

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 15, 2015.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 15, 2015 at 8:34 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 15, 2015 at 11:46 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 9.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE RULES

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in 1979, Social Security began to use rules to help decide who should receive disability benefits. A lot has changed since then, and, yet, believe it or not, Social Security continues to use the same rules from 1979.

It is time Social Security caught up. That is why, today, I am introducing the Guiding Responsible and Improved Disability Decisions Act of 2015, which would require Social Security to update its rules. This bill is, simply, common sense.

The American people want, need, and deserve a disability program that works, and they expect Social Security to make consistent and accurate decisions when determining who should receive benefits.

On behalf of America's hard-working taxpayers, I urge my colleagues to join me in bringing Social Security into the 21st century.

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my alma mater, Roosevelt University, on the 70th anniversary of its founding in Chicago, Illinois.

From its founding, the university has stood by its mission: to make higher education available to all students regardless of their socioeconomic status, racial or ethnic origin, age, or gender.

At the 1945 dedication of Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt said:

We can prepare to help the rest of the world and do it without fear, do it with goodwill.

For 70 years, the university has upheld the values of inclusiveness, opportunity, and social justice. In the next 70 years, I know Roosevelt will continue to provide transformational experiences and opportunities for discovery, shaping generations of socially conscious citizens.

I had an extraordinary experience at Roosevelt, learning as much from my fellow students as from my classroom work, and the school was very kind to me.

As my friend, colleague, and fellow alum, BOBBY RUSH, said:

Roosevelt loved me before I loved Roosevelt.

Congratulations to Dr. Chuck Middleton and to the entire Roosevelt community on the university's 70th anniversary.

Go, Lakers.

SOUTH CAROLINA SAYS, "NO MORE"

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, men and women will come together and take a stand against sexual assault at the sixth annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes march in Columbia, South Carolina.

Men from across the State will don high-heeled shoes and join women and other community leaders to raise awareness and funds to support survivors of sexual assault and sexual violence. Just one victim is too many, and we must stand with survivors to prevent sexual assault.

I am grateful for the Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the Cumbee Center, and countless other organizations for their advocacy, for their continued efforts to prevent sexual assault, and for their support to survivors.

Chaired by Ginny Walker, I am grateful my oldest son, State Attorney General Alan Wilson, will be one of the

leaders of the Walk a Mile today. They are making a difference with efforts to end sexual assault and sexual violence.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

My sympathy to the family of the late John Duncan of Laurens County, South Carolina, the father of our colleague Congressman JEFF DUNCAN.

PREVENT DANGEROUS GUNS FROM REACHING DANGEROUS PEOPLE

(Mr. GALLEG0 asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, today, in America, 48 children and young people will be shot, and seven will die. Today, in America, 45 people will be injured in gun-related accidents, and 55 will take their own lives with guns. Yet, today, in America, zero new Federal gun laws will be debated here in this body.

This is unacceptable.

Yet we know smart gun laws work. We know background checks keep guns out of the hands of terrorists, criminals, and the mentally ill. We know banning assault rifles and high-capacity magazines protects police officers and the communities they serve.

Mr. Speaker, after the Newtown shootings claimed the lives of 20 innocent children, President Obama asked the Nation whether we were prepared to admit that we are powerless in the face of the carnage caused by guns. That is not an admission I am ready to make. This isn't a problem we can ignore.

Mr. Speaker, instead of politics as usual, let's come together to prevent dangerous guns from reaching dangerous people.

CONGRATULATIONS, KIMBERLY KEENAN

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

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Ms. Kimberly Keenan.

Ms. Keenan has been both the principal and the assistant principal of Tampa Palms Elementary School in the school district of Hillsborough County, Florida, for 18 years. She has recently been appointed to serve as the supervisor of Language Arts and Writing for Hillsborough County. The school district is the eighth largest in the United States, and it is located in Florida's 15th Congressional District.

Under her leadership, Tampa Palms Elementary has been rated as an A-rated school for 16 years in a row and is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

During her time at this school, Ms. Keenan has created a culture that embodies her motto: "Hard work pays off

all the time." Her efforts to help every child to be treated with love and respect has enabled countless students from diverse backgrounds to learn, gain confidence, and take with them the knowledge and the skills needed to help them make their way in this world.

Our Nation's teachers are the open door to education and opportunity by their working long hours and with, sadly, less recognition than they deserve.

Ms. Keenan has spent years shaping young minds. She has touched many lives of those at Tampa Palms Elementary, including those of the students and parents, and they are indebted to her for her life's work. I am proud to recognize her achievements.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, we commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day.

