

would reaffirm America's commitment to a world without torture and show the rest of the world that the U.S. is committed to rehabilitating those who have suffered at the hands of torture.

We as a nation must set a clear example that we do not support torture, nor do we condone such practices. For the benefit of our troops, for the good of Iraq, for the good of America, and for the safety of the World, we must heal the wounds caused by torture to those victims domestic and foreign. A strong bipartisan message of support needs to be displayed by this body to right the wrongs and send a message to the world that America is committed to ending what President Obama called a "dark and painful chapter in our history," by providing treatment to the victims of torture. I invite my colleagues to stand with me today and support this important legislation.

TAX AND CAP A JOB KILLER

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, the U.S. House of Representatives today passed H.R. 2454, the so-called Cap and Trade bill. I noted in opposition to that measure and offer the following statement.

The Cap and Tax bill could not come at a worse time and could be a job killer. The 1,200 page measure will impose a national tax on ALL energy and lead to higher energy prices for ALL American households. Most families cannot afford the estimated \$1,400 yearly increase in energy costs. With the economy struggling, this bill, with its increased expense to industry, will cause additional unemployment by sending jobs overseas where doing business is cheaper. This bill also further expands the role of government by imposing new restrictions and requirements on everything from light bulbs to water dispensers.

As the Republican Leader of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I want to point out that Transportation accounts for 30% of greenhouse gas emissions. This legislation contains significant provisions in the committee's jurisdiction, yet we held no hearings on this massive tax increase, and willingly surrendered our responsibility to consider any amendments to try to improve the bill.

According to the Heritage Foundation, by 2035 this Cap and Trade bill would: reduce aggregate gross GDP by \$9.4 trillion (or reduce Florida gross state product by \$28 billion); raise electricity rates 90 percent; raise gasoline prices by 58 percent; raise residential natural gas prices by 55 percent; and Increase inflation-adjusted federal debt by 26 percent, or \$28,728 additional federal debt per person.

For this any significant other reasons I voted against passage or H.R. 2454.

COMMEMORATING THE FIRST BURIALS AT BAKERSFIELD NATIONAL CEMETARY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give tribute and honor to the brave men and women of Kern County who have proudly served their country in the United States Armed Forces. As a nation, one of our most vital duties is to ensure we are committed to providing for our military veterans. This includes providing a final resting place for the honored to be recognized. Thus, today, I would like to commemorate the first burials at the new Bakersfield National Cemetery.

The Bakersfield National Cemetery is a 500-acre site located approximately 25 miles outside of Bakersfield nestled in the Tehachapi Mountains. Surrounded by golden scenery, crushed red rock and drought resistant plants, the newly developed cemetery is furnished with a memorial walkway, committal service shelter, internet areas and administrative and maintenance buildings. Upon project completion, the cemetery will be equipped to serve 200,000 Central California veterans, their spouses and children.

The first cremation and casket burials will take place on July 1 and July 2, 2009, respectively. On July 1, the cremated remains of nine soldiers and one spouse from the Bakersfield and surrounding area will be lowered in unison. The casket burial ceremony on July 2 will commemorate the life of Iraqi veteran Army Reserve Maj. Jason E. George, a fallen soldier killed in action.

"A Place of Honor, For Those Who Served With Honor." These patriotic words to be inscribed at Bakersfield's National Cemetery demonstrate the overwhelming pride we have for our soldiers. Veterans in Kern County and surrounding areas take comfort in knowing their undying pledge and sacrifice to protect America's freedom is not forgotten. Having our own national shrine allows us to properly honor the fallen soldiers, veterans from generations past, and soldiers who are currently fighting overseas from the Kern County area.

On behalf of our veterans, I hereby express my high admiration and appreciation for all those who are currently serving our nation and commemorate those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Let today's ceremony be a perpetual reminder of honor for all of America's men and women of valor.

SUPPORT OF H. CON. RES. 127, "RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support of H. Con. Res 127, which recognizes the significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month.

