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REMEMBERING DR. KEVIN MURPHY

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

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to remember Dr. Kevin Murphy, who passed away at his home in Port St. Joe, Florida, on Thursday, November 5, at the age of 71.

Throughout his decades in medicine, Dr. Murphy built up an incredibly long list of accomplishments, from starting a heart surgery program in Indiana, to visiting impoverished and isolated villages across the world to provide care.

In 2002, Dr. Murphy moved to north Florida, where he became medical director for the Gulf County Health Center. He worked there for more than a decade and became well known as a passionate health provider and advocate for equal access to quality care.

As the proud great-granddaughter of one of north Florida's first country doctors, I have a special place in my heart for physicians like Dr. Murphy. The amazing care he provided for his community ensures he will always be loved and remembered in north Florida.

HONORING DR. MILTON PITTS CRENCHAW

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Arkansas' finest sons, Dr. Milton Pitts Crenshaw, who passed away on November 17, 2015, at the age of 96.

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Dr. Crenshaw became known as the "father of Black aviation in Arkansas." Dr. Crenshaw was one of the original supervising squadron commanders providing training and instruction under the Civilian Pilot Training Program for the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II.

Dr. Crenshaw served his country for more than 40 years of Federal service with the U.S. Army Air Corps and the U.S. Air Force. Later in life, Dr. Crenshaw's advocacy on the part of veterans and his fellow Tuskegee Airmen was relentless. In 2007, Dr. Crenshaw, along with the other members of the Tuskegee Airmen, were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

His courageous service and sacrifice to his country is an example all Americans and Arkansans can admire and will remember Dr. Crenshaw forever.

INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMICS AND PEACE

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

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to, of course, extend my heart-

felt condolences to the victims of terrorism in Paris. But what I also want to do, because I take my membership in this august body seriously, is to make sure that we are not fostering the perception that Black lives don't matter.

If we look at the Global Terrorism Index, published by the Institute for Economics and Peace, we would see that Boko Haram has killed 6,644 people last year; 77 percent of them who were private citizens. On the other hand, ISIL has killed 6,073; 44 percent of them were private citizens.

I just want to take a moment and highlight over the last 2 months the terrorism that has been going on in Nigeria, Cameroon, and Chad. Just this Wednesday, 15 people were killed at a mobile phone market with a bombing; 34 people were killed with a bombing at a fruit and vegetable market; 4 people were bombed at a mosque; and 3 people were bombed at a mosque on November 9. And in October, more of the same. October 23, 11 people were bombed at a mosque; and October 14, 42 people killed at a mosque.

Mr. Speaker, I say this to just highlight the fact that terrorism is plaguing communities all across this world. We should make sure that we, as the United States Congress, highlight all of those communities and express our condolences and seek to create peace all around this country.

THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION MUST BE THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, the recent terrorist attack in Paris is a terrible tragedy. Our prayers go out to the victims and their families.

These heinous crimes and attacks are a reminder of the great threats that are facing the United States and our allies. We must stand strong with our international partners to eradicate this evil.

Here at home, we must ramp up measures to keep the American people safe. That means halting the admittance of Syrian and Iraqi refugees until we are sure the vetting is airtight. And, right now, it is not.

The President's own security advisers have reinforced this fact. Yet he is moving full steam ahead with his plan to admit 10,000 refugees over the next year. This is irresponsible.

Our Nation has the greatest and most generous refugee policy in the world, but we cannot allow terrorists to exploit our compassion. The safety of the American people must be our number one priority.

TERRORISM IS PLAGUING US ALL OVER THE WORLD

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to associate myself with the remarks made by the gentleman from Louisiana. Terrorism is plaguing us, not only in Europe—we are concerned about, naturally, our country, the United States of America, keeping it safe—but it is happening all over the world, in Europe, and in Africa. That is the reason the notion of Black lives matter has been raised.

The African people are suffering from Boko Haram, which has aligned itself with ISIL as well. If we are going to fight terrorism in one place, we need to make sure we fight it everywhere.

And let me just say, Mr. Speaker, that I am very concerned about the vote that was just taken today in terms of Syrian refugees. We were asked to have a pause. Well, if you don't feel that 18 to 24 months is a pause in getting into this country, passing a 13- to 14-mark checklist, by the time a 5-year-old gets into this country, he is 7.

I think that the bill that was just voted on was flawed and miscued. We have a system in place that gives enough time and ample time to make sure that these people seeking asylum have the right to come here, as we have done throughout the history of this Nation.

SHIFT FOCUS OFF THE HOUSE AND BACK TO THE PRESIDENT

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

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I am deeply concerned about the future of American leadership abroad.

For nearly 5 years, this administration has defended a containment strategy, even as ISIS rapidly escalates.

As Paris tragically demonstrates, containment as a strategy is as ineffective as it is morally bankrupt. It allowed for the development of the world's largest humanitarian disaster since 2002, while placing us and our allies at grave risk.

This refugee crisis is a direct response to Assad's mass atrocities against Syrians, civilians, and the associated expansion of ISIS.

