

Troops, will be on December 12 at the Kendall Hotel to honor the men and women who continue to preserve our freedom with service to this great Nation.

This event will help make the holidays a little bit brighter for our military families. I applaud everyone who is a volunteer at America's Life Line Foundation for their continuing efforts, especially for the members of this worthy organization who motivate and inspire our community to patriotism and action during this season of giving.

I encourage everyone in south Florida to join America's Life Line Foundation at their tribute to our troops event in December.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OCALA RECYCLING

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ocala Recycling Company, which is located in my home town of Ocala, Florida, for becoming the first RIOS certified scrap recycling facility in the world. RIOS, which stands for Recycling Industry Operating Standard, was developed by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and is an integrated standard encompassing environmental and health and safety controls into one streamlined management system.

Since 1988, Ocala Recycling's 34-acre facility has recycled everything from bottles and paper to automobiles and even washing machines. Each month, Ocala Recycling collects more than 16,000 tons of recycled goods. This unique honor and certification demonstrates the ongoing commitment of Ocala Recycling to recycle and process quality products in an efficient, safe, and environmentally responsible manner in a manufacturing environment.

THE REALITY OF THE FORUM ON JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, the Associated Press reported that President Barack Obama says creating jobs is not the goal of the upcoming White House forum on jobs and economic growth. The President told NBC News on Wednesday that the purpose of the December 3 summit is to figure out how to encourage hiring by businesses still reluctant to do so.

Businesses are being taxed too much. And I'll tell you, if I were talking to the President, I would say, Mr. President, if you want to create jobs, cut government spending, cut taxes, and not raise taxes. It's the wrong thing to do in this economic climate.

GUANTANAMO TERRORISTS IN NEW YORK

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, people all over the Nation are upset and angry about five of the Guantanamo terrorists being scheduled for trial in New York.

This is happening only because President Obama issued an executive order in the early days of his administration stopping the military tribunal process. The Congress, both House and Senate, voted by large margins in 2006 to try these terrorists by military tribunals.

This could have been done in Guantanamo, but President Obama overruled Congress by his executive order and the Defense and Justice Departments then started the process of bringing the terrorists to trial in this country. This will result in very large legal and security expenses that would not have been necessary if these men were tried at Guantanamo.

To try all of these terrorists here—the first five and others later—creates a very unnecessary security risk for untold numbers of people.

I hope President Obama will listen to the outcry of the American people and not continue to insist that all of these terrorists be tried in the United States. The families of our victims deserve better.

HONORING CAPTAIN WILLIAM ECKER

(Mr. ROONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Captain William B. Ecker of Punta Gorda, Florida, in my district, who passed away earlier this month. Captain Ecker flew combat missions in the Pacific during World War II, serving 32 years in the United States Navy. Most notably on October 23, 1962, Ecker led low-level sorties over Cuba collecting photographic evidence of the Soviet missiles fueling vehicles and other related equipment.

Flying the F-8 Crusader, Captain Ecker was able to fly at lower altitudes than the U-2 spy plans. At the lower level, Ecker took close-up pictures of a site near the town of San Cristobal in western Cuba proving without a doubt that Soviet missiles were in Cuba.

Captain Ecker received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his quick and risky flights over Cuba. The unit Ecker commanded, VFP-62, received the first peacetime Navy Unit Commendation in history by President John F. Kennedy.

Captain Ecker leaves behind his wife, Kit, of 62 years and his two sons, Richard and David, and a Nation grateful for his distinguished service.

SYSTEMIC REGULATORY EXPANSION BILL

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, you know, last year without a single vote from anyone in Congress, the Federal Reserve spent \$29 billion bailing out Bear Stearns and then \$85 billion to bail out AIG, which has now gone to about \$140 billion.

Now, if that is not bad enough, the House Banking Committee wants to codify that authority. That's right: they want to give the Federal Reserve and the FDIC permanent bailout authority so that anyone who comes around that they call a systemic risk can now get permanent TARP money without having to come back to Congress for our scrutiny.

What does this lead to? Well, number one, the Federal Reserve is in charge of monetary policy, not bailouts. It will take the eye off the monetary policy, and if you think the economy is going great now, think what happens when the Federal Reserve is even more distracted.

It will also lead to unfair competitive advantage because if you're too big to fail, that means you can do anything you want to and compete against regular banks who won't get the bailout money. So it is an unfair competitive advantage.

And, finally, it will increase the moral risk, that is to say, you can make crazy loans because you know good old Uncle Sugar is going to stand behind you and bail you out time and time again after your fiscal irresponsibility.

This is a bad bill. This is a bad idea. We need to vote "no" on this systemic regulatory expansion bill.

HONORING THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Jesse Jackson who is celebrating his 25th anniversary of active civil rights activities.

As we all know, Rev. Jackson was born in South Carolina and began his activities in civil rights at an early age. He became a confidant to the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and was one of the leading advocates for peace and justice in this Nation.

His successful run for President had America spellbound when he addressed the House. He started Operation Bread Basket, then the Rainbow Coalition. And I would just like for all of us to pay tribute to a great American, Rev. Jesse Jackson and thank him for coming to New Jersey for my election back in the 1980s.

