

Prix. But will that spotlight shine into Bahrain's prisons as well?

Nabeel Rajab, a Bahraini human rights activist sentenced to 2 years in jail simply for engaging in nonviolent political protest, is one prisoner who deserves public attention. Nabeel is a focus of the Defending Freedoms Project, a collaborative initiative spearheaded by the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission that invites Members of Congress to stand up for individual prisoners of conscience around the world. Today, I invite my colleagues to take part in this important, nonpartisan opportunity.

Nabeel is not alone. The Bahraini Government has also imprisoned 13 prominent activists, and Amnesty International reports that it may soon jail anyone found guilty of insulting the King.

It is time for the leadership of Formula One Racing to end their silence on Bahrain's crackdown. It is time for them to take a stand in favor of human rights, and it is time for each of us to speak out for the nonviolent human rights defenders like Nabeel Rajab.

#### 10 YEARS SINCE THE DECLARATION OF GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, let me first send also my well wishes, prayers, and my sympathy to the city of Boston, the families and friends, and all of those touched by yesterday's horrific tragedy.

Ten years ago this month, the international community joined together to bring the world's attention to the brutal attacks by the Government of Sudan against the people of Darfur.

The Congressional Black Caucus, Leader PELOSI, and others stood united and, led by our beloved, the great gentleman from New Jersey, Congressman DON PAYNE, introduced H. Con. Res. 467, declaring that genocide was occurring in Darfur. Many of us also traveled to the region several times and later passed the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act.

Yet even after then—Secretary of State Powell finally declared genocide in 2004—the international community failed to act decisively to stop it. If we had acted then, we could have saved many innocent lives. If we do the right thing now, we could end the suffering, violence, and insecurity that tragically continues to plague the region to this day.

Now is the time for the United States to provide high-level leadership and press for full humanitarian assistance in memory and in honor of our beloved DON PAYNE, our great warrior. He did so much for the people of Darfur. Let us do the right thing in his memory so that the next time we say, "Not on our watch," we will mean it.

#### PAUSING FOR A MOMENT OF REFLECTION

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, last night I received a phone call from our former colleague and my good friend, Jean Schmidt of Ohio. As you know, Jean is an avid runner, and she has participated in many, many marathons.

She was at the Boston Marathon yesterday; and 13 minutes after she crossed the finish line, she heard the bombs go off and saw debris and people running and things were falling all over the place, and called me to tell me that she was okay. She was waiting for her sister to finish when this happened.

You know, when tragedy like this happens, you think, there, but for the grace of God, go I; and that was clearly the case with Jean and so many others.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to pause for a moment and reflect on what happened in Boston yesterday, and pour my heart out to the injured and to those that were killed and their families, including an 8-year-old boy we heard about today.

Whoever would do such a horrible thing to take innocent lives and cause terror amongst the population has to just be horrible people and people who care nothing about their fellow human beings.

I want to take this opportunity to let the people who are injured and families of those who are injured and the families of those who perished know that we, in the Congress, are thinking about them, that we care about them, that we will reflect on what they went through. And we won't stop until those who committed the crimes will be brought to justice.

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#### REMEMBERING CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE WILSON

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

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. I also join with my colleagues from Ohio to honor the memory of Congressman Charlie Wilson. He was just a fun guy for so many of us who spent a lot of time in Washington, D.C. We shared a district in southeastern Ohio, and Charlie was one of the most popular politicians in the history of southeastern Ohio. He loved bonding with Members. He could very easily work across the aisle with Democrats and Republicans. He always had a funny story or something to tell.

I always appreciate when someone talks about their parents. He would always talk about growing up in southeastern Ohio and his dad and the furniture store and the funeral home and picking Democrats up in funeral cars to take them to the polls to make sure that they can vote. He loved telling

those stories. But he loved his kids and grandkids. He would beam when he would talk about being with them for the holidays.

And so we honor him and send our heartfelt wishes to Angela, who was just a lot of fun to be with, too. I know her and Charlie had a lot of good times and a lot of good years together. And I want to say, Charlie, thanks for being a great friend to us and a great Member of the United States Congress. Southeast Ohio is a better place because of your service and your life.

#### REMEMBERING CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE WILSON

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BEATTY. I come to join my colleagues with a heavy heart to honor the memory of Charlie Wilson. I had the opportunity of having my House of Representatives office across from him in the early years of my career. Charlie is a great mentor and someone who always took the time to help others.

I also had the opportunity to hear those stories about the funeral home. It was Charlie's family's funeral home that would actually take African American families when other funeral homes wouldn't. So I always respected that he looked at all people the same.

Like many others, I had the opportunity to spend time with him on Lake Erie in the summers because we were both boaters, and had the opportunity for him to join my husband and Angela as we took trips together.

So to his four sons and to Angela, know that you are in our hearts and our prayers. And I say to you, celebrate his life, because he had a life that was full of honor and celebration.

#### FAIR TAX ACT OF 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STOCKMAN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WOODALL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. WOODALL. Yesterday was tax day, and I've got taxes on my mind, Mr. Speaker. You know, as most folks in this Chamber do, that H.R. 25, the Fair Tax Act of 2013, is the most widely cosponsored, most widely supported fundamental tax reform legislation in the House and in the Senate. In fact, both the House and the Senate. Sixty-four of our colleagues in the House, Mr. Speaker, have put their name on H.R. 25, the Fair Tax Act. Eight of our Senate colleagues have put their name on H.R. 25, the Fair Tax Act.

The FairTax is a revolutionary proposal, Mr. Speaker, in that it takes all of the power of the Tax Code out of Washington, D.C., and returns it to men and women back home. You know that we can manipulate the behavior of absolutely anyone in America through the Tax Code. If I want folks to wear