

the Iranian government to fulfill conditions of the agreement, must be an unconditional reality. Furthermore, western negotiators must clarify what is meant by Possible Military Dimension (PMD) activities of Iran before a comprehensive deal can be signed.

Second, Iran's destructive role throughout the region must be curbed and deterred. Far from being part of the solution, Iran is a major part of the problem. There should be no direct or indirect cooperation with Iran under the pretext of fighting ISIS. Iran has been a major engine of the spread of Islamic extremism and fundamentalism. It is globally recognized to be the primary state sponsor of terrorism. The success of a long-term stabilization strategy in the region hinges on ending Iran's cynical and destructive meddling in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon, and other countries.

Third, we should be more vigilant and vocal about the serious human rights abuses by the regime that continue inside Iran. Our policy on Iran's internal and external transgressions against universal international norms can no longer be held hostage to the nuclear issue. Indeed, our failure to stand for basic principles and rights only encourages the regime to violate them further with impunity. Nuclear negotiations, which many have taken as an indication of moderation within the theocratic regime, must not inadvertently provide it an undeserved veneer of legitimacy and abet its suppression of the Iranian people. During Mr. Rouhani's tenure as President, the human rights situation in Iran has measurably deteriorated, while illicit arms trafficking and support for terrorist non-state actors has continued unabated. A successful policy toward Iran and the Middle East cannot be based on denial of these realities.

Ultimately, the core of our approach is to side with 80 million Iranian people and their desire, along with people everywhere, for freedom and popular sovereignty based on democratic principles. Engaging with the democratic opposition has been the missing piece of U.S. policy for many years under both Republican and Democratic leadership. Thus, as our fourth initiative, we call on our government to break the stalemate and engage in respectful dialogue with the Iranian opposition, consistent with our country's policy of dialogue with all political groups. Whatever the outcome of nuclear negotiations and in virtually any possible scenario, the wishes of the Iranian people and their desire for change must be taken into consideration.

The fact is that Washington officials, experts, and expatriates cannot possibly know what Iranians living under a violently repressive dictatorship truly believe about their circumstances or whom they would support in an open political process. We disrespect a great people by assuming that a democratic and non-nuclear Iran is impossible. It is not impossible; to the contrary, it is the only way to a future of regional stability.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, as a Muslim woman advocating a tolerant and democratic interpretation of Islam enabling Muslims to be accepted and respected by all cultures and faiths, represents the very opposite of the misogynous Iranian regime's dictatorial nature and that of all Islamic fundamentalists and extremists. We need to align our policies with our principles, and begin listening to the voices of brave Iranians, many of whom have waited more than three decades, as their

loved ones endured torture and death in the mullahs' prisons, still believing in the promise of America. All of us here today stand with them in solidarity with their deepest aspirations for a respectable, just, and democratic Iranian government worthy of its people.

Hon. J. Kenneth Blackwell—Former U.S. Ambassador, UN Human Rights Commission

Hon. Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr.—Former Special Envoy and Asst. Secretary of State

Hon. John Bolton—Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN

Col., U.S. Army (Ret.) Thomas V. Cantwell—Former U.S. Military Commander for Camp Ashraf

Hon. Marc Ginsberg—Former U.S. Ambassador to Morocco

Hon. Rudy Giuliani—Former Mayor of New York City, Presidential Candidate

Hon. Porter Goss—Former Director of CIA, Former Chairman of House Intel Committee

Hon. Newt Gingrich—Former Speaker of the House

Brig. Gen., U.S. Army (Ret.) David D. Phillips—Former U.S. Military Commander for Camp Ashraf

Hon. Mitchell B. Reiss—Former Ambassador, Former Special Envoy to the Northern Ireland Peace Process

Hon. Bill Richardson—Former NM Governor, Secretary of Energy, UN Ambassador, Presidential Candidate

Hon. Glenn Carle—Former Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Transnational Threats, National Intelligence Council

Gen., U.S. Army George Casey—Former Chief of Staff and Commander of Multi-National Forces—Iraq

Hon. Linda Chavez—Former Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, Chairman of the Center for Equal Opportunity

Gen., U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) James Conway—Former Commandant

Hon. Howard Dean—Former Governor of Vermont, DNC Chairman, Presidential Candidate

