

one vote at a precarious time in our history. It serves today as a strong reminder of the continued importance of space exploration and the very smart people that are drawn to this initiative.

I also want to close by saying that I would hope that we might remind ourselves of the optimism of the Kennedy years and the space exploration program which Kennedy highlighted and helped to inaugurate but which he never got to see many of the benefits of, a sentiment that all Members of Congress should grasp, and that is that the candidate who offers the best sense of optimism for the future is generally the candidate that prevails. During the course of a campaign when one makes arguments on behalf of a particular initiative, we are also to understand that it is part of forming a government. So optimism becomes infectious in our political system when embraced properly.

I hope today, as we celebrate this remarkable achievement of *New Horizons* and just the thought that that space-craft travels at 30,000 miles per hour and the fact, at 3 billion miles from Earth, America's science, achievement, and initiative have once again prevailed in this world, that we will continue to support these space initiatives and embrace the notion and the role that science plays in our lives.

Thank you Percival Lowell, and thank you President John Kennedy.

CUT ILLEGAL ALIEN LABOR SUPPLY THAT COSTS AMERICAN JOBS AND SUPPRESSED INCOMES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Democrat Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton unveiled her economic program stating: "The defining economic challenge of our time is clear. We must raise incomes for hard-working Americans so they can afford a middle class life. We must drive strong and steady income growth that lifts up families"; and, "The measure of our success must be how much incomes rise for hard-working families."

Clinton concluded that: "If you work hard and do your part, you should be able to get ahead. But over the past several decades, that bargain has eroded."

Hillary Clinton identifies the problem and goals; however, I submit her trickle-down Federal Government dictates solution, while splendid rhetoric, misses the target entirely.

What changed over the past several decades that eroded the American dream?

Three decades ago, America gave amnesty to millions of illegal aliens. That amnesty beget millions and millions in more illegal aliens. This illegal alien tsunami has done more to take jobs from and suppress wages of struggling American families than anything else over the past three decades.

The Pew Hispanic Center established in 2009 that American workers lost 7.8 million job opportunities to illegal aliens. A more recent FAIR study estimates Americans lost 8.5 million job opportunities to illegal aliens.

Economic studies reveal that wage suppression caused by the surge in cheap, illegal alien labor costs American high school graduates an estimated \$800 per year and America's low-skilled labor an estimated \$2,300 per year in income. But it is not just illegal alien labor that undermines American opportunity and the American Dream for American citizens.

America's generous legal immigration policy created a second tsunami of legal foreign labor that doubles the economic damage to struggling American families. Census Bureau, Homeland Security, and Labor Department data offers a startling and sobering insight for Americans in the 16-65 age bracket.

While the American economy created 5.6 million net new jobs in the 16-65 age bracket over the past 14 years, American-born citizens lost 127,000 net jobs. All net job gains and more went to illegal and legal immigrants. While American-born citizens lost 127,000 jobs, foreign-born persons gained 5.7 million jobs.

Worse yet, when you factor in population growth, there were 17 million more Americans in the 16-65 age bracket not working in 2014 than in 2000.

Contrary to the propaganda of amnesty and open border proponents and their media allies, immigrants gained across the labor market in lower skilled jobs, such as maintenance, construction, and food service, and middle skilled jobs, like office support and healthcare support, and higher skilled jobs, including management, computers, and healthcare practitioners.

The propaganda that immigrants only do jobs Americans won't do is not supported by fact. Immigrants gained jobs while Americans lost jobs in each of the following high-paying industries: architecture, engineering, transportation and material moving, office and administrative support.

Further, American-born citizens of all major races lost ground. The percentage of working African Americans dropped 9.2 percentage points; Hispanic Americans dropped 7.7 percentage points; Caucasian Americans dropped 6.1 percentage points.

In a dig at Jeb Bush, Clinton added that Americans "don't need a lecture, they need a raise."

