

therapy program. Despite all of her community service and engagement, the role she cherishes most of all is that of being a mother and a grandmother. Her values and her principles have inspired her loved ones.

Her daughter, Luisa, has become an active member of the Latin Auxiliary, serving on its board and her grandson, Max, has also become involved with the Auxiliary and the Miami Jewish Health Systems.

Raquel and her wonderful family are truly examples of L'dor V'dor, from generation to generation. I am proud to call Raquel a friend and South Florida is fortunate to have her.

Congratulations, Raquel, on this award.

ADDRESSING ALL TERRORIST THREATS

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor our military forces who have fought valiantly to strengthen our counterterrorism strategy. My top priority as chairwoman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats, and Capabilities is to provide all the necessary resources to our military in order to protect our country from terrorist threats.

I would like to especially recognize our U.S. Special Operations Forces, who have been an integral part of our counterterrorism strategy. The U.S. Special Operation Forces have been successful in developing valuable relationships with the governments in Pakistan and Afghanistan, ultimately leading to the capture of hundreds of al Qaeda fighters and affiliates.

However, terrorism is not limited to Iraq and Afghanistan. Currently, our forces are also in regions such as Yemen to root out terrorists and send a loud message to those who seek to do us harm that we will not let them operate freely like that.

Congress must be proactive about addressing all terrorist threats to our country through intelligence, diplomacy and with our Armed Forces.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST PAY SECURITY COSTS FOR DETROIT TERROR TRIAL

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, since the attempted terrorist attack on Northwest Flight 253 on Christmas Day, I have been arguing that the terrorist at Detroit Metro Airport that was arrested there is an unlawful enemy combatant who should be tried in a military commission.

The decision to try this terrorist in civilian court, to give him the right to

remain silent, as well as giving him three taxpayer-funded attorneys, is absolutely wrong, in my opinion.

Mr. Speaker, as well, this trial will place undue costs and manpower burdens on the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan, neither of which is in a position to absorb additional security-related costs. It is wrong, Mr. Speaker, to ask hard-pressed communities, local communities, to pay these costs simply because we were the targets of this attack while we played no role in the decision to hold this trial in the City of Detroit.

It was the decision of Eric Holder and the Federal Government to try this terrorist in civilian court in Detroit, so I think that the additional costs to local and State government should be borne by the Federal Government. The Department of Homeland Security must stand up and guarantee to fund any cost to the City of Detroit or the County of Wayne or the State of Michigan that they would not normally incur.

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EQUAL PAY DAY

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CHU. Imagine going to work every day for decades and giving your blood, sweat and tears to a company and then finding out your male colleagues were getting higher raises and making more money for years. That's what happened to Lilly Ledbetter, and she is one of the lucky ones because she was able to prove that she was paid less because she was a woman. The effect of lesser pay is immense. For a single woman, it can mean the loss of up to \$2 million over a career, not to mention lower pension and Social Security payments for the rest of her life.

Today, more women are graduating from college than men, yet full-time working women with the same major and same degree earn only 80 percent compared to their male colleagues. That is unacceptable. At this rate, my three young nieces will be receiving Social Security before they get the equal pay they deserve.

But I refuse to wait that long. That is why the Senate must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act which stiffens penalties for employers who discriminate based on gender. I stand today to urge the Senate to support the women of America. There must be equal pay for equal work.

RECOGNIZING PETE JOENKS FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS AND EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Pete Joenks for the honor and recognition of being named Assistant Principal of the Year for the State of Arkansas.

Mr. Joenks earned his masters in education from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and went on to teach physics and chemistry for 15 years prior to becoming assistant principal at Springdale High School. The innovative programs he created like The Sophomore Center at Springdale High School which led to higher achievement and less absenteeism among students is a testament to his character and passion to educate. This program truly helped those at-risk students at Springdale High School to perform better in school and to make more of their education. Mr. Joenks also created Adopt-A-Pup, which assigns every at-risk student with a mentor to help them achieve better in school.

I am proud of Mr. Pete Joenks for his commitment to education and his efforts to improve the lives of students in Arkansas, and this is a well-deserved honor.

IRAN SANCTIONS

(Mrs. HALVORSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. HALVORSON. Mr. Speaker, the House will soon take an important step by approving a motion to go to conference on H.R. 2194, the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act. Last December, the House voted overwhelmingly in support of this bipartisan legislation. Now we need to act quickly on the conference report so that we can send a bill to the President. Every day we delay is another day that Iran grows closer to acquiring a nuclear weapon.

A nuclear Iran is an unacceptable scenario that would be a threat to the State of Israel, our trusted ally, and could destabilize the entire Middle East. It would also be a threat to our own national security. Enacting strong, crippling sanctions on the Iranian regime will send a clear signal to the international community that we need to work together to prevent a nuclear Iran. I look forward to working with my colleagues and the administration to make this happen.

CONGRATULATING MCKAY-DEE HOSPITAL FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

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

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Utah's great medical institutions, McKay-Dee Hospital, as it celebrates 100 years of service.

