

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

the Internal Revenue Service. Simply put, American taxpayers are sick and tired of this out-of-control agency. The IRS has grown too large, too powerful, too aggressive, and too involved in the everyday lives of the American people.

Today the House will pass a series of bills to end this abuse, and we invite the U.S. Senate and the President to join us. Our bills will protect the hard-working taxpayers and hold the IRS employees accountable. We create a taxpayer bill of rights, ensuring the American taxpayers are treated with the respect that they deserve. We will take steps to end the politicization of the IRS, which abusively and illegally targeted conservative American citizens.

From lost emails to refusing to testify before Congress, the IRS abuses must end. I urge my colleagues to support these commonsense bills to bring transparency and accountability to this runaway agency.

#### ONE YEAR AFTER THE BOKO HARAM KIDNAPPING

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

Ms. HAHN. I rise today in solidarity with the Nigerian people who are still terrorized by Boko Haram.

It has now been 1 year since 276 schoolgirls were abducted from their dorms and classrooms by Boko Haram. This militant terrorist group continues its violent attacks—kidnapping, rape, murder, and brutality—against children, women, and men.

One year ago the international community joined in the social media campaign [#bringbackourgirls](#) to raise awareness of this tragic kidnapping. We speak out today to say these girls have not been forgotten, as 219 of them remain missing, their fates unknown. Many American individuals and organizations as well as government leaders are continuing efforts to aid the Nigerian people who have been victimized and to prevent future violence.

We must keep in mind the atrocities committed by Boko Haram as we and our allies continue to fight extremist groups around the world.

#### BRING BACK OUR GIRLS 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remind my colleagues that we have not yet succeeded in bringing back the 219 Nigerian girls abducted by Boko Haram on this day last year. For a moment, the plight of those young schoolgirls captured the attention of the world, spurred by millions of tweets and a hashtag that demanded justice, but as is so often the case with faces of color, their disappearance quickly left the headlines.

We can neither forget nor give up on these girls. Their abduction was a vio-

lent challenge to peace, to freedom, and to the right of every girl to choose to better herself through education.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in calling for a renewed effort to bring back those girls and to bring justice to those responsible.

#### GIRLS SHOULD NOT FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES BECAUSE THEY WANT AN EDUCATION

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring back our girls. I recently returned from a bicameral delegation mission to several African countries, focusing on terrorist threats. The girls are still on everyone's minds, as are the increasingly frequent and violent attacks of Boko Haram.

With Boko Haram's recent alignment with ISIL, we must do more to counter the growing worldwide threat. We must work with the Nigerian Government and President Buhari, along with the Governments of Chad, Kenya, Cameroon, and any other nation willing to stand up and fight. Building partner capacity by assisting in military training and sharing intelligence will go a long way in the fight to end this cancer.

We must also ensure that the voices of women everywhere are elevated, not just in Nigeria, but around the world. Nowhere in this world should girls fear for their lives just because they want an education.

#### WE OWE TAXPAYERS A GREAT DEBT OF GRATITUDE

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, today millions of Americans will take their hard-earned income through toil and labor and send a significant portion of that sweat equity to Washington, D.C., for this Congress to spend, sending trillions to continue to feed a bloated and inefficient government. According to the IRS, Americans have spent 6.1 billion hours and \$168 billion just simply having their tax returns prepared. These taxpayers bear a heavy burden for our actions here.

Last year our Federal Government took in more money from the American people than ever before. Washington doesn't have a revenue problem; it has a spending problem, which is easy for Congress because they are spending other people's money.

Americans expect, when they send their tax dollars to Washington, D.C., that we will be good stewards of that money, that we will treat it with the respect for the American people that worked hard to earn it and send it here.

So today, as Americans head to the post office to drop their returns before

the deadline, we owe them a great debt of gratitude; and in that, I ask that Congress renew its efforts to reduce spending, reform programs, balance our budget, and reduce the heavy weight of the tax burden on these hard-working American people.

#### BRING BACK OUR GIRLS

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, today, 1 day after the 1-year anniversary of the abduction of the Chibok schoolgirls in Nigeria, I rise to encourage my colleagues here in Congress to continue in their efforts to help bring back our girls. We have protested, demonstrated, tweeted, and spoken about this issue on a number of occasions. Now, with a new Nigerian leader in place, I encourage Muhammadu Buhari to do all that is within his power to defeat Boko Haram and bring back our girls.

In an effort to improve the quality of life of their young daughters, can you imagine, as a parent, sending your child off to school and never seeing them again? This is the case for hundreds of families. This is not right. No family or child should feel threatened when it comes to improving their lives through education.

Therefore, as we continue to call for the total annihilation of Boko Haram, we should also use this moment to emphasize the importance of establishing safe learning environments for all children. I commend USAID and other human rights organizations for the work that they have done to accomplish this goal.

As a person of color, a mother, and an American, I urge you all to do much more to stop Boko Haram and promote safe, quality education for young girls and boys around the world.

#### TODAY IS TAX DAY

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

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Today is tax day, April 15, and one of the things that I wanted to bring to the attention of Congress, really, is the amount of waste and abuse that takes place not just within the bloated Federal Government, but within the IRS.

I serve as the vice chair of the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government of the Committee on Appropriations. In this last go-around, we reduced—or cut, actually—the IRS' budget by about \$100 million to \$300 million. The IRS Commissioner was before us to tell us that that is too much; it is too much; it is too much; the sky is going to fall; we are not going to be able to process returns; we are not going to be able to give taxpayers assistance.

But what needs to be told on this floor, Mr. Speaker, is that the IRS sends out tens of billions of misapplied