

Let's work to save these communities. Let's end excessive force in our schools, work to stop the decriminalization of black bodies, and find effective solutions to the end the school to prison pipeline.

EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER ANTI-ISRAEL AND ANTI-SEMITIC INCITEMENT WITHIN THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of H. Res. 293, expressing concerns over anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority.

I continue to support the safety and security of Jewish people across the globe.

Indeed, last week, I signed on to the Royce-Engel letter to President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian National Authority to express my deep concern over the recent wave of violence in Israel and the West Bank.

It is imperative that political leaders across the globe help to set the tone for peace by advocating non-violence.

Over the past two months, news reports inform us that scores of attacks on innocent Israelis have occurred.

This bipartisan legislation condemns these attacks and urges Palestinian Authority leaders to discontinue all incitement and exert political influence to discourage any form of violence by the Palestinian civil society.

This legislation also expresses support for individuals and organizations working to encourage cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians.

This legislation encapsulates the United States' unwavering support as Israel's strongest ally.

Indeed, among other things, the 1995 Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, also known as Oslo II, asks all parties to abstain from incitement without derogation for the principle of freedom of expression to prevent incitement by any organization, groups or individuals within their jurisdiction.

Moreover, Oslo II admonishes Israel and the Palestinian Authority to ascertain that their respective educational systems facilitate peace between Israeli and Palestinian peoples, working together towards peace in the region.

This legislation encourages and recognizes the work of individuals and organizations focused on facilitating the cooperation towards peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Thus, I support and urge continued efforts to urge an end to language that incites any form of violence and I encourage efforts to help facilitate peace between all parties involved.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING SAFETY AND SECURITY OF EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

SPEECH OF

**HON. PATRICK MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this resolution regarding the safety and security of Jewish communities in Europe. Seventy years after the Holocaust, we are seeing an alarming spike in anti-Semitic activity and violence targeting Jews throughout Europe. In the past year alone, there have been hundreds of violent acts targeting the Jewish community, including deadly attacks at a kosher supermarket in Paris and the Great Synagogue in Copenhagen.

As a world leader, the United States must make every effort to work with our European partners to keep the Jewish community safe and secure. This resolution does just that by encouraging the United States to work with European governments to create partnerships with Jewish community groups to improve preparedness and responsiveness to anti-Semitic attacks, create open lines of communication to share information about potential threats, expand relationships with local law enforcement, and to help develop baseline security standards for Jewish organizations and facilities. It also urges European allies to appoint senior officials to coordinate efforts to combat anti-Semitism and hold law enforcement accountable for training to monitor and respond to anti-Semitic violence. Additionally, this resolution commends the work of the United States Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism and its efforts in promoting religious freedom around the world.

As a member of the Intelligence Committee and the Bipartisan Task Force on Combating Anti-Semitism, I understand how crucial it is to the stabilization of communities in Europe that we forcefully stand up to anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism does not just impact the Jewish community. When this hatred flourishes, it affects all ethnic, religious, and other minority groups.

Given the urgency of addressing this growing threat, I am proud to have prioritized working to combat the rise in anti-Semitism, leading my colleagues in writing to the Special Envoy calling for the U.S. to continue to be a global leader in combating all forms of hate. My colleagues also joined me in encouraging the United Nations to work with member states to curb anti-Semitism by enacting strong hate crime laws, expanding education on diversity and tolerance in their own countries, and encouraging heads of state to forcefully speak out about the dangers of anti-Semitism.

This resolution furthers these efforts by highlighting the safety and security needs of Jewish communities across Europe and the role our European partners have to play in combatting anti-Semitism. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in passing this urgent resolution.

IN RECOGNITION OF BERWICK AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize retiring Berwick Area High School football coach, George Curry, as he concludes a highly successful career. George is the winningest coach in Pennsylvania high school history, and has had a tremendously positive impact on countless student athletes in my district.

For the past 46 years, George has embarked on a career underpinned by 450 wins and six Pennsylvania State Championships. He was twice named National Coach of the Year by USA TODAY, and his teams were selected as National Champions by that same newspaper three times.

It should also be noted that George was not just interested in procuring a prolific number of wins. Rather, he was focused on the development of his players, both academically and personally. Many of George's players believe that they would never have had access to such world-class educations if they had not counted him as a mentor and coach—and more than 700 of George's players went on to collegiate careers. Further, over 200 landed scholarships to top Division I programs in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. The fact that George would spend hours putting together promotional packages for college recruiters on behalf of players who did not even attend Berwick Area High School is a testament to his utter dedication and commitment to the development of our community's youth, and is a practice that should be commended.

It is no secret that George's players have enjoyed tremendous athletic success as a result of his leadership. But still others never played a single down of football beyond high school, and went right into careers, or trades, or into the military, and took with them lessons about life that only George could have instilled in them. They have raised, are raising, or soon will raise families that will become part of the expanding fabric of our community, and for this, we have George to thank.

Mr. Speaker, I am immensely proud to help commemorate George Curry's phenomenal career, and am forever grateful for the futures he has shaped, and the lives he has touched. This is the true measure of a great high school football coach and mentor, and I hope that George will celebrate the culmination of an impactful career in the company of his family and friends.

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of Great Bay Community College in Portsmouth, New

Hampshire. I am pleased to join with the Community College System of New Hampshire in recognizing this great milestone for the college. Great Bay Community College first opened its doors in 1945 in Portsmouth as the State Trade School; its primary mission was to provide trade school facilities for veterans demobilized from the Armed Services.