Mr. Speaker, Hillary Clinton is right. America does not need lectures. America needs solutions. And the number one job and economic solution for Americans is securing America's borders and implementing a rational immigration policy that reflects economic conditions and protects American jobs and American wages for struggling American families.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, over 125,000 people flocked to Pennsylvania's Fifth District to attend the 49th annual Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, affectionately known as Arts Fest.

Every July, people gather in State College, Pennsylvania, to enjoy works of art, live music, and great foods. Arts Fest is home to one the Nation's premier outdoor fine art and craft shows, and hosts over 300 exhibitors.

Now, these artists, ranging from international talent to local artists, display a wide variety of art that fits any and all interests. Live musical performances also take place throughout the weekend at a number of venues.

Arts Fest strives to instill an interest and appreciation of the arts in the area's youth through performances for young people.

Mr. Speaker, as co-chairman of the Congressional Art Competition, I rise in strong support of the arts, and it is my honor to recognize all the volunteers and the staff who did such a great job of putting on this year's Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts.

STOP IRAN DEAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DESANTIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DESANTIS. Mr. Speaker, Congress, at this juncture, has one overriding task, and that is to stop President Obama's capitulation to Iran. Make no mistake, this is less a deal than it is a list of concessions to the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism. And there is a reason why you see smiles on the ayatollahs in Tehran and Javad Zarif in Vienna.

Congress should stop this deal because it gives billions of dollars to the Iranian regime, which Iran will use to foment jihad and terrorism throughout the Middle East. Congress should stop this deal because it validates Iran's entire nuclear infrastructure—no dismantling, not even Iran's underground nuclear bunker at Fordo, which has no rational peaceful purpose.

Indeed, Iran is crossing all of President Obama's red lines. President Obama had said you could not have Fordo, he said you could not have a plutonium reactor in Iraq. He said you could not have advanced centrifuges because there is no peaceful purpose for any of those, and yet this final deal validates each and every one of those pieces of Iran's nuclear arsenal.

Congress should stop this deal because it removes sanctions from Iran's Quds force and its commander, Qasem Soleimani, who are responsible for killing hundreds of American soldiers in

Iraq. And indeed, when I served in Iraq, Iran was responsible for killing more Americans than even al Qaeda in Iraq.

Why reward those with American blood on their hands by lifting sanctions on them?

Congress needs to stop this deal because it stabs our allies in the back, most notably, our trusted ally Israel. Iran threatens to wipe Israel off the map and refers to Israel as a one-bomb country.

Congress needs to stop this deal because the inspections are not snap inspections. Indeed, the inspections depend on Iran allowing the inspections, and there is an entire bureaucracy set up so that even if you end up getting approval, Iran will have the ability to remove their offending conduct and conceal it before the inspectors see it.

The bottom line is that this deal does not dismantle Iran's nuclear infrastructure. The deal empowers Iran. It makes the world less safe by paving Iran's path to the bomb.

It is a time for choosing in this House. Congress must act swiftly and decisively and reject this capitulation. This deal cannot stand.

THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY SCORECARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, the President's foreign policy has been disastrous for more than 6 years. If you are keeping score at home on this deal with Iran, feel free to add another major error in the box score, labeled, "The Failed Obama Doctrine."

President Obama's insistence on force-feeding a deal with Iran is troubling. The unrelenting attempt to boost his legacy has created a gross lack of discernment. The President and his State Department have left a trail of detrimental decisions with deteriorating relationships throughout the world.

How can we forget the President's blurred red lines in demanding that Syria's Assad end his human rights violation? After the President drew his line in the sand, Assad responded with the bombing of hospitals and the use of chemical weapons against his own people.

The President has failed to show any initiative or strategy and has consistently attempted to lead from behind. Meanwhile, of all people, Russia's Vladimir Putin was the one who intervened in this international crisis.

Speaking of Putin, the President's posture with Putin has been pitiful.

