

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize a profound loss in the Japanese-American community, the passing of Sakaye Aratani.

Her death coincides with an ever-dwindling number of adult Japanese-Americans, who endured the injustice of being forcibly removed from their homes and imprisoned in World War II internment camps here in the United States.

She and her late husband, George Aratani, made a remarkable, successful post-war journey in business and became important philanthropic figures within the Japanese-American community and beyond.

Every year, I would see her at community gatherings for various Japanese-American organizations that she and her husband supported, and, every year, I was struck by her grace, elegance, and intelligence.

My heart goes out to the Aratani family, and I join with the rest of the Japanese-American community in mourning her passing.

PRAYING FOR THE RETURN OF THE MOUNTAIN GATEWAY MINISTRIES PASTORS

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

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, evangelists with Mountain Gateway Ministries have worked across the country doing disaster recovery, providing food, clothing, and planting churches with the support and assistance of the Nicaraguan Government.

Americans and their Nicaraguan counterparts associated with Mountain Gateway have made it their mission to spread the hope of the Gospel to the Nicaraguan people for nearly 30 years.

In January, the attorney general of the Nicaraguan Government began pursuing charges against 3 U.S. citizens associated with Mountain Gateway and 11 of the Gateway Nicaraguan pastors on trumped-up charges of money laundering and organized crime. Since then, 11 pastors have been charged with up to 15 years in prison and a combined \$1 billion in fines.

These pastors were working to bless the people of Nicaragua, and now all their personal property has been seized. They have no legal representation, which is a violation of their human rights.

These sentences leave families without income, children without mothers and fathers, simply for sharing the good news of Jesus.

I am deeply concerned these citizens and pastors are being targeted for sharing their faith. I ask the Nicaraguan Government to release the imprisoned pastors immediately.

Matthew 5:10 says: "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven."

I am praying for a swift resolution to the persecution of these pastors and that they be safely returned.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BOBBY ALLEN

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

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bobby Allen. Bobby was one of Jersey's best, a hero who put others first as a firefighter and an advocate for his brothers and sisters of labor. He recently passed away after a valiant fight with cancer.

Bobby started his career with the Paterson Fire Department in 1992. He was among the brave first responders on September 11.

In recent years, he became a labor leader, serving as president of FMBA Local 2 and chairman of NJFMBA's legislative committee for more than a decade.

Bobby will live on through his beloved relationships and big personality and those who loved him in the firefighter community, his family, of course, all of his friends, and the legislation he championed, which improved the lives of thousands of career firefighters and retirees. Because of his advocacy for the FIRE Act, firefighters nationwide are safer and better equipped to protect our communities.

As we mourn the loss of Bobby Allen, we think of his wife, Marianne; his parents, retired Paterson Battalion Chief Edward Allen and Peggy; and his many other friends and family members.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Bobby Allen.

CLOSE THE DE MINIMIS TARIFF LOOPHOLE

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, 14 U.S. textile manufacturing plants stand idle, and much of the rest of American manufacturing is endangered by a new threat from China that this Congress could end at a stroke.

In just the last 2 years, roughly, Chinese online marketplaces have exploded in size, selling cheap goods at dumping prices into the American market.

What is causing this? Well, they learned to exploit fully the de minimis tariff loophole. In 2023, nearly a billion packages entered the U.S. through the \$800 de minimis loophole, nearly 4 million individual shipments per day. That is not de minimis business. It is big money.

Chinese companies Temu and Shein alone account for roughly one-third of all de minimis shipments. Temu ap-

peared on the American scene only in 2022, Shein not much earlier. You can go buy sneakers on Temu for \$5, and a sweater for \$7. Temu reportedly loses \$30 per order in a deliberate strategy to flood the U.S. market with cheap crap and move toward market dominance. It is not only textiles.

We should close this loophole today.

PEACE

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, together we are witness to war in the Middle East, yet so many of us are divided in our righteous anger and desire for peace.

At home, I speak with friends and family and constituents who want what is just. Nevertheless, I also see how we speak past each other, missing the common humanity of both Israelis and Palestinians, the innocent people on both sides who work, live, and play on lands now ravaged and scarred by war.

Let me be clear. I condemn Hamas, yet I decry Mr. Netanyahu's prosecution of this war. That is why I called for a bilateral cease-fire and a release of all remaining hostages in February.

I hold both beliefs, not as an equivalence or political spin, but as a principle to stand with the innocent, with Palestinians and Israelis who must know peace and security in their lifetime.

We must reject the far too tempting politics of hate and division and embrace the duty of peace and security for Israelis and Palestinians.

In time warped by hate, I lean on my faith, the wisdom of the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

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CELEBRATING WORLD WAR II VETERAN ELMER COCKE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize World War II veteran Elmer Cocke of Danville, Virginia, who recently turned 100 years old.

After finishing high school, Elmer joined the U.S. Maritime Service Radio School. He underwent his training in New York and Massachusetts, learned Morse code, and was promoted to warrant officer.

In 1945, he joined the *William J. Palmer*, a Liberty ship carrying the products of the "Arsenal of Democracy" to American forces and Allies around the world.

When sailing across the Mediterranean in 1945, the *William J. Palmer* struck a mine in the Adriatic Sea.

Elmer jumped into action, helping make way for a lifeboat to detach from the sinking ship.

The entire crew boarded a rescue ship and was taken to Italy with no crewmembers lost. Elmer headed back to New York and again to another Liberty ship going to France to transport hundreds of victorious American soldiers back home.