I call on the President to choose and execute a broader strategy that destroys ISIS, stops Assad's reign of terror, and allows refugees to return home and rebuild their lives.

It is time for real commitment and real courage. The American people and the world are waiting.

WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this is a long list of the vetting process

that desperate refugees who happen to come from camps in Jordan and Lebanon—and who happen to be Syrian—go through. It is more than 21. In fact, the last one says: Prior to entry to the United States, applicants are subject to screening again from the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. Applicants undergo, in No. 20, a second interagency security check. That is after 19 other security checks.

I want to thank Lutheran Services, Catholic Charities, and Interfaith Ministries for recognizing the importance of the face of America to be a refuge for those who are worn and desperate.

I want to join my colleagues to say that we all have a responsibility for national security. I hope the Senate will engage in vigorous debate, that the President will announce to the world that we are fighting ISIS. We are joining allies and taking it to the fight, but we must do other things besides denying and stopping innocent refugees from coming in, a small, small number: Secure our airports; ensure that the back side of the airport is secure; make sure that no foreign fighter is able to come into the United States, and I have introduced legislation for this. We are not for not protecting. We are for protecting, but we must do it in a way that America has been able to stand up and be respectful or recognizing, of course, all of those who come and struggle.

Mr. Speaker, Happy Thanksgiving. I know we are a great country, and I know they know that we are.

RECOGNIZING UKRAINE

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome to Washington the deputy chief of staff to President Poroshenko of the Ukraine, General Andriy Taranov, who has joined us today in this hall in our gallery, and is accompanied by the Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States, Valeriy Chaly.

Ambassador Chaly was with me in Los Angeles last weekend where he was there for the commemoration in remembrance of the catastrophic Holodomor disaster and atrocity of 1932–1933, in which Stalin killed millions of Ukrainians. But Stalin failed in his ultimate goal. An independent Ukraine today stands in resistance to aggregation from Moscow.

I would also like to recognize in our gallery, a Ukrainian-American innovator, Igor Pasternak. His company, Aeros, is the first American firm to provide the Ukrainian Government with the military equipment necessary to defend its sovereignty.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues and the administration to redouble their efforts to help Ukraine protect its sovereignty by providing Ukraine with the necessary assistance to protect her freedom.

The United States stands with the people and government of Ukraine as they resist aggression once again now in the 21st century.

If you free Ukraine and it maintains its territorial integrity, it is in America's interest. It is, therefore, imperative that Ukraine has a strong and secure border.

That is why I am pleased to be joined by our guests here today and look forward to working with the Ukrainian Government to preserve Ukrainian freedom and am proud that it is a company from Los Angeles that is the first and, unfortunately, as of yet, the only company to provide the Ukrainian Government with the military equipment it needs.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WESTERMAN). The Chair will remind Members that the rules do not allow references to occupants of the gallery.

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PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged concurrent resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 95

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Thursday, November 19, 2015, through Wednesday, November 25, 2015, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2015, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Thursday, November 19, 2015, through Tuesday, November 24, 2015, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, November 30, 2015, or such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. (a) The Speaker or his designee, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the House to reassemble at such place and time as he may designate if, in his opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

(b) After reassembling pursuant to subsection (a), when the House adjourns on a motion offered pursuant to this subsection by its Majority Leader or his designee, the House shall again stand adjourned pursuant to the first section of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 3. (a) The Majority Leader of the Senate or his designee, after concurrence with the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the Senate to reassemble at such place and time as he may designate if, in his opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

(b) After reassembling pursuant to subsection (a), when the Senate adjourns on a motion offered pursuant to this subsection

by its Majority Leader or his designee, the Senate shall again stand adjourned pursuant to the first section of this concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today on a motion offered pursuant to this order, it adjourn to meet at 5 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2015, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 95, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. GRAVES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago, the Louisiana Air National Guard began to turn around. After coming in 38th in the Nation at the end of September 2012 with a 98.4 percent strength, in 2013, the Louisiana Air National Guard moved up to 20th, and, last year, it ranked 15th.

The Louisiana Army National Guard's fiscal year 2015 end strength goal of 9,554 soldiers was surpassed with a total of 9,650 soldiers, or 101.2 percent. The Air National Guard surpassed its 2015 end strength goal of 1,390 airmen with 1,496 airmen, or 107 percent of its goal.

Strong numbers directly relate to our ability to respond to our State and Nation. Great leadership under Major General Glenn Curtis has put a priority on personal readiness. Mr. Speaker, I will tell you that I have worked very closely with General Curtis over the years, and he is an incredible man who has garnered incredible respect from the men and women of the Louisiana National Guard.

Here are a few other statistics for your information:

The National Guard end strength at 9,652 is 101 percent, or fourth, in the Nation. The Air National Guard end strength is 1,496, which is 108 percent, or fifth, in the Nation. The Army National Guard retention rate is 80 percent, which constitutes first in the Nation. The Air National Guard retention rate is 82 percent, which puts them in the top 10. The medical readiness rate is 89 percent. The 256th IBCT ranked number 1 of 28 IBCTs. The Army Community of Excellence program placed