

Let none of us be mistaken: Iran, today, poses a grave and growing danger to international security and stability. And, this danger must not be ignored.

Just yesterday, Iran's supreme religious leader, in a meeting with the president of Sudan, reportedly said that Iran was ready to share its nuclear technology with other countries.

This was the latest in a series of outrageous and dangerous comments and actions undertaken by the government in Tehran.

For example, the Iranian president recently has stated his hope for "a world without America" and his desire to "wipe Israel off the map."

Iran is a state sponsor of terrorism. It supports Hezbollah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad. It harbors al-Qaida operatives. And, it has maintained a hostile stance toward the United States and our national interests ever since Iranian radicals seized the American embassy in 1979.

Furthermore, there is little question today that Iran has engaged in a deliberate campaign of lies and deceit to conceal its quest for nuclear weapons.

As the French foreign minister stated earlier this year: "No civilian nuclear program can explain the Iranian nuclear program. It is a clandestine nuclear program."

In 2002, it was revealed that Iran was continuing to develop a nuclear program at two secret nuclear facilities—in direct violation of its international obligations.

Last August, the Iranian government resumed its conversion of uranium, a development that led to a 27-to-3 vote in February by the International Atomic Energy Agency to report Iran to the U.N. Security Council.

And, on March 29, the Security Council gave Iran 30 days—or until this Friday—to stop its nuclear activities.

Unfortunately, the Iranian regime seems intent on following a path of confrontation rather than cooperation.

And that is why I urge the members of this body to support this legislation, which, among other measures, would require the President to impose any two of six specified sanctions against any foreign company or entity investing \$20 million or more in the development of Iran's oil or gas industry—so long as Iran refuses to dismantle its chemical, biological or nuclear weapons program.

This bill also would authorize financial and political assistance to human rights dissidents and pro-democracy advocates in Iran.

And, it expresses the sense of Congress that the President should instruct our U.N. representative to work to secure a Security Council resolution calling for sanctions on Iran for its repeated and flagrant breaches of its nuclear nonproliferation obligations.

Madam Speaker, the members of this body are properly focused on our Nation's continuing efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, we cannot afford to dismiss or ignore the grave danger looming in Iran.

Let me emphasize, I believe that the international community has a collective obligation to exert its will on lawbreakers, such as Iran. This is not the duty alone of the United States or any other single state.

The measure before us is warranted, appropriate and necessary. And I urge the members to support it.

HONORING ROBERT B. WEGMAN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert B. Wegman, Chairman of Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. and a well known business leader and philanthropist who passed away Thursday, April 20, 2006 at the age of 87.

After 3 years of service in the United States Marine Corps, Wegman became a store manager at his family business in 1947. He took over the business after his uncle's death in 1950. Born at a time when people bought fruits and vegetables from pushcart peddlers, Robert Wegman was a pioneer in the supermarket industry. He not only spearheaded the concept of one-stop-shopping by adding in-store cafes, federal credit unions, pharmacies, photo labs, dry cleaning services, video departments and childcare centers to Wegmans Markets, he built a successful business based on the simple idea that it was essential to treat customers and employees right.

Anyone who has shopped at Wegmans knows that these stores are not your average supermarket chain. This is in large part due to fact that Robert Wegman valued quality more than a quick profit. In explaining his goals, he said "I have never pursued growth for growth's sake—all we really want from our efforts are the finest food stores anywhere, operated profitably." Combined with a desire to expand the choices and quality of goods available to consumers, Wegman revolutionized the industry and turned shopping into an experience rather than a chore. When a shopper enters a Wegmans they not only find high quality products at low prices, but they enter an environment with all of the charm of a European market and all of the convenience that one expects of a local supermarket. Under his leadership, Wegmans received the Golden Shopping Cart Award for Best Supermarket, was named the "Most Family-Friendly Supermarket in America" by Child magazine and has been awarded the prestigious Black Pearl Award for advancing food safety and quality.

In addition to his business savvy, Robert Wegman knew the importance of taking care of his employees. The 70 Wegmans Markets that stretch from New York to Virginia employ more than 35,000 people and offer programs like the Wegmans Scholarship Program, which has awarded \$56 million to 18,000 employees since 1983. As a result of Robert Wegmans efforts, Wegmans has been named one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" by Fortune Magazine for nine consecutive years starting in 1998. In 2005, Wegmans achieved the honor of being ranked number 1 on the list.

