefinite imprisonment without charges and torture are out of line with the traditions and values of the U.S. While the Supreme Court decision will now ensure that Habeas Corpus will be available so that an independent court can review the facts and make a determination of whether individuals should be detained, the administration's other policies also need to be reformed.

Last year, in the FY 2008 Defense Authorization bill, Congress urged the administration to ensure that detainees at Guantanamo Bay, to the maximum extent possible, are charged and expeditiously prosecuted for crimes committed against the U.S. The bill also urged the administration to carry out operations at Guantanamo Bay "in a way that upholds the national interest and core values of the American people" and called for the Defense Department to provide Congress with its plan for each detainee—whether they have or will be charged, whether they will be released or transferred, or whether they will be detained.

In light of the recent ruling and continuing controversy regarding this facility, Congress can and must go further to ensure that this facility is closed.

Closing Guantanamo won't immediately repair the damage done by the detention and other policies that have undermined America's image even among some of our allies. Such a move may open up a host of new questions of what to do about those detained there. However, rather than putting that important question to an administration which our courts have repeatedly had to check, the Court's ruling creates another opportunity for Congress to Act.

And one of its first steps should be putting Guantanamo out of business while holding accountable those prisoners at Guantanamo who represent real danger to the U.S. We can and should do so in a way that does not require us to switch off the Constitution, our values, or our Nation's strong tradition of ensuring access to the courts and justice.

In the decision, Justice Kennedy, writing for the majority, warned of the dangers of allowing either the legislative or executive branch to "switch the Constitution on or off at will."

In pursuing terrorists, we cannot undermine the very freedoms and rights that are the basis for our democracy. Our national security interests are best served when we interrogate and try terrorist suspects in a manner that comports with our values, produces convictions that will withstand appeals, and honors longstanding international commitments.

THE "MICHAEL BILIRAKIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SPINAL CORD INJURY CENTER"

**HON. CLIFF STEARNS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I am proud to stand before my colleagues today as we pass legislation that will designate the Department of Veterans Affairs spinal cord injury center in Tampa, Florida, as the "Michael Bilirakis Department of Veterans Affairs Spinal Cord Injury Center."

Michael Bilirakis served the Ninth Congressional District of Florida from 1983–2006. Michael was a standout member of the United States House of Representatives, and his presence is surely missed on Capitol Hill. A native of my home State of Florida, Michael worked steadfastly for his constituents for 23 years, and his lifetime of civic-minded public service has not gone unnoticed.

I had the pleasure of serving on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee with Michael, and his leadership as chairman of the VA Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations was unparalleled. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Michael spent his career working hard to serve the best interests of our Nation's veterans. Michael's strong traditional values and service-oriented spirit were always visible in his everyday work on Capitol Hill.

It is truly appropriate and deserving then, for Congress to name the VA spinal cord injury center in Tampa, Florida after Michael Bilirakis, and I thank my colleague and fellow Florida delegation member JEFF MILLER for sponsoring this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE LAND OF  
LAKES BOYS CHOIR FOR A SILVER  
AT THE WORLD CHOIR  
GAMES

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Land of Lakes Boys Choir, headquartered in Elk River, Minnesota, for their exemplary musical achievements and the pride and inspiration they instill in our community.

The Land of Lakes Boys Choir is an extremely talented group of boys who have brought global recognition to the great State of Minnesota. These children have worked tirelessly to perfect their skills and talents, participating in many prestigious competitions. They attended the World Choir Games in Germany, France, and Austria and recently received a silver medal there. And they will also be going to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China.

Since 1976, this choir program has helped many boys pursue their passion for music. In 2004, the Land of Lakes Boys Choir received the International Trebby Award for "Best Boys' Choir Album" with its CD "Steal Away." And most recently, in 2006, it was awarded the Grand Champion of Cruise Festivals Music Festivals, for their outstanding performance.

This organization has been a helpful extra-curricular program for many young boys, teaching them self-discipline, character and leadership. The individuals who have sacrificed their time to train and work with these boys should also be recognized for their continued efforts to mentor these children.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate the Land of Lakes Boys Choir for its tremendous achievements in music and community service. I know that I join so many in Minnesota when I say that I am proud to have these boys as American ambassadors at this year's Olympic Games.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN M.  
HAIRSTON

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of John M. Hairston and in recognition of his outstanding leadership, vision and dedication to empowering those around him at the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Hairston earned his first degree in English from Bluefield State College and later went on to earn his master's degree in Education Administration from Cleveland State University. He also attended the John F. Kennedy School of Public Policy at Harvard University. Prior to working at NASA, Mr. Hairston worked in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District for almost thirty years, where he served as an English teacher, Staff Development Director and Chief of the Community Relations Department.

