

international coalition that has been so critical to the current sanctions regime could fracture, thus weakening the leverage we already have.

There is no guarantee that a final deal is possible. But given the stakes involved, we simply must try, for the alternative is far worse. Iran would then be left to develop its nuclear program without supervision, and the U.S. could be drawn into another costly war in the Middle East.

I urge my colleagues to support the interim nuclear agreement and oppose any attempt to undermine our country's diplomacy.

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TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

(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, each year, Congress deliberately acts to craft, pass, and sign into law the National Defense Authorization Act, the annual policy bill for the U.S. Department of Defense.

For the first time in 52 years, this may no longer be the case. This year, the House passed its version in June, while the Senate, again, dragged its feet.

Fortunately, earlier this week, congressional leaders reached a compromise that will allow both Chambers to move forward. It includes an important amendment I offered accepted under the House version dealing with the Transitional Assistance Management Program, or TAMP, which offers health care coverage for servicemembers transitioning into civilian life.

All too often, symptoms related to post-traumatic stress do not appear until 8 to 10 months after deployment. The amendment will extend coverage under TAMP by 180 days for all services rendered through telemedicine, which is critical, especially for those coping with mental injuries.

As a father of an Active Duty soldier, I am hopeful we can bring this bill to the finish line and make good on our commitments to our troops and continue meeting our obligations around the world.

COMMEMORATING HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Human Rights Day, an occasion to recognize the struggles of individuals all around the world who fight for their basic rights of life, liberty, and security of person.

On March 2, 2011, Jean-Claude Roger Mbende of Cameroon was arrested for, "homosexuality and attempted homosexuality" and sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment.

Jean-Claude is one of the individual cases of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission's Defending Freedoms Project, which seeks to have Members of Congress adopt the case of an individual like Jean-Claude and work for their rights and freedom.

Sadly, cases such as these are far too common in areas of the world where people can be imprisoned for simply exercising their basic human rights.

I call upon the Cameroonian authorities to live up to their obligation to respect and protect the rights of Jean-Claude Mbende and all Cameroonians.

I pledge to continue to follow his story and do what I can to secure his safety. I hope my colleagues will join me in taking up cases from the Defending Freedoms Project, and that, together, we can ensure justice for wrongly imprisoned individuals all across the world.

THE EMAIL PRIVACY ACT

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, the number of Americans who support updating our electronic communication privacy laws is growing every day. Just today, The Washington Post reported that over 100,000 Americans have signed a petition asking President Obama to support changes in the 27-year-old privacy law called the Electronic Communications Privacy Act that currently allows government agents to search Americans' private emails without a warrant.

The Constitution prohibits government from searching postal mail without a warrant. It defies common sense that emails should have any less protection.

Our existing laws were written before Facebook and Google even existed. Just think how far we have come in regard to Internet technology. It is time to update these laws.

The American people are shocked when they learn that their emails do not have the same privacy protections as their mail and other documents in their homes. That is why I introduced H.R. 1852, the Email Privacy Act, a bipartisan bill to affirm that Americans have a reasonable expectation of privacy in their emails.

Mr. Speaker, it is time Congress and the President worked together to update our email privacy laws. I urge the House to pass this needed legislation.

EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, over the next few weeks, the American people will be celebrating the warmth of the holidays with friends and family alike.

But for nearly 1.3 million people, the situation will be desperate. The pains

of long-term unemployment will be compounded as their benefits totally run out on December 28.

These people have struggled for months on end to find work after losing a job. They include thousands of veterans who recently completed their military service, and they include families who need unemployment benefits to clothe their children and put food on the table.

It is unconscionable that this budget deal does not protect these vulnerable families who had no part in causing the recession that put them in such dire circumstances.

As we go into this holiday season, let us help those in greatest need. Extend unemployment benefits.

CONGRATULATING THE DESALES COLTS, KENTUCKY'S 2013 CLASS 2A HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, last weekend in Louisville, the world-famous Twin Spires of Churchill Downs glowed orange in support of something the hallowed track knows well, a champion.

The DeSales High School Colts of Louisville's South End entered the State championship on a streak of dominance, posting six shutouts, and holding opponents to just 9.4 points per game. When they lined up against Newport Central Catholic to play for the title on Saturday, the DeSales defense hadn't allowed a point in 2 weeks.

Fueled by three touchdowns from all-time leading rusher Dylan Byrd, two passing scores from quarterback Nathan Roush, and a defense anchored by middle linebacker Matt Bouchard, the Colts overcame a tough opponent 34-26, taking State for the first time in school history.

The title caps a remarkable 14-1 season for the Colts, who became only the second South End team ever to win State.

For DeSales Head Coach Harold Davis, the title run offered a nice symmetry. Davis was a senior safety on the 1981 DeSales team, one of only two others in school history to play in the finals.

The debate over the best Colts team in school history will continue back home, but there is no question this year's team now stands at the top. They might have been outsized through much of the playoffs, but they were never outmatched or outplayed.

Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to join all of Louisville in honoring the DeSales Colts, Kentucky's 2013 Class 2A High School football champions. Go Colts.

A UNIQUE MOMENT IN HISTORY

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it appears as though the rumored sanctions legislation dealing with Iran may not reach the floor this week. This would be good news.

