

offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 537) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 537

Resolved, That the following named Members be and are hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES.—Ms. Gabbard.

(2) COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES.—Mr. Horsford.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

IOWA'S NATIONAL GUARD

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

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, last month, after proposed cuts to the Iowa National Guard, I asked Iowans for their comments and stories about the impact the Guard has had on their lives. Today, I will be turning those responses in to Secretary Hagel and the Pentagon to make sure that the Pentagon hears, not just from me, but from the Iowans who have seen the tremendous good done by the Iowa National Guard. I want to share several of the responses I will be turning in.

Donna from Ankeny, who has a nephew in the Guard, told me:

The National Guard is an investment in our safety and security, but it is also an investment in many young people—a huge employer.

Nancy from Dubuque, Iowa, wrote:

Not only do they fight for our country overseas, but they do so much for our country, such as helping with the floods in Iowa or with the aftermath of 9/11 in New York. The National Guard is an important part of our safety at home and abroad.

These are just some of the hundreds of responses I have received, and I am submitting many of these for the RECORD.

The Iowa National Guard served the longest deployment of any combat unit in Iraq. They came back and helped deal with the most powerful tornado in the United States that hit my district in 2008 and the worst flooding in our State's history, and that is why we shouldn't cut their funding.

The following individuals also indicated that they do not support the Pentagon making cuts to the National Guard to reduce spending:

Kevin Burke—Grimes, IA; John Moore—Grinnell, IA; Kathryn Bly—Grinnell, IA; Jacob Knott—Liscomb, IA; Chris Brodin—Marshalltown, IA; Bing McHone—Marshalltown, IA; Carolyn Peters—Montour, IA; Rachael Johnson—Rhodes, IA; Bonnie Coble—Rhodes, IA; Darlene Eckhart—State Center, IA; Nancy Croy—Des Moines, IA; Deborah Mikelson—Des Moines, IA.

Julia Taylor—Urbandale, IA; Rob Maser—Urbandale, IA; David Bryant—Mason City, IA; Stacy Baumgartner—Joice, IA; Hope Hartwig—Manly, IA; Sloane Morrow—Fort

Dodge, IA; Londa Dawkins—Ackley, IA; Dawn Shepard—Aplington, IA; James Meehan—Cedar Falls, IA; Emilee Leonard—Cedar Falls, IA; Barb Hazen—Cedar Falls, IA; Kristine Grummitt—Cedar Falls, IA.

Janet Nieman—Cedar Falls, IA; Suman Kandula—Cedar Falls, IA; Lance Dewein—Denver, IA; Randy William's—Dike, IA; Patricia Ohrt—Fairbank, IA; Merle Wilson—Fairbank, IA; Raymond Rich—Fairbank, IA; Glen Hockemeyer—Grundy Center, IA; Ronald Crooks—LaPorte City, IA; Juanita Vanlaningham—Independence, IA; Todd Marsh—Jesup, IA.

Dave Smith—Hudson, IA; Mary Brown—LaPorte City, IA; Eugene Knoploh—Sumner, IA; Steve Smothers—Oelwein, IA; Raelynn Osmanski—Plainfield, IA; Maggie Monaghan—Masonville, IA; Myron Dinsdale—Traer, IA; Jeffry Traeger—Waverly, IA; James Campbell—Waverly, IA; Pam Hogan—Winthrop, IA; Rebecca Hurd—Westgate, IA; Verilyn Savage—Waverly, IA; Wesley Pilkington—Waterloo, IA; Suzanne Rigdon—Waterloo, IA.

Thomas Richter—Waterloo, IA; Duwayne Gray—Waterloo, IA; Lisa Goedken—Waterloo, IA; Sharon Holdiman—Waterloo, IA; Laverne Bovy—Waterloo, IA; Myles Douglass—Waterloo, IA; Tom Robinson—Waterloo, IA; Megan Troyer—Waterloo, IA; Nathan Heyerhoff—Waterloo, IA; Cindy Heyerhoff—Waterloo, IA; Debra Floyd—Waterloo, IA; Steve Lumsden—Waterloo, IA; Mary Klingaman—Waterloo, IA.

January Matney—Waterloo, IA; George DeBord—Evansdale, IA; Terrence Martin—Sioux City, IA; Vonda Maggert—George, IA; Janice Thompson—Council Bluffs, IA; Maureen Barry—Dubuque, IA; Jason Peterson—Dubuque, IA; Chad Streff—Dubuque, IA; Marie Therese Coleman—Dubuque, IA; Stacey Moore—Dubuque, IA; Galen Smith—Dubuque, IA; Rich Hatcher—Dubuque, IA; Betty Kilburg—Bellevue, IA; Joe Manternach—Cascade, IA.

