

the Israeli forces. Machal, volunteers from outside the country, they are called.

Amongst these mighty warriors, 23 Cuban Jews bravely answered the call to arms and left Cuba to come to Israel's aid and secure her independence.

This Sunday, the Inter-American Chapter of Hadassah in my congressional district is honoring these courageous Cuban heroes, particularly the four remaining survivors.

Mr. Speaker, the sacrifice and heroism of Cuban Jews during the Israeli 1948 War of Independence will never be forgotten by us.

CALLING ATTENTION TO CHILD DETENTION RULES

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is still going on. The Trump administration is still holding thousands of little children in jails across this country in cages, cyclone fencing, cages.

These are babies and toddlers, preschoolers and adolescents. Their only crime is their desire to breathe free.

And just when you think the pit of the Trump administration's soul could get no darker, heartbreaking reports emerge from inside these so-called detention facilities.

These children are prohibited from touching one another. No hugs, not even from their siblings. They can't run around. They have to wake up at unreasonably early hours, with their jailers banging and making noise as if it is Alcatraz, for everyone to get out of bed.

Some of these children only get 1 hour to play outside a day. They are being held in strip malls and abandoned motels.

Some are banned from sending mail to their siblings. Others have scrubbed toilets or handled bags of unsanitary used toilet paper.

Mr. Speaker, these so-called detention facilities are nothing more than jails for children, baby jails. Let's end this madness.

THE BENEFITS OF TAX REFORM

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

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the benefits of tax reform.

Earlier this year, President Trump visited the Sheffer Corporation, a small manufacturing company in my district that pledged \$1,000 bonuses to all 126 of its employees as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

During the President's visit to Cincinnati, he invited Sheffer employees on stage to talk about their plans for their new bonuses.

A mom in the audience said she is using her bonus as spare cash for when she sends her children off to college this year. As any parent of a college student knows, the expenses add up and every dollar makes a difference.

The President also invited a young man to the stage to speak. He wants to start a family, and said that this money will go towards a home to raise his children.

While the recent law is an enormous step forward, we must and will continue to move forward to implement smart policies that give Americans the freedom to compete, innovate, and seize the opportunity to carve out a better future for themselves and their families.

THREE IMPORTANT ITEMS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, there are three items that I think are important for our colleagues.

A number of Members traveled to Texas to physically assess where we were in the reunification of these children and their families. Let me just say that those who are tasked with trying to do this dastardly, difficult task are putting their best foot forward, but they are dealing with a policy that is broken and chaotic. I witnessed the attempt to reunify families. There were about 20 children in the room, and we witnessed four reunifications, and each of us would have our heart broken, because children are still in shock, some didn't recognize their parents. I believe that this is a chaotic system that this administration must fix immediately.

I also want to bring to the attention of my colleagues about the Medicare payments to doctors, unequal payments. I am absolutely opposed. Give doctors a fair assessment of their treatment.

And, finally, do we realize, Mr. Speaker, that those immigrants who joined the military are now being kicked out? Do we have any heart? They have sacrificed their lives to wear the uniform. We need to stand up against it, Mr. Speaker.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS CHRISTOPHER CELIZ

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

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Sergeant First Class Christopher Celiz, who passed away in the line of duty at the age of 32.

Sergeant Celiz was assigned to Hunter Army Airfield in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

On July 12, he was struck by enemy small arms fire during a combat operation in Afghanistan. Sergeant Celiz was immediately taken for medical

treatment, but passed away from his injuries.

His regiment commander described him as always leading from the front and being a national treasure who led his Rangers with passion, confidence, and an infectious positive attitude.

A husband and father, I will keep Sergeant Celiz's family in my thoughts and prayers.

Because of Sergeant Celiz's service and bravery, he has been awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

CARTER PAGE FISA WARRANT

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, the release of the Carter Page FISA warrant makes it clear that the FBI was right to examine the connections between Page and the Trump campaign as well as their communications with Russian sources.

These warrants cast serious doubt on the credibility of the so-called Nunes memo, which is demonstrably inaccurate.

Earlier today, the President's press secretary announced that the administration was considering stripping top level former national security officials of their security clearances on the grounds that they, "politicized public service."

I would question whether any use of intelligence could be more political than writing a misleading document, namely the Nunes memo, to unjustifiably malign the integrity and competence of the FBI in order to shield the President.

It is clear that congressional Republicans are attempting to delegitimize the FBI and, through it, Special Counsel Robert Mueller's ongoing investigation.

We must protect the independence and integrity of this investigation, and I urge Speaker RYAN and the House leadership to do so immediately.

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AMERICAN TAXPAYERS HAVE MORE MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS

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

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, America has always been the land of opportunity, but I am hearing, as I travel my district, a renewed sense of optimism that is exciting. Our economy is stronger. Families have more money in their paychecks. Workers are seeing bonuses and better wages. Unemployment is at historic lows. Job openings are at historic highs, and confidence is soaring.

As a direct result of our tax cuts, about 90 percent of our workers are

keeping more of what they make. The average tax cut this year in my district was over \$900. Like a constituent who commented on my Facebook wall put it: "Any time that the American taxpayer has more money in their pocket, it's a good thing." Mr. Speaker, I couldn't agree more.

