

required by the underlying bill includes a description of amounts and sources of ISIL financing and our efforts to disrupt this financing as part of the broader US strategy in Syria.

Financing is the lifeblood of any organization.

Denying revenue streams from oil, from stolen currency, and from extortion, has helped in the fight against ISIL.

Less money means fewer weapons, fewer fighters, and fewer resources to support those fighters, but the fight is far from over and ISIL has already demonstrated its ability to adapt and evolve.

As ISIL loses territory in Iraq and Syria, it looks abroad to inspire and support terrorist attacks in other countries around the world.

We must choke off its sources of revenue. We must deny its access to resources that fund operations in Syria, Iraq, and abroad.

Our amendment ensures we stay focused on financing, and we do it in a way that supports our broader military and counter-terrorism strategies.

As we have seen, effectively integrating smart counter threat finance enhances our overall strategy in Syria and Iraq and can prevent ISIL support for attacks in the US, in Europe and elsewhere.

Ultimately, it will accelerate the fall of ISIL and keep Americans safe.

I thank my colleagues Congressman FITZPATRICK and Congressman BUDD for offering this amendment with me.

Again, I thank Chairman THORNBERRY and Ranking Member SMITH for their support and for their continued bipartisan leadership in support of our country's national security.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 49TH CITI OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, taking place July 29 through August 6, 2017, in Rock Creek Park, and in recognizing these dates as "Tennis Week in the District of Columbia." All are invited to attend the 49th edition of this Washington tennis tradition, a cultural, economic and community staple in the region.

The tournament, now known as the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, was founded in 1969 by tennis legend and Hall of Famer Donald Dell, along with business partner John Harris, and with the support of Arthur Ashe, the first African-American to win both the U.S. Open and Wimbledon. Ashe declared he would participate in the inaugural tournament under two conditions: the tournament would take place in a naturally integrated neighborhood, and it would be played on public land where all people could come together, enjoy the sport and share the experience. Today, the tournament remains at its original location on 16th & Kennedy Streets NW., in Rock Creek Park.

In 1972, Donald Dell gifted the tournament to the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation (then called the Washington Area Ten-

nis Patrons), a nonprofit organization supporting local education causes.

The Citi Open Tennis Tournament draws the best players in the world, making D.C. a global tennis destination. The tournament is also seen on television in over 180 countries. A recent economic impact study found that the estimated total gross impact of the Citi Open on the regional economy is more than \$28.2 million. The tournament is the only Association of Tennis Professionals 500-level event in the United States, and it is one of only four professional tennis tournaments combining men's and women's events. It is also recognized as an International level tournament by the Women's Tennis Association. As the tournament returns to the District this year, the city and our office will be working with residents of the neighborhood to ensure that measures are taken to mitigate traffic in the area and that the beautiful residential neighborhood of the tournament's location is undisturbed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing "Tennis Week in the District of Columbia" for the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, as well as the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation for their efforts.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, my vote was recorded as Yea on Roll Call No. 350. My intention was to vote Nay on Roll Call No. 350.

#### GRACE JONES RETIREMENT

#### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues the good work of Grace Jones, who is retiring on July 14th as the executive director for the past 31 years of Couleecap. The people, families, and communities of western Wisconsin are better off as a result of her work and leadership.

As a community action agency, Couleecap serves low-income people and families in Vernon, La Crosse, Crawford, and Monroe counties, with programs that help people with housing, including home ownership and rehabilitation; weatherization and other energy efficiency measures; employment and training; transportation; food and clothing; and drug use prevention. However, under Grace's leadership, Couleecap continues to evolve with the needs of the community. Many people attribute Couleecap's success to Grace's ability to recognize and understand the needs and the challenges of the people that she and the agency serve.

Trained as a teacher, Grace began her work with Couleecap as a specialist working with at-risk youngsters. "As a teacher, I tried to instill in every student the hope and belief that they could achieve their dreams with hard work and persistence," Grace told the La Crosse Tribune. With her work at Couleecap, she has

been able to help people grow, better themselves, and improve countless lives and families along the way.