Marji Franzen—Delmar, IA; Neal Franzen—Delmar, IA; Susan Konzen—Dyersville, IA; Sally Knepper—Farley, IA; Geralyn Torkelson—Elkader, IA; Jeanette Kremer—Epworth, IA; Paul Kremer—Epworth, IA; James Bergin—Epworth, IA; Jason Heisler—Dyersville, IA; Wayne Frantzen—Maquoketa, IA; Kathy Dolan—Manchester, IA; Kathryn Guilgot—Manchester, IA; Randy Smith—Manchester, IA.

Lois Eads—Maquoketa, IA; Hannah Davison—Maquoketa, IA; Michael Cahill—Farley, IA; Michael Cline—Decorah, IA; Doris Engen—Decorah, IA; John Meyer—Decorah, IA; Dean Beinborn—Decorah, IA; Rick Cameron—Calmar, IA; Lucille Severson—Clermont, IA; Galen Kelly—Fayette, IA; Jane Regan—Harpers Ferry, IA; Michael Froehlich—Marquette, IA; Lisa McDanel—Protivin, IA; Kay Carter—Waukon, IA.

Donna Oltmann—Anamosa, IA; Jason Schwendinger—Anamosa, IA; Sarah George—Center Point, IA; Katy Diltz—Coggon, IA; Mona Reilly—Coggon, IA; Terri Staner—Delhi, IA; Pat Cook—Fairfax, IA; Robert Arbuckle—Iowa City, IA; Dwight Felling—Marengo, IA; Deb Conner—Marion, IA; Kathryn Baclet—Marion, IA; Dennis Lewis—Monticello, IA; Jay Currie—Mount Vernon, IA.

Scott McKnight—North Liberty, IA; Shiloh Herr—Palo, IA; Lynn Kramer—Robins, IA; Diana Muchmore—Rowley, IA; Steve Cavanaugh—Cedar Rapids, IA; Annette Rink—Cedar Rapids, IA; Greg Sohl—Cedar Rapids, IA; Larry Freese—Cedar Rapids, IA; Bill Crosser—Cedar Rapids, IA; Justin Kratts—Cedar Rapids, IA; Tim Watson—Cedar Rapids, IA; Sheree Martinez—Cedar Rapids, IA; Larry Donaldson—Cedar Rapids, IA; Joseph Berry—Cedar Rapids, IA.

Michael Graves—Cedar Rapids, IA; Andrew Kidd—Cedar Rapids, IA; David Owens—Cedar

Rapids, IA; Marcus Beebe—Cedar Rapids, IA; Kathy Tedesco—Cedar Rapids, IA; Tom Miller—Cedar Rapids, IA; Tony Schmidt—Cedar Rapids, IA; David Farland—Cedar Rapids, IA; Danielle Ellickson—Cedar Rapids, IA; Thomas High—Cedar Rapids, IA; Janette Benzing—Cedar Rapids, IA; Garnett Helming—Cedar Rapids, IA; Patti Sampson—Cedar Rapids, IA.

Jim Doerzman—Bettendorf, IA; James Stopulos—Bettendorf, IA; Jeanette White—Bettendorf, IA; Rick Seibel—Buffalo, IA; Renee Williams—Camanche, IA; Carla Edfors—Clinton, IA; Suzanne Reed—Eldridge, IA; Paul Fahrenkrug—McCausland, IA; Carolyn Kemper—Muscatine, IA; Edith Koehn—Davenport, IA; Sandra Davis—Davenport, IA; Roger Hutchison—Davenport, IA; Ron Huber—Davenport, IA.

Margaret Raibley—Davenport, IA; Kent Dexter—Davenport, IA; Sharon Carlson—Davenport, IA; Bekky Anderson—Davenport, IA; Jeanna Wonio—Davenport, IA; George Rasmussen—Davenport, IA; Jeffrey Arthur—Westgate, IA; Romaine Pickart—Dubuque, IA; Ann Schooley—Cedar Rapids, IA; Brenda Klenk—Hudson, IA; Sarah Croft—Pensacola, FL; Paul Olds—Gulf Port, MS.

CUBAN PEOPLE DESERVE FREEDOM

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, there has been a lot of misinformation today about the Cuban Twitter program. This is not a secret program. Cuba democracy programs are public.

Both USAID and State publicly put out requests for proposals from different NGOs or private businesses to administer and implement our Cuba democracy programs.

The objective of these programs is to provide greater access to information to those suffering under the repressive regime. The Cuban dictatorship controls, censors, and blocks information going into the island to deny Cubans the ability to hear about world events or about the human rights violations occurring throughout the island in their very own country.

The funds help provide technology-based training to get through—to cut through the censorship of the Castro brothers. Our goal is to stimulate new ideas to help the Cuban people tackle pressing issues such as human rights abuses.

These new technology programs are also aimed at reaching out to the Cuban youth to share experiences and provide them with the tools to build their capacity for grassroots organizing to promote democracy, liberty, and freedom. The Cuban people deserve freedom.

SAVE AMERICAN WORKERS ACT LESSENS BURDEN

(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. Madam Speaker, businesses across the

country have stopped hiring, and millions of Americans are beginning to see less take-home pay as a result of the Affordable Care Act's 30-hour workweek requirement.