As a child of Jamaican grandparents, I understand the importance of recognizing the influence Caribbean cultures continues to have on all facets of these United States. Growing up, my grandmother who hails from Jamaica, instilled in me a strong appreciation for her Caribbean values. As a result of my upbringing, I have adopted a strong work ethic and tremendous pride in my heritage. As a parent, I have passed on these same values to my own children, so they will develop a sense of pride in their Caribbean heritage and acknowledge the many roles Caribbean people play in shaping this nation. I wholeheartedly support this resolution that commemorates Caribbean heritage, history, culture and contributions to the United States.

In her 1970 autobiography, Shirley Chisom, the first black woman elected to Congress, credited her success to the education she received while attending school in Barbados. She wrote, "Years later I would know what an important gift my parents had given me by seeing to it that I had my early education in the strict, traditional, British-style schools of Barbados. If I speak and write easily now, that early education is the main reason."

This is a nation built by immigrants. From as early as the 17th century there have been individuals from the Caribbean Islands, working here in the United States as indentured servants in the colony of Jamestown, Virginia. They worked in fields picking cotton, tobacco and crops just as the slaves did.

Caribbean immigrants have been contributing to the well-being of American society since its founding. Alexander Hamilton, the First Secretary of the Treasury, was from the Caribbean island of St. Kitts. We count among our famous sons and daughters, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Cicely Tyson, W.E.B. Dubois, James Weldon Johnson, Harry Belafonte and Sidney Poitier to name a few.

H. Con. Res. 127 recognizes the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. Our nation would not be what it is today without these significant contributions of the Caribbean people and we should honor these accomplishments with the passing of this legislation. The contributions of Caribbean-Americans are a significant part of the history, progress, and heritage of the United States and play an important role in shaping the ethnic and racial diversity of the United States, which ultimately enriches and strengthens our nation.

By passing this legislation we continue to honor the friendship between the United States and Caribbean countries. We are united by our common values and shared history, and we should celebrate the rich Caribbean Heritage and the many ways in which Caribbean Americans have helped shape this nation.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to pay tribute to the common culture and bonds of friendship that unite the United States and the Caribbean countries.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES R. KIRBY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the James R. Kirby

American Legion Post 50 of Clinton, Massachusetts for its generous contributions to the people of my district. The American Legion is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to advocate for our distinguished veterans and to also promote community involvement. This weekend, the James R. Kirby Post 50 will be celebrating its 90th year of service to the community.

For the past 90 years, the James R. Kirby Legion Post has helped friends and neighbors in Clinton, MA in a variety of ways. Allow me to provide some background on the organization. James R. Kirby, for whom the post is named, was born on July 18th, 1876. He graduated from Clinton High School and joined the military soon afterward. He attended the College of the Holy Cross to pursue a career in medicine. He later attended Baltimore Medical College and began his own practice. Kirby was one of the first veterans of World War I from Clinton. He signed up for the Draft at the age of 42 and tragically died shortly after on September 29th, 1918 of influenza. In his memory, the citizens of Clinton chose to name the new American Legion Post 50 in Kirby's honor. Over the past 90 years, the current members of the Legion Post have continued to honor and serve veterans.

The American Legion Post will celebrate its founding at an event being held on Saturday, June 27th, 2009. The goal of this event is to honor the contributions of the Legion Post and the veterans it has worked hard to represent over the past 90 years. The event will also serve as a day of enjoyment for the community it serves so well. Members of the Legion Post and their families as well as state and local representatives will pay tribute to the service of this American Legion Post to the community of Clinton over the past 90 years. The Legion Post's passion for serving the common good of the community through veteran's advocacy and community involvement continues to demonstrate the service that the James R. Kirby Legion Post 50 has provided for the past 90 years.

