

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 624) to provide for the sharing of certain cyber threat intelligence and cyber threat information between the intelligence community and cybersecurity entities, and for other purposes.

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Chair, I am voting “no” against the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA). H.R. 624 endangers privacy and allows personal information to be shared by private companies without adequate safeguards to protect sensitive and highly personal information. While it is important that we build up our nation’s defenses against the modern dangers of cyberattacks, we cannot abandon our central values of freedom and independence in the course of doing so. I am prepared to consider an alternate version of CISPA wherein civil liberties are robustly protected. This bill provides no real solutions that adequately uphold an American’s right to privacy, and that is why I am voting against it.

A TRIBUTE TO ROSE GARJIAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resident of Los Angeles, California, and a 105-year-old survivor of the Armenian Genocide—Rose Garjian.

Rose Garjian, then Rose Dedeian, was born on May 1, 1908, in the city of Kilis, located in south-central Turkey. Her father, Zakar Dedeian, worked as a shoemaker and cobbler, and her mother, Maritsa Dedeian, worked as a teacher. When the government of the Ottoman Empire launched a campaign of fear, destruction and death in the Spring of 1915, Ms. Garjian was only six-years-old. Her father hurriedly took his family to a small neighboring village to go into hiding from the Turks.

Ms. Garjian remembered the episode last year in an interview recalling that her father did not tell them why they had to go, only that they should hurry. “We left our home, and went to the desert,” said Garjian. “My father took us to hide, he tried to take us away from the Turks.”

While the Dedeian family was in hiding, the Ottoman government committed genocide against the Armenian people through wholesale massacre, forced marches through blistering deserts across the villages and cities of eastern Anatolia.

When the killings ended eight years later, more than a million and a half Armenian men,

women and children were dead, and the world’s oldest Christian nation had been shattered—with its survivors scattered around the world.

The Dedeian family moved to Lebanon, where Ms. Garjian attended Catholic School, learning French and Arabic. There, she met her husband Robert Garjian, a successful cobbler, who had come from the United States to marry her.

Once in the United States, Ms. Garjian gave birth to two daughters, Ellen and Mary. She is a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, with six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. One family member spoke of her caring nature, saying “her home was always open to family members visiting or immigrating to the United States.”

After her husband passed away in 1986, Ms. Garjian continued to dedicate herself to her family and community. She served as a volunteer for the Valley Guild of the Arat Home—where she now lives—and was active in the Armenian community where she was a member of the Massis Church in Los Angeles, treasurer for the Marash Women’s Group, member of the United Armenian Congregational Church, and is one of the founding members of Aleppo College.

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I ask that all Members join me in honoring a wonderful woman, Rose Garjian, for her remarkable story, dedication to family and exceptional service to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE NURSES AT SOUTH NASSAU COMMUNITIES HOSPITAL FOR NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that we acknowledge the significant contributions nurses make to our society on a daily basis. This year, the week of May 6th is National Nurses Week. During this week, we are asked to pause and recognize the courageous men and women who serve our communities as nurses. The American Nurses Association has designated this week to honor nurses and incorporate one of the most famous nurses, Florence Nightingale, in the ceremony as well.

I would like to draw special attention to the nurses at South Nassau Communities Hospital. The men and women of South Nassau Communities Hospital show a consistent dedication to ensuring and improving the health of their community. For over 80 years, these men and women have worked diligently to improve the lives of Long Islanders. The tradition passed down throughout the years was exemplified by the selfless efforts of the nurses at the hospital during Superstorm Sandy. I was inspired by their efforts in assisting people of Long Island gravely affected by Sandy. They rose to the occasion without hesitation or complaint providing care to people in their time of great need. And they did so without expecting any expectation of glory.

These men and women exemplify the great values of America on a daily basis. They set an excellent standard for each of us to live up to. I wanted to take this moment to honor them and thank them. We do not say it often enough to our public servants, but without the men and women of the nursing profession, America would be a much different place. The care provided by the nurses at Nassau South Communities hospital is vital to the life of Long Island. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for everything they do for our neighbors and communities.

