

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 showed 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.

It is the cop walking the streets, the officer on patrol, the sergeant on watch, or the deputy responding to a call who are on the front lines in our States, counties, and cities.

Whether the call is for a crime in progress, an automobile accident, or a natural disaster, they are often the first on the scene to render aid, give comfort, or even save a life.

While they don't do their job for accolades nor do they expect our continuous praise, it is encouraging for someone to occasionally say thank you.

But instead of thanking them for their dedication to duty, some officials instead publicly criticize our law enforcement community. This unwarranted public criticism not only undermines the morale of our law enforcement officers, but it undermines the public trust in these dedicated servants.

With a growing number of violent protests and riots in our Nation, tensions between the police and the public have grown significantly over the past several years.

But instead of using their positions of influence to diffuse the tension, certain officials have stoked the fire, which has rekindled distrust and encouraged public unrest.

Careless remarks, such as comparing American law enforcement officers to terrorist organizations like ISIS, have placed more officers' lives at risk and have sparked more anti-law enforcement sentiment across our Nation.

As a result, public bashing of our police has skyrocketed and now American law enforcement officers feel they have been thrown under the bus by the very people that should be supporting them.

Recently, during a meeting with local first responders in my district, I asked if there was something I could do to help them.

They asked for me to go back to Washington, D.C., and tell our government officials to please stop undermining them, to stop publicly criticizing them for doing the job they are tasked to do.

"Please make Washington understand," they said, "that it is incredibly demoralizing to be putting your life on the line, fighting crime, while those in positions of leadership are making you out to be the criminal."

Mr. Speaker, as with any organization, there are a few in law enforcement that haven't held themselves to the high standards of dedication expected within the law enforcement community, and those who violate the public trust should and most often are removed from their positions to face harsh disciplinary action.

But just as every elected official in Washington, D.C., our peace officers have sworn an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.

And while there are some instances where officers have strayed off-course, from what I have seen in the short

time that I have been here, as a whole, law enforcement has a better record of upholding their oaths than some of the elected officials here in Washington.

Mr. Speaker, our law enforcement officers deserve our admiration, respect, and appreciation, and today I want to thank them for the work they do for us.

I want to thank the spouses and the families who have endured many sleepless nights while their loved ones were responding to a call.

And to the families of those that have given their lives in the line of duty, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank you for your sacrifice for our safety, security, and freedom.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 37 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord our God, thank You for giving us another day.

Protect us and guide us as a free people who turn to You in faith and prayer and who strive to grow in virtue and integrity.

Be with the Members of this people's House in all their undertakings today. May the recent celebration of the birth of this Nation 239 years ago renew all hearts in the same spirit that guided the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the Framers of the Constitution. May those goals and aspirations still serve to guide every informed decision here today and across this Nation.

Let us, "the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity."

May all that is done within the people's House this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. WALORSKI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. WALORSKI led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

RECOGNIZING PRINCIPAL JAMES CONDON OF PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

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

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Principal James Condon of Plymouth High School for being named the 2015 Principal of the Year. His success in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students in Plymouth is nothing short of remarkable.

Principal Condon's leadership has been instrumental in the development of digital and project-based learning, creation of dual credit courses, and preparation of students for the job market. As a result of his leadership, Hoosier classrooms are full of future doctors, scientists, and entrepreneurs.

His success reminds us of how important educators are to kids everywhere. Every one of us depends on our teachers, and because of that, they deserve our support and our appreciation.

Principal Condon has helped spark imagination and give young Hoosiers the ability to make their dreams become a reality. Today I thank Principal Condon for helping students in Plymouth develop their talents and become our future leaders.

CONTINUED INACTION ON THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND AND RE-AUTHORIZATION OF OUR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

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

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, exactly 2 months ago, I came to the floor to speak out against this House's reckless inaction on the highway trust fund, needlessly endangering hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs. Yet here we are again, with only 10 legislative days left before the highway trust fund runs out of money. Mr. Speaker, this is harmful and it is wrong.

According to the American Society of Civil Engineers, 73 percent of Connecticut's roads are in poor or mediocre condition. These poor road conditions cost the average Connecticut