This day was established by the Israeli Parliament in 1951, and it coincides with the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Later, Congress established annual Days of Remembrance, which we also celebrate this week. Memorial and educational activities will take place in schools, places of worship, and communities across this Nation.

This is a time to mourn the millions of victims of the Holocaust, and it is an annual reminder to Americans—indeed, to all of humanity—that we must never forget the evil that man visited upon his fellow man.

It was a Supreme Court Justice from western New York, Robert H. Jackson, who served as the lead American prosecutor of Nazi war criminals at the Nuremberg trials. In recognition of his work to expose the horrors of the Holocaust, we named the new Federal courthouse in Buffalo in Jackson's honor.

Tomorrow, in western New York and across the country, Americans will memorialize the victims of the Holocaust, and we will pray for vigilance and for the resolve to stop such evil from ever happening again.

IRAN AGREEMENT

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to express my support for the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act, which has now passed out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with unanimous support.

This important step shows that there continues to be momentum to move forward on this vital and necessary bill to ensure accountability and congressional oversight over any deal with Iran.

I call on my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to move quickly to enact this bipartisan legislation so that the American people can have a say in any final agreement.

Mr. Speaker, I remain extremely concerned that the administration's latest agreement with Iran means that we are headed for a historically bad deal. An agreement that sunsets by the time my youngest daughter is in college does nothing to secure our long-term national security.

In the weeks ahead, Congress must stand strong and unequivocally reject any deal that leaves intact Iran's nuclear infrastructure, that cements Iran's position as a nuclear threshold state, that unwinds the sanctions architecture in exchange for empty promises, or that legitimizes a sure-to-fail inspection regime that falls short of "anywhere, anytime" inspections.

Mr. Speaker, we must not be fooled into false choices, and Iran must not be left with any path towards a nuclear weapon.

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THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP SHOULD LISTEN TO AMERICAN FAMILIES

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

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I join many of my colleagues today proudly wearing red and this pin to ask us to remember to bring our girls back who were kidnapped by Boko Haram.

Mr. Speaker, I also returned to Washington this week from a busy district work period, where I advocated for homeownership, explored funding for early childhood through college education, and heard from seniors and veterans about their need for access to affordable health care.

Unfortunately, it is very clear, Mr. Speaker, that the Republican leadership continues to turn a deaf ear to the American people, to our seniors, to our veterans, and to the next generation by putting forward legislation that does not work for my district in central Ohio or this Nation.

Democrats, however, have put forth plans to help hard-working American families by making it easier to own a home, making it easier to send our children to college, and making it easier to have a secure and enjoyable retirement.

Mr. Speaker, Republican leadership should listen to American families and help them attain the tools they need to achieve economic security for now and the future.

PROTECTING TAXPAYERS

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today Americans across the country face the an-

nual deadline to file their tax returns. Taxpayers shudder at the mere mention of the IRS, and that image hasn't been helped since the Federal Government's most feared agency admitted to singling out conservative groups for unprecedented invasive scrutiny. As Americans, we expect our government to preserve, protect, and defend our rights, not target them for political gain and control.

The House is poised to pass several pieces of legislation today that will help ensure that all taxpayers are treated fairly and hold IRS employees accountable for their actions.

Tomorrow the House will vote to repeal permanently the death tax so that families who have lost loved ones are not faced with an enormous financial burden in the wake of that loss. While it represents only a tiny fraction of Federal revenue, the death tax can be devastating for a family. We must repeal this unreasonable and unfair burden on thousands of American families, small businesses, and family farms.

CONDEMNING BOKO HARAM

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it has been a year since 276 girls were abducted from Chibok Secondary School in northern Nigeria by the militant Islamic group Boko Haram. Since then, we have heard numerous tales of unspeakable atrocities committed by the group, the continued abductions of schoolgirls who have been trafficked and murdered, and the sickening discovery of a mass grave with beheaded remains in a formerly Boko Haram-held territory in northern Nigeria.

Just when we thought that Boko Haram had reached its evil peak, the group swears an unholy alliance to ISIL.

I would like to commend my House colleagues for unanimously passing a resolution I introduced condemning Boko Haram. It sent a strong message to the world that America will never tolerate terrorism, and this Congress will never abide terrorists.

We must continue to stand together to fight Boko Haram's brutal victimization of innocent men, women, and children, and defend the basic human right of schoolgirls in Nigeria and around the world to receive an education. We can never forget our girls, and we can never forgive the cowardly crimes of Boko Haram.

TAX DAY BRINGS ANOTHER PAINFUL REMINDER OF IRS ABUSE

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

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, today is tax day, bringing us another painful reminder of our broken Federal Tax Code, which is being enforced at the heavy and, many times, unfair hand of