Mr. Hairston's leadership has been vital in the success of the NASA Glenn Research Center. He worked tirelessly to promote scientific literacy and to develop outreach programs that help economically disadvantaged communities and businesses. Mr. Hairston worked within NASA as the Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Education. His guidance helped to ensure that NASA's educational programs were effective. Mr. Hairston has worked to make manifest NASA's vision of educating the next generation of explorers by developing criteria to ensure that their programs are effective and that they attract students from all of Cleveland's diverse communities. He succeeded in developing strong partnerships between the NASA Glenn Research Center and Greater Cleveland Community.

Mr. Hairston has been the recipient of numerous awards for his outstanding work at the NASA Glenn Research Center. NASA honored him several times by awarding him with the Exceptional Achievement Medal, the Medal for Outstanding Leadership, and their Education Distinguished Service Award. He has also been the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award and the Leadership Cleveland Civic Volunteer of the Year award.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of John M. Hairston and in recognition of his outstanding leadership and vision. May his dedication to his work and to the community serve as an example for us all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.  
JAMES ROBERT "BOB" WOOLSEY,  
JR.

**HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay respect to the life and accomplishments of a fellow Mississippian who was tragically taken from us Wednesday, July 9th, 2008. Dr.

James Robert "Bob" Woolsey, Jr., 72, was a man of great accomplishment. He is survived by his wife, five sons, two daughters, and his four grandchildren. Dr. Woolsey was involved in community and civic activity throughout his life. He was a member of the United States Navy as well as an Eagle Scout, a Mason, and a member Oxford University United Methodist Church. He was dedicated to his chosen field and went on to become the Director of the Center for Marine Resources and Environmental Technology and the Seabed Technology Research Center at The University of Mississippi. Throughout his life, Dr. Woolsey served his country, his state, and even the international community during his tenure with the United Nations as a consulting geologist. I thank my colleagues for remembering Dr. Woolsey and his family at this time.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR ROY  
HUFFINGTON

**HON. DAVID DREIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, last Friday marked the passing of a tremendous life. Ambassador Roy Huffington lived 90 very full years. He was larger than life. Roy was an entrepreneur, a veteran, a philanthropist, a husband and father, and a patriot. To me, he was a dear friend.

He first served his country in the Navy in World War II. When he returned, he struck out on his own in the energy business and pioneered the development of the industry in Indonesia. He was enormously successful in everything he did, and he used his success to give back to society. The charities he founded and supported raised millions for good causes.

President George H.W. Bush appointed Roy as Ambassador to Austria in the early 1990s, a critical time for the region. His tenure saw the fall of the Berlin Wall and the beginnings of real democracy in Eastern and Central Europe. Roy used his position to forge relationships between Eastern and Western Europe and to encourage the investment that was necessary to build up former Soviet states and create new opportunities for the people who had lived so long under tyranny. He continued this work until his passing. I have fond memories of times we spent together in Davos at the World Economic Forum. He never missed one of those annual meetings.

I had the privilege of getting to know Roy and his wonderful wife Phyllis as we campaigned for their son, our former colleague Michael, as he was running for the United States Senate. Roy and Phyllis were incredibly warm, boisterous, funny and down-to-earth. When Phyllis passed away 5 years ago, everyone who knew her felt the terrible loss. Roy's unexpected passing on Friday was a tragic loss for the family and friends who loved him. We take comfort in the fact that he lived every day with a tremendous zeal for life.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TIME-  
LY DUE PROCESS FOR THE DIS-  
ABLED ACT

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Ms. CASTOR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to begin to address an overwhelming problem currently faced by far too many of our most vulnerable neighbors by introducing the Timely Due Process for the Disabled Act.

