

President John F. Kennedy was looking for a group of men that could go anywhere in the world at a moment's notice. Beal was a member of SEAL Team Two, which was based out of Little Creek. His service was exemplary.

Harry Beal served in the Navy for 20 years. His service took him to South America, Southeast Asia, Europe, and the Caribbean Sea. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Harry Beal for his lifetime of service to our nation.

OPPOSING GLOBAL BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS MOVEMENT TARGETING ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 246, a bipartisan resolution that opposes the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement aimed against Israel, strongly supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and affirms the Constitutional right of American citizens to free speech.

Let's be clear about what BDS is and is not—BDS is not a social justice movement. It ignores Palestinian terrorist attacks targeting Israeli civilians, including more than 18,000 rockets and 105 suicide bombings, as well as human rights abuses perpetrated by Palestinian leaders against their own people.

BDS is an international effort to economically, politically and culturally isolate our close ally Israel. It undermines prospects for a two-state solution by punishing Israel with economic harm in order to force concessions by Israel alone and encouraging the Palestinians to reject negotiations in favor of international pressure.

BDS does not recognize the right of the Jewish people to national self-determination, a right proclaimed by the United Nations. Some of its supporters even advocate for Israel's complete destruction. Omar Barghouti, a co-founder of the movement, has said, "Most definitely, we oppose a Jewish state in any part of Palestine."

I am pleased that members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle, understand that a secure Israel is important for our country as well as our allies. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this resolution which puts Congress on the record opposing the discriminatory BDS campaign against Israel and supporting a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resulting in two states.

CONGRATULATING THE TUMON BAY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra for taking home a Gold Award in

the 2019 Australian International Music Festival held in Sydney, Australia.

The Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra was organized in September 2018, launching Guam's newest community youth orchestra. The Orchestra seeks to provide a platform for youth musicians from various schools to build camaraderie through music. The repertoire for the ensemble includes the grand masterworks of centuries past to the latest movie or video game soundtracks, to the delight of audiences of all ages. The Orchestra is led by Artistic Director Maximo Ronquillo, Jr.

The Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra received a Gold Award for its debut performance for the 2019 Australian International Music Festival at the Sydney Opera House. The Australian International Music Festival is among the largest music festivals in the southern hemisphere, receiving participation from 62 ensembles and over 1,300 participants in 2019.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I want to congratulate the Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra for their success in the 2019 Australian International Music Festival.

IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL SELF-CARE DAY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, July 24th is recognized as "International Self-Care Day" to bring attention to the importance of advancing public health through effective and safe self-care. Over-the-counter (OTC) products from cold medicines to cures for headaches, play a key role in consumer self-care which is evident by widespread use in nearly every household across the country. We must do all we can to support self-care and to advance lower-cost, safe and effective options for American consumers.

When health care innovation is blocked by government regulations, it's patients who lose. Our current process for approving over-the-counter products is unnecessarily inefficient, leading to higher prices and fewer choices for consumers. A problem like this rightfully deserves bipartisan solutions, and that's what we have in the Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act. I thank my friend from Colorado, Ms. DEGETTE for working with me for several years on H.R. 3443 to reform a broken system and bring new cost-effective OTC products to market faster. It's time for the over-the-counter approval process to be as modern as the innovations being presented to the FDA.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the value and importance of OTC medicines to promote and achieve self-care for families across our nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, extenuating circumstances regrettably pre-

vented me from voting YEA on H. Res. 246, Opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel, of which I am a co-sponsor. I strongly support this resolution and our ally, the Jewish, democratic state of Israel. I am a proponent of a negotiated two-state solution for the Israelis and the Palestinians and will continue to condemn efforts that stand in the way of the path to peace.

SMALL BUSINESS REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3311, "The Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019."

H.R. 3311, the "Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019," would streamline the bankruptcy process by which small business debtors reorganize and rehabilitate their financial affairs.

I support this legislation because it addresses the special problems presented by small business cases by instituting a variety of time frames and enforcement mechanisms designed to weed out small business debtors who are not likely to reorganize.

It also requires these cases to be more actively monitored by United States trustees and the bankruptcy courts.

According to the Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Advocacy, approximately 20 percent of small businesses survive the first year, but by the five-year mark only 50 percent are still in business and by the ten-year mark only one-third survive.

Under the protection of chapter 11, a debtor is given a "financial breathing spell" from most creditor collection efforts.

This protection allows the chapter 11 debtor to continue its business operations while formulating a plan of reorganization to repay its creditors.

Not surprisingly, while most chapter 11 business cases are filed by small business debtors, they are often "the least likely to reorganize successfully."

I know first hand that Hurricane Harvey hurt many small businesses and though we worked to help them recover, bankruptcy was the only option for some of them.

While the Bankruptcy Code envisions that creditors will play a major role in monitoring these cases, this often does not occur, chiefly because creditors in these smaller cases do not have claims large enough to warrant the time and money to participate actively in these cases.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3311 to help our small businesses have a chance at success during difficult times.

TRIBUTE TO JUDY SCHNEIDER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my deep gratitude and appreciation to someone who has played an indispensable role in Congress for more than four decades—my guide and my great friend, Judy Schneider. After a legendary career as a Specialist on Congress at the Congressional Research Service—really the specialist on Congress—Judy is retiring. Judy will be missed.

Judy Schneider is a recognized institution on Capitol Hill—not just because of her unparalleled knowledge of procedure, but because of her belief in how those of us fortunate enough to work here can use those procedures to move effective policy solutions. She has never failed to recognize the enormous possibilities we have been given to represent our constituents and our nation, and she has never failed to help anyone—on either side of the aisle—who sought her guidance.

Like many of my colleagues and their staffs, I have relied on Judy to help me navigate Congress—not just how the House and Senate are supposed to work according to precedent, but how these bodies actually work in today's world. Along with her colleague Michael Koempel, she literally wrote the book—The Congressional Deskbook: The Practical and Comprehensive Guide to Congress—to help explain the rules under which we operate. My staff and I have turned to the Deskbook countless times, and we are far from alone. Whether you work on the Hill or simply want to understand how Congress operates, you can rely on Judy Schneider's writings for clear, concise and accurate information. That includes not just the Deskbook but hundreds of reports and guidance documents, including one that each of my staffers receives on how to prepare a legislative plan.

But Judy is not just an author. She is available to talk with Members of Congress, their staffs, and others to answer questions and share her vast expertise. I was fortunate to meet Judy at the new member retreat during my first weeks in Congress, and immediately recognized her many talents. It was clear to me that if I wanted to learn how the House really works, I needed to know Judy. I am so thankful that Judy agreed to serve as my mentor and guide. Whenever my staff or I have a question about procedural or legislative options, we turn to not just Judy's books and reports, but to Judy in person. She is not just on our speed-dial, she is the “go-to” person for offices throughout the House and Senate.

Her influence goes beyond the walls of Congress. Judy has been generous in sharing her understanding of Congress with a wide range of groups off the Hill, speaking to countless associations and organizations while also mentoring many individuals—especially women—who are interested in policymaking careers. Using her trademark Socratic style to challenge her countless students, Judy has taught a generation of thinkers how to use policy and procedures creatively.

Judy Schneider has received many awards and accolades—all of which are richly deserved. The Judy Schneider Fellowship, created by Women in Government in 2015 to recognize

Judy's accomplishments, guarantees that her impact will continue to be felt. Last year, she won the inaugural Democracy Awards Lifetime Achievement award for Congressional staff from the Congressional Management Foundation, a truly fitting honor. And yet, I believe her greatest reward is knowing that she has mentored, trained and inspired so many who have gone on to use her lessons to improve people's lives and well-being.

I thank Judy, I love her and I wish her everything good. I know that she will spend time on the Jersey shore, with family and friends, and enjoy some well-deserved downtime. But I also hope that, even in retirement, she will continue to serve as a resource for all of us who have relied on her for her wisdom. I hope to be able to turn to her for her counsel and friendship in the future, as I have so frequently over the past years.

RUDY GIULIANI COMMENTS REGARDING THE IRANIAN REGIME OF TERROR
HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD comments about the situation in Iran that I believe are relevant and should be widely shared. The comments, from former New York City Mayor and attorney to the U.S. President Rudy Giuliani, address peaceful regime change in Iran and the work of the Iranian Resistance. Giuliani delivered this speech at the International Gathering at Ashraf-3, Tirana, Albania, which is home to members of the Iranian opposition, the Mujahedin-e Khalq (PMOI/MEK). More than 350 bipartisan dignitaries and parliamentarians from 47 countries attended the conference. I offer these comments for thoughtful discussion as follows:

Giuliani: “Thanks to you and particularly to the people who live here in Ashraf 3. You'll be the ones who lead your people to freedom and you'll be honored forever in Iranian history and in the history of those who love and are willing to die for freedom. God bless you.”

This organization has grown and grown and I feel in this room today a kind of optimism that I don't remember feeling before when we were in Paris. I feel an optimism maybe because you've done a miracle here in Ashraf. If we were to build this in New York City, it would take 15 years and 14 corruption investigations. I was here a year and a half ago, this wasn't here.

And of course, all of this is possible because of the leadership of Madame Maryam Rajavi, a truly exceptional leader. Just like her husband Massoud Rajavi, who began this movement in one very brave act. He refused to swear allegiance to the Supreme Leader Khomeini to his face. He said, “No, I will not swear allegiance to you. I will not deliver my nation to a tyrant.”

I'm here to say three things. First, I accuse the Ayatollah and Rouhani and all of their sycophants and followers of mass murder, crimes against humanity. We should be embarrassed for our countries if they haven't stood up against this. There's no middle ground here. These people have killed at least

120,000 members and associates of this great organization. You see the book. You go through the sad, tragic, but heroic exhibit they have of the martyrs to freedom. Look at the photograph of the people in the infirmary being treated for illness, slaughtered just a few years ago. Killed 52 of them of the last 100 people who stayed at Ashraf, they tried to wipe them all out. In 1988, in two months they slaughtered 30,000 people. These are not numbers, these are human lives.

So there are three things that we have to do. Number one, we have to get the governments of Europe to stand up, to wake up, to reclaim their dignity and their honor. These are the countries that gave us democracy. Greece, Rome, Italy, France, United Kingdom, Germany, all places in which freedom was born, democracy was born, democracy emerged. Democracy for my nation came out of Europe and the experience of Europe. So how can the leaders of those countries turn their back on mass murder? How can they do it and live with themselves? It's time to end that shameful disregard.

There's no statute of limitations on murder. I prosecuted two Nazis 40 years after their horrible deeds. One killed 20,000 people, the other killed 12,000 people and we found them and it took years and we brought them to justice. The people who slaughtered 30,000 people in 1988 should be identified, they should be prosecuted, and they should either be imprisoned for life or executed. They're criminals. They're murderers. They're not leaders of countries. They are no better than the murderer in the street except they're worse because they're mass murderers.

I am so proud of my government because we have stood up. We looked at that agreement that would make Iran a nuclear power and we said tear it up. We're not going to put nuclear weapons in the hands of a maniac. Well, I say to the leaders of Europe, you can be liberators too. You can go down in history as fighters for freedom.

Isn't that better than just running a government and making money and giving blood money to Iran? How can you do commerce with them? We all know they're the largest sponsor of terrorism in the world. What does that mean? That means they fund and they supply murderers not only in their own country but all over the world. And when you give them money, when you relieve them of a debt, which my government did in the prior administration, and put over a billion dollars back in their hands, you are supporting murder. What do they use it for? Their people know, their people know that when they get money, when a French company or a German company does business with them, that money, that profit is going to be used to kill people in Syria or to kill people somewhere else or to send people to Albania to kill us or to send people to France like they did last year to kill Madame Rajavi and us. That's what they're funding, don't you realize it? That makes you complicit in murder.

Number two, let's make it clear, there is an alternative to this horrible regime of terror. This isn't one of those situations in which we have the choice of deposing a horrible dictator and we don't know if a more horrible one will come along. Right? And when we saw that happen, we saw it happen in Egypt, in some ways we saw it happen in Libya.

But here we don't have that problem. We've got the worst regime in the world by far, the