Elmer was discharged in 1946, and returned to his wife, Hilda, and their Gretna farm.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary veterans of Virginia's Fifth District like Elmer Cocke, a living picture of the courage and patriotism that have kept our Nation free.

RECOGNIZING THE COURAGE AND BRAVERY OF CAPTAIN RILEY COON

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Madam Speaker, on August 8, 2023, there were many heroes who exhibited courage and bravery as wildfires ravaged Maui and Hawaii Island.

Today, it is my honor to recognize one of those heroes, Captain Riley Coon, a third-generation mariner and co-owner of one of Maui's oldest family boating companies, Trilogy Excursions.

When the Coast Guard called for help, Riley and six other Trilogy captain and crewmembers answered the call, rescuing countless people who had jumped into the ocean to escape the flames, and transporting them to safety.

Battling 80-mile-per-hour winds, intense heat, and smoke, Riley saved lives as they conducted emergency rescues throughout the night and into the next morning.

For his courageous efforts, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society selected Riley from over 200 nominees nationwide as the 2024 Single Act of Heroism Honoree.

It is an award that is much deserved, and it serves as a reminder of the many everyday people who stepped forward and became heroes on those fateful days.

So, today, in addition to recognizing Riley, let us lift up and celebrate all of our heroes who risked life and limb and ran toward the flames to save the people and places they love.

CONDEMNING IRAN'S UNPRECEDENTED DRONE AND MISSILE ATTACK ON ISRAEL

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1149, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 1143) condemning Iran's unprecedented drone and missile attack on Israel, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1149, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1143

Whereas, beginning on April 13, 2024, Iran for the first time ever launched a direct attack on Israel that included over 350 missiles and drones launched directly from Iran and its proxies toward Israel;

Whereas this direct attack on Israel followed: Iran-backed Hamas' massive, unprovoked attack on Israel on October 7 that killed over 1,200 people; months of cross-border attacks from Iran-backed Hezbollah into Israel from Lebanon; over 170 attacks on United States troops in the Middle East by Iran-backed militias since October; and months of Iran-backed Houthi missile and drone attacks on global shipping;

Whereas 99 percent of the projectiles fired at Israel were intercepted by Israel, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and Jordan, minimizing casualties and other damage from this unprecedented, brazen attack by Iran;

Whereas Israel intercepted these missiles and drones using a variety of air defense systems and other defense articles, including many procured from or co-produced with the United States, demonstrating the vital importance of the United States and Israel's security partnership; and

Whereas Israel is a major non-NATO ally and Major Strategic Partner of the United States; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns Iran's unprecedented drone and missile attack on Israel;

(2) reaffirms and supports Israel's right to self-defense;

(3) stands with Israel as it defends itself against Iran's attack and seeks to re-establish deterrence against Iran and its proxies;

(4) fully supports Israel's right to respond to this aggression through military, diplomatic, economic, and other necessary means;

(5) calls on all countries to unequivocally condemn Iran's attack on Israel;

(6) commends the United States military, the United Kingdom, France, and Jordan for intercepting Iranian missiles and drones and thereby limiting the damage from this unprecedented attack on Israel;

(7) reaffirms the United States commitment to Israel's security, including through security assistance and defense sales;

(8) urges full enforcement of United States sanctions and export controls against Iran to impede Iran's nuclear program, missile and drone development, and funding of terrorist groups and proxies, including Hezbollah, Hamas and Palestine Islamic Jihad, the Houthis, and militias in Iraq and Syria; and

(9) stands ready to assist Israel with emergency resupply and other security, diplomatic, and intelligence support.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees.

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. KEAN) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. KEAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that

all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, over the weekend, the world watched in horror as Iran launched over 350 drones and missiles at our ally and friend, Israel.

This attack confirmed our worst fears. The likely attack was openly discussed in the media for days before it occurred. For years, Iran had been threatening Israel and amassing a terrifying arsenal of missiles and drones. No one should have had any doubt that one day Iran would fulfill its longstanding threat of "death to Israel."

However, the fact that this unprecedented, escalatory attack was long expected does not make it any less terrifying. Were it not for close coordination between Israel, the United States, and other partners to successfully intercept these weapons, Israel and other countries in the region could have faced significant casualties and major damage.

Over the last 7 months, we have seen Iran's poisonous influence rip apart the Middle East. Iran-backed Hamas launched the massive, unprovoked October 7 attack on Israel that killed over 1,200 people. Hezbollah has fired thousands of rockets, mortars, and missiles into Israel. Iran-backed militias have launched over 170 attacks on American troops in the Middle East, and the Iran-backed Houthis have launched over 100 missiles and drone attacks on global shipping.

This is not just a threat to Israel. This is a threat to the United States and to all of our partners in the Middle East.

That is why this moment is of such tremendous strategic importance. Iran's proxies are testing the resolve of Israel, the United States, and the international community. We absolutely must restore deterrence against Iran to protect our vital national security interests in the Middle East. That means standing shoulder to shoulder with our friend and ally, Israel.

We are stronger together. Together, this coalition literally shot missiles and drones out of the sky, protecting cities and citizens alike.

Like some of my colleagues over the Easter recess, my wife, Rhonda, and I traveled to Israel and were able to see firsthand the impacts of the conflict on the people there. The resolve of the Israeli people is stronger than ever.

H. Res. 1143 makes a simple, clear statement that we stand with Israel and support Israel's right to defend itself and to restore deterrence, including by responding to this attack as appropriate. It also makes clear that our longstanding commitment to Israel's