

Protests in over 100 cities have been silenced by the IRGC thugs as the rogue regime continues its crackdown on human rights.

The government has shut down the internet and social media.

The United States should stand with the Iranian people by seeing to it that the Iranians have access to social media through satellite communication.

If we help the Iranians have freedom of expression through speech and press, the world will know how the illegitimate regime persecutes its own people.

Hopefully, the people will remove this dictatorship and have a government that they, the people, put in power. After all, isn't that what freedom is all about?

And that is just the way it is.

#### THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT PROJECT

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

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Ms. Tijuana Fulford, founder and executive director of the Butterfly Effect Project in Riverhead.

In 2014, Ms. Fulford set out to establish a free program to provide young girls with the tools they need to achieve self-confident futures in hopes of bringing forth a generation of strong, independent, and knowledgeable women.

This program has grown from 4 to 108 young girls with an ever-growing waitlist. These are girls who are empowered with the resources necessary to secure a prosperous future for themselves and their families.

Through financial, educational, emotional, and career support, the Butterfly Effect Project is building community involvement and curtailing the effects of cultural and mobility limitations.

With locations in Riverhead and Bellport, the Butterfly Effect Project is having such a positive effect on young girls from Riverhead, Flanders, Calverton, Mastic, Shirley, Bellport, Westhampton, Peconic, Patchogue, and West Islip.

The Butterfly Effect Project has provided an invaluable service to our community. I applaud Ms. Fulford for her dedication, and I look forward to witnessing the growth of her organization and the bright future of so many of the young women it supports.

#### OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

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

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, President Trump's mantra is "no collusion." He says this constantly because he

wants people to think collusion—a hard thing to prove—is the only question in the Russia investigation. It is not.

Even putting aside the mounting evidence that Trump did collude with Russia, there is an equally serious question about obstruction of justice, and, for that, the evidence is overwhelming.

The greatest hits of Trump obstruction include:

Requesting an improper loyalty pledge from FBI Director Comey;

Telling Director Comey to drop the Flynn investigation;

Asking the DNI and the CIA Directors to lean on Comey to drop the Flynn investigation;

Firing Comey when he continued the investigation;

Admitting on national TV that the firing was because of the Russia investigation;

Admitting, essentially, the same thing to top Russian officials in a White House meeting;

Drafting a deliberately misleading statement for his son about the infamous Trump Tower meeting;

Attempting to fire Special Counsel Mueller;

And, most recently, this ham-handed choreography with Chairman NUNES to undermine all of the pending investigations—an attempt to set up the argument that we should drop the Russia investigations and, instead, investigate the investigators.

That is just the "Greatest Hits of Obstruction," volume I. There is a lot more to come, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### SOUP-ER HERO SOUP DRIVE

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some real-life super heroes from my district in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Students from Brookwood, Keystone, and Mill Creek Elementary Schools in the Bristol Township School District collected thousands of pounds of canned soup, dressed as "soup-er heroes," and delivered it to the Emergency Relief Association Food Pantry in Levittown. Mill Creek Elementary School collected 1,581 pounds of soup, Brookwood Elementary School collected 1,365 pounds, and Keystone Elementary School collected 1,016 pounds of cans to help those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I am so inspired by these outstanding young members of our community, who at a young age are already working hard to help people around them in need and make their community a stronger and a better place. I know we can all learn something from those boys and girls.

I encourage every school in Bucks and Montgomery County to follow the lead of Brookwood, Keystone, and Mill Creek Elementary Schools and find new and fun ways to help those in need.

#### DEVASTATION OF HOUSTON SCHOOLS HIT BY HURRICANE HARVEY

(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, as school children rise across America to go to a place of work for them, but a place of joy, of learning, I rise today to reenforce the importance of education in the State of Texas.

The Texas education administrator, along with the Governor of the State of Texas, will be receiving a letter from me reaffirming the plea of local officials—both governmental and educational officials—to give Texas school children, because of the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, a waiver for 2 years for them to be able to improve their scores and to keep the schools open that the parents and the community want to have open.

Many of my school districts—seven of which I represent—have faced the tragedy of Hurricane Harvey: the displacement or relocation of their children and the devastation of their schools, including the Houston Independent School District. It has historic schools.

So my plea is that this is, likewise, a Federal issue. I was a strong supporter of the SUCCESS Act where we look at different elements, other than testing. Let's look at the holistic aspect of the school children of Houston. Let's give them a waiver. Let's understand Hurricane Harvey. Let's fix the schools and keep them open.

That is my fight, and that is my commitment.

#### CONGRATULATING PYEONGCHANG WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES ATHLETES

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

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate all 243 United States athletes that have secured qualification in the upcoming Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games. I am proud to say that 15 of these Olympians come from my home State of Utah. Through their talent, their hard work, and their dedication, I am confident that they are going to represent Utah and, in fact, the entire United States very well.

These individuals come from all walks of life. Some are in the middle of their professional careers, some are students, many of them are parents. Together, these individuals will be able to showcase their immense strength

and skill through unparalleled determination.

Although these Olympians are not guaranteed success or a medal, it doesn't prevent them from doing what they love to do. We should all look up to these Olympic athletes for inspiration to become better, stronger, and more dedicated to reaching our goals, even when we know it is tough.

I wish these athletes good luck in the upcoming events, and I thank them for representing the United States and the great State of Utah. As we watch the Olympics, all of us look forward to hearing our national anthem played and hearing them chanting: U-S-A, U-S-A.

#### REPUBLICAN PARTY IS GOING ALONG TO GET ALONG

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

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I sent my first paycheck as a bag boy at the A&P—\$19-and-some-odd cents—to the Barry Goldwater campaign. I was 16 years old.

