

negotiated and endorsed by President Obama and sent to Congress for review. Last week, I was encouraged that House Republicans and principled Democrats voted against approval of the deal and to pass other measures requiring the president to provide information regarding every aspect of the deal negotiated with Iran.

If this deal is implemented, it will almost certainly lead to a nuclear-capable Iran in the near future. While the President insists on trusting this dangerous state sponsor of terrorism, he is recklessly jeopardizing the safety and security of America and our allies.

While the House followed appropriate steps in response to the Iranian nuclear deal, I am disappointed that the Senate didn't allow a vote on it at all. Certainly, an agreement of this magnitude with such dire consequences to our national security deserves a vote in both chambers. In a matter of this importance, the American people deserve to know where all their elected officials stand.

Nevertheless, it is clear that the President has chosen to disregard the opinion of a bipartisan majority of the House and the Senate, as well as the overwhelming majority of the American people, and press ahead with the ill-considered and deeply flawed agreement with Iran. The President and his allies in Congress now bear sole responsibility for the adverse consequences that the agreement will have for the United States, for our friends and our allies in the region and for those threatened by Iranian-sponsored terrorism around the world.

IN SUPPORT OF THE PRE-REGISTRATION OF VOTERS EVERYWHERE (PROVE) ACT—TO EXPAND ACCESS TO VOTER REGISTRATION

**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, September is National Voter Registration Month, and in honor of this occasion I am introducing legislation to allow young Americans to preregister to vote in federal elections.

Nothing is more important to representative government than choosing our leaders through free and fair election. But right now too many young people are not participating in the electoral process.

In the 2014 election cycle only 39 percent of 18–24 year-olds were registered to vote. And of those, only 16 percent actually cast a ballot on Election Day.

That is why today I am introducing the Pre-Registration of Voters Everywhere Act, or the PROVE Act, to allow young Americans to preregister to vote in federal elections and increase access to voter registration. Once these future voters are registered and in the system, they can be automatically added to the voting roles so they can vote once they turn 18.

Already in 20 states and the District of Columbia young people are able to preregister to vote prior to the age of 18. In those states young people are more engaged and more likely to vote.

Mr. Speaker, voting is habit forming; when people vote, they are likely to vote again. The

PROVE Act is an effective way to engage young people early on and encourage lasting participation in elections.

TRIBUTE TO MARION ASHLEY'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment and contributions to the community of Riverside County, California are exceptional. Riverside County has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Marion Ashley is one of these individuals. On Wednesday, September 16, 2015, my good friend Marion Ashley is celebrating his 80th birthday.

Marion Ashley is a dedicated family man. He has been married to his wife Mary for 54 years. Together they have six children, 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. As a lifelong resident of Riverside County, Marion has had an extensive and decorated career of public service working tirelessly to improve the lives of his fellow citizens and local communities.

After years working in the private sector in both real estate and accounting, Marion started his journey of public service by serving as a Riverside Planning Commissioner in 1973. He then brought his talents over to the Eastern Municipal Water District when he was elected in 1992. In 2002, he was elected to Riverside County Board of Supervisors where he has been serving for the past 13 years. While overseeing the 5th District in Riverside County, Marion has worked to enact public policy for the 2.3 million people he serves and manages a \$4.7 billion budget.

Marion has brought his expertise over the years to four very crucial areas of public policy in the state of California including water, jobs, transportation, and forward planning. His hard work and dedication has not been unnoticed by the communities he serves and his peers. Marion is the only County Supervisor that has had the honor of being chosen as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Western Riverside Council of Governments, and the Coachella Valley Association of Governments.

In addition to his many years of public service to the Riverside County community, Marion and his family have donated hundreds of acres of land in the hills close to the city of Perris, California to become a permanent nature preserve.

I am proud to call Marion a close friend, fellow community member and great American. And today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating him on the celebration of his 80th birthday.