Of course, it was President Obama who mocked Presidential candidate Mitt Romney's 1980s concern of Russia being a threat. Maybe it is time President Obama revisited Ronald Reagan's foreign policy of the 1980s.

Wasn't it Vice President JOE BIDEN that claimed the President's work in

Iraq would be one of the greatest achievements of this administration?

Syria, Russia, Benghazi, Iraq, ISIS, and we are supposed to be excited about a deal with the world's leader in state-sponsored terrorism. All the while, we have given the cold shoulder to Israel, our greatest ally in the Middle East for generations, as we have listened to, over the weekend, shouts from Iran, "Death to Israel. Death to America."

The great majority of Americans had hoped that our President would find the strength to increase the sanctions on Iran rather than remove them and surrender control of inspections to Iran. As a Member of Congress, I will stand against any agreement that doesn't completely strip Iran of all nuclear capability.

While we are at it, Mr. President, maybe it is time to stop ignoring the imprisonment of Saeed Abedini, Jason Rezaian, Bob Levinson, and Amir Hekmati, our four Americans in Iran. Both the House and the Senate have shown compassion and strength demanding these Americans return home to their families. Saeed has been held for over 1,000 days while his children plead for his release.

I agree with the President when he exclaimed: "We should always do everything in our power to bring these Americans home safe."

Mr. President, it is time to honor the commitment you have made to these men, these families, and to all Americans.

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May I close with the words of the Prime Minister of Israel in agreeing that this is "a mistake of historic proportion."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KENTUCKY STATE TROOPER ERIC K. CHRISMAN OF LAWRENCEBURG, KENTUCKY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and to note the recent passing of Kentucky State Trooper Eric K. Chrisman of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.

On June 23, Trooper Chrisman was killed in the line of duty during a vehicle collision while responding to a distress call. Trooper Chrisman was 23 years old and had served on the force for only 6 months.

The fact that in this year alone 64 law enforcement officers have already been killed while serving in the line of duty gives great testament to the dangers and challenges officers face every single day.

Inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial are the words, "Carved on these walls is the

story of America, of a continuing quest to preserve both democracy and decency, and to protect a national treasure that we call the American Dream."

Trooper Chrisman gave his life while striving to preserve democracy and decency, and I thank him for his service and his devotion to his community.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LOUDERMILK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, just a few weeks ago, in Fulton County, Georgia, officers of the Fulton County Police Department were alerted to shots fired in a neighborhood around 1:30 in the morning.

The initial call indicated that a man was terrorizing citizens by going house to house, banging on doors and firing a weapon. Officers immediately responded and began searching for the gunman.

About 45 minutes later another call was received, reporting gunfire in another part of the same neighborhood. Additional officers were dispatched.

One of the officers responding to the second call was Detective Terrence Green, a 22-year veteran of the Fulton County Police force. Upon arriving in the neighborhood, officers could hear shots coming from the direction of one of the homes.

As Terrence Green and his fellow officers bravely moved toward the gunfire, they were unknowingly walking into an ambush.

When the officers were in range, the gunman emerged from a concealed position and began firing upon the officers. While running for cover, the officers returned fire, and in the ensuing firefight the gunman was eventually wounded.

When the officers approached the gunman, they discovered that two of their own officers had also been shot during the ambush. All three were rushed to the hospital, where the gunman was treated for nonlife-threatening wounds.

However, Detective Green had received a fatal shot to the head and around 4:30 in the morning succumbed to his injuries, leaving behind four young children.

In all aspects of the term, Detective Green is a hero. He put himself in harm's way to protect the lives of others.

I wish I could stand here today and say that what happened to Terrence Green was an isolated incident; but, unfortunately, this scenario plays out much too often in the cities, towns, and boroughs across America.

But even in the midst of imminent danger, officers like Detective Green courageously fulfill their duty to protect and serve the people of this Nation. And I am grateful to those men and women who willingly put their lives on the line for us daily.