Dr. Alan Dershowitz—Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

Lt. Gen., U.S. Air Force (Ret.) David Deptula—Former Deputy Chief of Staff for Intel, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance

Hon. Paula J. Dobriansky—Former Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs

Hon. Louis J. Freeh—Former FBI Director

Gen., U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) James L. Jones—Former Commandant, NATO Commander, National Security Advisor to the President

Hon. Robert Joseph—Former Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security

Hon. Patrick Kennedy—Former Congressman from Rhode Island

Hon. Joseph I. Lieberman—Former Senator from Connecticut

Col., U.S. Army (Ret.) Wesley M. Martin—Former U.S. Military Commander for Camp Ashraf, Senior Antiterrorism Officer—Iraq

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Hon. Tom Ridge—Former Governor of Pennsylvania, Secretary Homeland Security

Hon. John Sano—Former Deputy Director, CIA National Clandestine Service

Gen., U.S. Army (Ret.) Hugh Shelton—Former Chairman of U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff

Hon. Eugene R. Sullivan—Retired Federal Judge, Lt. Col., U.S. Army (Ret.)

Hon. Raymond Tanter—Former Personal Representative of Secretary of Defense to Arms Control Negotiations

Hon. Robert Torricelli—Former Senator from New Jersey

Hon. Frances Townsend—Former Homeland Security Advisor to the President

Gen., U.S. Air Force (Ret.) Charles (Chuck) Wald—Former Deputy Commander U.S. European Command

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 615, the Department of Homeland Security Interoperable Communications Act. I want to commend Mr. PAYNE on this momentous day for the hard work he has spent crafting and shaping this bill.

A year ago, when I was Chairman of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, Mr. PAYNE approached me with concern after learning that DHS has not achieved Department-wide interoperability. He told me that although nationwide over \$13 billion has been invested in achieving interoperable communications at the State and local level, the DHS Office of Inspector General, found that "personnel do not have reliable interoperable communications for daily operations, planned events, and emergencies."

As a former U.S. Attorney, who helped set up Indiana's Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council and Fusion Center, I was astounded by this persistent information gap and pledged to work with the gentleman on producing and moving a bill that puts DHS on the path to achieving interoperability.

The bill before us does this by requiring the Department's Under Secretary for Management to develop a strategy for achieving and maintaining interoperable communications between the DHS components. Moreover, it requires DHS to report to Congress on the progress it is making toward achieving these milestones.

Seamless communication between first responders in the aftermath of a disaster is absolutely vital to coordinating an effective response. As we learned on 9/11, inoperability of first responders' communication systems led to confusion, duplication, and discord that cost some brave men and women their lives. The federal government must take the lead in this effort and develop a system that will allow DHS's own components to effectively communicate both day to day and, most importantly, during emergencies.

After nearly a year and three votes on the House floor, I'm proud of the tenacity and

dedication of the gentleman in shepherding this bill through both chambers. I'm proud to support this bill that will head directly to the President's desk for signature and thus improve the safety of all our communities.

TRIBUTE TO MS. CARRIE MAE PACE-WILLIAMS THOMPSON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Ms. Carrie Mae Pace-Williams Thompson was born on December 10, 1920 in Taliaferro County, Georgia and this year she is celebrating a remarkable milestone reaching 95 years of age; and

Whereas, Ms. Pace-Williams Thompson has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; she is a strong woman of God and a sister in the Hall Order of Eastern Stars; and

Whereas, Ms. Pace-Williams Thompson is celebrating her 95th Birthday with family members at this year's Pace-Williams Family Reunion in Virginia Beach, Virginia; and

Whereas, she celebrates a life of blessings as a Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great-Great Grandmother, friend, community servant and leader; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her 95 years and she prays daily and leads by example serving as an advocate, faithful matriarch and a community leader; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating her birthday today with family and friends giving generations of loved ones the opportunity to give thanks and display their love for the blessings that God has bestowed upon the Pace-Williams family; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Pace-Williams Thompson for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 26th and December 10th, 2015 as Ms. Carrie Mae Pace-Williams Thompson Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 26th day of June, 2015.

IN RECOGNITION OF KLA LABORATORIES' 85TH ANNIVERSARY AND GRAND OPENING OF THEIR NEW TECHNICAL CENTER IN DEARBORN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize KLA Laboratories on their 85th anniversary as well as for the opening of their new facility in Dearborn, Michigan. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize KLA for their dedication and service in the IT and communications field.

