

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER  
AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Family Caregiver Awareness Month. This November, let us take a moment to celebrate the 90 million family caregivers in the United States. During this month, it is important that we not only thank these selfless individuals, but that we also raise awareness and increase support for caregivers.

While some care for parents, veterans, or even children with special needs, we must recognize the important tasks that caregivers perform. Whether it is managing multiple medications, providing wound care, operating home medical equipment, family caregivers work tirelessly each day. Family caregivers provide nearly \$450 billion worth of unpaid care each year and should be recognized as the backbone of our nation's long-term care system.

More than 15 million family caregivers provide care to 5 million individuals with Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's disease rapidly increases the total number of family caregivers in this country. Overall, two out of every five adults are family caregivers. Approximately 39 percent of all American adults are considered family caregivers in some capacity, an increase from 30 percent in 2010.

There are many different types of caregivers and each deserves recognition and support. Many do not realize that they have become a family caregiver and need additional support and guidance. Others have been the primary caregiver for years and struggle with the stress of caring for a loved one. Some are part of a family care giving team and provide support from far away. Whatever role a caregiver takes, it is vital that we not only thank them but also commit to supporting their efforts. I urge my colleagues to recognize National Family Caregiver Awareness month and to support the caregivers of our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF CANADIAN  
CITIZENS WHO SERVED IN THE  
ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED  
STATES DURING THE VIETNAM  
WAR

**HON. JOHN KLINE**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the thousands of Canadians who selflessly served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the Vietnam War.

These Veterans swore to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and served honorably as members of our Armed Forces at a time when America faced many challenges at home and abroad.

Of the thousands of Canadian citizens who were drafted or volunteered to serve, over three thousand became naturalized U.S. citizens between 1967 and 1975. Others became citizens later, but many, with their obligation

completed, returned in obscurity to their homes in Canada. Additionally, more than one hundred Canadians lost their lives in service to our country.

Canadians who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States are deserving of the recognition they have earned—their service to this country is worthy of our highest regard.

To my fellow Vietnam Veterans, thank you for your dedicated service and sacrifice. Your devotion to the cause of freedom has not gone unnoticed.

END PERSECUTION OF BURMA'S  
ROHINGYA PEOPLE AND OTHER  
ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS MINORI-  
TIES

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today, Representative JOE PITTS and I introduced a bipartisan resolution to protect Burma's Rohingya minority and other ethnic and religious minority groups in Burma. While Burma has begun a gradual transition from decades of military rule to a fledgling democracy, Burma's Rohingya minority has experienced a shocking rise in targeted attacks at the hands of Burma's Buddhist majority, along with increased instances of arbitrary arrests, detention, and extortion of Rohingya and other Muslim communities across the country.

All signs indicate that the Rohingya and other Muslim communities in Burma remain at extreme risk to further forms of persecution and violence. My colleagues and I therefore introduce this resolution to call for an end to the persecution of Burma's Rohingya minority and the protection of all ethnic and religious minority groups in Burma.

I urge my colleagues to join us on this resolution calling for an end to the persecution of the Rohingya people and the protection of Burma's ethnic and religious minorities.

IRS AND THE TEA PARTY

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

MANASSAS TEA PARTY,

Virginia.

On behalf of the Manassas Tea Party and the disaffected constituents that you represent, we wish to remind you of the angst, as well as the damage that we experienced in our quest for non-profit status for our organization, an organization dedicated to preserving Constitutional principles.

The process began on May 14th, 2010 and concluded on December 4th, 2012—more than a two year wait. As our status remained in flux and with the IRS's threatening and unwarranted behavior, our community impact weakened. We found it difficult to keep people engaged, members became uncomfortable participating, our organization became paralyzed, membership numbers declined, and our fundraising suffered.

The IRS is truly an intimidating force. In their multiple requests for information pertaining to group and individual politics, postings on social networks, and contributor affiliations, we felt threatened and bullied. Their language and tone intimated that anything short of full cooperation and disclosure in all aspects of the IRS demands would be reviewed under the threat of perjury. The IRS even informed us that our private responses would be made public.

Our experience represents a shameful example of government harassment and abuse, and an orchestrated attempt to disenfranchise citizens of The United States of their Constitutional rights. Intrusions such as these are not just 'Tea Party' issues. For when government abuses its power and authority, it should sound an alarm for all Americans.

You gentlemen, have been charged with guarding our liberty. What will you do to right this gross injustice?

Respectfully,

THE MANASSAS TEA PARTY.

OKC TEA PARTY AND PATRIOTS

IN ACTION ASSOCIATION,

Oklahoma.

PATRIOTS EDUCATING CONCERNED

AMERICANS NOW (PECAN),

California.

In early 2010 we formed Patriots Educating Concerned Americans Now as a 501c3 non-profit. PECAN provided a support network for a dozen patriot groups in Northern CA and while waiting for the official IRS approval we operated as a 501c3 non-profit. It became clear, however, that most donors wanted proof of our official non-profit status. An accountant volunteered his time to create and manage our non-profit but his generosity was repaid with hundreds of unpaid work hours because our group was targeted by the IRS.

Our largest group in Redding had 500 people attending every Monday night through the 2010 election but donations from the group just covered the cost of the meeting room. There was no way to raise enough money to bring teachers, speakers, trainers and other organizations like Wounded Warrior Project to our rural area. Lack of significant fundraising has suppressed outreach to build supporters, disseminate information and get out the vote. The IRS has essentially limited us to word of mouth rather than the growing and thriving non-profit we have been poised to be for the past three and a half years.

Individuals and businesses have been concerned about targeting by the government since the tea party began. The actions of the IRS have confirmed their worst fears. This has translated into lower attendance at meetings and events while destroying our ability to raise funds; donors fear IRS harassment. The actions of the IRS have suppressed voter education from Sacramento to the Oregon border in not one but TWO elections!

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DIRECTORS PECAN.

ROANE COUNTY TEA PARTY,

Tennessee.

The Roane County Tea Party was originally loosely formed on April 10th, 2009 and formally organized in October of 2009. On January of 2010 we started the paperwork to apply to the IRS for 501(c)(4) status and submitted the paperwork on March 20th, 2010. We heard nothing from the IRS (even though we kept calling every month) until January of 2012 when a letter came from the IRS requesting additional information.

This information was quite extensive and, at that time, we believed it was quite intrusive but we worked on it (eight of us) for