

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 19, 2012.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, U.S.
Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I write to let you know that I have submitted the attached letter to the Governor of Washington to tender my resignation from the United States House of Representatives effective at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

It has been a high honor to serve in the people's House. I have fervent hopes that in the years to come the House will serve to continue America's effort to always bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice.

Very truly yours,

JAY INSLEE,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 19, 2012.

Hon. CHRISTINE GREGOIRE,
Governor of Washington,
Office of the Governor, Olympia, WA.

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REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2920

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor on H.R. 2920.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 229

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I be removed as a cosponsor from H. Res. 229.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

HONORING DR. CHARLES GILCHRIST ADAMS

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

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, even though he is very much alive, I rise this evening to celebrate the inspired life and contributions of the Reverend Dr. Charles Adams, who, on April 30 of this year, will be completing his teach-

ing at the Harvard Divinity School, where he has for years conducted these important courses that he has taught.

Earlier, he was the head of the largest NAACP chapter in the Nation, the Detroit chapter. He has inspired countless numbers of people on this planet to a greater faith and in the necessity to follow up with the work to produce the change, the compassion that in some ways, sometimes large and other times small, can dispense hope in a community, a State, a Nation, and sometimes even a world.

DR. CHARLES GILCHRIST ADAMS

PASTOR, HARTFORD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
WILLIAM AND LUCILLE NICKERSON PROFESSOR
OF THE PRACTICE OF ETHICS AND MINISTRY,
HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL

Charles G. Adams, one of the most prominent ministers in the United States, an acclaimed preacher and leader on faith-based urban revitalization has been Pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church since 1969. From 1962 to 1969 Dr. Adams served as Pastor of the historic Concord Baptist Church in Boston, Massachusetts. He has lectured on homiletics and Black Church Studies at Boston University, Andover Newton School of Theology, Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, and Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado.

Charles Gilchrist Adams, was born December 13, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan. He was baptized by his granduncle, the late Gordon Blaine Hancock, of Richmond, Virginia. He attended Fisk University where he was President of the Sophomore Class and Vice President of the Student Council.

He graduated with honors from the University of Michigan and Harvard University and went on to become a doctoral fellow in Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He has been awarded twelve honorary doctorates from such institutions as Morehouse College, Marygrove College, Dillard University, Morris College, Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo Michigan, and the University of Michigan.

From 1962 to 1969, Dr. Adams served as Pastor of the historic Concord Baptist Church in Boston, Massachusetts, followed by an appointment as the Pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, in 1969. He has lectured on homiletics and Black Church studies in Boston University, Andover Newton School of Theology, Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, and Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. He lectured seven times at Boston University School of Theology in a course on the Black Church taught by Professor Preston Noah Williams.

In April 1989, Dr. Adams was invited to speak before the United Nations on South African apartheid. In August 1990, he was a speaker for the World Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Seoul, Korea. His theme was "Together In Christ We Love."

In 1991, Dr. Adams addressed the Seventh General Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Canberra, Australia, and spoke on the 157 theme, "Come Holy Spirit, Renew The Whole Creation. At this Assembly, he was elected to their organization's Central Committee. He recommended the World Council use its offices and resources to combat racism in the U.S. and around the world, and their response was to join forces with the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Together, the organizations converged on Los Angeles in 1992 to meet with churches, gang leaders, public officials and citizens in order to bring about a lasting peace after the riots following the verdict in the beating of Rodney King.

Dr. Adams was the 1993-94 Conference Preacher for Hampton University Ministers Conference held in Hampton, Virginia. He has been awarded twelve honorary doctorates from colleges and universities across the country, has spoken before the United Nations (on South African Apartheid), and has received the coveted "Rabbi Marvin Katzenstein Award" from the Harvard Divinity School. This is given to a Harvard graduate who exhibits "a passionate and helpful interest in the lives of other people, an informed and realistic faithfulness, and an embodiment of the idea that love is not so much a way of feeling as way of acting and has a reliable sense of humor."

Dr. Adams' board affiliations include the Baptist World Alliance, the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, the Congress of National Black Churches, Morehouse College (Atlanta, GA) and Morris College (Sumpter, SC). He is married to Agnes Hadley Adams and is the father of Tara Adams Washington, M.D., and the Rev. Charles Christian Adams.

BOOST OUR ENERGY SUPPLY BEFORE TAPPING SPR

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it seems the administration may open up the emergency strategic petroleum reserves under the economic theory that more supply will lower the price of oil and gasoline.

If the President's theory of supply is correct, then why not allow more oil shale leasing in the West? Why not say yes to more oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico? Why not say yes to the Keystone pipeline? Why not remove the slow permitting processes?

If it wasn't for more oil production on nongovernment lands, the situation of supply would be even worse.

The administration wants to save us from the high cost of gasoline by increasing supply. I agree. So I've introduced legislation that would require the administration to do all of the above before it can tap into the SPR.

Let's increase our energy supply and give Americans some relief at the pump. We don't need a temporary fix in supply. We need a long-term energy supply solution.

And that's just the way it is.

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THE SUDAN SECURITY, PEACE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

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

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce that I am going to cosponsor H.R. 4169, the Sudan Security, Peace, and Accountability Act.

I'm doing this, Mr. Speaker, because it has been called to our attention that there are atrocities still taking place in Sudan. People are suffering, people are dying, and there is a possibility of a humanitarian crisis developing. This bill will allow sanctions to be imposed.

I would also like to thank Mr. George Clooney and his father for calling these atrocities to our attention.

I hope to say more about this in the days to come.