In today's technological climate, a skilled and dependable communication provider is an invaluable asset. Over the course of 85 years,

KLA Laboratories has been a critical resource for private and public entities ranging from cellular providers to educators and healthcare organizations. KLA established itself on the principles of customer satisfaction, a commitment to quality, and safety. As a testament to these principles, KLA Laboratories now counts several major Detroit-area businesses among those they serve, including Ford Motor Company, General Motors, and all of Detroit's professional sport teams. This diverse client base exemplifies KLA's leadership in the communications field and has warranted them the coveted "Best Audio/Visual Provider in Michigan Award" on numerous occasions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring KLA Laboratories for combining best business practices and a committed partnership with our community. I thank them for their great work in our region and hope it will continue for many years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND SHELTON

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Buffalo Soldier Raymond Shelton of Halifax County, Virginia, who passed away June 12, 2015 at age 100.

Raymond Shelton served as a medic in the 92nd Infantry Buffalo Division, the last segregated Army division and the only African-American division to fight in Europe during World War II. This division suffered 3,200 devastating casualties between August 1944 and May 1945, as it fought to liberate Italy from Nazi occupation. Mr. Shelton served as a chaplain assistant for an Army medical corps, where he played music at services in the field, fought in combat, guarded a German POW camp, and had the somber task of collecting personal belongings of deceased soldiers to return to their families.

Mr. Shelton was awarded four medals for his dedicated service: a good conduct medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Service Medal, American Service Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. In 1946, Shelton was honorably discharged as a tech corporal and later settled in Hampton, where he worked his way up from bag boy to store manager at the Bi-Lo Market.

He retired to South Boston with his wife, Mabel, but his service to others did not end with his military career. In his retirement, he often visited nursing homes, sharing his love of music by playing the piano and entertaining residents with his stories. He was a pillar in the community and will forever be remembered as a hero to South Boston and our great nation for his compassion, dedication, and patriotism.

On the occasion of the passing of Raymond Shelton, I ask that the members of this House of Representatives join with me and the community of South Boston, Virginia in honoring the memory of a great American hero.

RECOGNIZING LEVITTOWN-FAIRLESS HILLS ROTARY CLUB

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club on its 60th anniversary. Yours is a global service organization, founded in 1905 in Chicago and since then has grown to more than 34,000 clubs and 1.2 million members, worldwide. Rotary International has contributed to many service projects on the local and global scale and consistently worked toward the elimination of polio, which is a major Rotary project. In forming your clubs, you gather together business and professional leaders, who will strive to advance high ethical standards and dedicate themselves to humanitarian service. Rotarians contribute to their communities through individual local chapters, such as the Levittown-Fairless Hills Club that each year awards scholarships to local, high school graduates and takes part in the international efforts. In so doing, you are upholding the Rotary International motto: Service Above Self. Again, congratulations to the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary Club for 60 years of community service and best wishes for continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JANUSZ BORZUCHOWSKI

HON. MARCY KAPTRU

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. KAPTRU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janusz Borzuchowski of Bialystok, Poland, who helped keep the flame of liberty alive in one of this country's most important allies since the birth of the American Revolution.

As the 2016 election cycle roars into our television sets and permeates our consciousness, I am pleased to be able to report from time to time on the sometimes secret heroes whose lives we can all celebrate in the most bipartisan fashion.

Many of their stories we find in our civil and human rights movements, on our factory floors, in our military and police, in our hospitals, and myriad other places—all bearing the stamp: MADE IN THE USA.

However, it is also important to remember those around the world who, while not sharing our sacred citizenship, do share our values—often at the greatest risk and greatest potential cost to themselves.

Janusz Borzuchowski was not quite six years old when his father, Lieutenant Tadeusz Borzuchowski, was taken from their home by a Soviet Union then allied with Hitler's Germany. He, along with thousands of others of Poland's intelligencia, was murdered on Stalin's orders in Katyn Forest.

As a young man, Janusz Borzuchowski became a civil engineer and well-known outdoorsman, teaching at the local university and marrying a woman with whom he deeply fell in love, Halina Dworakowska, who herself returned to Poland very young after being born in Kazakhstan, where her parents had been sent into exile by the Soviet regime.