

to this outrageous practice of stock trading by Members of Congress, has inspired many of his colleagues who have joined the coalition that he is building in real time. I couldn't be more grateful to Representative MAGAZINER for his leadership and for championing this issue at such a critical time. I am grateful to be a partner with him in this effort.

Our 26th President, Teddy Roosevelt, once said that no man who is corrupt, no man who tolerates corruption in others can do his duty by the community. That admonition rings true today.

Four years ago, I led an effort to ban stock trading by Members of Congress, joined with colleagues on both sides of the aisle. For 4 years, we have tried to convince this Chamber to ban Members of Congress from trading stocks. Why? Members of Congress should be serving their communities, their constituents, and their country, not their stock portfolios.

In that 4-year span, 48 months, 1,400 days, how many millions of dollars have Members of Congress in this body made from trading stocks? It is unconscionable. It is a practice that should have ended years ago. We have continued to beat that drum month after month, week after week, day after day, and we will keep doing it until a majority in this body joins the rest of the American people, the public in supporting a ban to this insidious practice. I am grateful to Representative MAGAZINER for continuing to beat that drum, leading the effort now over the last 2 years.

It feels as though we are on the precipice, as Mr. MAGAZINER noted, of finally getting traction in this Chamber to end this practice. The one cautionary note I would offer, Mr. Speaker, is that in that 4-year span, as I mentioned, this journey, this battle that we have waged, again, colleagues of mine on both sides of the aisle to ban stock trading, I have heard virtually every excuse in the book from some of my colleagues: It is too complicated; there are competing bills; the legislative text is complex.

This is very simple. Just ban it. Not 5 years from now, not next year. Let's just put a bill on the floor to ban it, period. Members of Congress will no longer be able to trade stocks, simple as that.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that my colleagues will join me, join Mr. MAGAZINER, join the coalition that has organized around this issue so that we can finally get this done and end corruption here in Washington.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, as we get ready to close here tonight, I thank my colleagues once again for their leadership on this issue and their courage because, as was said earlier, the opponents of this stock trading ban don't speak out publicly, but they are here, and they are watching and listening, and they are probably not very happy with us tonight.

It takes people of courage to be willing to stand up and say: We here in Congress have to change. We have to change the way Congress works so that we work for the American people and not for ourselves. We need to end this corruption. We need to end this insider dealing. We need to end congressional stock trading.

What you have seen tonight is that this is a bipartisan issue. We have had people speak tonight from across the political spectrum who had the courage to stand up for what is right and to stand up for what the American people not only want but are demanding of us.

Make no mistake, this insider trading is happening. It is happening. I have the statistics right here. In 2024, the average Member of Congress outperformed the market by nearly 3 percent. Now, I used to work in the investment business, and let me tell you, there are paid professionals who do not have that kind of outperformance.

The year before that, the average Member of Congress also outperformed the market, and the year before that, and the year before that. The last 4 years in a row, Members of Congress who traded stocks outperformed the market.

That is not a coincidence. One time, one year might be luck, but two, three, four years in a row is a clear pattern of corruption that needs to end. Members should not be allowed to trade off of inside information and should not be conflicted when deciding how to vote on a bill or whether to support a policy.

The American people support this overwhelmingly, and it is time to get it done. I am feeling hopeful. Earlier this year, it was hard to get people to pay attention to this issue. It was hard to get media coverage. It was hard to get Member support, but in the last month or so, things have started to change. Leader JEFFRIES supports it; Speaker JOHNSON supports it; President Trump supports it. People are starting to notice. We are building momentum.

I will end tonight with gratitude for those who started this journey before I ever got to Congress. Former Members, like Abigail Spanberger and Ken Buck, have pushed for this for years. We are now building off of their work. I have the TRUST in Congress Act that I have been leading with Mr. ROY. We have got a few other Members who have introduced their own versions. Those of us who have various versions of a stock trading bill are now working together to develop a consensus bill that we can all get behind and push together, and we are getting close.