CONGRATULATING SPENCER ROBARGE ON HIS 2015 U.S. BOWLING CONGRESS JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIP NATIONAL TITLE

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri on winning the 2015 United States Bowling Congress Junior Gold Championship National Title for the 12-and-under class.

Nearly 3,200 bowlers played in the 2015 Junior Gold Championships this year. Spencer outscored a rival from New York State, 390–332, to take the gold. He won his class' competition at age 12, about a decade after rolling his first bowling ball down the lane at age two. He walked away from the competition with not only a win, but ranked third nationally in the Under 12 boys scratch division. He has also won a prize at every tournament he has played to-date this year.

Years of practice and experience has led him to out-bowl the competition and roll faster toward success. I have no doubt Spencer is a bowler to watch as he strikes his way to the top and toward the big leagues. I am proud to have young people with such bright futures in Missouri's Seventh District.

HONORING HENRY J. CAMOSSE, JR. FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO WORCESTER AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS ROLE AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 2015 WORCESTER COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry J. Camosse, Jr., who will be the Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade in Worcester, Massachusetts and honored as the Outstanding Italian.

Henry has been a pillar of the Worcester community and is a true family man. He is the oldest of six siblings and has three sons with his wife, Pamela Anne. Growing up, Henry and his family would always have spaghetti and even though his mother was Polish, the recipe was Italian. His grandfather was originally from Fano, Italy and came to the U.S. in the 1900s with his brother, Leo, and his sister, Grace.

One of the proudest traditions of Henry's family is Camosse Masonry Supplies, the family-owned business that is now in its third generation of family ownership, and 4th generation of family management.

Founded by his father in 1948 as a manufacturer of concrete block, Camosse Masonry Supply has grown into a full line landscape and masonry supply house. Today, they're helping homeowners, local businesses, and construction companies across Worcester County get the supplies they need for projects big and small.

As a business leader in Worcester, Henry is currently serving in leadership roles with the

New England Concrete Masonry Association, the Worcester Better Business Bureau and the Bay Path Education Foundation.

Henry has also served in a variety of other roles to support our local businesses through organizations like the Worcester County Homebuilders Association, the National Concrete Masonry Association, Skills-USA.

As an active member of the Worcester community, Henry has also contributed through his work with the Charlton Little League and the Boy Scouts Pack 338. Henry's support for great programs like these that give Worcester families and their kids a chance to build friendships and strengthen our community are another example of the great impact he has had.

I want to thank Henry and his family for all that they have done and continue to do to support our local economy and keep Worcester strong.

#### TEXANS FINDING CURES

##### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James Allison, Ph.D for receiving the Lasker-Debakey Clinical Medical Research Award.

Dr. Allison pioneered research on a new class of cancer treatment that allows for a patient's immune system to continuously attack cancerous tumors itself. The research expands the ability to provide patients with less invasive treatments to fight all different types of cancer. Dr. Allison's discovery is a massive breakthrough for cancer research and outstanding news for those who are unfortunately diagnosed with the disease.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to James Allison, Ph.D for receiving the prestigious Lasker-Debakey Clinical Medical Research Award. Thank you for your work to find a cure.

#### IN SUPPORT OF GROWTH AWARENESS WEEK

##### HON. DENNY HECK

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. HECK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Growth Awareness Week.

How much a child grows is a major sign of his or her overall health. If a child is failing to grow, it could mean that they are developing serious medical problems. A child's height (either too much or too little for their age) is one of nature's early warning signs—a visual alarm for parents and physicians. According to the Pictures of Standard Syndromes and Undiagnosed Malformations (POSSUM) database, more than 600 serious diseases and health conditions cause growth failure.

Many conditions which interfere with children's growth are treatable, but according to the MAGIC Foundation for children's growth, unfortunately 48% of children in the U.S. who were evaluated with the two most common causes of growth failure went undiagnosed.

The longer a child with growth failure goes undiagnosed, the greater the potential for damage and higher costs of care. Early detection and diagnosis are crucial in ensuring a healthy future for a child with growth failure.