That is the crux of the problem with the Affordable Care Act, Madam Speaker. The law's burdensome employer requirements dissuade businesses from expanding and encourage shifting current workers from full to part-time work.

Congress should be advancing policies to expand employment opportunities, especially during tough economic times, rather than undercutting the ability of Americans to earn more.

This is the reason that the House today passed H.R. 2575, the Save American Workers Act, legislation that will allow businesses the opportunity to expand workers' hours by redefining full-time employees under the Affordable Care Act and reverting back to the traditional 40-hour workweek definition.

The Save American Workers Act will lessen the burden being imposed on employers and help to increase wages so that Americans, especially those with limited means, can better provide for their families.

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GLOBAL BATTLE AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

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

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the British Embassy for including me in an exchange program with scientists, policy leaders, and members of the British Parliament who are on the front lines of our global battle against Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's attacks our oldest population, stripping our grandparents of their memory and their dignity, and placing debilitating stress on devoted caretakers.

Forty-four million worldwide and 5 million right here in America are affected. In fact, an American develops Alzheimer's disease every 68 seconds, which means by the time I finish this speech someone in our country will have this heartbreaking disease.

Through the Affordable Care Act and the National Alzheimer's Project Act, Congress and President Obama have taken important steps to address this growing crisis. It is a moral and economic imperative that we continue to escalate our efforts.

THE PRESIDENT'S PEP RALLY SPEECH ON OBAMACARE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the head cheerleader in charge held a pep rally this week. Standing in front

of a boisterous pep squad of bureaucrats from HHS and Democrats who support ObamaCare, the President declared his mission accomplished.

However, not there and not invited were millions who had lost their plans and lost their doctors that the President promised that they could keep. Many citizens have seen their health insurance costs rise, their deductibles increase, and their coverage decrease, and they weren't there either.

One single mom in my district wrote me that she had to send her son off to live with her parents because she could no longer afford to support him due to the rise in her health care costs under ObamaCare. She wasn't there either.

But the President declared the debate over repealing ObamaCare is over. Not so fast, Mr. President. College pep rally campaigning in front of a hand-picked audience won't change the fact that ObamaCare is bad medicine for America.

And that's just the way it is.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. WAGNER). The Chair would remind Members to direct their remarks to the Chair.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from New York (Mr. REED) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleagues that have joined me this evening to talk about an issue that is very personal to me and I think something that we need to discuss across America in an open and honest fashion.

Madam Speaker, this month, April, is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. I am joined with many of my colleagues here today to discuss the issue of sexual assault, domestic violence and, in particular, a national effort that we have become familiar with in our office and in my household called the NO MORE campaign. NO MORE is a group that is represented by numerous entities across the country that are coming together to say "no more" to sexual assault and domestic violence.

Madam Speaker, you may recall I came to this floor of this Chamber back on March 14 and I discussed the issue of NO MORE Week at that point in time. I shared my family's personal story that moved us in our household—my wife, my brother, my sister, my 11 older brothers and sisters—to say "no more."

Madam Speaker, over the last year and a half, we dealt with a situation where my niece was raped. I will tell you, going through that experience, it is time to say "no more."

I just am humbled to see the outpouring of support that my colleagues are showing me this evening and coming together to say we need to talk about sexual assault, we need to talk about domestic violence across the country. We can't be shameful, we can't hide any longer. We need to stand with the victims and say this isn't something that is just going to be brushed aside and there are going to be excuses of, well, she wanted it or they deserved it or they were drinking, and therefore it is okay. "No more," Madam Speaker, no more to sexual assault and domestic violence.

Earlier today, my colleague across the aisle, GWEN MOORE, and I introduced a resolution supporting the goals and ideas of April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. I am glad to see that we are coming together in this Chamber on a bipartisan basis to identify this issue, speak about this issue, and coming together to solve this critical problem for Americans across the Nation.

Also, I just wanted to say, from this personal experience as a husband, as a father of a beautiful girl who is 15, the uncle of my beautiful niece who went through this horrific situation, that we just can't express enough how horrific and tragic sexual assault is when it comes to families, young men and women, just men and women across the country, and I stand here today to say "no more."

With that, I yield to the gentleman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), my good colleague, to speak on this important issue.

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York for bringing highlight to an issue that we all feel a certain sadness that has to be highlighted. I am sorry for his personal tragedy for his niece, and I wish her much healing and a bright future for her.

I rise today to, too, speak, as he did, about April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

As we know, sexual assault can happen to anyone, regardless of gender, age, race, or religion, and it is always heartbreaking. Those are the ones that we actually hear about. Many go unreported. So we must say "no more," no more to sexual assault and the culture of silence and shame.

One in six women in this country have been sexually assaulted, most by someone they know. Hence, the area of deeply troubling behaviors in the realm of domestic violence.

College women have an even higher rate of sexual victimization than most women in the United States. Our colleges and universities can and must play an important role in stopping sexual assault and joining this campaign in April by saying "no more" to sexual