Businesses and workers are seeing tremendous benefits, too. With the tax savings, businesses all across the country are expanding and hiring more people. In my district, a local brewery can now purchase new equipment and raise wages. A local manufacturer told me she plans to expand operations and bring on new employees.

Working with the Trump administration, I will continue to work to build on this progress so that more people can achieve their American Dream.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM "BILL" WOLFE, JR.

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

Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of William "Bill" Wolfe, Jr. Bill attended the Route 91 festival in Las Vegas on October 1.

Bill and his wife, Robyn, had two kids together, Ethan and Trevor. Bill worked as a senior project manager for Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

Bill lived for his community. He enjoyed being a wrestling coach with the Shippensburg Elementary wrestling program and a coach for a Little League team.

Although he loved coaching, he loved being outdoors more. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, camping, gardening, and jogging.

Bill and Robyn had traveled to the Route 91 festival to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their wedding. Unfortunately, they were separated when the gunfire erupted, and Robyn later found out that Bill did not survive.

Bill is remembered for being very smart and always being willing to help others. He was passionate about everything he did and was loved by many.

I would like to extend my condolences to William "Bill" Wolfe, Jr.'s family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

THANKING ALZHEIMER'S AMBASSADORS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, earlier today I met with Christie Glick in my Bellefonte office. Christie is an Alzheimer's ambassador in my district, and through the Alzheimer's Ambassador Program, people like Christie work throughout the

country to connect with Members of Congress and share their personal experiences with Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and it has reached crisis proportions. There is no effective treatment, no means of prevention, and no method of slowing the progression of this disease. Sadly, one in three seniors will die with the disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 5 million Americans were living with Alzheimer's disease in the year 2013. That number is expected to almost triple to 14 million by the year 2050.

Mr. Speaker, Alzheimer's not only has a devastating impact on those who are diagnosed with the disease, but also their caregivers and loved ones. My own mom, Mary Thompson, lived with Alzheimer's for 10 years until it took her life.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Christie and all of the Alzheimer's ambassadors for the important work that they do to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and to never stop searching for a cure.

RECOGNIZING JOCELYN DORSEY

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the historic retirement of broadcast pioneer and Atlanta, Georgia, treasure, Jocelyn Dorsey. She is really a national treasure.

Jocelyn's list of achievements and accolades are too long for me to recite here, but needless to say, her groundbreaking 40-plus-year career has served as an inspiration to so many, and she has been a role model to so many of us, not just African Americans, but all Americans, all Georgians.

So we tip our hats to her and wish her the best in her retirement. I understand that long-distance motorcycle trips may very well be in her future.

I hope that she will keep us abreast of her exploits in the future. We will miss her but know that she will always be in our hearts, and we will always look forward to hearing about her life as she proceeds on.

So I congratulate Jocelyn Dorsey for a job well done.

THE 12TH WOMAN

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last week I was joined in the House gallery by five incredible young women. Each of them has their own story of survival. Each was sexually assaulted while in college. They call themselves the 12th Woman.

Mr. Speaker, one in five women will be sexually assaulted while in college

in the United States. Sexual assault is a crime that tries to steal the dignity, self-respect, and humanity of the victim.

Mr. Speaker, the 12th Woman has something to say about that. They came to Congress and publicly told their heartbreaking stories on the steps of our Capitol, demanding change not only at their own school, Texas A&M, but nationwide. These ladies are determined not only to be survivors, but victors over their assault.

Mr. Speaker, my grandmother taught me that there is no stopping a bold, tenacious, Texas woman who has made up her mind.

Abbie, Meghan, Sydney, Kirsten, and Nikki have made up their minds with unwavering resolve that sexual assault on campus will stop.

And that is just the way it is.

PUTIN'S DANGEROUS ACTIONS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, like a bull in a china shop, President Trump bulldozed his way through the NATO summit, offending our allies, and then in Helsinki was shamefully servile to Russia's autocratic ruler, Vladimir Putin. Autocrat Putin boasts a long list of brutal and violent threats to liberty here at home and abroad.

In early 2014, Russian forces illegally invaded Ukraine's Crimea and the Donbass region. Thousands have been killed and millions of Ukrainians displaced.

On February 27, 2015, Russian freedom fighter, Boris Nemtsov, was gunned down outside the Kremlin's crimson walls.

In the 2016 election, Russian intelligence services used social media and cyber attacks to target our democratic elections and those of several of our allies.

According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, 58 Russian journalists have been brutally murdered since 1992.

Mr. Speaker, Russia is "Murder Incorporated" under Putin's abhorrent rule.

I include in the RECORD a long list of some of Russia's brutal, murderous actions.

BRUTAL AND UNDEMOCRATIC ACTIONS OF DICTATOR VLADIMIR PUTIN'S RUSSIA

2000—Putin was supposed to face a second-round runoff in the 2000 presidential election, had it not been for widespread fraud. Biased coverage by large media outlets controlled by the Russian state and Kremlin supporters can be accredited for this. (Freedom House)

2003—Mikhail Khodorkovsky is arrested by Russian authorities and charged with fraud. The trial was criticized for lack of due process. Charges against him were grounded in reasonable suspicion.

2003—Russia ranked 86 out of 133 countries in Transparency International's 2003 Corruption Perceptions Index.

2003—Russia saw a significant deterioration of fundamental rights and the emergence of an increasingly aggressive foreign