Every year, thousands of Americans lose the ability to work due to illness or injury. But as paychecks stop coming in, bills do not. For many of these people, the only thing that can prevent them from having to share their time between medical treatment and phone calls from collection agencies and attempts to avoid foreclosure is Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

But, today, the system of enrolling in SSDI is broken. The average wait for an Administrative Law Judge hearing to contest a faulty disability determination has climbed in the past 8 years from an already outrageous 275 days to 481 days, with 28% of claims taking over 600 days to receive a hearing. This figure does not even include the initial determination, and reconsideration phases, which together push the average wait time for an Appeals Hearing case to well over 2 years.

One of my constituents called my office in Tampa, frantic that his home was in foreclosure proceedings, and though he knew he was eligible for Disability, he simply had not been given a hearing. Facing the prospect of homelessness with a young daughter, he still was not able to break through the crushing bureaucracy that has taken over the Disability appeals process.

One woman I worked with had had multiple surgeries due to debilitating problems with her spine. She was in excruciating pain, and was completely unable to work, but was denied disability payments. The Social Security Administration eventually conceded that she was, in fact, eligible for disability payments. But before that happened, she had to endure three long years of financial uncertainty, near bankruptcy, and the near repossession of her home.

Another constituent of mine was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. She started to have balance problems. At one point she lost her balance and was injured in a bad fall. Still, she was denied disability. Her husband had to come out of retirement to take a part-time job in order to avoid financial ruin while they waited, and waited, and waited for their appeals hearing. Finally, the Social Security Administration came back and said that yes, she should have been receiving payments for years.

A system that leaves our neighbors in limbo while their financial problems continue to mount is not a system that is working. The Timely Due Process for the Disabled Act will begin to move us in the right direction by setting a standard of treatment for disability patients. It instructs the Social Security Administration to, within 5 days of receiving an appeal, set a date for a hearing. After a 60-day time period for claimants to prepare and gather evidence, the hearing must be held within 15 days. A final determination will be required in

another 15 days. These benchmarks are ambitious, but they are not out of line with timeliness requirements in other agencies.

The Timely Due Process for the Disabled Act will also allow a more complete picture of the magnitude of the problems inherent in the system. It requires local offices to share more data about the first phase of the appeals process, the reconsideration phase. While SSA already reports data about the initial claims phase, the Administrative Law Judge hearing phase, and the appeals council, which is the last level of appeals, there is far less data available about the reconsideration phase that takes place at the State disability offices. This is the first level of appeal, and in many cases, is a formality where the same office that denied the claim looks at the same material again, eating up an additional average of about 2 months time. This bill will give a clearer idea of how long these reconsiderations are taking, and how we can speed them up.

Ultimately, the way we treat people with disabilities reflects the values we have as a nation. Over the past 8 years, that treatment has gone from bad to worse, leaving thousands of Americans who need help to struggle on without it. I urge my colleagues to support the Timely Due Process for the Disabled Act and begin to place a priority on doing right by our neighbors who need us the most.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REC-  
REATIONAL PERFORMANCE OUT-  
ERWEAR APPAREL ACT OF 2008

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Recreational Performance Outerwear Apparel Act of 2008. This bill eliminates import duties on recreational-use performance outerwear apparel while simultaneously enhancing an established, U.S.-based training and education program for American textile and apparel workers. The legislation is the result of a successful partnership between importers of performance outerwear and the U.S. domestic textile and apparel industry.

In a recent report, the U.S. International Trade Commission recently found that there was no commercially viable U.S. production of performance outerwear used for skiing and snowboarding, hunting and other outdoor activities. This legislation reflects the findings of that report, while also investing in U.S. jobs. It provides duty free treatment for qualifying recreational-use performance outerwear and it establishes the Sustainable Textile and Apparel Research, STAR, fund.

The STAR fund invests in a training program that specializes in lean manufacturing technologies and supply chain analysis, including helping companies work towards minimizing energy and water use, reducing waste and carbon emissions and incorporating sustainable practices into a product's entire life cycle.

By reducing tariffs, my legislation reduces costs for American consumers and for American companies importing these goods; by investing in the textile industry, my legislation supports American jobs and competitiveness; and by researching environmental aspects of

textile manufacture and supply, my legislation improves environmental outcomes.

UPHOLDING THE KEMP-KASTEN  
AMENDMENT

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleague from New Jersey, the Honorable CHRIS SMITH for his work on this important issue. It is a privilege to work alongside him in the fight for the lives of the unborn children in our country and around the world.