Last year I was pleased that Congress recognized "Growth Awareness Week" as the third week in September 2014. So today I ask my colleagues to join me in permanently recognizing the third week in September as "Growth Awareness Week" and to continue to raise public awareness of growth failure to improve the lives and health of children.

#### COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

##### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Okaloosa County, Florida, located in Florida's First Congressional District.

Okaloosa County is situated along Florida's Gulf Coast and was established in 1915 through legislation sponsored by then-Florida State Representative William Mapoles from Laurel Hill. It is the 52nd county in Florida, flanked by Santa Rosa and Walton counties, and was carved out of portions of both counties. Sharing the namesake of a steamboat, "The Okaloosa," meaning "Black Water" in Choctaw, Okaloosa County once consisted of small outposts and pioneers in Florida's wilderness, and its main economic drivers at the time of its founding were lumber, turpentine, and fishing.

Over the course of the last 100 years, Okaloosa County, while still true to its agricultural roots, has transformed from a sparsely populated, simple, and rural pioneer county into a top tourist destination, with white pristine beaches and world-class fishing, and an essential area of support for our Nation's defense, which is due in large part to a local businessman and airplane enthusiast, James E. Plew. Plew's vision for the area at the height of the depression was one of opportunity and one that saw the advantages of attracting the military to the county.

Plew proposed to donate 1,460 acres to the U.S. government for a bombing and gunnery range, which was accepted in 1937. A few short months later, the U.S. Army Air Corps mandated that the Valparaiso Bombing and Gunnery Base be renamed "Eglin Field" after Lt. Col. Frederick Irving Eglin. Upon establishment of the U.S. Air Force, Eglin Field would then bear the name of its present day, Eglin Air Force Base. Eglin Air Force Base, which extends across three counties is one of the world's largest Air Force bases and home today to several military major commands, including the 7th Special Forces Group, the Air Armament Center, the Air Force Special Operations Command, and the 33rd Fighter Wing.

The residents of Okaloosa County, including the thousands of military servicemembers and veterans who call it home, are a resilient people, and even through the most challenging of times, they have united as a community to develop and maintain its place as a key area for business and tourism in the State of Florida and throughout the entire Gulf Coast region.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great pleasure to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary of Okaloosa County, Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating all of those who are fortunate to call Okaloosa County home on its 100-year history and its proud achievements and continued success.

#### CREATING LEADERS AND EARNING GOLD

##### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Allison Carpenter for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

Allison, a junior at Katy High School, has continually showed her commitment to changing society and helping her community. She was awarded the Gold Award after partnering with the You Can Academy to serve academically at-risk children who attend a local elementary school. She created and led curriculum workshops to teach students how to respect others, follow the rules, and stay on task. We are proud of Allison's commitment to education and look forward to seeing her future accomplishments.

I am proud to represent such an impressive young Girl Scout who possesses a strong commitment to service. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Allison for earning this distinguished award.

#### PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN VIETNAM

##### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2015*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Vietnam's religious persecution of its citizens is nothing new. I have spoken before about prisoners of conscience held in Vietnam; in fact just this time last year, I spoke on the release of Pastor Duong Kim Khai.

Unfortunately, Vietnam is still carrying on with this egregious practice. I have been made aware of yet another example of human rights violations by a country the State Department has perpetually refused to include as a Country of Particular Concern for religious freedom.

On February 11, 2014, Mr. Nguyen Van Minh and approximately 20 other religious freedom activists were arrested by police officers in the Dong Thap province. Mr. Minh and the others were viciously beaten and had their personal belongings confiscated.

The activists were detained nearly 40 hours before some of the group was released. Mr. Minh and two other activists continued to remain detained and were not charged until approximately a week later on February 20th.

Mr. Minh was charged with "disturbing public peace" and while awaiting trial he was tortured and isolated from his family and lawyers.