The excuses for inaction are running out fast. The excuses for inaction are running out. The American people want this. It is the right thing to do. Let's get it done.

Once again, I thank my colleagues from both sides who have had the courage to stand up tonight in support of a stock trading ban. The time is now. Let's get it done.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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SUPPORTING A FREE, DEMOCRATIC, AND SECULAR IRAN

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. MCCLINTOCK of California was recognized for 30 minutes.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order hour.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this week, we passed a major milestone when a majority of the entire House of Representatives signed on as cosponsors of H. Res. 166, supporting a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of Iran.

This truly bipartisan and broad-based House majority of 224, consisting of 139 Republicans and 85 Democrats, endorses the general principles propounded by Iranian democracy groups, most notably the 10-point plan proposed by the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

It calls for the universal right to vote; free elections; a market economy; separation of religion and state; gender, religious, and ethnic equality; foreign policy based on peaceful coexistence; peace in the Middle East; and a nonnuclear Republic of Iran. It also condemns the Iranian regime's terrorism, regional proxy war, and internal oppression.

Over 4,000 parliamentarians worldwide, the majority of 33 national legislative assemblies, over 130 world leaders, and 80 Nobel laureates have endorsed these principles. I am gratified that a majority of the entire House has stepped forward to support this resolution.

There are several Iranian groups fighting the Iranian dictatorship, and it will ultimately be up to the people of Iran to chart their own future, as the 10-point plan proposes.

One cause should unite us all, and that is the collapse of the current regime. To this end, we have organized the Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus within the House of Representatives. This is a truly bipartisan caucus. Like the various liberation groups of Iran, we Republicans and Democrats differ and quarrel about many things, but we are solidly united in the support of the people of Iran and their struggle for their own liberation from the tyranny of the mullahs.

The Iranian regime has made clear that it intends to acquire nuclear weapons and, once acquired, to use them. President Trump has made clear that this cannot be allowed to happen. I, for one, appreciate the efforts of this

administration to stop that from happening without bloodshed. The Iranian regime has proven itself to be utterly untrustworthy to abide by any agreement it makes. That makes any negotiation with this regime highly problematic.

There is only one solution that promises to resolve this danger without the risk of a terrible war that could claim many thousands of innocent lives, and that is the collapse of the regime from within. Opposition to the oppression of the mullahs has been simmering in Iran for many years. It is time to provide material support to help these groups liberate their country.

Past administrations sent cargo pallets of cash on cargo planes to these bloodthirsty mullahs in hopes of currying their favor and cooperation. However good the intentions, the result was to help fund the oppression of the Iranian people and the export of terrorism throughout the world.

I believe the time has now come to provide the same assistance, not to the oppressors of Iran, but to the people of Iran and the resistance groups actively seeking their overthrow.

The overthrow of this regime from within would be the cheapest, surest, and most peaceful way to remove it as a threat to the freedom of the Iranian people, the stability of the region, and the peace of the world. That is what the Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus was organized to promote and what H. Res. 166 pledges to accomplish.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FINE).

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. McCLINTOCK) for asking me here to talk about this important subject.

Mr. Speaker, I came to speak because the cause of Iran is not just a cause that we should care about for the Iranian people, though we should. As Americans, we are a people whose country was founded because a group of people were unhappy by the tyranny we faced. There is no question they face it over there, as well.

The cause of Iran is one that we should care about because it is in the best interest of the United States to care about it. We live in a world that, unfortunately, is on fire, whether it is in China, whether we see it in Russia, or certainly in Iran.

Iran has chosen to not only take their horrific, genocidal, lunatic policies to kill their own people, to hurt women, and to hurt people who won't abide by their radical Islamic faiths, but they have done it to other people around the world. They are the leading sponsor of terrorism around the world.

We saw this most dramatically just a little over 18 months ago when, on October 7, 2023, 1,200 people, most of which were Jews, but not all, people from dozens of countries, including Americans, were attacked and killed.

