

and cars safer—and car fatalities have decreased 36 percent in the last 20 years. Other public health crises cannot be left ignored, and I'm proud to introduce this legislation that addresses the epidemic of gun violence and develops best strategies to prevent future incidents.

COLONEL MARY MILLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Colonel Mary Miller for her service to our country.

Colonel Miller served in the United States Army from June 1981–June 2011, for a total of 30 years—10 of which were on active duty and 20 years in the Army Reserve. She retired at the rank of colonel. During her distinguished career, Colonel Miller served in a variety of military intelligence assignments worldwide. She was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom at the Multi National Forces Headquarters in Baghdad where she served as the commander of the 208th Army Liaison Team, 96th Regional Readiness Command.

Colonel Miller continues to serve our nation as a civilian employee at the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the Chief of Operations Division.

Through her courageous service, Colonel Miller charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Colonel Mary Miller for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

INTRODUCTION OF A HOUSE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN UKRAINE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a House Resolution Calling for Free and Fair Elections in Ukraine. Ukraine will hold a presidential election this Sunday, May 25, 2014, with the goal of once again reinforcing a democratic legitimacy within the country.

On February 22, 2014, the Ukrainian Parliament voted to remove Victor Yanukovich from the post of President of Ukraine. This election to replace the former president is planned amidst political upheaval that has included violent street protests, Russia's invasion and illegitimate annexation of Crimea, and Russian instigated separatist rebellions throughout the eastern portions of the country.

The prospects this presidential election hold cannot be overstated. It is a decisive marker for a fresh start for Ukraine. Free and fair elections are fundamental for regaining economic and political stability throughout the nation.

The importance of free and fair elections is not lost on the American people. With this resolution we are reaffirming the commitment of

the United States' support of the expression of freedom, human rights, civil liberties, and the rule of law in Ukraine, embodied through elections that are free and fair. Further, we condemn the interference of foreign agitators in pre-election activities and behavior that could adversely impact voter participation during polling.

In the remaining days prior to the election, the focus of the international community will remain on supporting the preparations and ensuring the Ukrainian people understand they are supported in these democratic efforts. Promoting access and participation in free and fair democratic processes must be a priority for America. I encourage my colleagues to support these ideals through this resolution.

No nation across our world suffered more or endured more in the last century's bloody European wars than did Ukraine. Freedom loving people hold a moral obligation to right the wrongs of the past in the present for Ukraine through these historic elections.

May they occur peaceably as thousands of election monitors from across our globe travel to Ukraine to assure that nation a better future.

This weekend in our own Nation, as Memorial Day commemorations ensue, including the 10th Anniversary ceremony here in Washington, D.C. of the dedication of the World War II Memorial, in which I will gratefully participate, let us remember those whose sacrifices made our freedoms possible. And let us pray for those who dream of opportunities America is blessed to enjoy, like the people of Ukraine who have yet known full freedom and whose moment is now.

HONORING DYLAN N. STRAUGHN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dylan N. Straughn. Dylan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 251, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dylan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Dylan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dylan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dylan N. Straughn for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I missed rollcall vote 217, on H.R. 10, Success

and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PASTOR JOE CATANI

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Pastor Joe Catani of Dubois, Pennsylvania for 50 years of service to his community.

Pastor Catani has served as the pastor for three different churches over the span of his fifty year career. From 1971–1997, he served at the Jonestown Bible Church, followed by The Grace Fellowship Church in Wilkes Barre (1997–1999), and finally, the Bressler Bible Church (1999–2014). In addition to his work with the church, he has volunteered as a chaplain for rest homes and has served on mission agency boards. Pastor Catani's efforts have enriched his community, and his selfless service has touched thousands of people, in the states and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, for over 50 years of exemplary pastoral service, I commend Pastor Catani and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

COMMANDER KATHLEEN NOLL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Commander Kathleen Noll for her service to our country.

Commander Kathleen Noll served in the United States Navy Nurse Corps and Navy Reserve from 1972 to 1993 for a total of 21 years. Commander Noll served at Subic Bay, Philippines, when South Vietnam surrendered to North Vietnam, effectively ending the Vietnam War. During her tour in the Philippines, she was part of the Grand Island clinic caring for the civilian Vietnamese refugees and active duty military personnel.

Commander Noll later activated and deployed to the Persian Gulf in Bahrain in support of Operation Desert Storm where they built a fully functioning, fully staffed field hospital in three days. Commander Noll continues her nursing career as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for Kaiser Permanente.

Through her courageous service, Commander Noll charted the path for future generations of women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Commander Kathleen Noll for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING DR. MONTE DEAN BUTLER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Monte Dean Butler for

his 18 years of service to Pacific Union College's Department of Psychology and Social Work. Mr. Butler has dedicated his career to preparing students for a career in social work and to providing social services to the Napa County community, which is both admirable and deserving of recognition.

Mr. Butler was born and raised in Dinuba, California. He attended Pacific Union College, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. Mr. Butler then continued his studies at the University of Utah, where he received a Graduate Certificate of Gerontology, a Master of Social Work, and a Ph.D. in Social Work. He returned to Pacific Union College, where he has taught social work courses for 18 years, including 10 years as the Bachelor of Social Work Field Coordinator, 8 years as the Program Director, and 7 years as the chair of the Psychology and Social Work Department.