Founded by Annie Taylor Dee in Ogden, Utah, its goal was to bring medical services to underserved areas. In

1915, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints assumed ownership of the Dee Hospital, and under the leadership of David O. McKay expanded services for even more residents. In 1976, the LDS church relinquished control of the McKay-Dee Hospital network to the not-for-profit Intermountain Healthcare, leaving it with the charge to become a model of health care excellence.

Taking this charge of excellence to heart, tens of thousands of hard-working individuals have devoted their lives to healing patients at the three hospitals that have become the Intermountain McKay-Dee Hospital and Medical Center, and their efforts have been recognized as a national model for providing quality and affordable health care.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Intermountain McKay-Dee Hospital for its 100 years of dedicated service.

ISRAEL

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, 62 years ago, Israel declared its independence and established a nation founded on the principles of justice, freedom, and peace. These founding tenets are not unlike those on which the United States was built, and these mutual beliefs spurred a resilient relationship between Israel and the U.S., a friendship of six decades which remains strong today.

The United States was the first Nation to recognize Israel, and with that recognition came a promise, a promise to help ensure Israel's security, a promise to stand behind the only democracy in the Middle East, and a promise to always uphold Israel's right to exist. On this anniversary let us celebrate, as the Israeli folk song goes, Am Yisrael Chai—the people of Israel live—and may they have the land of Israel to call home today, tomorrow, and always.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, inscribed on the Jefferson Memorial is a quotation from Thomas Jefferson that reads, in part: "No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship or ministry or shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief, but all men shall be free to profess and by argument to maintain their opinions in matter of religion."

There is nothing about the National Day of Prayer that compels anyone to support any religious worship or min-

istry. There are no "prayer police." In fact, we who support the National Day of Prayer wish it were more successful, but in no way do we seek to impose it. Yet all men are free to maintain their religion through prayer and other means.

What threatens some people about a still small moment of silence for contemplation or a prayer to a higher being in whatever form? Nothing about the National Day of Prayer requires any person to do anything. So I ask those who are threatened by this, Where is the harm to them? The Founding Fathers gave us freedom of religion, not freedom from religion. The court decision declaring the day unconstitutional cannot stand.

RECOGNIZING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for official U.S. recognition of the Armenian genocide. Notable scholars and historians who recognize the Armenian genocide include the International Association of Genocide Scholars and the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity whose findings are supported by 53 Nobel Laureates. Yet, in the face of all the evidence, Turkey presses on, exporting a legacy of genocide denial, a legacy it continues to enforce within its own borders.

Many of my colleagues express sympathy for the genocide victims but are hesitant to vote for recognition. Turkey's relentless lobbying campaign, which threatens retaliation should the U.S. recognize this historical reality, has had its intended effect. Some Members of Congress worry that recognition will cause irreparable harm to U.S.-Turkish relations and therefore undermine the United States' strategic interests. "It's just not a good time" is a common refrain. That excuse is always available, but it is a wholly inadequate excuse.

For the sake of its core values and in true furtherance of its strategic interests, the United States must take a deep breath, look its ally, Turkey, in the eye and recognize this tragic episode of the modern era to be an unambiguous fact of history.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF TOASTMASTERS CLUB 767

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

Mr. BOCCIERI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the recent 60th anniversary of the Toastmasters Club 767 located in Alliance, Ohio, where I live.

The Toastmasters, now an international club with members in China

and India, has given some 250,000 Americans the opportunity to overcome their fear of public speaking, become better listeners, and gain confidence in community relations. Alliance Toastmasters has given that opportunity to people in my community for some 60 years now, having grown from just four members at its inception to now dozens.

In Alliance, Ohio, and elsewhere, there are politicians, administrators and teachers who have gained much of their confidence and ability to communicate from their experience in the Toastmasters Club; but more than anything Toastmasters presents an opportunity for people to engage with their neighbor, learn from one another, and to develop their thoughts about our world.

In an age of 24-hour news, Internet surfing and texting, Toastmasters is a reminder of just how important it is that we maintain face-to-face communication with one another. I commend Alliance Club 767 for helping people in my community gain confidence in doing just that for 60 memorable years, and I thank them for their service to our community.

HONORING JOSHUA McMACKLE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on a number of occasions many Members have had to rise to speak of a very sad and tragic incident that has occurred in their congressional district. Today, sadly, I rise as well to speak to the terrible loss of Joshua McMackle, a young freshman student at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas.

Meeting his parents and sister, Tracy, Moriah, and Bruce McMackle, his grandmother and aunt, many of whom were in the service of this country being Federal employees and law enforcement employees, it was so sad to be able to speak about this senseless and untimely death.

I would say to you that this was a fine young man, a freshman who had come to Texas Southern University because of its special and exclusive music program. He was a high school graduate of the Randolph-Macon Military Academy, and he had traveled around the world with his mom and his parents.

His tragic death occurred as any student might have it happen to them. Unfortunately, when parents send their children away to learn, some person, some unfortunate tragic individual would take a life by gunfire. And so it was for Joshua a week ago Saturday when he was with his friends at an event that should have been joyous, a fun time, a party, which is perfectly all right for college students, and along came outsiders who attempted, if you will, to turn this into the devastating tragedy that it was.