

injured—and at least one was killed. But ensuring its absolute right of self-defense, Israel responded to defend its people. Prime Minister Netanyahu said it best:

The terrorists are committing a double-war crime. They fire at Israeli citizens and they hide behind Palestinian civilians.

But the new Muslim Brotherhood government in Egypt, which was backed by the administration, has condemned Israel, not Hamas. The terrorist group Hamas doesn't want peace with Israel. It wants war. Hamas is the aggressor here. It kills Israeli citizens and then hides behind the skirts of Palestinian women. The world should condemn Hamas, not Israel. Israel has the moral right and legal duty to defend itself from the attacks by the barbarians Hamas. The United States should be bold in its total support of Israel, our ally. The United States should be bold in its condemnation of Hamas. And the United States should be bold in denouncing this continuing war by terrorists like Hamas on civilized nations.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING DR. JAMES BILLINGTON

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Perhaps one of the best parts of serving in Congress is the access to our Library, the Library of Congress, the dedicated staff at CRS, and the magnificent Members Reading Room. The Library of Congress is truly a national treasure; and leading the Library of Congress is another national treasure, Dr. James Billington, who had a long and distinguished career as scholar and institutional leader before assuming leadership of the Library of Congress 25 years ago.

As chair of the Library of Congress Caucus, it's been a great pleasure to work with Dr. Billington and his outstanding staff on a variety of issues and activities for Members of Congress. The caucus urges you to join Speaker BOEHNER today in the Rayburn Room at 11 a.m. as he honors Dr. James Billington and his exemplary quarter century of leadership as the Librarian of Congress.

CONGRATULATING MR. WADE MARTIN OF MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP

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

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Wade Martin of Montgomery Township, New Jersey, for being awarded the 2012 Land Trust Alliance's prestigious National Conservation Service Award for his significant contributions to the advancement of land conservation.

Using his position as a financial adviser, Mr. Martin is educating his cli-

ents to the benefits of land preservation. He's provided land trusts and landowners across New Jersey with financial advice and estate planning for the benefit of land conservation. Wade Martin has taken his model nationwide to help other financial advisers and their clients explore various options in preserving their land and their families' legacies, increasing the pace of land conservation.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring Wade Martin as one of the Nation's land conservation leaders and this year's National Conservation Service Award winner.

MATHEMATICS OF PLANET EARTH

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring your attention to an exciting new project, Mathematics of Planet Earth, which begins in 2013. More than 100 different organizations from around the world have come together to outline mathematics' integral role in solving real-world issues, including energy freedom, medical challenges, and weather events. As someone who has earned a Ph.D. in mathematics and went on to work in the renewable energy sector for two decades, I know mathematics can be an essential feature to finding solutions to many challenges facing humanity.

The Mathematics of Planet Earth projects will spotlight the importance of mathematics. A national focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education will ensure the United States remains a competitive force in the global marketplace. People across our Nation are working together to create a better world, and it is important that their efforts be recognized and supported. I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing the benefits and goals of the Mathematics of Planet Earth project.

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SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

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

Mr. MEEHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues here in the House of Representatives and citizens all across the United States to join in an unambiguous message of support for Israel in this time of great and dramatic concern and rising tensions in the Gaza Strip.

Look, the facts are clear: The 400 rockets that have been launched from Gaza into Israel over the last 48 hours represent a dramatic provocation of Israel and its people. Second, the use of long-range missiles—for the first time reaching into population centers like Tel Aviv—represents an irresponsible escalation of the acts of terrorism that have been generated by Hamas and underscored by Iran.

Today, we must send an unambiguous signal that we stand with Israel in the right to defend itself and make sure that we simultaneously call on those who are coming into Gaza from Egypt with a message that they have a responsibility to begin the process immediately of deescalating this conflict, standing shoulder to shoulder for peace, and making sure that this escalation does not lead to further provocation.

FARM BILL

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, how does \$7 for a gallon of milk sound? Well, that's where we're headed on January 1 if we don't pass a farm bill.

Why haven't we passed a farm bill? Because the House Republican leadership has refused to bring it up for a vote on this floor despite the fact that the Senate, on June 19, passed a bipartisan farm bill that protects a safe, stable food supply for this country and saves \$23 billion for the Federal budget deficit.

In the meantime, we've had 13 weeks of recess, the 2008 bill has expired, and for dairy farmers who are facing record feed and fuel costs, they have had their complete market collapse beneath their feet. And we're going to have \$7 a gallon milk on January 1 if we don't act.

Madam Speaker, let's look at the example of dairy farmers who get up every single day and engage in the hardest work in our economy. Let's get this House to work between now and December 16. Pass a farm bill. Provide a horizon for rural America.

FARM BILL

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

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I, too, echo the sentiments of my friend from New England. Those of us on the Great Plains out in Minnesota ask to pass a farm bill also.

The American people spoke last week and they were very clear. I didn't run into a single voter—and I don't know if you did, Madam Speaker—who said: What I want you guys to do is mess around some more, not do anything, and kick the can down the road; that's what we really enjoy. What they said was: Compromise, get something done, give us stability, and move forward.

As my colleague said, 6 months ago the Senate passed a bipartisan farm bill. They couldn't agree today was Friday in the Senate, and they passed a farm bill. We passed it out of the Ag Committee, 35-11. We have now sat and waited for 4 months to have a chance to vote "yes" for stability in rural America, "yes" for rural communities, "yes" for stable food prices, "yes" for