

In the 1980s and 1990s, Mr. Reilly replaced highway bridges, designed the six mile-long Casey Highway, and constructed a new wastewater treatment plant serving the Wyoming Valley that processes 50 million gallons of wastewater a day. Mr. Reilly's work in recent years includes a flood control system in the Keyser Valley and Green Ridge sections of Scranton; infrastructure for the Center Point Commerce and Trade Park; improved water quality through the separation of storm and sanitary sewer lines in West Pittston and Pittston; and plans for the revitalization of Pittston's Main Street.

Mr. Reilly is a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist and serves on the Church's finance council. He has volunteered his expertise on many of his parish's construction projects. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Reilly previously served as the president of the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce and the Pittston Kiwanis Club, and as a trustee of his alma mater, Scranton Preparatory School.

It is a distinct privilege to honor Thomas Reilly on receiving the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons Man of the Year Award, and I commend him on his lifetime of public and community service.

U.S. MUST DO EVERYTHING TO  
CONTAIN RADICAL ISLAM

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it was a cold winter morning in Paris just before lunchtime. Two masked men armed with AK-47s approached a woman standing outside the door of the Charlie Hebdo office, forcing her to let them inside. Once inside the doors, they gunned down the security guard in the lobby and ran up to the second floor shouting, "Where is Charb? Where is Charb?" Charb was the nickname for the newspaper's editor, Mr. Charbonnier. After reaching their target, they executed him and 10 others. They exited the building shouting, "Allah Akbar" or "God is the Greatest."

They killed a police officer outside, fled the scene and continued to yell: "We have revenged the Prophet Muhammad!" before getting in their car and speeding away. Over the next two days, the French government conducted a massive manhunt for the two masked gunmen. The brothers were on the run for two days until January 9th when police cornered them in a standoff near the Paris' airport where they held one hostage. Later that day, police rescued the hostage and the terrorists were killed, going out just like they wanted in a massive firefight as "martyrs".

The two men responsible for the initial attack were Cherif and Said Kouachi, brothers with a long history of terrorist connections. A decade ago, Cherif and Said were involved in a Paris jihadi outfit that worked to send French Muslim men to Iraq to fight Americans.

Cherif tried to go to Iraq but never made it because French law enforcement arrested him before he could leave the country.

In his trial, Cherif said he dreamed of attacking Jewish targets in France before deciding to try to fight in Iraq. Having already spent

3 years in pre-trial detention, Cherif was released. While in detention, Cherif befriended Djamel Beghal, a French-Algerian champion of jihad who was jailed in 2001 for planning an attack on the American Embassy in Paris. Cherif was also connected to a 2010 plot to break out an Algerian Islamist from prison who was in jail for being connected with a 1995 wave of bombings in the Paris Métro and on regional trains.

Perhaps the most dangerous friend the Kouachi brothers made along the way was the late Anwar al-Awlaki—the American born leader of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. It has now been confirmed that Kouachi met with al-Awlaki in 2011 and that al-Awlaki financed the attack that was apparently in the works years ago.

Hours before he met his maker, one of the Kouachi brothers, called in to a French TV station to brag about his terrorist connections: "We are just telling you that we are the defenders of the prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and that I, Cherif Kouachi, was sent by al-Qaida in Yemen. . . . And that I went there and that it's imam Al-Awlaki that financed me." Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP, has also claimed responsibility for the attack.

We have heard this story before. Young, vulnerable people across the globe are recruited to travel overseas where they are befriended and brainwashed by radical Islamic jihadists who preach hate and murder. Their terrorist mentors indoctrinate and infect them with the cancer of radical Islam and send them back to their home country to inflict terror and kill. The seeds of violent extremism are planted all over the world and the attacks come whether it is days (or in this case years) later.

Lately, we have seen this in America where terrorist groups like the Islamic State (ISIS) have targeted and recruited disillusioned young people primarily through the Internet and social media. This is one of the most overlooked weak spots in our national security today.

American passport holders who travel overseas to fight with the Islamic State are not going to come back to open coffee shops; they are coming back to kill. We cannot let them come back at all. That is why I have re-introduced the FTO Passport Revocation Act.

This legislation would authorize the revocation or denial of passports and passport cards to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations.

The Benedict Arnold traitors who have turned against America and joined the ranks of foreign radical terrorist armies should lose all rights afforded to our citizens.

This bill will help law enforcement locate these individuals by preventing them from traveling internationally so that they can be captured and brought to justice.

Most important, this legislation will prevent turned Americans from entering the United States under the radar and undetected. As we saw in France, sleeper cells that are well-financed by groups in the Middle East have a longstanding order to attack whenever the time is right. We need to act before, not after, they come back to the United States.

The French prime minister said it best: "We're fighting a war, not a war against a religion, not a war of civilizations, but to defend our values, which are universal. It's a war

against terrorism and radical Islamism, against everything that aims to shatter solidarity, liberty, brotherhood."

The Paris attacks are a reminder that the cancer of radical Islam stretches far beyond the borders of the Middle East. The United States must do everything in its power to contain it outside our borders before the fight once again comes to us.

And that's just the way it is.

A TRIBUTE TO BRAD DUFFY

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Brad Duffy for being named a 2015 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2015 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Brad has the determination and drive to be successful in anything he does, and his exemplary work with Per Mar Security Services is a testament to that. As President of Security Officer Services, Brad is passionate about hard work and dedication, and is active within volunteer organizations in the community. He specifically volunteers with the Greater Des Moines Committee and Youth Home of Mid-America. Along with his wife, Alison, they volunteer their time to InnerVisions Healthcare; a West Des Moines based non-profit organization. In all aspects of his life, Brad is an example of the hard work and service that makes our state proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Brad in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Brad for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Brad on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2015 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR  
MICHAEL B. RYAN

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 17, 2015*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Honorable Michael B. Ryan on his retirement as Mayor of Lake Como, New Jersey. As a mayor, union member and