A VOICE FOR THE CUBAN DISSIDENTS

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

Mr. RIVERA. Mr. Speaker, ahead of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Cuba next week, Cuban authorities detained about 70 members of the dissident group Ladies in White over the weekend, including 36 on Sunday morning as they attempted to attend mass.

The Ladies in White demonstrate peacefully in solidarity with their loved ones who were jailed during the Black Spring government crackdown 9 years ago. In recent days, the non-violent efforts of the Ladies in White have been met with the beatings and detentions that have become synonymous with the Castro tyrants. Given that this is occurring on the eve of the Pope's visit, these events are disgraceful and should be universally condemned.

Hopefully, during his visit to Cuba next month, Pope Benedict will meet with dissent leaders like the Ladies in White and Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet, who has publicly called on the Pope to engage them. By doing so, Pope Benedict will give voice to those who long for freedom and speak out in the face of brutal repercussions, and he will give hope to those who risk their lives so that one day Cuba may be free.

OUTCRY FOR SYRIA

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, how much longer can we continue to watch the bloodshed and slaughter in Syria without demanding the United Nations' collaborative action providing those rebels, along with states out of the Arab League, the weapons that they need? We know that there is a hesitation to begin air attacks; but when you see the slaughter, the loss of life of women and children, it is outrageous.

We learned today that Russia joined the Red Cross in calling for a daily truce in Syria for humanitarian needs. That is not enough. Russia and China should stop their blocking of the United Nations and the Security Council of providing some aid to save the lives of innocent women and children.

This is a humanitarian crisis and it calls for a quick response. Yes, the Red Cross and humanitarian aid should be allowed in, but we should provide for those who are trying to defend them-

selves against oppression the kind of support on the ground that is necessary.

Where is the Arab League? Where is the collaborative effort of the United Nations? Where is the outcry for the bloodshed in Syria?

THE HIGH PRICE OF GAS

(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, I listened to my good friend Congressman POE from Texas a few minutes ago, and I was wondering if the President at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, if he is in town and not campaigning someplace, is paying any attention. If I had a chance—and I know I can't address the President from the well, but if I could address the President from the well, I would say:

Mr. President, the people of this country are hurting; inflation is taking off on all kinds of food products and anything else that is being transported by truck. It is because of the energy costs. Gasoline is at an almost all-time high, and you, Mr. President, should be paying attention to it. We ought to be drilling off the Continental Shelf and in the ANWR and in the Gulf of Mexico, and we ought to be fracking. We ought to be also using coal and oil shale. Mr. President, you're not doing any of those things, and the people are suffering. Stay home. Pay attention, Mr. President. It's your job.

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THREAT FROM HUAWEI

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share troubling information that has come to my attention about Huawei, a Chinese telecom firm which is attempting to increase its market share in the U.S.

Yesterday, The Wall Street Journal reported that, "Huawei's network business has thrived at the expense of struggling Western network companies," and is "quietly building and investing in its own brand of high-end smart phones and tablets." But many Americans may not be aware that numerous government reports have linked Huawei's corporate leadership to the People's Liberation Army, raising serious concerns about its products being used for espionage by the Chinese Government.

Last week, respected national security reporter Bill Gertz wrote:

New information about Chinese civilian telecommunications companies' close support of the Chinese military and information warfare programs is raising fresh concerns.

That is why both the Bush administration and the Obama administration have repeatedly intervened to block Huawei's growth. Huawei is controlled by the same government that jails Catholic bishops and Protestant pastors, oppresses the Uyghur Muslims, has plundered Tibet, and that is providing the very rockets that Sudanese President Bashir is using to kill his own people.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have a right to know whether their government is doing everything it can to protect their cell phone and data networks from foreign espionage and cyberattacks. As Huawei increases its lobbying presence in Washington, the American people should be fully aware of the firm's intimate links to the PLA and the serious concerns of our defense and intelligence community.

I rise today to share troubling information that has come to my attention about Huawei, a Chinese telecom firm, which is attempting to increase its market share in the United States and around the world. Numerous government reports have linked Huawei's corporate leadership to the Chinese intelligence services and the People's Liberation Army (PLA), raising concerns about Huawei networks and devices being subject to espionage by the Chinese government.

These connections are particularly noteworthy given Huawei's rapid rise as a telecom giant. According to an article in yesterday's Wall Street Journal, "Huawei Technologies Co. has almost doubled its work force over the past five years as it strives to become a mobile technology heavyweight."

The article also noted that, "Huawei's network business has thrived at the expense of struggling Western network companies such as Alcatel-Lucent Co. and Nokia Siemens Networks. Initially, Huawei supplied low-cost phones to telecommunications operators in the West under their own brand, but over the past year, Huawei has also been quietly building and investing in its own brand of high-end smartphones and tablets."

Huawei executives make no secret of their goal to dominate the telecom market. In a March 6, 2012, interview with the technology news Web site, Engadget, Huawei device chief Richard Yu said, "In three years we want Huawei to be the industry's top brand."

However, Huawei's growth in the U.S. market should give all Americans serious pause. Last week, respected national security reporter Bill Gertz wrote in the Washington Free Beacon that, "New information about Chinese civilian telecommunications companies' close support of the Chinese military and information warfare programs is raising fresh concerns about the companies' access to U.S. markets," according to a report by the congressional US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. "One of the companies identified in the report as linked to the People's Liberation Army (PLA) is Huawei Technologies, a global network hardware manufacturer that has twice been blocked by the U.S. government since 2008 from trying to buy into U.S. telecommunications firms."