As Program Director, Dr. Butler managed the Bachelor of Social Work Program's reaffirmation process, which resulted in the program receiving the highest level of affirmation from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Outside of Pacific Union College, Dr. Butler continues to serve the Napa community through his work with numerous organizations. He developed the Angwin Food Pantry in 2006 and he started the Christmas Tree Family Project to help families in need in the Napa community. Dr. Butler has also served as the Volunteer Coordinator for ALDEA Treat Foster Care Program's "Foster Parent University" and he has served as a volunteer for the Get Out the Vote: General Election and Shuttle Service Project and as a home visitor for the COPE Family Resource Center.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Mr. Butler not only for his commitment to social work, but for his commitment to our community. Dr. Butler's unyielding dedication to educating students and providing social services is greatly appreciated by the Napa County community and we wish him further success in an already distinguished career.

THE NECESSITY OF TESTIMONY
FROM SECRETARY OF STATE
JOHN KERRY TO EXPLAIN HIS
DEPARTMENT'S FAILURE TO
COMPLY WITH A CONGRES-
SIONAL SUBPOENA

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, as the House's Select Committee on Benghazi stands up and takes ownership of an investigation that has been conducted jointly by standing committees since the fall of 2012, the Oversight and Government Reform Committee has, with your support, one final bit of business scheduled for May 29: subpoenaed testimony from Secretary of State John Kerry about his Department's failure to produce critical documents subject to a lawful subpoena.

On April 17, 2014, the State Department sent a letter informing the Committee that it was producing previously unreleased e-mails subject to prior requests and subpoenas. In this letter the State Department acknowledged

that these documents were responsive to a September 20, 2012, request and an August 1, 2013, subpoena. These subpoenaed documents had been willfully withheld from the Committee and were only turned over after a federal judge ruled against the administration's efforts to block a Freedom of Information Act request from the organization Judicial Watch.

One e-mail in this production showed that White House official Ben Rhodes coordinated talking points for then Ambassador Susan Rice, encouraging an emphasis that the attack was "rooted in an Internet video, and not a failure of policy." This exposed false White House claims that inaccurate statements made by then Ambassador Susan Rice on national television were solely the product of bad information from the intelligence community even though the intelligence community talkers made no reference to an Internet video.

Undaunted, earlier this month, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney argued at a White House press briefing that the Internet video reference in the Ben Rhodes' e-mail was the result of a, "connection between the protests in Cairo and what happened in Benghazi, that's drawn directly from talking points produced by the intelligence community, as testified to by the deputy director of the CIA on multiple occasions."

New evidence obtained by the Oversight Committee, however, contradicts this explanation. An e-mail sent at 9:11 pm eastern time on September 11, 2012, (3:11 am September 12 in Libya) to the Diplomatic Security Command Center under the subject line "Update on response actions—Libya" recounts items discussed in a Secure Video Teleconference attended by senior Administration officials. Among the items noted in this e-mail, one states: "White House is reaching out to U-Tube to advise ramifications of the posting of the Pastor Jon Video." Among descriptions of actions from different agencies, the e-mail says nothing else about what the White House was doing that night. This information is troubling for a number of reasons.

First, it contradicts White Press Secretary Jay Carney's claim this month that White House assertions about an Internet video were "drawn directly from talking points produced by the intelligence community." The intelligence community talking points that were used, in part, to brief Ambassador Rice were not even requested until September 14—three days after the attack and the White House's decision to embrace its storyline.

Second, former Libya Deputy of Chief of Mission Gregory Hicks—who spoke to Ambassador Christopher Stevens on the phone during the attack—indicated that it was immediately clear to him that the assault on the Benghazi diplomatic compound was a terrorist attack and not a protest of a YouTube video gone awry. Retired Brigadier General Robert Lovell, who had served as Deputy Director for Intelligence and Knowledge Development at U.S. Africa Command the night of the attack also testified that the assault on the Benghazi compound was clearly identifiable as a terrorist attack and not a protest gone awry. Former Deputy CIA Director Mike Morrell publicly testified that incorrect conclusions by his agency that there had been a protest were made as a result of analysis that took place after, not during, the attack. In fact, reports and evidence collected during the attack and embraced by some Administration officials

specifically pointed to Al Qaeda linked militia Ansar al-Sharia. A State Department draft memo for Secretary Clinton from September 12 about a condolence letter to the mother of slain American Sean Smith actually references both the White House assertion of a YouTube video and the involvement of Ansar al-Sharia.

Third and finally, the e-mail shows the White House had hurried to settle on a false narrative—one at odds with the conclusions reached by those on the ground—before Americans were even out of harm's way or the intelligence community had made an impartial examination of available evidence. According to the e-mail, the White House—at 3:11 am Libya time—had resolved to call YouTube owner Google about an Internet video being responsible for violence more than two hours before Americans Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty were killed by militants at 5:15 am.

Unfortunately Secretary Kerry and the State Department continue to try to keep this information from the public, only turning this document over to Congress last month. While the information I have cited from this e-mail is clearly unclassified, the State Department has attempted to obstruct its disclosure by not providing Congress with an unclassified copy of this document that redacted only classified portions outlining what the Department of Defense and the Secretary of State were doing in response to the attack in Benghazi that night. This tactic prevents the release of the e-mail itself. In advance of Secretary Kerry's testimony, I intend to request that the State Department declassify this e-mail in its entirety. I will also request that a small sample of other documents be declassified and the removal of redactions from other material occur so that the Oversight Committee can have a more meaningful discussion with Secretary Kerry about information that has been inappropriately withheld from Congress.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your support for this hearing and view it as an appropriate conclusion to the transition the House of Representatives has decided to make to a Select Committee. By discussing these issues with Secretary Kerry in a public forum on May 29 at the Oversight Committee, the Select Committee will benefit from an examination of tactics this Administration has employed to obstruct the investigation into the Benghazi terrorist attacks. Oversight is a constitutional responsibility of Congress, but we can only do our job when the executive branch, one way or another, meets its legal responsibilities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on May 7, 2014, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 198. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on agreeing to H. Res. 568.