NEW YORKERS ARE BEING USED IN TERRORIST TRIALS

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, our Attorney General intends to bring self-confessed terrorists to the most densely populated area in America. I know we have friends from New York that think this is a grand idea. They don't realize they're being used. We even have friends from New York who say, Bring these terrorists to New York; we want to try them so we can look them in the eye and sentence them to death.

Well, coming from a judge, a former judge, who has looked people in the eye and sentenced them to death, I know something about it. They're being used.

Once those terrorists set foot on New York—probably not before—the change of venue motion will be filed and people's comments like that—"we want to try them, then put them to death"—those will be used in support of the motion to change venue. They are not likely to be tried there with or without the terrorist activity and the threats and all that will follow. It is a bad idea. I hope cooler minds will prevail so they get the punishment they deserve.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

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

DESERT RAT

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the United Nations had an update on the government of the tiny tyrant in the desert of Iran. The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency, or the IAEA, has released their new report on Iran's nuclear site. This facility, called Fordo, is being built inside a mountain near the religious city Qom. The IAEA concluded the facility had no relevance to any alleged civilian power program.

Western analysts say Fordo's small size will only allow enrichment of small amounts of uranium enough to make a nuclear bomb, but not enough to fuel a nuclear power station. Are we surprised with this finding.

The IAEA said in its report that Iran was not able to convince them that they weren't hiding other nuclear sites. Well, imagine that.

The Government of Iran sponsors acts of terrorism all over the world. Now this thuggish government seeks to threaten the world with nuclear holocaust. For 30 years, Iran has used terrorism, assassination squads, and hostages as their foreign policy.

And, Mr. Speaker, just look at the way this government treats its own people. The people of Iran live in fear of their own government and their own President. Iranian state television yesterday reported that five Iranian citizens were sentenced to death for peaceably protesting the fraudulent Presidential elections in June. That's right. They got the death penalty for exercising the human right to peaceably assemble. And in this Third World country, the death penalty rules the day.

Further, Mr. Speaker, the world witnessed earlier this year how the government even murdered its own people in the streets who peacefully protested the Presidential elections that were rigged by Ahmadinejad.

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The cries of the murdered are from the blood of the Iranian freedom patriots who want freedom in their own country. More than 100 prominent opposition leaders in Iran are now being tried for peacefully protesting. Brave men and women of Iran who refuse to be trampled by the tiny tyrant, Ahmadinejad.

The United States should stand with the people of Iran that oppose this illegitimate reign of terror by their government and by their president. The government of Iran is the threat to world peace, especially peace in the Middle East. The sanctions that have been imposed by the U.N. and other Nations on Iran have failed to get the attention of the desert rat, Ahmadinejad. He continues to build his nuclear weapons. He continues to build intercontinental ballistic missiles so that he can fire those nuclear weapons. He continues to finance terrorist groups like Hezbollah and Hamas. He continues to meddle in the lawful affairs of Iraq, including supporting assaults and assassinations against the Iranian people that are in Camp Ashraf.

He sends aid and comfort to al Qaeda and to the Taliban in Afghanistan that war against American troops and NATO troops. The key to world peace and peace in Iran is a regime change sponsored by the freedom-loving citizens of Iran. Those noble citizens who have now become the enemy of their own government deserve our support and our encouragement here in America.

Mr. Speaker, deep down in the soul of every person who ever has been or ever will be born is the spark for freedom. The sons of liberty and the daughters of democracy in Iran have in their hearts that spark for liberty, and they will not be quenched by the tiny tyrant of Iran.

It is imperative that the United States recognize the true threat to

world peace, Ahmadinejad, and that we as a Nation and that we as a people stand shoulder to shoulder with the good folks of Iran, the citizens of Iran that want a change in their government.

And that's just the way it is.

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

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

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

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

FLORIDA'S FISHERMEN NEED OUR HELP

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I have been to the floor of this Chamber on several occasions to discuss the tremendous economic hardships being shouldered by the residents of my congressional district of south Florida. This evening I would like to highlight the men and women of Florida's commercial and recreational fishing industries, and their efforts to weather this economic storm.

Mr. Speaker, Florida's recreational fishing industry is the largest in the Nation. Its economic impact to our State is to the tune of \$5.3 billion, and more than 5,400 jobs are generated by this industry. Similarly, Florida's commercial fishing industry is nearly 13,000 strong and contributes a staggering \$1.2 billion to our economy.

The strength of Florida's fishing industries is due largely to the diversity and the abundance of species within the Gulf of Mexico and the South Atlantic area. There are grouper and snapper, wahoo and yellowfin tuna, not to mention Keys lobster and stone crab. Thanks to this diversity, Florida's fishing industry is particularly resilient in the face of increased zoning regulations, bag limits, and even fishery closures. Our fishermen understand that maintaining a robust, healthy fishery through appropriate regulation is the key to their economic success.

However, present Federal action to implement multiple fishing regulations will have a chilling effect on this historic and important industry. In particular, Mr. Speaker, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is considering regulations which include but are not limited to: a complete ban on deepwater grouper fishing; annual catch limits on black grouper and red grouper; and catch limits on red snapper fishing.