BAY COUNTY CENTENNIAL

HON. STEVE SOUTHERLAND II

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. SOUTHERLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the place that I am proud to call home: Bay County, Florida.

One hundred years ago today, Bay County was established by act of the Florida legislature, igniting a century of growth and opportunity for a close-knit community that still cherishes its rich history and tradition.

Bay County is located in the heart of northwest Florida, overlooking 41 miles of sugar-white sand beaches along the Gulf of Mexico’s emerald green waters. With an additional 270 square miles occupied by pristine lakes, springs, streams and the magnificent St. Andrew’s Bay, Bay County has become a national destination for tourists, fishermen, boaters, and water sports enthusiasts.

While Bay County’s beaches and diverse inland areas attract over eight million visitors each year, it is the people who live and work there that give us our unique spirit. A small community of little more than 11,000 in 1920, Bay County now embodies the drive of a diverse and growing population totaling more than 170,000 people.

Bay County’s workforce is among the best educated and most highly prepared in Northwest Florida, with institutions of higher learning that rival any in the region. Its economic engine is fueled not by tourism alone, but also by thriving small businesses, nationally recognized companies, major manufacturers and

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one of the newer airports in America. And, as the home of Tyndall Air Force Base, Naval Support Activity Panama City, and more than 22,000 veterans, Bay County enjoys a rich military history.

On this date, April 24, 2013, the day of Bay County's centennial, I am proud to join with friends, neighbors, and local and county officials from Panama City, Panama City Beach, Lynn Haven, Springfield, Parker, Callaway, Mexico Beach, and the unincorporated areas of our county to celebrate our proud past and bright future.

HONORING JACK AND VIOLET HAROUNIAN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack and Violet Harounian, Dinner Chairpersons of the Aleh Foundation Awards Dinner.

Aleh Foundation's distinguished Dinner Chairperson Jack Harounian was born in Teheran, Iran in 1928. Jack had hoped to attend Teheran University Medical School to help the local Jewish community but was accepted in Dental College. Because of the outbreak of World War II and the very difficult day to day economic situation, he was not able to attend. At age 18, after passing exams, Mr. Harounian became the youngest staff member of the Imperial Bank of Iran office in Teheran. At age 20, he volunteered to attend the War Faculty and became a Battalion Officer of King Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi. In that position Jack served for 18 months in "Padeghan Jay" near Mehrabad Airport in Teheran. He then returned to the bank at a higher position until Prime Minister Dr. Mohammad Mosadegh nationalized the banking and oil industry in Iran. Jack got married in 1957 to his lovely bride Violet Ohebshalom at the age of 29 in Teheran and they enjoyed a honeymoon in Israel in 1957. Today they are blessed with two daughters, one son and 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Harounian moved the family to the U.S. in 1970. After he started a business importing woolen piece goods, then shifted to become an exporter of handmade oriental rugs. After three decades he became one of the largest rug exporters in the U.S. At age 20, when the State of Israel was established, and later, at the time of their honeymoon, Jack began to think how he could help the people of Israel and Jews around the world. Some 25 years ago he decided to help hospitals and upgrade the quality of health-care services in Israel. In 1980 he organized and led fund raising efforts on behalf of Magen David Hospital in Calcutta, India.

In 1990, Violet miraculously survived a very serious illness. In the words of Jack, "G-d gave me back my wife." In appreciation, he agreed to become the International Chairman of Iranian Friends of Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem. In that position, Mr. Harounian began to raise funds for Shaare Zedek, not just in New York but across the country and around the world. In all of these trips he had the warm support and encouragement of Violet who is deeply proud of her husband's efforts to care for the sick and disabled in Israel.

