

first imposed in 1997 during the Clinton administration, many say as a favor to the regime in Tehran. That obviously has not produced anything in response. And I do think that it is incumbent on this administration to make it clear if it has evidence to bring it forward and if it does not have evidence to remove the designation.

U.S. opposition to international terrorism is unwavering but it is an opposition that has to be based on facts and not ideology and that is what we need to see. In the short term I believe the United States has a responsibility for the safety of people at Camp Ashraf. At an absolute minimum, the US presence inside Ashraf has to be continued and perhaps expanded back to something like its previous level. I think the UN mission inside Ashraf has to be extended and I think we need to make it clear to the government of Iraq that we will not tolerate interference in the camp and certainly not the kind of assaults that have occurred on the inhabitants of the camp before. This is again something, I think, of a very high priority in the American Congress.

I think going beyond simply getting out of the way of legitimate democratic opposition to the regime in Tehran that the United States should be prepared to provide assistance to the opposition; resources and information continuing and expanding, for example, the work of Radio Farda, and other ways to get information to the people still inside Iran. I think the utility of this kind of support has been demonstrated throughout history, such as Solidarity in Poland. Obviously we do not want to do anything that would give the regime the ability to say that the opposition was anything other than fully independent. But, I think our support and the support of other western democracies should go beyond the merely rhetorical.

In recent weeks we have seen the UN Security Council impose the fourth set of sanctions against the regime because of its nuclear weapons program. Sanctions are useful to put pressure on the regime and will bring us closer to the day when the regime will fall and there will actually be a democratic Iran. But I do not think that the sanctions unfortunately will be enough to stop the regime's continued pursuit of nuclear weapons. And I worry very much that the Obama administration and our western European friends believe that there is now nothing more that can be done to prevent the regime and the Revolutionary Guards from obtaining nuclear weapons. Their fallback position is that the mullahs and the Revolutionary Guard can be contained and deterred once they achieve a nuclear weapons capability. I think this is a huge mistake for the region and the world but mostly for the people of Iran. The fact is that once this regime gets nuclear weapons it will be immeasurably strengthened and the power of Revolutionary Guards, already considerable, will be strengthened even further. This regime with nuclear weapons is not simply an external threat to its neighbors and stability in the region and the world as a whole, but an even greater threat to the people of Iran. It is the trump card for the regime to stay in power.

I think it is very significant here that the position of the democratic opposition is that it does not want an Iran with nuclear weapons. Commentators in the West are continuously telling us that opposition to the nuclear program helps bring the people of Iran into closer support for the regime in Tehran. We know that that is simply not true and I think it is very important that in Maryam Rajavi's platform for the future Iran it says in point 10 very explicitly, (let me quote it so that the media can hear it, this is Mrs. Rajavi's own platform), "We want the free Iran of tomorrow to be devoid of nuclear

weapons and weapons of mass destruction." Mrs. Rajavi's position is exactly the right position, because an Iran with nuclear weapons will be a less secure Iran. If this regime gets nuclear weapons, you can count on Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey and perhaps others getting nuclear weapons. So in a very brief period of time, five to ten years, you can have a multi-polar nuclear Middle East that will make everybody less secure and particularly Iran. This is why it is so important that we support the democratic opposition in Iran to see regime change at the earliest possible date.

Now, some people in the West, although they do not like to put it this explicitly, basically do not think Iran is ready for democracy. I think they are flatly wrong. Iran is more than ready for democracy. This is something that we feel very deeply about in the United States.

I would offer to all of you the great insight of our President Abraham Lincoln, who gave us the inspiration that I hope will be of assistance to you, that what we want for the people of Iran is what Lincoln wanted for the people of the United States: government of the people, by the people and for the people.

APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE BURMESE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ACT (H.J. RES. 83)

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of H.J. Res. 83, a resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act (P.L. 108–61). I am proud to have once again introduced this legislation this year with the gentleman from New York, Mr. CROWLEY.

In 2003 Congress passed the Burmese Freedom & Democracy Act, legislation that I co-authored with my friend, the late Tom Lantos. President Bush signed this bill into law and we have reauthorized these import restrictions every year since. The legislation bans imports from Burma and the issuance of visas to those officials affiliated with the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), the military junta that rules Burma and brutally represses its people. This law also bans U.S. financial transactions that involve individuals or entities connected with the SPDC.