Madam Speaker, I commend this group for its dedication to the Town of Clinton and the veteran community. I congratulate the Clinton James R. Kirby Post 50 for its 90 years of service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to its unyielding dedication to community involvement.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Defense Authorization Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: General Dynamics

Address of Requesting Entity: 180 North Riverview Drive, Suite 300, Anaheim Hills, California 92808

Funding Authorized: \$3,600,000

Description of Request: The Deployable Autonomous Distributed System (DADS) is the future of Network-Centric Anti-Submarine Warfare. The DADS program integrates and demonstrates an autonomous undersea sensor system, deployable from multiple platforms, to improve the Navy's capability to conduct effective anti-submarine warfare and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations in the littoral environment. DADS enhances the automation and connectivity between sensors, operators, and weapons and feeds the network-centric antisubmarine warfare picture. DADS utilizes multiple, cutting edge sensor technologies to increase the probability of detecting threats and to reduce the false alarm rate. With a goal to be deployable by any available asset, DADS will serve as an unmanned, autonomous reporting entity, freeing surveillance platforms for other missions. This funding will help the Navy in developing a system small enough to support deployability goals and in the development of compact power sources.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Navy—Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L-3 Power Paragon

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 E. Ball Road Anaheim, California 92805,

Funding Authorized: \$5,000,000

Description of Request: This project is a design build prototype for a hybrid electric drive (HED) for the CG 47 Class Cruisers for the US Navy. This project contributes to the future of environmentally sound, fuel-efficient propulsion. The Navy believes that this improvement would realize a significant savings per year per ship. This HED for surface combatants such as the CG 47 would significantly reduce fuel costs, increase ship endurance and range, produce less environmental emissions, increase ship survivability through reduce signatures, and provide increased overall ship electric power generation capacity. This installation would leverage advances in lighter weight and more efficient electric propulsion technologies that have resulted from the Office of Naval Research investments over the last several years.

COMMENDING THE CONGRESS OF LEADERS OF WORLD AND TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS FOR CALLING UPON ALL NATIONS TO LIVE IN PEACE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 535, to commend the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions for their call to action for the nations of our world to work toward peace and mutual understanding. Established in 2003, the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions is comprised of our world's major religions, including Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism,

Shinto, and Taoism. Since its founding, the Congress has promulgated the tenet that religion should not be seen as a divisive limitation within the global community, but rather world religions should be the benchmark and arbiter for resolving ongoing international political conflicts. Accordingly, we turn to our global religious leaders to be the driving force in maintaining peace.

As a Member of Congress from Houston, Texas, my district is one of religious diversity. I represent constituents from all faiths and religious beliefs, and I stand here before you Madam Speaker to say that as a Representative of the 18th District of Texas, I am a humanitarian first and foremost. I believe in celebrating our differences in global theology, and in utilizing these differences as the basis of tolerance as we engage in multilateral interfaith dialogue.

As a Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, I have worked hard to pass legislation in the foreign affairs arena which speaks to the importance of tolerance and recognizes the need for multilateralism. With respect to Pakistan and Afghanistan, I have worked to pass H.R. 2410 and H.R. 1886 which allocate U.S. support for both Afghanistan and Pakistan respectively. In turn, H.R. 2410 and H.R. 1886 emphasize the necessity of ongoing multilateral engagement with the U.S. in order to forge strong and enduring partnerships with these countries in a united effort to bridge global security disparity.

In his internationally esteemed doctrine on nonviolent protest, Mahatma Gandhi so eloquently stated, "All faiths constitute a revelation of Truth, but all are imperfect and liable to error. Reverence to other faiths need not blind us to their faults. We must be keenly alive to the defects of our own faith, and must not leave it on that account but try to overcome those defects. Looking at all religions with an equal eye, we would not only not hesitate but would think it our duty to adopt into our faith every acceptable feature of other faiths." In deference to Gandhi's wisdom, we must work toward our own "Revelation of Truth," in an international context. Despite the imperfections within every world religion, we must turn to our religious leaders to set the tone for understanding. We must work in concert to engage in interfaith dialogue to maintain peace and security in the world.

H. Res. 535 applauds the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions for regularly holding forums that address the need for religious freedom. Its inclusion of more than 26 nations, such as Israel, Egypt, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Armenia, South Korea, China, India, and the United States as its representatives is to be commended. The third Congress will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan, July 1–2, 2009, and I would like to recognize Kazakhstan for having been selected by the Secretariat to host the second and third Congress. As we move forward to promote freedom of religion and engage in interfaith dialogue as the foundation to global security, we turn to the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions to guide us in multilateral reform. I urge passage of this important resolution.