I have been involved in almost every major Republican campaign in my State and nationally since then. But the Republican Party I grew up in was the fiscally conservative party. I wish it still was.

But we will pass a spending bill today that is everything but fiscally conservative. Our national debt is now over \$20 trillion. This bill will speed us down the road to \$30 trillion.

Our deficit last year was \$666 billion. This bill will make it even higher this year. There is nothing fiscally conservative about this bill. Spending was already going up.

Now we are busting the budget caps and adding another \$300 billion more. Anyone who supports this bill cannot accurately say that they are fiscally conservative.

It is very sad to me that the Republican Party I love is now going along to get along and spending many, many billions that we simply do not have.

#### AMERICA MUST LEARN FROM PUERTO RICO

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

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Congress faces a debt junkie spending bill that risks an American bankruptcy that threatens the dissolution of our military.

That is why a past Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and current Secretary of Defense have both identified America's debt as our greatest national security threat.

America must learn from Puerto Rico, which suffered a debt default in 2016 that destroyed its economy and forced it to fire public sector workers, raise sales taxes to a record 11.5 percent, and close over 100 schools.

Worse yet, Puerto Rico's insolvency meant it lacked the resources to protect itself from known hurricane risks like that of Hurricane Maria.

Mr. Speaker, debt junkies don't care one twit about America's bankruptcy risk. I do. That is why today I will vote against their financially irresponsible spending bill that will likely trigger a \$1 trillion deficit this year.

#### CONGRATULATING BLESSED TRINITY FOOTBALL

(Mrs. HANDEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HANDEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the State champion football program at Blessed Trinity High School in Roswell, Georgia.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Tim McFarlin, the Blessed Trinity Titans finished with 13 wins and just 2 losses to earn their first ever State football championship title this past season.

The 4A class in Georgia is a tough one, and I congratulate the other teams in this bracket for their efforts as well. But with the outstanding leadership and mentorship of Coach McFarlin, the Titans did prevail.

Last week was also Catholic Schools Week. I had the pleasure of visiting Blessed Trinity Catholic School. During my visit, I included time with the AP government students, as well as with students in their STEAM program, which focuses on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

My thanks to Principal Brian Marks, and to all of the students and the faculty there for a terrific visit and for being such a great part of the community in the Sixth District.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 13 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 pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of Georgia) at 10 o'clock and 27 minutes a.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Passage of H.R. 1153, and  
Agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

#### MORTGAGE CHOICE ACT OF 2017

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 1153) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 280, nays 131, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 64]  
YEAS—280

Abraham	Diaz-Balart	King (NY)
Aderholt	Dingell	Kinzinger
Aguilar	Donovan	Knight
Allen	Doyle, Michael	Krishnamoorthi
Amash	F.	Kustoff (TN)
Amodei	Duffy	Labrador
Arrington	Duncan (SC)	LaHood
Babin	Duncan (TN)	LaMalfa
Bacon	Dunn	Lamborn
Banks (IN)	Emmer	Lance
Barletta	Estes (KS)	Latta
Barr	Farenthold	Lawrence
Barton	Faso	Lawson (FL)
Beatty	Ferguson	Lewis (MN)
Bergman	Fitzpatrick	Lipinski
Biggs	Fleischmann	LoBiondo
Bilirakis	Flores	Loebsack
Bishop (GA)	Fortenberry	Long
Bishop (MI)	Foster	Loudermilk
Bishop (UT)	Fox	Love
Blackburn	Frelinghuysen	Lucas
Blum	Gaetz	Luetkemeyer
Bost	Gallagher	MacArthur
Boyle, Brendan	Garrett	Maloney, Sean
F.	Gianforte	Marchant
Brady (TX)	Gibbs	Marino
Brat	Gonzalez (TX)	Marshall
Brooks (AL)	Goodlatte	Massie
Brooks (IN)	Gosar	Mast
Buchanan	Gottheimer	McCarthy
Buck	Granger	McCaul
Bucshon	Graves (GA)	McClintock
Budd	Graves (MO)	McCollum
Burgess	Griffith	McHenry
Bustos	Grothman	McKinley
Byrne	Guthrie	McMorris
Calvert	Hanabusa	Rodgers
Carbajal	Handel	McNerney
Carter (GA)	Harper	McSally
Carter (TX)	Harris	Meadows
Cartwright	Hartzler	Meehan
Chabot	Heck	Meeks
Cheney	Hensarling	Messer
Coffman	Herrera Beutler	Mitchell
Cole	Hice, Jody B.	Moolenaar
Collins (GA)	Higgins (LA)	Mooney (WV)
Collins (NY)	Higgins (NY)	Mullin
Comer	Hill	Murphy (FL)
Comstock	Holding	Newhouse
Conaway	Hollingsworth	Noem
Connolly	Huizenga	Nolan
Cook	Hultgren	Norman
Cooper	Hunter	Nunes
Correa	Hurd	O'Halleran
Costa	Issa	Olson
Costello (PA)	Jenkins (KS)	Palazzo
Cramer	Jenkins (WV)	Palmer
Crawford	Johnson (LA)	Paulsen
Cuellar	Johnson (OH)	Pearce
Culberson	Johnson, Sam	Perlmutter
Curbelo (FL)	Jordan	Perry
Curtis	Joyce (OH)	Peters
Davidson	Katko	Peterson
Davis, Rodney	Kelly (MS)	Pittenger
Delaney	Kelly (PA)	Poe (TX)
Denham	Kihuen	Poliquin
Dent	Kildee	Posey
DeSantis	Kind	Quigley
DesJarlais	King (IA)	Ratcliffe