These sanctions are critically important to keeping the pressure on the Burmese junta. The government continues to have one of the worst human rights record in the world and routinely violates the rights of Burmese citizens, including the systematic use of rape as a weapon of war, extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests and detention, torture, as well as slave and child labor. The Burmese regime has destroyed more than 3,500 ethnic villages, displaced approximately 2,000,000 Burmese people, more than 500,000 of which are internally displaced, and arrested approximately 2,100 individuals for expressing critical opinions of the government. And it continues to detain Aung San Suu Kyi, the head of the National League for Democracy and the democratically elected leader of Burma.

We must continue to stand with the Burmese people and expose the despicable and

reprehensible actions of the SPDC. Sanctions are critical to putting pressure on the junta. In 2008, Congress passed and President Bush signed into law Tom Lantos Block Burmese JADE Act (P.L. 110–286) which bans the importation of Burmese gems into the United States and freezes the assets of Burmese political and military leaders. But we still need others to follow ours and the EU's lead. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) must impose multilateral sanctions against Burma's military regime including a complete arms embargo.

Finally, it is my hope that the Obama Administration promptly implements all the provisions of the Tom Lantos Block Burmese JADE Act, appoints a Special Coordinator for Burma, and supports the establishment of UNSC Commission of Inquiry on Burma.

I urge adoption of the resolution.

CONGRATULATING DR. WILLIE WILSON ON 23 YEARS WITH SINGSATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Dr. Willie Wilson is a successful entrepreneur, philanthropist and national gospel recording artist. He was born in Gilbert, Louisiana and overcame significant challenges to become a successful businessman and humanitarian. Every Sunday he can be found singing at someone's church and donating thousands of dollars to assist the kingdom of God.

Dr. Wilson owned five McDonald's Restaurants and received numerous awards for his commitment to the community. In 1987, Dr. Wilson founded Willie Wilson Productions, a television production company where he produced the nationally syndicated Gospel Show Singsation. Dr. Wilson's television show Singsation is viewed by more than 40 million homes nationally. He is the first African American to have a nationally syndicated Gospel show.

Dr. Wilson produced five national recordings entitled: I'm So Grateful, Lord Don't Let Me Fail, I'll Fly Away, Just a Closer Walk With Thee, and Through it All. He recently penned a book about his life story entitled "What Shall I Do Next, When I Don't Know Next What To Do?"

Dr. Wilson holds several Honorary Doctorate Degrees including and Honorary Doctorate in Divinity from Mt. Carmel Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Humane letters from Chicago Baptist Institute, and an Honorary Doctorate in Humanitarianism from Swisher Bible College.

Dr. Wilson started Omar Inc., in 1997, a company that is the seventh largest black-owned company in Illinois and ranks 96 nationally on the list compiled by Black Enterprise Magazine. The company grossed more than \$50 million last year.

In 2009 Dr. Wilson acquired Oak Gloves Manufacturing Plant in Tullahoma, Tennessee making him the first and only African American manufacturer of medical grade gloves in North America. Dr. Wilson's story reflects the American Dream—that hard work and persistence wins every time.

I urge my colleagues and citizens of the Seventh Congressional District to join with me in congratulating Dr. Wilson on 23 years of providing soul energizing, gospel music to more than 40 million homes around the nation.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND DISASTERS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I submit the attached exchange of letters on H.R. 5266, the "National Commission on Children and Disasters Reauthorization Act of 2010" between the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, July 20, 2010.

Hon. JAMES L. OBERSTAR,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN OBERSTAR: I write to you regarding H.R. 5266, the "National Commission on Children and Disasters Reauthorization Act of 2010."

H.R. 5266 contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security. I recognize and appreciate your desire to bring this legislation before the House in an expeditious manner and, accordingly, I will not seek a sequential referral of the bill. However, agreeing to waive consideration of this bill should not be construed as the Committee on Homeland Security waiving, altering, or otherwise affecting its jurisdiction over subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction.

Further, I request your support for the appointment of an appropriate number of Members of the Committee on Homeland Security to be named as conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on H.R. 5266 or similar legislation. I also ask that a copy of this letter and your response be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of this bill.

I look forward to working with you as we prepare to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE,
Washington, DC, July 20, 2010.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I write to you regarding H.R. 5266, the "National Commission on Children and Disasters Reauthorization Act of 2010."