It is imperative that we take this optimistic development that gives us a chance for a diplomatic resolution of the differences with Iran and prevent them from developing nuclear weapons to come to fruition. We must not give excuses to Iranian hardliners who hate America a reason to walk away. We don't want to confuse our allies, who we rely upon to make sanctions work, about our intentions.

It is imperative that we move forward aggressively, thoughtfully, to make the most out of this 6 months, using diplomacy to make sure that the majority of Iranians who recently voted for a change in direction with a relative moderate as President are reinforced.

This is a unique moment in history. I am pleased that it looks like the House might not screw it up.

CONTINUE FUNDING HEALTH AND SCIENCE RESEARCH

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a recent discovery by researchers at the University of California at Davis. Earlier this month, Professor Peter Armstrong, a professor at the university, published a new role for blood clots, absorbing bodily toxins.

Blood clots are known to be critical in protecting wounds by stopping blood flow and preventing contaminants from entering the body. Dr. Armstrong and his colleagues, knowing that lipopolysaccharide, a toxin in the body, is released during septic shock, demonstrated that this toxin is absorbed by blood clots inhibiting it from circulating within the body.

This study, funded by the National Science Foundation, brings us one step closer to understanding the human body and improving medical care. We must continue funding science and health research projects, as the next great discovery just may save your life.

DIPLOMACY WITH IRAN

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, as a Member who has consistently voted to impose sanctions on Iran, I commend Secretaries Kerry and Sherman for an excellent job in seeking to safeguard our families through tough, persistent diplomacy with Iran. We should fully support their vital efforts.

Iranian hardliners may ultimately obstruct a meaningful, permanent agreement; but we should not give them a pretext for doing so. Those here who would interfere or limit these negotiations are really offering the

American people only one alternative; it is called war. We have been there and done that before.

Military action in Iraq cost us very dearly. It did not make us safer. Let's not repeat this deadly mistake.

While difficult and uncertain, diplomacy is already eliminating chemical weapons from Syria. It represents our best hope to prevent nuclear weapons in Iran and assure the safety of our families and others around the world.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JUSTICE JOHN GABBERT

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I observe the passing of Justice John Gabbert, who died Monday at the age of 104. A long-time Riverside resident, Justice Gabbert was a dedicated public servant, a key founder of UC Riverside, and a prominent leader in Riverside's expansion from a citrus-growing town into an urban center.

Justice Gabbert was 3 years old when his family moved to Riverside in 1912. After graduating from Poly High School, he stayed in the community to attend Riverside City College, where his interest in law was sparked by the infamous "Chicken Coop Murders."

In 1934, Gabbert received his law degree from UC Berkeley and returned to Riverside to serve as a county deputy district attorney. Subsequently, he worked in private practice as part of what is known as Best, Best and Krieger.

He also served as a member of the local school board. But John Gabbert is mostly known as a fine jurist. In 1949, he was appointed to be a superior court judge; and, finally, in 1970 he was appointed to be an associate justice of the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

Throughout his life, John Gabbert touched the lives of so many people. He will be greatly missed.

EXTEND FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, many of us are congratulating each other over this bipartisan budget agreement, but I want to remind us that there is still some unfinished business that we need to take care of.

Unemployment is still a very real issue for our Nation and for our communities; and in my district, unemployment is as high as 16.9 percent, twice the national average.

If we fail to take immediate action and we allow this emergency unemployment insurance to expire, just in California 214,800 people alone will lose their benefits by December 28 and an additional 325,800 unemployed Cali-

fornia workers will lose their benefits in the first 6 months of the year.

This is really unacceptable. A failure to extend this critical lifeline to those in need would not only be a devastating blow for millions of American families already struggling, but it would hurt our own recovery of our economy.

Now is not the time to pull the rug out from under millions of Americans who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

Speaker BOEHNER, I urge you to do the right thing and not adjourn this House without extending Federal unemployment insurance for millions of Americans.

MEMORIAL FOR RONDAL K. MOORE

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

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Rondal K. Moore of Aurora, Colorado, who passed away from a stroke on November 12 at the age of 71.

Mr. Moore was born on March 25, 1942, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, the son of Clarence Delmer and Golden Viola Moore.

In 1961, Mr. Moore graduated from Wheeler County High School in Fossil, Oregon. He went on to serve in the United States Navy during the Vietnam war onboard the aircraft carrier USS *Coral Seas*, as well as duty in Rhode Island at the Naval War College.

In the spring of 1963, he married Nancy E. Heily, and on March 29 of this year they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Moore began working for United Airlines in 1966 and spent decades in the field of de-icing, until retiring in 2003 after 37 years.

He held multiple patents for inventions in both information and system operations, as well as software products used in the process of de-icing. His inventions and patents are still in use today in order to help determine check time for de-icing fluids, which allows for safe travel during inclement weather.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his surviving family members, including his wife of 50 years, Nancy Moore, of Aurora, Colorado; his son, Jason Moore, of Chula Vista, California, also a Navy veteran; his daughter, Sondra LaValley, of Aurora, Colorado; and his sister, Carol Ellis, of Kennewick, Washington.

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2014 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

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