

strong family farm ethic whose commitment has remained to agriculture as a business, as well as a way-of-life. Up until his untimely death, Don was still actively farming and pursuing new agricultural challenges for his business.

Mr. Laub was a respected leader in local agricultural and community organizations. For more than 50 years, Don was involved with the Fresno County Farm Bureau, serving as the organization's president from 1986–88. He represented Fresno County on the California Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors, and served on several advisory committees for the state and national Farm Bureau organizations. In 1996, Don received the Distinguished Service Award from the California Farm Bureau Federation. 1994 brought an extra-special time as both the Laub and his in-laws, the Jacobsen family, received the Fresno County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in 1994. That same year, Don was selected as the Fresno County Agriculturalist of the Year. In 2001, J&L Vineyards received the Agricultural Business of the Year Award.

Renowned for his passion and dedication to agriculture, Don Laub also served on the boards of directors of the Ag One Foundation at Fresno State, California Association of Winegrape Growers, Farm Labor Alliance, the advisory committee for the U.C. Extension Field Station in Parlier, and for several wine industry boards and commissions. In the late-1980s, Don was appointed to serve on the federal Western Region Immigration and Naturalization Service Advisory Committee. He was later appointed to serve on the Big Fresno Fair Board of Directors and the Fresno County Planning Commission. Don was a member of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, Class III.

In addition to his service to agriculture, Don assumed leadership roles in the Easton community, having served as a trustee and president of the American Union Elementary School Board and Washington Union High School Board. He also served as a director of the Fresno County Public Schools Foundation. Don's passion for education was evident in his program to host inner-city school children from Los Angeles and Fresno on his farm during the 1990s to learn more about agriculture. Don served in the Biola Congregational Church, and on the boards of Twilight Haven Convalescent Home, Fresno County Civil Service Commission, and Fresno County Affordable Housing Task Force.

Donald D. Laub will always be remembered for his passion for agricultural issues, dedication to his family and friends, and for his lifetime of service to his industry and community. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will continue throughout all of California's San Joaquin Valley.

CONGRATULATING JAKE SCHULTZ
FOR RECEIVING AN AWARD
FROM THE NATIONAL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL HONORS SOCIETY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate a fine young man, Jake

Schultz, on his receiving an award of recognition from the National Elementary School Honors Society. A fifth-grade student at Sagemont School in Weston, Florida, Jake, and 24 of his classmates, has received this honor for outstanding academic achievement and for demonstrating responsibility at home, school, and in his community. While Jake's mother, my esteemed friend and colleague, Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, insisted on there being no official recognition, I nevertheless equally insist on acknowledging Jake's stellar accomplishments. I know that both of his parents are extremely proud.

Jake has demonstrated leadership and accomplishment not only through his hard work in school and excellent grades but also through his community activism. Jake's community service includes the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, the Turkey Trot for Kids in Distress, and his work with a Miami orphanage.

There is an old saying that "all work and no play makes a dull boy." To that end, I should point out that Jake also excels in his efforts outside the classroom. He enjoys playing shortstop for the Hawks, a local baseball all-star travel team, where he has served as both captain and co-captain. Both he and his sister, Rebecca, attend Hebrew School twice a week and have a demonstrated commitment to their faith, family, and friends.

Jake sets an excellent example for his friends and peers in his approach to leadership. I applaud Jake for this honor that he has worked so hard to achieve, and I urge him to continue his dedication to academic achievement and community and public service.

RAISING AWARENESS AND ENHANCING THE STATE OF CYBER SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Homeland Security Committee, a member of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cyber Security, and Science and Technology, and a co-sponsor of this legislation, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 797, the "National Cyber Security Awareness Month Resolution." October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month, and in this digital age when so much of our country's economic and financial transactions are conducted in cyberspace over distributed computing networks, there are few higher priorities than cyber security.

Mr. Speaker, I thank YVETTE CLARK, the gentle lady from New York and Chair of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cyber Security, and Science and Technology, for her leadership and vision in recognizing the importance of cyber security in our overall national security. I could not agree more with Congresswoman CLARKE that it is not enough to just acknowledge the importance of this issue. In this digital age, we must work with federal agencies, national organizations, businesses, and educational institutions to strengthen ex-

isting security measures and to develop new methods to enhance the cyber security of the United States.