I agree that provisions in H.R. 5266 are of jurisdictional interest to the Committee on Homeland Security. I acknowledge that by forgoing a sequential referral, your Committee is not relinquishing its jurisdiction and I will fully support your request to be represented in a House-Senate conference on those provisions over which the Committee on Homeland Security has jurisdiction in H.R. 5266.

This exchange of letters will be inserted in the Congressional Record as part of the consideration of H.R. 5266 in the House.

I look forward to working with you as we prepare to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

JAMES L. OBERSTAR, M.C.,
Chairman.

HONORING THE MORRIS COUNTY 4-H FAIR

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morris County 4-H Fair, celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

The 4-H organization began at the start of the 20th century with a group of individuals who wanted to promote the idea of practical, "hands-on" learning. In a society where young people were beginning to gravitate toward city living, this group felt the desire to create an organization focused on country life. Ever since, their ideas have grown from a need to initiate new agricultural technology and techniques on the nation's farms to creating a safe and fun environment where any young person can be involved.

4-H officially came to New Jersey in 1915. The first Morris County 4-H boys were involved with Corn Clubs. Girls worked in Tomato and Canning Clubs. It was World War I that gave them a practical purpose. Clubs adopted the slogan "Feed A Fighter" by raising livestock and growing vegetables to help feed United States soldiers.

Morris County 4-H, as we know it today, began in the early 1940s adopting to "pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world." The club began with boys and girls participating in a variety of project areas ranging from traditional livestock and home economics to wood working, conservation and fashion. Today, Morris County 4-H members learn leadership, citizenship and life skills through a variety of projects related to science to healthy living.

The annual 4-H Fair has filled the gap left by the disappearance of many of the old country fairs. It began as a few tables in the middle of Rockaway Town Square Mall, and with borrowed tents and personal dedication, evolved into a modern-day country fair with 25,000 visitors. Today, area residents can see the accomplishments of the Morris County 4-H youth first hand as they exhibit their handiwork in everything from food and nutrition to model cars and rockets. In a world overrun by videogames and television, 4H teaches the youth of our community the value of hard work by creating contests and rewards for each club. The 4-H Fair provides the outlet for these young people to display their projects

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Morris County 4-H Fair as they celebrate 40 years of dedicated years of service to the youth of Morris County!

HONORING ROBERT FOZIO

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Robert Fozio, who passed away on April 17, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer. Robert played a very active role in the Northeast Ohio community and that is how I became acquainted with him.

Robert was a bricklayer, an avid outdoorsman, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and brother. Robert always taught his family that wherever you are, to be 100% there. He also emphasized the importance of never forgetting who you are and where you came from. Whether it was through his longstanding membership with Bricklayers Local 5, the Northern Ohio Administrative District Council, the International Union of Bricklayers, the Allied Craftworkers, or his time serving with the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, Robert was a fixture in the community.

At the young age of 17, Robert received special permission from his mother to join the U.S. Navy so that he could bring in additional income for his family. Robert joined the Local 5 in 1963 shortly after returning from his naval tour in Vietnam. Robert quickly ascended through the ranks in the allied crafts and was a superintendent and foreman for the majority of his career. He was a brilliant man, which was demonstrated by his own professional success, as well as his efforts to improve the lives of other tradesmen.

In 1998, Robert was named interim director of the District Council and was elected full-time director in 2001 until his retirement in 2009. His tireless work for the industry was rewarded when the Robert A. Fozio Regional Training Center for all craft apprentices and journeyman upgrading was opened in May 2005. The Training Center was a model in innovation, training all facets of the allied crafts under one roof, which provided a higher standard and level of expectation for contractors in the area. This center came to be known as the best training center in the United States for apprentices in allied crafts and for journeyman upgrading.

In his free time, Robert was an avid hunter and fisherman and spent several years as a professional archer. In recent years, he developed a love for sporting clubs and spent his free time shooting with friends and family. In fact, Robert went on a hunting expedition in 2008 with the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Society and appeared in a video shooting white-tailed deer, which still appears on many outdoors programs.

He was a respected and beloved member of the greater Brunswick community, and his presence will be remembered by the entire area. His legacy of community, friendship, family, and hard work will continue for many years.

Robert leaves behind not only those whom he served, but also a loving family—his wife Dorothy, his daughters Tiffany Yohman and Theresa Berthold, his sisters Rose Marie Friend, Marilyn Seltzer, and Carolyn Fozio, his brothers Donald and Patrick Fozio, his grandchildren, as well as many other close family members and friends. Robert will truly