Over the years, Grace has received a number of awards for her work. While appreciative of the attention, she has never forgotten the reason for her work, telling the La Crosse Tribune, "At Couleecap, we are so glad that we can help families with encouragement, hope and the tools that they need." She continues, "we prefer to believe we live in a land of great opportunity equally available to everyone. This is not true. Discrimination and poverty still exist—and too many people have talents that are quickly buried under poverty's crushing weight. For these talents to flourish, there must be equal opportunity for all."

I thank Grace Jones for her work at Couleecap. Her work has made a real and lasting impression to the people and communities she served.

#### RECOGNIZING MARK ZAMBON

#### HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize someone who has made a lasting impact in my Congressional District and the community.

Two years ago, Mark Zambon joined my office as part of the Wounded Warrior Fellowship program through the House of Representatives. He will be leaving my San Diego office in July of 2017.

While he was my primary liaison with our veterans community, Mark also served as a community representative to neighborhoods and managed a number of issues critical to my district. Mark always has a "can do" attitude. If you needed something yesterday, you got it yesterday.

Mark marvelously represented Mission Hills, El Cajon, Mission Valley, University Heights, and Uptown.

His passion and work with the Veterans and Active Duty communities in San Diego has not gone unnoticed by my constituents. In the closing days of his service to the 53rd, communities have been honoring and thanking him for his work.

Mark hails from Marquette, Michigan. After graduating from Marquette Senior High School, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. Mark deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan with six combat tours and two Purple Hearts. Serving as an explosive ordnance disposal technician in Afghanistan, he lost both legs from an explosion during a mission in Sangin, a town in Afghanistan's Helmand province.

Despite this, it's not uncommon to find Mark scaling up a rock face or racing cars. In fact, Mount Kilimanjaro was a recent conquest.

When he is not going the extra mile to help veterans in the 53rd Congressional District, Mark is probably traveling, tracking down a quality craft brewery, or hanging with his cat Frankly.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot say enough about how Mark has taken on the role of providing support for his fellow warriors injured in the line of duty and honoring those who have given their lives in defense of our country.

I am proud to recognize Mark and thank him for all of his outstanding contributions to our

local communities, our constituents, and our country.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. DENNY HECK**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a correction in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Earlier today, this body took a vote series with twelve votes in a row, ten of which were amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act, H.R. 2810.

During that vote series, we considered Amendment Number Six, offered by my friend and colleague, Mr. NADLER of New York. That amendment would have struck Section 1022 of the bill, which prohibits the use of funds for transfer or release of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay.

For too many of our friends and allies around the world, the Guantanamo Bay facility has become a symbol of human rights abuses, and our enemies use it to rally opposition to the United States. I have consistently voted to close Guantanamo Bay.

Unfortunately, my recorded vote was opposed to this Amendment. I would like to correct the record of my vote in favor of Amendment Six and opposed to detaining individuals at Guantanamo Bay.

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REMEMBERING REVEREND KATIE R. FOSTER

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**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Rev. Katie R. Foster Anthony, a proud representative of the values, ambition, and resilience of the people of South Mississippi. Throughout her illustrious life she graciously and selflessly served others, setting an example of how to passionately pursue Jesus Christ and spread His love to all. The community is a much better place because of her tireless efforts, and her legacy will live on.

As one of the first Ordained Women Ministers in the United Methodist Church, she broke through gender barriers and continuously deepened her faith, spreading her wisdom to many people, including her congregation at Solid Rock Church of God in Christ. Pastor Katie shared the Gospel outside of her church as well, through her roles as host of the Common Sense Television Show, radio host minister on 94.5 FM WJZD, a prison minister, an ordained minister of the Haven Chapel United Methodist Church, and a member of “The Way Christian Ministries.” Her teachings will live on and continue to inspire others.

Pastor Katie has always been active in her Mississippi community. She was a 4H lifetime member, a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the founder of Foster Enterprises “fast tax” income tax service, a grocery store business owner, a social worker, a school teacher, and overall an outstanding community member. She had an insatiable thirst for

knowledge, starting her education at Nichols High School in Biloxi, and continuing on to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees from many renowned colleges including Wiley College, Southern University, and Emory University.