I want to remind this body and the American public about the need to spend taxpayer funds in a responsible manner by upholding the provisions of the Kemp-Kasten Amendment.

According to the Congressional Research Service, "In 13 of the past 22 years the United States has not contributed to the [United Nations Population Fund] as a result of executive branch determinations that UNFPA's program in China was in violation of the Kemp-Kasten amendment banning U.S. aid to organizations involved in the management of coercive family planning programs."

On June 26, 2008, President Bush issued a determination that because China continues its policy of coercive abortions and forced sterilizations, the provisions of the Kemp-Kasten Amendment continue to prohibit the funding of UNFPA. Nearly \$7 million of the \$39.6 million appropriated for this organization in the Fiscal Year 2008 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Act will now be transferred to the Global Health and Child Survival account.

U.S. foreign aid is meant to help those in less fortunate circumstances with the generosity and goodwill of America; it must not be tainted with coerced abortion, forced sterilizations, and draconian family-limiting policies. We seek to eliminate human rights abuses, not promote them under the guise of our aid.

Since China initiated its one-child policy in 1980, countless women have been traumatized and terrorized by their government. A 2005 article in Time magazine by Hannah Beech, detailed one family's situation: "When family-planning officials came to fetch [Hu] in May for a forced sterilization, [she] escaped with her two daughters to her parents' home in another village. Several days later, seven officials showed up, she says, grabbed her younger child and shoved the girl into a car. Afraid that her daughter would be abducted, Hu jumped into the vehicle with them. The car drove to the local family-planning clinic, where, Hu says, nurses threw her onto an operating table. 'Other people were fine after their operations, but it hurt me so much, I could barely stand up,' says Hu, 33. Two weeks later, doctors operated again and promised things would heal better. But even today, Hu doubles over in pain after just a few steps. 'They told me they were doing this for my own good,' says Hu. 'But they have ruined my life.'"

In April 2007, National Public Radio (NPR) uncovered evidence of dozens of forced abortions in southwest China, even as late as 9 months into the pregnancy. According to the NPR report, one family had one child and believed that—like many other couples—they

could pay a fine and keep their second baby. The wife was 7 months pregnant when 10 family planning officials visited her at home. The husband says they were threatened and told that if the wife did not go to the hospital for an abortion that the officials would take her themselves. "I was scared," the wife told NPR. "The hospital was full of women who'd been brought in forcibly. There wasn't a single spare bed. The family planning people said forced abortions and forced sterilizations were both being carried out. We saw women being pulled in one by one."

Madam Speaker, U.S. policy must remain in place that protects women and their children. We cannot morally participate in and fund programs that ruin the lives of these women and unborn children. As a member of the House Committee on Appropriations, I will continue to fight to maintain the protections offered by the Kemp-Kasten Amendment, and I look forward to working with my colleagues such as Representative SMITH on these issues.

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#### DEMOCRACY IN IRAN

### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of democracy in Iran and stability in Iraq. We in the United States Congress must work together for a stable and democratic Iraq. Today, there is undisputable evidence that Iran is the main contributor to the violence in Iraq which causes American and Iraqi casualties.

On July 4, Iran fired yet another GRAD missile at Ashraf City, the residence compound of the Iranian resistance—the People's Mujahadeen Organization of Iran. Iran's mercenaries in Iraq have also been busy calling for arrest, trial, and expulsion of these "protected persons" living in Ashraf. Our soldiers are protecting Ashraf in accordance with the Fourth Geneva Convention. Iranian action has therefore endangered them as well.

I have said many times that the mullahs in Tehran do not hold all the cards. The Iranian regime's aggressive policies are rooted in the weakness of their regime. The unrelenting assault on the civil and human rights of the Iranian people is a direct response to the illegitimacy of the extremist theocratic government. A military attack on Iran would be a tragic mistake. Yet, it is an error almost as grave to think that continued appeasement of the Iranian regime is the only alternative to war.

Reasonably, Western democracies, with the support of the peace activist community, should use all peaceful means possible to isolate the Iranian regime and to avoid war. However, the desire for a peaceful resolution of this crisis has led into policy choices which provide Iran with the legitimacy it craves and a strengthened diplomatic hand.