The tragedy of September 11th shook our national security like no event before or since. Although our Nation has remained safe and secure from physical attacks during the eight years since that terrible day, in this digital age we must remain vigilant against a possible terrorist attack on our cyber networks.

Such an attack could have devastating and immediate consequences for our nation and all of our citizens; funds could not be accessed from ATMs; mail service would be interrupted; the efficient movement of goods would be severely curtailed; capital markets could be shut down; and emergency response operations would be deprived of the information needed to save lives and property.

While this doomsday scenario has been the subject of the silver screen in recent years (e.g., "Die Hard or Live Free," "Eagle Eye"), make no mistake—the danger is very real and we ignore or minimize it at our peril. Many nations, including Russia, China, and North Korea, already possess the capability to launch cyber attacks against unprepared adversaries or competitors. And terrorist groups like al Qaeda are working round the clock to acquire this capability. Clearly, the United States must be proactive if we are to secure the physical and cyber networks of our country.

That is why I am also an original co-sponsor of H.R. 2195, the "Critical Electric Infrastructure Protection Act." Among other things, this legislation provides the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission the authority to create mandatory physical and cyber security standards for the electric power system. I look forward to the day when the Homeland Security Committee reports this legislation favorably to the House.

But today, I am very proud to stand with Chairwoman CLARKE in support of H. Res. 797, which is a clarion call to action to secure our nation's cyber networks. I urge all Members to join with me in voting for this resolution.

CONDEMNING PERSECUTION OF BAHAI'S IN IRAN

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 175 and I thank the gentleman from Illinois, Representative MARK KIRK, for bringing this to the floor. This legislation makes it clear that the Congress of the United States of America will continue to stand strong against the religious persecution by the Government of Iran of the Baha'i community.

The ruthless persecution of those of the Baha'i faith by the Iranian Ministry of Information in Shiraz has led to jailing of Iranian citizens targeted solely on the basis of their religion. This persecution includes the jailing of Ms. Raha Sabet, 33; Mr. Sasan Taqva, 32; and Ms. Haleh Roohi, 29; who are currently serving four-year prison terms for educating underprivileged children.

In accordance with prior Congressional action, the Department of State has since released a statement urging the Iranian Regime

to release these victims along with others imprisoned on the basis of religious discrimination.

The combined effort of the United States Congress and the Department of State is only furthered by today's legislation. Today we reach out to the international community to immediately condemn Iran's continued violation of human rights and to demand the immediate release of prisoners held solely on account of their religion. I strongly believe that the United States and the world should stand together against this continued and blatant violation of the International Covenant on Human Rights.

DR. PEDRO CELIS

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a distinguished con-

stituent and, according to Hispanic Business Magazine, a man considered one of the most influential Hispanic Americans in the entire nation.

Dr. Pedro Celis, a celebrated Microsoft engineer and an engaged and informed individual living in my congressional district, was honored earlier this month as one of 100 influential Hispanic Americans. Alongside well known Hispanic Americans such as Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar, Dr. Celis is one of the most respected Hispanic American trailblazers in our great nation.

Born and raised in Monterrey, Mexico, Dr. Celis graduated from Monterrey Institute of Technology and earned his Ph.D. at the University of Waterloo in Canada. Aside from being a vital and innovative part of Microsoft's SQL Server Group, Dr. Celis served on President George W. Bush's Presidential Information Technology Advisory Committee. Further, Dr. Celis has served on a number of civic-minded organizations such as the Washington

State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Families Northwest, Hispanic Alliance for Progress and many more. It is no surprise, then, that Dr. Celis has been a trusted advisor on many issues since I was elected to serve in this body.

I want to thank Dr. Celis for his spirit of service and innovation, his commitment to community and family and his outstanding representation of Hispanic Americans. I am so proud Dr. Celis has taken his rightful place among the most influential Hispanic Americans in the nation, I encourage him to continue using his intellect and perspective to drive America in the right direction, and on behalf of the House of Representatives, congratulate him on this prestigious recognition.