Outside of his life as a businessman, Robert Wegman was also a philanthropist. He has donated millions of dollars to charity, including \$25 million to the Rochester Roman Catholic Diocese to educate inner-city students, \$10 million to the Aquinas Institute, \$5 million to St. John Fisher College for the Wegmans School of Pharmacy and \$8 million to the University's School of Nursing.

Robert Wegman is survived by his wife, Peggy; sister, Cecilia Wright; brother, Jim Wegman; children, Danny Wegman, Gail

Tobin, Joan Goldberg, and Marie Kenton; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

COACH JOHN WOODEN POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support H.R. 4646, which would rename the postal facility in Reseda, California in honor of a UCLA legend, a teacher and community leader, and the greatest coach in sports history: John Wooden.

Coach Wooden achieved unmatched success in his years at UCLA. His commitment to excellence, his steady leadership, and his great wisdom have made him one of the most beloved figures in the history of that great university.

As we saw this year, Coach Wooden's legacy continues. Through hard work, determination, and a deep belief in the power of teamwork, his Bruins captured the Pac10 Championship and advanced to the NCAA Championship game. This year's victories are Coach Wooden's victories because his wisdom and work ethic are the lifeblood of the UCLA basketball program.

I was lucky enough to attend UCLA in the years leading up to the Bruin's unprecedented string of championships and undefeated seasons. Coach Wooden's leadership was the driving force behind four undefeated seasons, 88 consecutive victories, and 7 consecutive NCAA championships.

In addition to the wins on the court, Coach Wooden was an inspiration to his players and the UCLA community. His players' admiration and respect has extended decades beyond their time at UCLA. The University's worldwide visibility and commitment to excellence are forever tied to Coach Wooden's great legacy.

I wish Coach Wooden many years of health and happiness and it gives me great pleasure to support H.R. 4646.

IN HONOR OF THE BARON DE KALB COUNCIL NO. 1073 OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Baron De Kalb Council No. 1073 of the Knights of Columbus and to offer my thanks for the continual dedication it has shown to the southern Brooklyn communities it serves. The Baron De Kalb Council No. 1073 was founded in 1906 by Ambrose P. Rikeman, who became their first Grand Knight. It was founded on the principals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, principals that have been ingrained in the hearts and minds of its members ever since. The Council is named for Baron Johann De Kalb, a courageous and loyal military leader whose spirit continues to live on in the leaders of this great Council.

The Baron De Kalb Council No. 1073 has risen from its humble beginnings, when a small band of men met in Grand Knight Rikeman's house, to its present day thousands strong membership that meets at the "Baron-By-The-Sea", a property purchased by the Council in scenic Sheepshead Bay in 1949. In 1969 members were devastated to learn that a fire had destroyed their "Baron-By-The-Sea", but no fire could destroy the members commitment, dedication and desire to reach ever greater achievements for their beloved Council. In 1973 Grand Knight Gus Rogers proudly led his members into the newly built "Baron-By-the-Sea", the structure on Nostrand and Emmons Avenues that continues to provide invaluable services to its members and our southern Brooklyn community to this day.

Therefore, on Behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I congratulate the Baron De Kalb Council No. 1073 of the Knights of Columbus and all of its past and present members for 100 years of dedication and service to our community.

HONORING SCOTT MILLER

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Scott Miller for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service to his community and his country.

As an active member of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), Scott appreciates the important relationship between the United States and Israel. Scott knows that the nation of Israel is not only a shining example of democracy in the Middle East, it is one of our nation's most important allies. And Scott understands the enormous benefits of strengthening ties between our two great Nations.

Scott Miller and AIPAC are virtually synonymous. Scott is former chair of the Dallas AIPAC council, and a member of AIPAC's National Executive Committee. As the founder of AIPAC's young leader movement, Scott has helped expand the organization and its membership in Dallas. This Sunday, he will also be receiving the Sam Wolfson Distinguished Leadership Award.

But AIPAC is just one of Scott's many interests. He is a past President of Jewish Family Service of Dallas, the CFA Society of Dallas/Fort Worth and the Wharton Club of Dallas/Ft. Worth. He has served as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas and currently serves on the boards of the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Community Center.