The most notable remnant of the West's unsuccessful attempt at "engagement" with Iran is the designation of the People's Mujahadeen Organization of Iran, also known as the MEK, as a foreign terrorist organization. The MEK provided significant intelligence that helped blow the whistle on Iran's clandestine nuclear weapon and missile development programs.

The MEK has already been removed from the United Kingdom list of terrorist organizations. Late last month, the British parliament approved the order put before it by that country's home secretary and removed the MEK from the UK blacklist. In light of the recent developments, the United States must seriously consider the court's findings as well as the present political environment and also remove the limitations it has placed on the MEK.

We must stop appeasing Iran and shift our support to the Iranian people. They are our best allies against Iran's aggression. Iranian people have an unwavering longing for freedom and democracy. We must work together to acknowledge their resounding rejection of extremism and move to support their efforts for democracy in Iran.

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#### SUNSET MEMORIAL

### HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2008*

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet other Sunset Memorial.

It is July 14, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Madam Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,957 days since the tragedy called *Roe v. Wade* was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of

why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th Amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

So Madam Speaker, let me conclude this Sunset Memorial in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard it tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 12,957 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that it is time that we stood up together again, and remembered that we are the same America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust; and we are still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

Madam Speaker, as we consider the plight of unborn America tonight, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called "abortion on demand."

It is July 14, 2008, 12,957 days since *Roe versus Wade* first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children; this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 16

- 10 a.m.
  - Environment and Public Works  
Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's licensing and relicensing processes for nuclear power plants. SD-406
  - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine global nuclear detection architecture, focusing on ways to build domestic defenses to combat a possible future attack. SD-342
  - Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the Administration's detainee policies and the fight against terrorism, focusing on sound legal foundations. SD-226
  - Rules and Administration  
To hold hearings to examine administrative and management operations of the United States Capitol Police. SR-301
- 10:30 a.m.
  - Aging  
To hold hearings to examine smart ways Americans can save for their retirement. SD-562
- 11 a.m.
  - Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To hold hearings to examine racism in the 21st century, focusing on understanding global challenges and implementing solutions. B318, Rayburn Building
- 2 p.m.
  - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the human capital crisis at the Department of State, focusing on its global implications. SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services  
To receive a closed briefing on the status of negotiations with Iraq on a strategic framework agreement and a status of forces agreement. SR-222

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Children and Families Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine childhood obesity, focusing on declining health of America's next generation (Part I). SD-430

Foreign Relations  
To hold closed hearings to examine North Korea's declaration of the Six-Party Talks. S-407, Capitol

Energy and Natural Resources  
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 2354, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey 4 parcels of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho, S. 3065, to establish the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area, S. 3069, to designate certain land as wilderness in the State of California, S. 3085, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a cooperative watershed management program, H.R. 3473, to provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest, H.R. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, H.R. 3651, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, H.R. 2632, to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and S. 2448, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to make certain technical corrections. SD-366

JULY 17

- 9:30 a.m.
  - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Investigations Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine financial institutions located in offshore tax havens, focusing on ways to strengthen United States domestic and international tax enforcement efforts. SD-106
- 10 a.m.
  - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "The Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2008." SD-538
  - Finance  
To hold hearings to examine leveraging innovation to improve health care quality for all Americans. SD-215
  - Indian Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine tracking sex offenders in Indian country, focusing on tribal implementation of the Adam Walsh Act (Public Law 109-248). SD-562

10:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine ways to make the nation's highways safer for travelers. SD-408

11:30 a.m.

Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider S. 3155, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, S. 2746, to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations, S. 3061, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, S. 2838, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, S. 3136, to encourage the entry of felony warrants into the NCIC database by States and provide additional resources for extradition, S. 1276, to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and S. 3197, to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days. SD-226

2 p.m.

Appropriations  
Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. SR-325

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Disaster Recovery Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine major disaster recovery assessing the performance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) since October 2007. SD-342

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mimi Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Kenneth L. Peel, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and Miguel R. San Juan, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank. SD-419

JULY 22

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Bruce Donley, of Virginia, to be Secretary, General Norton A. Schwartz, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Chief of Staff, and General Duncan J. McNabb, for reappointment to the grade of gen-

eral and to be Commander, United States Transportation Command, all of the United States Air Force.

SR-325

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine ways for America to gain energy security.

SD-342

JULY 23

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on responding to the needs of returning United States Guard and Reserve members.

SR-418