We focus on Hamas, but Hamas only exists because Iran funds and supports it. Just as we saw President Trump

free the last American citizen who was being held hostage because of Iran, those problems and challenges continue to happen today.

I did a little research. Obviously, I have an affinity for Jewish problems around the world because I am Jewish. I have always been part of a small minority throughout my life. I am one here in Congress, as well, and it is a great honor to be here.

In 1979, 100,000 Jews lived in Iran. The same people who Iran likes to fund to talk about genocide, suffering, and rooting out people and all these problems around the world, Mr. Speaker, you can say: How many of those folks still live in Iran today?

Today, estimates are that 10,000 Jews live in Iran. I am not saying that 90,000 of them have been killed. Certainly, some of them have. Mr. Speaker, 90,000 have left. That is 90 percent of this population, of just one population. There are many populations of people who would be at risk in a place like Iran, but 90 percent have left and fled. Many, by the way, have come to the United States.

They do that because they are not free to live their lives the way they want to live them. Today, when we talk about this, we stand with Iran not only because we believe in freedom for all people around the world but freedom of self-determination and to decide what kind of government we want.

Frankly, we want to allow women to vote, to have equal rights with men, to live in a society where religion is important but is not a tool for oppression.

We care about these issues because they create peace and security in the Middle East. Ultimately, that leads to peace and security here in the United States.

It is my honor to speak here today to support the gentleman and his resolution. We must do everything we can to get these lunatics out of power and allow the great Persian people, where many say civilization began thousands and thousands of years ago, to re seize that initiative that they had at the founding of civilization and to rebuild the kind of society they once had and certainly could have again.

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, Mr. FINE has been here only about 6 weeks. As you can see, he is already distinguishing himself as a vital voice for freedom abroad and for liberty at home. I couldn't be more pleased to have him here today to speak on behalf of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, Iran is one of the oldest and greatest civilizations in history. It was one of the most free, advanced, prosperous, and open countries in the Middle East just a few decades ago. Then, came the revolution of 1979, when the progress abruptly ended with the takeover by the theocratic despots who introduced a reign of terror that has gone on now for decades.

Twice before, Iranians were on the verge of overthrowing this regime. In 2009, as Iranians took to the streets

during the so-called Green Movement, they looked to the United States for support but got only silence. In 2016, the American Government sent \$1.7 billion in cash to the mullahs on shrink-wrapped cargo pallets. In 2015, we released \$150 billion more in frozen assets, all to get a nuclear agreement that Iran never honored.

Today, America must stand with the people of Iran. The regime in Tehran has been crystal clear about its intent to develop nuclear weapons and, once developed, to use them.

There are only two ways this is going to end. It will end either with thousands, perhaps millions, dead in a terrible war or with a successful revolution and the long-overdue collapse of this regime.

The President is speaking out forcefully, and he is acting decisively. So must Congress.

H. Res. 166 has 224 cosponsors, representing both political parties. It expresses support for the Iranian resistance and its vision of a free, secular, and nonnuclear Iran. I urge the leadership to bring it to the floor for a vote.

Our Declaration of Independence proclaims that whenever a government becomes destructive of the natural rights of its people, it becomes their right to alter or abolish it. This critical hour has come for the people of Iran.

I believe it is time for the United States to step forward with material support for the freedom movement. For every dollar this government has given over the years to this brutal dictatorship, we owe many times over to the Iranians who are desperately trying to overthrow their oppressors and restore the blessings of liberty to themselves and their posterity.

They need the direct satellite access to the internet that the regime has denied them on the ground. They need us to restore economic sanctions, as the President is doing against the regime in a renewed boycott of Iran.

Mr. Speaker, decisive turning points in history do not come often. When history commands, we must answer. That answer will follow us far into the future.

This time and in this hour, let the United States take a stand with the people of Iran and, by so doing, fulfill those proud words in our Liberty Bell, to proclaim liberty in all the land and to all the inhabitants thereof.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 6, 2025, the following joint resolutions were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.J. Res. 75. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United