

unanimous consent to submit for the RECORD the attached letter. This letter provides a detailed outline of the Ecuadorian government's failure to protect the fundamental human rights of its people.

It is critical that we pay close attention to the actions of the Ecuadorian government as they silence political opposition, rig elections, and strengthen ties with Iran.

SOCIEDAD ECUATORIANA DEL EXTERIOR,  
Doral, FL, August 13, 2012.

Hon. DAVID RIVERA,  
U.S. Congressman.

DEAR MR. RIVERA: Sociedad Ecuatoriarva del Exterior (SEDE), in an effort to be faithful to our freedom and democracy principles, considered a must to let you know that there have been very serious fundamental human rights violations in Ecuador, which are listed right below.

1. Freedom of expression have been severely limited promoting absurd and unsubstantiated judgments against prestigious national newspapers such as—"El Universal" magazines private property confiscations, such as "Vanguard" Magazine, and the closure of radio and television stations opposed to the Ecuadorian Government, such as the closing of Radio Morena, a community managed government opposed radio station.

The electoral process to choose, not only a new president but also Assembly Members, and new Ecuadorian authorities has been null and void from its very beginning when the government simulating knowledge contests, just to end up appointing government supporter as authorities in all branches of government. That, in addition to disqualifying the legally registered political parties due to mistakes made by the National Electoral Council in a clear attempt to have no political opponents in the coming presidential election.

3. The Ecuadorian government has declared Delaware, Nevada, Wyoming and Florida, as "tax havens", therefore seeking to be able force Ecuadorian-Americans in the U.S. to pay taxes in Ecuador for corporations registered in these states and in Ecuador

4. As Ecuadorian-Americans committed to freedom and democracy, we are very concerned about the Ecuadorian government's announcement on "strengthening" of trade relations with Iran, including the willingness to open a trade office in that country and start "commercial missions" when Iran is considered a country that promotes terrorism and money laundering.

5. All money remittances from Ecuadorians living abroad, sent to Ecuador will be channeled through the Central Bank of Ecuador and then "after making a few bucks" to the final destination, thus, restricting the speed of the process in order, or so they say, to record them and tax these transactions.

All points outlined above, highly affect the already low life quality and business of Ecuadorians living in Ecuador, and also the lives of those Ecuadorian-Americans and residents who live in this great country, who are a part of it and who have sworn to love, respect and defend it, with our lives if it is necessary, as we already have done in the past.

Now, and very respectfully, we would like to ask you to share this document with your colleagues, and for its formal presentation to the Congress of the United States of America.

Sincerely yours,

CARLOS R. LANGE,  
SEDE President.

IN MEMORY OF PAUL  
DUNNINGTON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my closest friends and trusted advisors, the late Paul Dunnington of Monticello, Kentucky.

Paul and I quickly became friends when my family moved to Monticello. We shared a lot of great memories together and remained close friends until his battle with cancer came to an untimely end on August 20, 2012.

Paul was a savvy entrepreneur and offered great wisdom and advice to several businesses, boards, and non-profit organizations, including the Monticello-Wayne County Industrial Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce, and my own public service in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District. In 1986, I tapped Paul to be one of the founding directors of the Southern Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED), where he dedicated 26 years to helping recruit new industry and more than 10,000 new jobs to our rural region.

In addition to his astute business skills, Paul had a heart of gold and an unmatched spirit of philanthropy. He dedicated his life to civic groups and organizations interested in helping the less fortunate, including the Kiwanis Club, Habitat for Humanity, the Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief, and the Monticello Camp of Gideons International through which he dedicated 15 years to jail ministry, as well as 12 foreign mission trips. He believed everyone deserved a second chance and made it his mission to help the struggling succeed. He was a founding member of the HELP Pregnancy Center in Monticello and recently established the Oxford House in partnership with his church, the Monticello First Baptist Church, to help men overcome drug addiction, giving them a place to live and helping them find work. One of his legacy projects and his most recent venture was the renovation of the Wayne County Museum, for which he diligently raised funds and dedicated a room in my honor.

Southern Kentucky lost a true humanitarian in Paul Dunnington. May his legacy forever live on through the programs he established to improve the lives of our neighbors and loved ones. He made a difference in our region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a dear friend and a champion for the less fortunate, the late Paul Dunnington. My wife, Cynthia and I extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to his wife Kathryn and the entire Dunnington family.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 585 on the evening of September 19, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner:

Rollcall vote No. 585—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R.

5044, the Andrew P. Carpenter Tax Act: "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SPC  
JOSHUA N. NELSON

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, it is with mixed emotions that I rise today to honor the life of Specialist Joshua N. Nelson of the United States Army. Specialist Nelson was a native of Greenville, North Carolina, which is in my Congressional District. Specialist Nelson was one of four soldiers that tragically lost their lives in Zabul Province, Afghanistan on September 16, 2012.

Specialist Nelson graduated from North Pitt High School in 2008 and later enlisted in the Army where he became a signals intelligence analyst. Specialist Joshua Nelson was a source of great pride in his hometown of Greenville. He exemplified to the community what was possible with determination, and epitomized what it meant to serve with honor and distinction.

These facts were demonstrated in the various awards and decorations Specialist Nelson received during his career in the Army. Specialist Nelson received the National Defense Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NATO Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon. In only 22 short years, Specialist Nelson accomplished more than most people do in a full lifetime.

Unfortunately, earlier this month, Specialist Nelson perished while serving his country. He is survived by his wife, Quamisha Nelson; his mother, Kathy Glover; his father, Brian Nelson; and his stepmother, Valorie Nelson. I offer my sincere appreciation to his loved ones for his service in the United States Army and his selfless efforts in the defense of our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering heartfelt condolences to Specialist Joshua Nelson's family. I pray that his life serves as a guiding force for the Greenville community and others around the country. We are forever indebted to his family for the ultimate sacrifice he paid on our behalf.

H.R. 5987

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I voted against H.R. 5987, the Manhattan Project National Historical Park Act. I recognize that the Manhattan Project played an important role in the United States' energy history and has had a significant impact in the Pacific Northwest, and it makes sense for us to draw attention to places like Hanford, Washington. However, adding these responsibilities to the National Park Service's portfolio when the agency is already underfunded and overworked does not make sense.

It is frustrating to me that while we are told by the current House majority that there is not

sufficient funding to clean up nuclear sites such as Hanford, there is apparently enough funding to turn the Manhattan Project into a national park. We should focus first on making sure these places are safe for the human and wildlife populations that live near them, before marketing them as a tourist destination.