Since the first class of 130 veterans in 1945, the school has grown and evolved to offer over 50 degree and certificate programs. The courses offered over the years have changed, ranging from machine tooling, sheet metal work, auto mechanics, electronics and refrigeration to nursing, added in 1966, to today where degrees range from biotechnologies, criminology, management and marketing, to advanced composite manufacturing.

As we celebrate Great Bay Community College's 70th anniversary, it continues to grow having just added a 20,000 square foot student center to its facilities. This new addition is a testament to the dedication the school has to its students and the growing need for reasonable and affordable higher education. I am proud to join with my fellow Granite Staters in recognizing the 70th anniversary of Great Bay Community College, and wish them all the best in their future years.

PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN IN  
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL  
POLICE ORGANIZATION

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of H.R. 1853, directing the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).

As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, the empowerment of law enforcement in order that they be able to carry out their mandate in upholding the rule of law and preservation of peace and security are imperatives I believe we must continue to seek to facilitate.

Our world today is fraught with global terrorism, with groups utilizing information sharing and technologies to advance their vitriolic causes.

This is why organizing, inclusion and empowerment of nations willing to work together to combat domestic and global terrorism is in our global and national security interest.

This measure facilitates the United States' and the global community's ability to move swiftly to empower police and law enforcement in our collective efforts of coordinating, preempting and acting swiftly in unison in combatting terrorism, crisis prevention and response.

I join this bipartisan measure which seeks to facilitate INTERPOL member states' efforts to promote Taiwan's ability to bid to obtain observer status in the INTERPOL.

Indeed, since 1964, Taiwan had maintained full membership, but was ejected 20 years later when the People's Republic of China (PRC) applied for membership.

Part of what the United States Administration can do is to take the lead in endorsing Taiwan in obtaining its observer status.

The United States has expressed its affirmative intentions in support of Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations, as delineated in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review.

For instance, Public Law 108-235 authorized the Secretary of State to initiate and implement a plan to endorse and obtain observer status at the annual World Health Assembly for six consecutive years, owing to Taiwan's significant contribution to the global community's efforts of addressing pandemic control and global public health issues of our day.

Indeed, the INTERPOL's constitution allows observer status at meetings by police entities who are not members of the Organization.

The current status of non-membership status precludes Taiwan from gaining access to INTERPOL's I-24/7 global communications systems, an important real time information sharing infrastructure on domestic and global criminals.

The current state of affairs relegates Taiwan to hearsay or second hand information from friendly nations such as the United States.

This impedes Taiwan's ability to move swiftly in information acquisition as it relates to its domestic and global crime fighting efforts.

As a senior member of the Committee on Homeland Security, global and national security is very important to me.

This measure seeks to protect our security interests in Taiwan as well as the global security of the world.

Taiwan's inaccessibility to critical information readily made available to its law enforcement forces places our entire world at risk.

This measure seeks to facilitate Taiwan's direct and unobstructed participation in the International Criminal Police which promotes global security.

I support and urge the support of this measure because it is beneficial for all nations and their police authorities to be able to share information with authorized police authorities in their law enforcement and peacekeeping efforts in combatting local and global crimes, including the contemporary crime of terrorism.

HONORING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF  
DR. PAUL W. WHEAR

**HON. EVAN H. JENKINS**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Paul W. Whear on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Today in my hometown of Huntington, West Virginia, friends and family of Dr. Whear will gather at the Huntington Museum of Art to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of a distinguished American composer. Dr. Whear's works have been performed by many distinguished institutions around the globe, and he is known in my district for his time as composer emeritus at Marshall University and conductor emeritus of the Huntington Chamber Orchestra.

Dr. Whear also served our nation during World War II as a naval officer, where he wrote several compositions for the U.S. Navy Band and Naval Academy Band, the West Point Academy Band, the U.S. Army Band and U.S. Marine band.

Dr. Whear is one of the finest musical talents to come out of the great state of West Virginia, and I along with many others wish him a very happy birthday.

HONORING ANTWAN CLARK

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Antwan Clark.

Antwan Clark was born March 26, 1980 to the proud parents of Sylvester and Jeanette Clark of Lexington, Mississippi. He has two sisters, Kadisha and Abbie.

Antwan is the epitome of the phrase "strength through adversity". After being left paralyzed after a car accident during his junior year of high school, Antwan persevered. His determination to attain success motivated him to graduate from J.J. McClain High School in 1998 with honors. After graduating with honors from JMMHS, Antwan attended Holmes Community College and majored in Business and Office Technology. To continue pursuing his goals, he then enrolled in Antonelli College where he earned a degree in Computer Technical Support and Networking, maintaining a 3.9 grade-point average. In 2007, the Career College Association invited Antwan to Washington, D.C., where he was awarded for his achievements.

Antwan is currently employed by the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) in Lexington, MS as an Information Technology Specialist and Website Developer. He also uses his knowledge and technical skills to tutor and teach computer classes at CSLC. Antwan also has a home-based computer repair business called "Top Quality Computer Services" located at 1131 Busy Bee Road, Lexington, MS 39095. His business specializes in issues regarding: computer repair, software applications, computer networking, virus/spyware removal, and website design.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Antwan Clark for his dedication and support to the Holmes County Community.

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