

thoughts about the Navy by the American public. It makes me proud and gives me dreams of one day being like him, to serve my country in the tradition of my family and make a difference to the liberty and freedom of America.—Samantha Todd.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2194, IRAN REFINED PETROLEUM SANCTIONS ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll-call vote 219, on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act—Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

Reports are clear that Iran is speeding forward toward developing the capability to manufacture and launch a nuclear weapon. A nuclear Iran will put the world’s most deadly weapon into the hands of a nation that is actively supporting terrorism and is actively engaged in providing weapons and other support to terrorist organizations. Iran’s leader, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has made no secret of his desire to destroy our ally Israel—he has promised to wipe Israel from the face of the earth. If Iran develops a nuclear bomb, it will have the ability to do in a matter of minutes what it took the Nazis six years to do.

A nuclear Iran will destabilize the entire Middle East. If Iran has nuclear capability, every nation in the Middle East will rush to acquire the same capability. Although Israel has much to fear from Iran, there are many other countries in the region that have a long history of bad relations with Iran. And there is no love lost between Shi’ite Iran and its Sunni neighbors.

I salute the young people who have risked their lives in Iran in the hopes of removing this madman from power. Their courage deserves our praise and our support. But a nuclear Iran will be a threat to every nation in the Middle East, regardless of who is in power; and there is no sign that a different Iranian leader would dismantle the nuclear program. Sanctions are our best hope to pressure Iran to relinquish its nuclear program.

Tough sanctions have an impact. They have already discouraged companies from doing business in Iran, thereby reducing Iran’s access to the goods it wants. Time Magazine reported that two of the world’s largest insurance companies, Lloyd’s and Munich Re, will no longer insure cargo going into or out of Iran. Major oil brokers are no longer willing to sell refined petroleum to Iran, a blow to a country that must import much of its oil. LUKOIL, Royal Dutch Shell, Total, BP and Malaysia’s Petronas and other companies will no longer sell gasoline to Iran. Sanctions change corporate behavior—and if the corporations that do business in Iran are no longer willing to trade, it will have an immediate and direct effect on the quality of life in Iran.

The Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2009 is a good bill—a strong bill. It’s time to go to conference and move forward with implementing

strong sanctions that can make a difference. The only nation that benefits from delay is Iran. Time is on its side—with more time, it can realize its nuclear ambitions. We can change the equation by moving this bill forward now. Accordingly, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this motion.

DEREK RIEMER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Derek Riemer who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Derek Riemer is a 9th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Derek Riemer is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Derek Riemer for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR MILITARY KIDS ORGANIZATION AND THE 2010 STAR POWER AWARD WINNERS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate April as the National Month of the Military Child. I also ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Our Military Kids organization as well as its 2010 award winners. I am honored that this program, founded in McLean, Virginia, is located in the 10th District of Virginia.

Our Military Kids is an organization that offers support to children of deployed National Guard and Reserve personnel in addition to children of severely injured servicemembers, through grants for extracurricular activities. In honor of the sacrifices military parents make, Our Military Kids helps to ensure that children of military families have the chance to have access to enrichment activities such as fine arts, sports, or academic programs.

I particularly wish to recognize the dedicated staff of Our Military Kids. They are joined by a Board of Directors, as well as an Advisory Board, who help make important decisions on behalf of the organization. The organization launched its original program in Winchester, Virginia, in connection with the Virginia National Guard in 2005. Today the success of Our Military Kids has gained national recognition and now reaches 14,633 children in all 50 states.

Each year Our Military Kids recognizes outstanding military children and families for their service to and sacrifice for our country. This year’s award ceremony was held on April 13 in the Cannon Caucus Room here on Capitol Hill and I was honored to attend the “Celebration of Our Military Kids’ Star Power” event at which four military children and one military family were saluted. The 2010 award winners are: Valerie Gonzalez of Alhambra, CA, in the 7–10-year-old age category; Jasmine Warren of Douglasville, GA, 11–14-year-old category; Taylor Ulmen of Madelia, MN, 15–18-year-old category; John Stefan Jenkins, Jr. of Jamaica, NY, 15–18-year old category, and four children from the Sonnen Family of Annandale, VA, whose father Tom was deployed to Iraq.

Through many generous partnerships with individuals, foundations, and corporations Our Military Kids is able to award grants to children each year. The Star Supporters of 2009–2010 include: General Dynamics; Target; Bob Woodruff Foundation; Leonsis Foundation; Lockheed Martin; American Legion Child Welfare Foundation; Emerson Charitable Trust; USAA; AUSA; General Dynamics-AIS; Jeong H. Kim Foundation; Oshkosh Defense; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ansari; ASBMA Star Foundation; Association of Military Banks of America; Avion Manufacturing; Binder Foundation; Careerbuilder.com; EADS North America; Janning Family Foundation; PGA Tour Wives Association; Mr. & Mrs. Roger C. Schultz; Silicon Valley Community Foundation; Tiger Woods Foundation; Aspen Capital, LLC; Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Barris; Bechtel; Binder Foundation; Booz Allen Hamilton; Congressional Country Club; Dorothy G. Bender Foundation, Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Hendon, Mr. & Mrs. John H. Hiser, Kippis DeSanto; Mr. & Mrs. Gerard R. Lear; Lillian Adams Charitable Trust; Mr. & Mrs. Philip Odeen; Gen. & Mrs. Peter Pace; Triple Canopy; Walter B. Slocombe; Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Weaver, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. William Wolpert.

In closing, I would like to particularly thank Linda Davidson, Our Military Kids’ executive director, for dedication and tireless efforts to support our Nation’s military families.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1281 and to mourn the loss of a strong voice for greater justice and equality in our Nation, Ms. Dorothy Height.

In the 1950s and 60s, women were expected to stay at home, and stay out of the spotlight. Dorothy Height broke through those boundaries and became a role model for women, engraving her message of universal human dignity into the mantle of our society. In fact, she exploded past her boundaries, to not only make her voice heard, but make it relevant.

The glass ceiling faced by women would hardly be the only barrier that Ms. Height would demolish. At a time when she showed great courage with every word she spoke as