

Yesterday, I read a story in the Washington Post that noted that Montgomery County, Maryland, one of the five richest counties in the United States, is now serving 15,000 free meals a day to children who would otherwise go hungry. This is an increase of nearly 15 percent from previous summers, and I'm sure that most of these children come from families who have lost their unemployment and have no other way to buy food for their families.

Nationwide, an estimated 16 million children will go hungry this summer. I'm not sure what it will take for the Republicans to wake up and recognize that they're literally starving American families. We cannot wait one second longer.

George Bush said he was a compassionate conservative. They've simply thrown away, Madam Speaker, the word "compassionate." They are just conservative. They will not take care of working people in this country.

CAMP ASHRAF

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, the United States must stand by our commitment to humanitarian protection for the residents of Camp Ashraf in Iraq.

When we transferred responsibility for the security of Ashraf to the Iraqi Government, we sought and we were provided with Iraqi assurances that the residents would, in fact, be treated humanely and would be safe from any actions against their lives and well-being. However, Madam Speaker, repeated conduct by the Iraqi security forces has called these guarantees into question.

Camp Ashraf residents are in jeopardy. We must ensure that the Iraqi Government adheres to its obligations.

I call on the majority here in the House to bring House Resolution 704 to the floor for immediate consideration.

Further, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees must take all necessary and appropriate steps to extend Camp Ashraf's residents the humanitarian protections to which they are entitled. There is no time to waste, Madam Speaker.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARMY SPECIALIST RUSSELL E. MADDEN

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

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Army Specialist Russell Madden from Bellevue, Kentucky, who lost his life on June 23, 2010, in a rocket-propelled grenade attack on an Army convoy in the Charkh district of Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne

Brigade Combat Team, Conn Barracks, Germany.

Specialist Madden joined the Army in 2008 and is a 2000 graduate of Bellevue High School.

In addition to being an outstanding father to his two sons, Parker and Jared, Russell was a model citizen. Not only did he serve our country abroad, he was also committed to his community as a local youth peewee football coach. He was also a dedicated husband to his wife, Michelle.

According to his troop commander, Captain Matt Booth, the officers and fellow soldiers could always rely on his courageous attitude to make things happen when times were tough and was known as someone who would never leave his buddies in a bad situation.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Russell Madden's family and friends. We're deeply indebted to Specialist Madden and his family for their service and his sacrifice.

NO HOME ON THE RANGE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Sonoran Pronghorn antelope is in danger of extinction, so government "envirocrats" have prohibited Border Patrol from entering some wildlife areas on the range where the antelope play in Arizona.

The antelope protectors have stopped construction of seven Border Patrol observation towers they feel are too intrusive for the antelope. Never mind the Border Patrol can protect the antelope and secure the border as well.

And the "envirocrats" haven't gotten the word out to the illegals. Drug cartels and human traffickers and thousands of illegals trample through the home on the range running roughshod over the wildlife refuge every day. These trespassers leave trash and vehicles on the preserve. The drug cartels are even erecting cell phone tower stations.

The Buenos Aires refuge, also in Arizona, is closed, being too dangerous for Americans to enter because it, too, has become a sanctuary for drug cartels and traffickers.

Prohibiting the Border Patrol from entering these areas is not helping the wildlife but endangering these areas more. You see, the illegals don't care about the antelope and its home on the range.

And that's just the way it is.

IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM SANCTIONS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask that the

Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act, which was signed into law on July 1 by President Obama, be implemented in an expedited as well as a rigorous fashion.

This law, Madam Speaker, requires the President to impose sanctions on any entity that provides Iran with refined petroleum resources or engages in activities that will contribute to Iran's ability to import such resources.

The Government of Iran must verifiably suspend and dismantle its nuclear weapons program, stop all uranium enrichment activities, and comply with their commitments under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

There can be no doubt that Iran poses a significant threat to the United States and our allies in the Middle East and elsewhere, and it is proceeding with an aggressive nuclear weapons program, despite its claim that the Iranian program was designed for peaceful uses.

Madam Speaker, this law provides a powerful stick to force the Iranians to take decisive and concrete action to end their illicit nuclear weapons program. The time for Iranian delay, denial, and deception is over.

Mr. President, I urge you to begin the implementation of these sanctions without delay.

KOREA TRADE AGREEMENT

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud President Obama for recently making an important commitment to completing a free trade agreement with South Korea.

Korea is the United States' seventh-largest trading partner in terms of two-way trade and the sixth-largest market for U.S. agricultural goods. A free trade agreement with Korea will grow business and create jobs here in the United States.

And, Madam Speaker, the time for action is now. The European Union has recently completed a trade agreement with South Korea, and Canada is working on one as well, while the United States has continued to sit on the sidelines. We cannot continue to let America fall behind by withholding approval for crucial trade agreements while other countries move quickly to finish their trade deals.

Exports mean jobs. A trade agreement with Korea is the right policy to boost our economy and boost exports. I stand ready to work with my colleagues and the President to pass a free trade agreement with Korea.

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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 gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

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

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

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMIA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ATTACK

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, this past Sunday thousands gathered around the world to commemorate the grim anniversary of the deadly attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center of Buenos Aires, Argentina. I was particularly honored to participate in a special ceremony in Miami, organized by the American Jewish Committee and Aventura Chabad, to share in this solemn occasion and recommit ourselves to holding the Iranian regime accountable for such death and destruction.

Sixteen years ago on Sunday the world saw firsthand the ruthless cruelty of the Iranian regime and the extent to which it would export its violent extremist views and activities worldwide. The Government of Argentina found that this heinous attack was organized by some of the highest past and present leaders of the Iranian regime. The state prosecutor of Argentina found that these Iranian leaders had turned to Hezbollah to carry out the regime's murderous adventures.

At a ceremony in Buenos Aires this weekend, a relative of one of the victims told the crowd, and I quote, "We accuse Iran of being behind the death of my brother, of your friends, of your neighbors; a country that denies the Holocaust, and even threatens to erase another country of the world with nuclear weapons, with the consent of Russia and Brazil; a country which shakes hands with Venezuela."

Madam Speaker, we must remain mindful that the same murderous ideology, and even some of the same perpetrators that spawned the AMIA attack then remain part of the Iranian regime today. Iran's current defense minister was issued an international arrest warrant by Interpol in 2007 based on his involvement in the AMIA attack. The Government of Argentina also found several former Iranian embassy officials to be responsible for the AMIA attack, showing us that Iran is more than willing to use its embassies abroad as tools of its extremist goals.

The ongoing "diplomatic" infiltration of Iran into the Western Hemisphere presents a direct threat to U.S. national security interests. The Argentine prosecutor reportedly concluded that the primary reason that Argentina was the chosen target of the AMIA attack was the Argentine Government's, quote, "unilateral decision to terminate the nuclear materials and technology supply agreements that had been concluded some years previously between Argentina and Iran."

Sixteen years later, we face an Iranian regime on the verge of obtaining nuclear weapons capabilities and seeking support for its nefarious agenda. This rogue state is stepping up its military, political, and economic cooperation with countries around the world, particularly in Latin America. A Defense Department report this April stated that the elite core of Iran's Revolutionary Guard is, quote, "well established in the Middle East and north Africa, and recent years have witnessed an increased presence in Latin America, particularly Venezuela."

Similarly, there have been press reports in Nicaragua that Iranian operatives have allegedly been moving in and out of the country using diplomatic cover. And the relationship between the Cuban and Iranian regimes is longstanding. The United States must work together with our democratic allies to address all facets of the Iranian threat, which goes well beyond the nuclear program and extends well past the Middle East.

With this in mind, I was proud to recently introduce, along with many of my House colleagues in a bipartisan way, House Concurrent Resolution 295, to both condemn the heinous AMIA attack in Buenos Aires and to serve as a reminder of the danger that Iran and its proxies pose to all freedom-loving people.

The members of the global jihadist network sponsored by Tehran have demonstrated time and time again, in word and in action, that they will stop at nothing to target and destroy the State of Israel, its interests overseas, and the Jewish people wherever they may be. It is more important than ever for our government and our Nation to stand unequivocally with Israel and against the growing threats to Israel's security and her very existence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

DON'T TRAVEL IN AMERICA—IT'S TOO DANGEROUS

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. Madam Speaker, it's summertime, and families are having their summer vacations. They're taking their kids throughout the fruited plain in the United States to visit our historical Nation. But I bring you sad news. Our Federal Government has warned Americans that there are parts of America that they should not travel to. It is too dangerous to travel in parts of America because it's just not safe.

Here is an example. This sign is erected on Interstate 8 in Arizona. Interstate 8 is an east to west Interstate, highly traveled. It's anywhere from 30 to 100 miles north of the Mexican border, and about 30 or 60 miles south of Phoenix. In a section of 60 miles there are 12 of these signs posted. And here is what they say: "Danger—Public Warning—Travel Not Recommended."

What does that mean? It means the Federal Government is telling Americans you can't travel America, it's just too dangerous. We, the Federal Government, we can't protect you. Don't travel around here. And here are some of the comments on this sign. The first one says, "Active drug and human smuggling area." What does that mean? That means the drug cartels and the coyotes, those human smugglers, are sneaking their way across the border because it's porous in Arizona, as well as my home State of Texas, and they're bringing in drugs and they're bringing in people, and it's not safe because they don't do that in a very kind and gentle way, the smuggling operation.

It goes further. Number two: "Visitors may encounter armed criminals and smuggling vehicles traveling at high rates of speed." Oh, that sounds serious. You mean we can't take the kids down Interstate 8 because they've got the drug cartels and their fast vehicles bringing drugs? Yeah, the Federal Government, the big Federal Government says we can't protect you. Don't come here.

Number three on this sign, put up by the Bureau of Land Management: "Stay away from trash, clothing, backpacks, and abandoned vehicles." You see, when the coyotes bring the people in and the cartels bring in their drugs, they abandon much of their stuff that they bring in. They just throw it down, you know, on our interstates. They also throw it in some of our refuges. And it's just stay away from that because we don't know what's in all that property.

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The next one on here, No. 4, if you see suspicious activity, don't confront. Call 9/11.

I can tell you one thing: you pick up that phone and you call 9/11, you're not going to get the Federal Government to answer that phone because, you see, when you call 9/11, it's always some local, like the sheriffs of Arizona will call. What are they supposed to do, because the Federal Government doesn't