He has worked tirelessly on behalf of Shaare Zedek, year after year, putting in countless hours of time each week. At his own expense, Mr. Harounian has placed ads in all major Persian language news media in New York and Los Angeles as well as in the Jewish Week and Jerusalem Post. Jack takes his responsibility as International Chairman very seriously. On behalf of Shaare Zedek he has travelled to Boston, Washington D.C., Chicago, Miami, and overseas to Germany, Switzerland, France, Australia, New Zealand, England and Spain to meet with members of the local Persian Jewish community. Jack has personally paid for all hotels and air expenses for himself and his wife.

In recognition of his exceptional activities which have greatly benefited the health and well-being of the people of Jerusalem, Jack was honored at the Iranian Community Solidarity Gala Dinner Dance in celebration of Jerusalem's 2000 birthday in 1996, sponsored by Shaare Zedek.

This was followed two years later by Mr. Harounian being designated by Prime Minister Ehud Olmert a "Trustee of the City of Jerusalem" at festivities in Jerusalem celebrating Israel's 50th birthday. This is a special, rare honor of distinction that is presented to those individuals outside Israel who have made an exceptional contribution toward the betterment of the people of Jerusalem.

Because of his widespread reputation as a philanthropist supporting Israel, Jack was approached by the Aleh Foundation in 2001. He was deeply moved to hear about the dream of building a Rehabilitation Village. The estimated cost of the project was a daunting \$45 million.

After visiting the Aleh Center in Jerusalem and meeting with our special children and talking with the exceptional staff, Mr. Harounian threw himself wholeheartedly into this endeavor. Jack was kind enough to open his beautiful home in Kings Point for a fund-raising event that featured Prime Minister Ehud Olmert as the guest speaker. Mr. Harounian is an esteemed honorary board member. He makes it a priority to participate in all of the Aleh Foundation's fund raising events in NY and in Israel and spends an enormous amount of time introducing friends, neighbors and business associates to the vital work of the Foundation.

Over the years Mr. Harounian has devoted countless hours of his time, energy and money to helping Aleh expand its extraordinary facilities while continuing his wonderful work for Shaare Zedek and many other worthy causes in Israel. When asked why he worked so hard on behalf of the Aleh Foundation, Mr. Harounian replied, "It is wonderful that 12,000 parents can go to work each day with peace of mind, knowing that the Aleh Foundation, with its excellent and caring staff is taking care of their disabled children."

Mrs. Violet Harounian, besides warm support and encouragement, donated a very special ambulance to Magen David Adom in 1990 to Israel. She is active, in many other non-profit organizations in Israel such as Hadassah and Ort and so on. It is a distinct honor and a privilege to have Jack and Violet serve as Dinner Chairpersons of Aleh Foundation Awards Dinner celebrating 29 years of service to disabled children in Israel.

MATT LEWIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Matt Lewis for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Matt Lewis is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Matt Lewis is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Matt Lewis for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING MR. GEORGE J. PAPPAS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of myself, Representative CONAWAY from Texas, Representative LOBIONDO from New Jersey, Representative NUNES from California, Mr. ROGERS from Michigan, and Representative THORNBERRY from Texas to honor Mr. George J. Pappas, Professional Staff Member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel.

During his time with the House Intelligence Committee, Mr. Pappas traveled extensively on bi-partisan congressional delegations, leading world-wide congressional trips for individual Members of Congress and group delegations. He has specific knowledge and expertise in engaging partner allies and emerging democracies from Eastern Europe, East Asia, and Western Africa. He advised bipartisan Members of the House on issues related to national security, cyber security, nuclear non-proliferation, global conflict, military intelligence operations, and institutional organizations within the Department of Defense.

Before serving as an exceptional policy advisor, he dedicated 24 years to active military service, holding a number of command and staff assignments including Deputy Commander United States Special Operation Command—Korea and Chief of Civil Affairs, United States Forces Korea. He also served as Operations Officer, Company Commander and Special Forces Detachment Command, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne); and Battery Commander and Brigade Fire Support Office in the 82nd Airborne Division.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint