

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MAHSA AMINI HUMAN RIGHTS AND SECURITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on H.R. 589, the Mahsa Amini Human Rights Security Accountability (MAHSA) Act.

This bill would require the President of the United States to impose property- and visa-blocking sanctions on certain individuals and entities affiliated with Iran.

Additionally, this bill would impose requirements that the President periodically make determinations about whether certain existing sanctions apply to specified persons and impose the applicable sanctions, including determinations concerning:

(1) the Supreme Leader of Iran and any official in the Office of the Supreme Leader of Iran;

(2) the President of Iran and any official in the Office of the President of Iran; and

(3) any entity overseen by the Office of the Supreme Leader of Iran which is complicit in supporting human rights abuses or terrorism.

Iran currently faces widespread unrest because of various human rights violations.

In 2022, security forces killed more than 500 persons, including at least 69 children, and arrested more than 19,000 protesters, including children, according to the nongovernmental organization Human Rights Activists News Agency.

Some of those arrested faced the death penalty, including children.

The government also routinely disrupted access to the internet and communications applications to prevent the free flow of information and to attempt to interrupt or diminish participation in protests.

Iran and its people deserve peace.

This bill has been built on positive intentions that seek to solve an important and pressing issue.

RECOGNIZING YOUNG LEADERS ADVOCATING IN FAVOR OF STATEHOOD FOR PUERTO RICO

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of young leaders from my District who are in Washington, D.C. this week advocating in favor of statehood for Puerto Rico.

It fills me with joy to witness our young generation assuming a leading role in addressing Puerto Rico's political status and promoting ef-

orts to champion the equal treatment of the 3.2 million American citizens in Puerto Rico. This group of young people has come to Washington to directly demand statehood in meetings with members of Congress and Senators. Their advocacy demonstrates not only their unwavering dedication to the cause but also their commitment to the democratic principles that uphold our nation. Their actions serve as an inspiring example for all, reminding us that the pursuit of equality and representation knows no age boundaries. As these young leaders continue to work tirelessly, their vision of Puerto Rico becoming a State of the Union draws ever closer to becoming a reality.

Please join me in honoring Alexander López, Alexander Nieves, Alexandra Meléndez Iturrino, Andrés Dávila Suárez, Andrés F. Rosado Martínez, Ángel Morales, Anibal Rodríguez, Anthony Jiménez Chaparro, Antonio Díaz-Agosto, Aurelio Agelviz, Bianca Cardona, Braulio Hernández Jiménez, Carol Pérez González, Cesar Méndez, Christopher Cabán Echevarría, Coralys Vega Rodríguez, Edwin Francisco Rivera, Jahn Tacoronte González, Jaime Ramírez, Javier Porrata, Josué Rivera, Keishla "Keka" Rodríguez, Kevin Romero, Luis Alberto Arroyo, Luis Carrucini Ortiz, Luis Miguel Clemente Rosario, Manuel López Alamo, Marcos Fabián González, María Quiñones, Marino Puello Rivera, Oscar Rosa Vizcarrondo, Paola González Negrón, Paola Román Goytía, Quiñat Rodríguez Nieves, Randy Rodríguez, Ricardo Marrero, Roberto Lefranc Fortuño, Saned Trinidad Alejandro, Santos Soel González García, Sherlyn Osorio Nieves, Valeria Santiago, Victor Berríos Sierra, Yeareb Rodríguez Nieves, Yeline Nieves Díaz, and Zairelys Medina Villanueva for boldly championing the long-awaited equality that Puerto Ricans have consistently demanded. I also want to recognize Shadow Delegate Roberto Lefranc Fortuño for being an integral part in spearheading this effort to have young Puerto Ricans actively engaged in this movement.

I am beyond proud of these leaders and applaud their efforts to advance Puerto Rican statehood.

CELEBRATING BOB GIBSON ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the milestone birthday of Bob "Gibby" Gibson who celebrated his 100th birthday on September 4, 2023.

Gibby has dedicated his life to public service. Born in Hampton, New Jersey in 1923, he went on to serve in the United States Army during World War II. Following his service in major campaigns such as the D-Day Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge, Gibby was honor-

ably discharged in 1945, and returned to his hometown of Hampton.

Once home, he further proved his dedication to his community by joining the Hampton Fire Company, of which he climbed the ranks, becoming Chief in 1957. Continuing to demonstrate his remarkable commitment to public service, Gibby was elected Mayor of Hampton in 1966 and held office until 1971. Gibby has continued his dedication to public service throughout his life, currently serving as the Vice President of the Hampton Relief Association.

On behalf of New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, I ask that we honor the celebration of Bob "Gibby" Gibson's 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING PILGRIM HALL MUSEUM'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Pilgrim Hall Museum's 200th anniversary.

Two centuries after the Pilgrims landed, the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts chartered the Pilgrim Society in 1820 to preserve the history of early Plymouth. It was decided that a museum should be constructed to tell the Pilgrim's story. Tasked with the responsibility of constructing the museum, builders Job and Abner Taylor laid the cornerstone on September 1, 1824, and on December 17, members of the Pilgrim Society met for the first time inside the Pilgrim Hall Museum.

Pilgrim Hall Museum is the oldest continuously operating public museum in the U.S. and is home to a collection of 17th century artifacts, including several pieces that were originally on the Mayflower. Over the last two centuries, the museum has continued to collect artifacts, books, and documents to tell the stories of the Wampanoag—who were in South-eastern Massachusetts thousands of years before early settlers arrived—and the Pilgrims. Artifacts include the Bible of William Bradford; William Brewster's great chair; the only portrait painted from life of Edward Winslow; the cradle that Susanna White rocked her son, Peregrine, in; and the earliest sampler embroidered in America by Loara Standish.

Of the 33,000 museums in the U.S., Pilgrim Hall Museum is one of less than 1,100 museums accredited by the American Association of Museums. This is a notable achievement that signifies a museum's credibility and quality and further ensures the integrity of a museum's collection.

In addition to serving as a museum, Pilgrim Hall also hosts lectures and small concerts, as well as the Annual Pilgrim Society Meeting, which is held on Forefathers' Day in the Main Hall. Today, Pilgrim Hall Museum continues to tell the story of the Pilgrims and the

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Wampanoag in a manner that is both accurate and inclusive, while highlighting and recognizing narratives that have traditionally been silenced.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Pilgrim Hall Museum, and I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this monumental occasion of the museum's 200th anniversary and wishing Pilgrim Hall Museum continued success in the years to come.

HONORING THE SERVICES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JAMES HAIRSTON III AND TRINA HAIRSTON, LEAD PASTORS OF ALL NATIONS WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

HON. GLENN IVEY

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mr. IVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the services and accomplishments of James Hairston III and Trina Hairston, the Lead Pastors of All Nations Worship Assembly Washington, D.C.

Both natives of Bridgeport, Connecticut came to being the Lead Pastors in January of 2019 of All Nations Worship Assembly Washington, D.C. At the start of launching, they hosted live-streaming Bible Study sessions and live worship services called "Preaching to the Choir" to draw the local community closer to God. Within the last four years, they have built a culture of outreach, discipleship, and fellowship for the local Prince George's County communities. As Lead Pastors, they have purposed in their heart to cultivate the community through love, prayer, and teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We recognize that Pastors James Hairston III and Trina Hairston as a force within the Prince George's County community. Their passion has been powerful by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through prayer, love, outreach, discipleship, and fellowship into the lives of underserved and disadvantaged communities. Their commitment to God has both led Pastor James Hairston III and Trina Hairston to be great faith-based pillar within Prince George's County.

On behalf of Maryland 4th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lead Pastors James Hairston III and Trina Hairston for their exemplary accomplishments, dedication to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIENDS UNIVERSITY

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to recognize Friends University as they celebrate their 125th anniversary.

Friends opened its doors in September of 1898. In his opening address, President Edmund Stanley said, "The purpose of this school shall be to give to the world and to give our country a class of citizens that will be in every sense loyal citizens." He went on to

say, "Loyalty means that mental training and discipline which makes the child think—the development which makes him strong in mind and body; strong in his moral nature; a full man in that intelligence which should direct the efforts of all men for conscientious, honorable and successful private life and citizenship."

And that is just what they have done—for the past 125 years Friends has provided Kansas, our country and the world, with men and women who are honorable citizens wherever they go after graduation, bringing value to their communities. Being a Friends University Falcon is a respected recognition and the reach of Friends touches many industries and states in the country.

The University offers a distinguished liberal arts education with majors ranging from Accounting to Zoo Science and enrolls traditional and adult students seeking associate, bachelor's and master's degrees.

I'm so pleased to help Friends University celebrate this milestone anniversary and offer my sincere congratulations on 125 years of success, and I look forward to another century and a quarter of equipping students under the iconic clock tower in the heart of the Sunflower State. Happy 125th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on September 14, 2023, I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on the Previous Question (Roll No. 388), NO on H. Res. 681 (Roll No. 389), YES on the Democratic Motion to Recommit on H.R. 1435 (Roll No. 390), and NO on passage of H.R. 1435 (Roll No. 391).

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JUSTICE CRUZ REYNOSO

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional achievements of former Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court Cruz Reynoso.

Cruz Reynoso was born in Brea, California and was raised in La Habra, California. By the age of 11, he led a successful petition to have his rural community receive deliveries from the postman.

Upon discovering the power in using his words to right the wrongs he witnessed, Judge Reynoso set off on a path as a civil rights advocate.

His high school art teacher saw his talents and convinced him to attend Fullerton College. There his speech teacher recommended Reynoso be chairman of the first freshman class meeting. He was elected as the freshman class president and then the following spring, he was elected the college's first Latino student body president.

Prior to his graduation in June of 1951, he was offered a scholarship to attend Pomona

College. After graduating from Pomona College in 1953, he enlisted in the United States Armed Forces, serving in the Counterintelligence Corps.

Following his enlistment, he enrolled in UC Berkeley's School of Law and graduated in 1958.

From 1958 to 1959, he studied constitutional law through a Ford Foundation fellowship at the National University of Mexico and after passing the bar, he opened a private practice in El Centro, California.

His full-time job was teaching law at the University of New Mexico, becoming one of the first Latino law professors in the country.

He continued to make his mark in the legal field by being appointed to the California Court of Appeal in 1976 and the California Supreme Court in 1982 as an Associate Justice.

From 1991 to 2001, he became a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.

In 2001, he was rewarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor, by President Clinton. The same year, he became a Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of California, Davis.

His wife of 53 years, Jeannene, died in 2007. He remarried, and he and his wife Elaine lived in Davis, where he enjoyed the time spent with his 17 grandchildren. In May 2021, Cruz Reynoso passed away.

In April 2013, Fullerton College Centennial Celebration saluted the achievements of Cruz Reynoso as an inaugural member of its Hall of Fame.

Today, Fullerton College renamed its Student Services Building as Cruz Reynoso Hall to honor Judge Reynoso, a Hornet alumnus and the first Latino Supreme Court Justice.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the commitments and accomplishments of Judge Cruz Reynoso.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the vote series on September 14, 2023. My wife contracted COVID-19 while I was in Washington this week and I returned home to take care of her and our children.

H.R. 1435 would disrupt the growing electric vehicle market in the United States, jeopardize American jobs in auto manufacturing, and hurt the EPA's ability to protect our clean air. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call vote No. 391, H.R. 1435.

RECOGNIZING ACHARYA DR. LOKESH MUNI JI'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding global interfaith leader, Acharya Dr.