Scott is also a leader in business, specializing in global investments as both the principal of Miller Global Investments, L.L.C. and founding member and partner of FCM Investments. Last but not least, Scott is also a dedicated family man. He and his wonderful wife Julie have three lovely children.

I am proud to call Scott my friend and it is my pleasure to recognize his distinguished service today in the U.S. House of Representatives.

LENEXA, KANSAS, POLICE CHIEF ELLEN HANSON WINS POLICE EXECUTIVE RESEARCH FORUM LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lenexa, Kansas, Police Chief Ellen Hanson, who last week was given the Police Executive Research Forum [PERF] Leadership Award. Presented annually since 1984, the Leadership Award has been given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of law enforcement over the course of their careers, who exemplify the highest principles and standards of a true leader in policing on a national level, and whose efforts serve as a model to the law enforcement community. PERF is a DC-based nonprofit membership association committed to promoting innovative law enforcement practices through research and experimentation, management and technical assistance, training, publications, and advancing the national debate on public safety issues.

Chief Ellen Hanson has been the Chief of Police of Lenexa since 1991, and her strong leadership and innovative programs have enhanced the entire region in several fields of police work. She initiated the Safe School Program that became a model throughout the Kansas City Metropolitan Area in the mid 90s. After the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks she helped organize the Kansas City Metro Disaster Tactical Response Team, a multi-jurisdictional response to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive threats or attacks.

Following several officer-involved shootings in Johnson County, Chief Hanson developed a program called "Officer Involved Shooting Team" (OIST), made up of the most experienced commanders, investigators, and crime scene technicians in the county cooperating with the District Attorney's Office. She has also initiated a program to prevent underage drinking known as "Party Patrol," which received national attention on the CBS program "60 Minutes."

As PERF Board of Directors' President and Los Angeles Chief of Police William Bratton noted at her awards ceremony, "Both PERF and the police profession have benefited from Ellen's intense commitment to the continued advancement of the quality of law enforcement in this country. She has made outstanding contributions to PERF."

"Ellen Hanson is not only well known and respected by her peers in Kansas, but revered by colleagues around the country as an outstanding police chief and role model," added PERF Executive Director Chuck Wexler. "Her work with the Kansas City Metro Disaster Response Team is considered a model strategy for regional cooperation among law enforcement agencies."

Chief Hanson is also a board member of the Kansas City Metro Squad, another successful model of cooperation among regional law enforcement officials in major criminal investigations. She is an active member of the Metropolitan Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, has been involved in regional initiatives regarding racial profile training, and has led ef-

forts to establish child abuse prevention centers in her jurisdiction.

Chief Hanson graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1980 as one of the first female students, and was one of the founders of the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE), which has provided support, training and mentoring to female law enforcement executives since 1995.

We are lucky to have Chief Ellen Hanson in Lenexa. Indeed, her career has been marked by her willingness to lead, not only her city, but our region, in cooperative efforts on a wide variety of law enforcement initiatives. I know I have certainly appreciated her work with me in instituting and maintaining an effective Amber Alert program in our two-state, multi-county area. I commend her for receiving this much-deserved national recognition of the essential role she plays in maintaining public safety within the Third Congressional District of Kansas.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5216

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my full support of legislation that Congressman TOM LANTOS, Congressman TOM DAVIS, and I have crafted entitled the Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act (H.R. 5216). This legislation would preserve and make more accessible important pieces of personal and American history.

By and large, Americans of non-African descent who research their genealogical history search through municipal birth, death, and marriage records. To the benefit of all Americans many of these records have been properly archived as public historical documents. However, African-Americans in the United States confront a unique challenge when conducting genealogical research due to the vestiges of slavery and discrimination.

Accordingly, African-Americans were denied many of the benefits of citizenship that generate traceable documentation such as voter registration, property ownership, business ownership, and school attendance. As a result, traditional genealogical research documents can at times be of limited value to African-Americans. Fortunately, slavery, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction records have proven themselves to offer a wealth of useful genealogical information that African-Americans can utilize to better understand their history. Unfortunately, there is no comprehensive national effort to preserve these important pieces of history or to make them easily accessible to all Americans. In the absence of congressional action, these records will remain inaccessible, poorly catalogued, and subject to the deteriorating affects of decay.

The Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act would address this troubling situation. Specifically, our bill would require the establishment of an electronically searchable national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction. It would