

It is an honor to join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating Colonel Rosa upon his relinquishment of command as the Commander, 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

Colonel Rosa commanded the largest operational RC-135 Squadron, with over 200 Airmen flying combat Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance operations in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and other operations as directed by the National Command Authority.

Under Colonel Rosa's command, the squadron flew over 740 combat missions, totaling over 8,300 combat hours with an astounding 104% mission effectiveness rate. These combat missions provided unparalleled intelligence collection while providing direct support to 113 different incidents of troops in ground combat action, over 26,500 tactical intelligence reports, and over 6,500 locations of enemy troops passed to coalition ground commanders. Undoubtedly, these combat intelligence missions had a direct impact on recent operations. Additionally, under his command the 763rd ERS was identified as the number 1 of 18 units assigned to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing.

For his strong dedication of service to our country, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in extending our sincere thanks for a job well done and welcome him back home to his family friends. Always on the hunt!!!

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S LATEST MIDDLE EAST SPEECH SHOWS A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, President Obama's recent speech on the Middle East turmoil was billed as a "reset" of America's relationship with the Arab world. We were promised a new era of American diplomacy.

Instead, what we got was the same-old failed policies of throwing money at a problem, which could end up having a detrimental effect on our friend and ally, Israel.

President Obama is supporting movements in Libya, Egypt, Tunisia and Syria while at the same time he is in effect telling Israel "you're on your own." The President with our tax dollars is supporting who? We don't know! Will it be the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt or radical Islamists in Libya, Syria, or Tunisia? And, what about Bahrain or Yemen?

Israel is our greatest ally in the Middle East yet President Obama is urging a Palestinian State; one that governs in partnership with a known terrorist, Israel-hating group—Hamas.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, by choosing to partner in government with Hamas, has proven he has no desire for peace with Israel.

President Obama's endorsement of the Palestinian demand for their own State based on the pre-1967 borders completely reverses our longstanding policy that borders must be determined through negotiations and puts our relationship with Israel in peril.

The Palestinians have been conducting a diplomatic campaign to portray Israel as a renegade, pariah State flouting the will of the international community, in prelude to demanding that the United Nations General Assembly unilaterally recognize a Palestinian State based on the 1967 borders.

By essentially announcing his support of that proposal, President Obama has made that action very likely.

The President, in his speech, espoused policy changes that will lead to more problems for Israel, while he leaves them on their own. Buried toward the end of the President's speech was a statement that challenges the current U.S.-Israel security alliance.

The President said, "As for security, every state has the right to self-defense, and Israel must be able to defend itself—by itself—against any threat."

It appears as though the President—either intentionally or unintentionally—is throwing Israel to the wolves. A statement like that gives encouragement to those who seek Israel's destruction and could serve as a spark for continued unrest in the Middle East.

It is the wrong message to send and it is my hope that the President will reassess his ill-advised position and acknowledge this reality before it is too late.

CONGRATULATING JAMES DOLAN, JR., AND THE EMPLOYEES OF HI-REL PRODUCTS

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James Dolan, Jr. and the employees of Hi-Rel Products on being named the U.S. Small Business Administration's New England Regional Subcontractor of the Year.

Headquartered in Essex, Connecticut, Hi-Rel products has provided the microelectronics industry with outstanding goods and service for over 41 years. A second generation family owned business, Hi-Rel Products has grown from a home based operation to an industry leader as a supplier of quality, chemically machined stepped lids. With over 100 years of combined experience, Hi-Rel and its employees have been producing high quality metal components since 1973.

Given annually, the New England Regional Subcontractor of the Year award is given to a subcontractor that has served the government and industry with outstanding goods and services. The nominees for the award are evaluated in the areas of overall management, delivery performance, technical capabilities, outstanding results, and six other selection criteria. Having received top marks in each of these areas, Hi Rel Products has proven to be more than deserving of this prestigious award.

Small and family owned businesses like Hi-Rel are vital to the health of our economy. They are the key to our economic recovery and are vital to creating much needed jobs. With 30 high quality manufacturing jobs in Connecticut, Hi-Rel Products is helping to move our economy forward. Mr. Dolan and the entire Hi-Rel family are a true asset to our state and our region and I commend them on receiving this well deserved award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on May 11, 2011, I missed a vote on the Amendment by Rep. KEATING of Massachusetts, Number 4. I would have voted "nay."

HONORING KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY, INC.

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Keller Williams Realty, Inc., a real estate franchise organization which has recognized a significant need to give back to communities.

In 2008, Keller Williams Realty designated and sponsored one day that year to encourage and allow its employees and associates, and other real estate professionals and members of the community, to sponsor and conduct charitable acts, and named and marketed that day as RED Day. RED stands for Renew Energize Donate. RED Day has inspired thousands of real estate professionals across America to volunteer in their local communities. Keller Williams Realty Inc. which is located in my home State of Texas, should be commended for performing charitable acts within the communities where its franchises operate.

Keller Williams Realty is committed to maintaining, growing and celebrating RED Day every year and RED Day has contributed over one-hundred and fifty thousand hours of volunteer service in a single day in the past year alone. RED Day volunteers have helped rebuild houses, nursing homes, children's camps, animal shelters, clean parks and provide meals and activities for the elderly. The scope of the RED Day projects has been limitless.

Mr. Speaker, RED Day volunteers model the best in citizenship and create a climate of goodwill that lasts far beyond one day a year. I ask my fellow colleagues today to join me in honoring RED day.

CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, Ned Zechman's retirement as President and CEO of Children's National Medical Center reminds us of the debt of gratitude that we owe him and the institution that he has led for more than 16 years.

Children's National is an invaluable resource for the national capital area and an inspiring model for the entire nation.

Throughout Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, families appreciate that Children's National is the only exclusive provider