I have been inspired by Pastor Katie and know her incredible life will motivate others to unselfishly serve their community. She believed anyone can make a powerful difference no matter where they are or what situation they may find themselves in, and this attitude is one I wholeheartedly commend. The people of South Mississippi can learn so much about what it means to be a good community member, American, and all around person by looking at the example Pastor Katie set. She will be deeply missed by her congregation, her loving family, and the multitude of people she impacted.

Words seem inadequate during a time of loss such as this, but I pray that all those that knew and loved Pastor Katie find comfort in the arms of family, friends, and community members on whom she left a tremendous impression. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone during this difficult time, and I will always remember Pastor Katie as the amazing woman and trailblazer that she was. On behalf of the people of Mississippi, I recognize her life and service.

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NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

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SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 12, 2017*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2810) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I want to thank Chairman THORNBERRY and Ranking Member SMITH for shepherding this legislation to the floor and for their devotion to the men and women of the Armed Forces who risk their lives to keep our nation safe.

Mr. Chair, thank you for the opportunity to explain the Jackson Lee Amendment to H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2018, which authorizes \$2.5 million in increased funding to combat and treat Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Had it been made in order, this Jackson Lee amendment would have provided additional funding to be used toward outreach activities targeting hard to reach veterans; especially those who are homeless or reside in underserved urban and rural areas.

Mr. Chair, along with traumatic brain injury, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is the signature wound suffered by the brave men and women who fought or are fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq, and far off lands to defend the values and freedom we hold dear.

For those of us whose daily existence is not lived in harm's way, it is difficult to imagine the horrific images seen by American servicemen

and women deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other theaters of war.

In an instant a suicide bomber, an IED, or an insurgent can obliterate your best friend and right in front of your face.

Yet, you are trained and expected to continue on with the mission, and you do, even though you may not even have reached your 20th birthday.

But there always comes a reckoning.

And it usually comes after the stress and trauma of battle is over and you are alone with your thoughts and memories.

And the horror of those desperate and dangerous encounters with the enemy and your own mortality come flooding back.

PTSD was first brought to public attention in relation to war veterans, but it can result from a variety of traumatic incidents, such as torture, being kidnapped or held captive, bombings, or natural disasters such as floods or earthquakes.

People with PTSD may startle easily, become emotionally numb (especially in relation to people with whom they used to be close), lose interest in things they used to enjoy, have trouble feeling affectionate, be irritable, become more aggressive, or even become violent.

They avoid situations that remind them of the original incident, and anniversaries of the incident are often very difficult.

Most people with PTSD repeatedly relive the trauma, called flashbacks, in their thoughts during the day and in nightmares when they sleep.

A person having a flashback may lose touch with reality and believe that the traumatic incident is happening all over again.

Mr. Chair, the fact of the matter is that most veterans with PTSD also have other psychiatric disorders, which are a consequence of PTSD.

These veterans have co-occurring disorders, which include depression, alcohol and/or drug abuse problems, panic, and/or other anxiety disorders.

The Jackson Lee Amendment recognizes that these soldiers are first and foremost, human and that they carry their experiences with them.

Ask a veteran of Vietnam, Iraq, or Afghanistan about the frequency of nightmares they experience, and one will realize that serving in the Armed Forces leaves a lasting impression, whether good or bad.

The Jackson Lee Amendment would have helped ensure that “no soldier is left behind” by addressing the urgent need for more outreach toward hard to reach veterans suffering from PTSD, especially those who are homeless or reside in underserved urban and rural areas of our country.

Mr. Chair, I also want to speak in support of the amendment to H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2018, offered by Judiciary Committee Ranking Member CONYERS, and supported by Congresswoman BARBARA LEE of California, Congressman WALTER JONES of North Carolina, myself, and many other colleagues but not made in order by the Rules Committee.

The Conyers Amendment is simple and straightforward, stating:

“Nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against North Korea.”

Interviewed by Reuters in the Oval Office on April 27, 2017, the President stated: