

house critical services for our neighbors in need. Today, because of Mike's leadership and perseverance, the Human Services Campus in downtown Phoenix brings together numerous local agencies to serve men and women experiencing homelessness and has become a national model for addressing one of our society's most pressing needs.

Mike was equally known for his visionary leadership as he was for his humility and kindness. Mike swept the floors of the building with the same determined focus as he negotiated deals in the halls of power. For all his hours of labor and sweat, Mike never asked for anything financial in return, drawing a salary of \$1 a month when he became the first director of the new campus. His life became an inspiration and example to executives and leaders across Arizona, and he never shied away from asking everyone to consider what it meant to love your neighbor. Always ready with a kind smile and word of encouragement, Mike continuously maintained a personal connection to the cause, befriending families in need and providing direct services where he could.

Mike will be deeply missed by his friends, family and all of those committed to justice and societal change. His work and service will be felt for generations to come and today I rise in gratitude to honor his life and legacy.

Thank you, Mike, and Godspeed.

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HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF KEN DELACRUZ

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**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Mr. Ken Delacruz, President of the Metal Trades Council at General Dynamics Electric Boat, after 46 years of service as a shipbuilder and a leader in our region.

In his time at the shipyard, Kenny has seen it all—he saw the boom years of construction on the Los Angeles and Ohio Class submarines early in his career as a welder, the lean post-Cold War years of *Seawolf* and the uncertain start of *Virginia* class. In recent years, he's led the workforce as the yard ramped up for steady rate construction of the *Virginia* class program and the start of the *Columbia* class submarine, an historic expansion in work and activity that has surged hiring in the yard with a new generation of shipbuilders.

Since 1991, Kenny has served as President of the Metals Trades Council at Electric Boat, representing thousands of workers across the waterfront trades. In that position Kenny has negotiated eight collective bargaining agreements—the latest winning 85 percent approval among members in 2019. Being a labor leader in a shipyard is a tough job, but in his incredible 29 years as president Ken has earned the respect of generations of his members, management, and elected officials.

Kenny's permanent footprint on the yard will be felt in other ways as well, most importantly with his focus on the future of the workforce. In 2014, Ken was instrumental in helping to make the case to then-Labor Secretary Tom Perez during his visit to Groton about the need for federal investment in the manufac-

turing pipeline program to help new tradesmen and women gain the skills and training they need to succeed. After that visit, the eastern Connecticut workforce investment board received a \$6 million workforce innovation grant from the U.S. Department of Labor that has resulted in hundreds of pre-apprenticeship graduates acquiring entry level skills at EB. And, he led the effort re-establish and re-invigorate the apprenticeship program to ensure that the knowledge of our veteran skilled machinists and welders can be handed down to the next generation.

On a personal note, for over twenty years, Kenny has always been a good friend and confidante, who taught me a lot about his members, their amazing talents and value to eastern Connecticut, navy shipbuilding and our national defense.

As Kenny prepares for his well-deserved retirement, he can take pride in knowing that the shipyard he joined in 1976 has a more solid foundation and a brighter future thanks to his leadership and commitment to his workforce and the nation's undersea priorities. He has been a trusted ally, a committed partner and a friend to me and my office. And most important, he's been a fearless advocate for the men and women of the Metal Trades Council.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kenny's 46 years of service to Electric Boat and our nation, and in wishing him a safe and happy retirement.

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FREE IRAN GLOBAL SUMMIT

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**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following remarks by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran. Mrs. Rajavi addressed the three-day Free Iran Global Summit in July 2020 in Albania, home to thousands of members of the principal Iranian opposition group, the Mujahedin-e Khalq (PMOI/MEK).

The online summit linked Iranians and 1,000 current and former government officials, bipartisan lawmakers and international dignitaries from 30,000 locations in 102 countries.

Below are excerpts from Mrs. Rajavi's speech:

This summit echoes the voice of the Iranian people's 40-year resistance against religious dictatorship and fascism and for freedom and democracy.

This is the voice of the largest, the longest-standing, most sophisticated, and most serious organized resistance in Iran's history, with the roaring river of its martyrs' blood, and the moving chants of massacred Mujahedin members who continued to insist on their belief to the end, against the most murderous and cruel rulers.

This summit echoes calls for the clerical regime's overthrow, which were heard during successive uprisings from December 2017 and January 2018 to November 2019 and January 2020. It is the people's calls for the regime's overthrow after the conclusion of "reformer vs. principist" theatrics that was aimed at preserving this very regime.

This summit is the voice of Resistance Units and rebellious cities across Iran who have put an end to a history of despair, in-

credulity, and inaptitude, replacing it with the pledge of "we can and we must."

Today's summit represents our enslaved homeland in three of its most prominent features: A rebellious and revolutionary Iran; an Iran united in solidarity; and a free and democratic Iran of tomorrow.

We have come together to underline three monumental and historic commitments that we have pledged to accomplish.

Our first commitment is that we, the people of Iran and the Iranian Resistance, will overthrow the clerical regime and will reclaim Iran.

Our second commitment is that we, the people of Iran and the Iranian Resistance, will build a free and democratic Iran.

And our third commitment is to remain faithful to our people's sovereignty and their vote; to not seek power at any cost, but to establish freedom and justice at any cost; to never return to the dictatorships of the Shah and the mullahs. As the majority of elected lawmakers in the U.S. and Europe have pointed out, we want to establish a democratic, secular and non-nuclear Iran.

From all indications, the ruling theocracy is at the point of being overthrown.

The uprisings that spanned from December 2017 and January 2018 to November 2019 and January 2020 were not about reforming the regime. Rather, these uprisings sought to overthrow the clerics.

[The young] generation delivered the thunderous chants of "Death to the oppressor, be it the Shah or the [supreme] Leader." "We don't want the Shah or the Leader, we don't want a choice between bad and worse."

This generation chants "Our enemy is right here. They lie when they say it is America."

The Iranian Resistance relied on precise and well-documented reports to register the figure of 1,500 martyrs during the November 2019 uprising. The actual figure is much higher.

These uprisings checkmated the Iranian regime's political apologists, advocates, lobbyists, and paid operatives, by completely discrediting their deception and lies.

The regime's puppets kept saying that it would be inconceivable for the people of Iran to turn to uprisings and revolution to overthrow the mullahs.

They kept saying that change in Iran will not happen except from within the regime itself. And time and again, they repeated the mullahs' false claim about the PMOI/MEK's lack of popular support.

This explains why the mullahs and their mob of interrogators and functionaries have unleashed against the Resistance and the PMOI/MEK. They see themselves about to be overthrown and are in agony over the fact that these uprisings and rebellious youth have adopted the roadmap and the strategy of the PMOI/MEK.

The volcanic uprising in November washed away all unfounded claims.

It was proven that it is possible to inspire and organize protests.

It was proven that despite all the repression and crimes, our people have a spectacular desire and readiness to continue their uprising.

And it was proven that a force capable of overthrowing the regime has emerged and is lurking in the hearts of Iranian cities.

It is this rebellious force which, despite unrelenting arrests, empowers resistance units to constantly regroup, reproduce, and multiply themselves.

Over the past two years, the emergence of rebellious cities and the operations of resistance units against repression, aimed at breaking the suppressive atmosphere, fueling the engine of the uprisings, and mobilizing the people, have made the regime feel the clearly and vividly.

If they [the mullahs] continue to pursue their current path and course of action, namely belligerence, missile launches, terrorism, intimidation and closing ranks, they will inevitably crash head first.

If they make the slightest retreat, namely, if they change their behavior and abandon their suppression, terrorism and belligerence, then they would undermine the very existence of rule of the velayat-e faqih (absolute clerical rule).

For this reason, Khamenei calls for the creation of “a young and Hezbollah government” and sees a monolithic Parliament and a murderous Judiciary as the only way out of the vortex of crises and the only way to preserve the regime.

The international community’s decision to activate the snapback mechanism would be the coup de grace shot to the regime’s windfall achievements under the JCPOA and the policy of appeasement.

To date, the accelerating outbreak of the coronavirus has taken the lives of at least 72,000 people in Iran.

In March, Khamenei admitted that he sought to create an opportunity and a blessing out of the coronavirus crisis.

The abnormal surging trend of the number of corona virus victims in Iran is a product of the criminal policies of Khamenei and Rouhani. The strategy of launching mass casualties as a barrier against the threat of an uprising and eventual overthrow is exactly designed to pacify and demoralize the Iranian society, rendering it hopeless and paralyzed.

During the breathtaking coronavirus crisis, the mullahs continued to launch expensive satellites into space. Concurrently, they pursued their belligerent and terrorist activities in Iraq and Syria and escalated their ominous nuclear activities to a new level.

The ruling mullahs must answer why the value of the country’s official currency has plunged so much? Why is there no ability to create jobs? Why is Iran one of the four countries in the world with the highest inflation rates?

And you must say where did Khamenei amass 100 billion dollars in his executive headquarters?

The 15 institutions and foundations under Khamenei’s control have a total of one trillion dollars’ worth of assets.

We pledged to overthrow the regime, take back Iran and restore all the violated and plundered rights of the people of Iran.

Our people must enjoy the right to be healthy, have shelter, to employment, to organize and have syndicates, autonomy for ethnic minorities, equal participation in running society’s affairs, gender equality and popular sovereignty.

They must be free of religious slavery and sexual exploitation. They must enjoy freedom of expression, opinion, and choice. They must be pulled out of poverty and be free from fear; this means ending torture, executions, and social and economic insecurity.

We have pledged to restore all these freedoms and rights. We make this pledge before the Iranian people and history. This is our pledge to 120,000 martyrs who fell for freedom.

Today, in Iran, one of the greatest battles and one of the greatest tests of our time rages on between freedom and religious fascism, between democracy and religious fundamentalism.

We urge all governments and international bodies to stand with the people of Iran in this historic showdown against the greatest threat to world peace and security.

The Iranian regime’s leaders planned to launch a major terrorist attack against the Free Iran Grand Gathering in Paris, in 2018. The terrorists in possession of the bomb were

arrested by the Belgian Police. The regime’s diplomat, who delivered the bomb, has been in jail for more than two years.

For the first time, a serving diplomat faces trial in Europe for direct involvement in terrorism. This is a great disgrace for the regime, and it shows that the regime spares no effort to commit any crime and pay any price to destroy its alternative.

The trial of the four detained terrorists as the perpetrators of this terrorist act is a necessary step. But the real decision makers were Khamenei, Rouhani, Zarif, and Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi.

As I have reiterated time and again, we have not come to gain something for ourselves; we have come to sacrifice and pay the requisite price.

We are determined to restore freedom and people’s sovereignty in Iran, and this will happen.

Long live freedom. God bless the people of Iran.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL GLENN STARNES

##### **HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Colonel Glenn Starnes, who passed away on 30 March 2020.

Glenn was born 27 January 1959 as the second son of Charles and La Verne Starnes. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1981 and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Starnes led a life of service to both his country as a decorated marine and to the Texas A&M community as a member of the Office of the Commandant’s staff.

Glenn served in the Marines for 30 years and commanded at every level, from field artillery battery to field artillery regiment. While serving his country, he was stationed in seven States and two countries. He fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom through two tours of duty in 2003 and 2005. Glenn also served on joint duty with the U.S. Central Command and later served as an exchange officer with the United Kingdom’s Joint Headquarters.

Colonel Starnes was awarded the Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, the Bronze Star with Combat “V” Device, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, and the title of Officer of the Order of the British Empire from the Queen of England.

After 30 years of service Glenn retired from the Marine Corps in 2011.

In 2012, Colonel Starnes joined the Texas A&M University community as Assistant Commandant for Operations and Training for A&M’s internationally recognized Corps of Cadets.

In his 8 years on this job, Glenn was a tireless worker who loved the Corps and the opportunity to serve as mentor for many of its members.

He was highly respected by his colleagues, and many Aggies feel fortunate enough to call him friend. Colonel Starnes’ 30 years of dedicated service embody the core values of Texas Aggies: respect, excellence, leadership, loyalty, integrity, and selfless service. His loss will be deeply felt by the Texas A&M community and the Corps of Cadets.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Starnes served his country proudly for many years, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American history. He was not only a dedicated public servant, he was a loving son, a husband, a father, an effective mentor, and a loyal friend to hundreds.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Starnes family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation’s Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Colonel Glenn Starnes.

As I close today I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who keep us safe, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### **HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. LAHOOD. on Monday, July 27, 2020, I missed votes due to flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### **HON. GEORGE HOLDING**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to attend votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Rollcall No. 144; NAY on Rollcall No. 145; NAY on Rollcall No. 146; NAY on Rollcall No. 147; NAY on Rollcall No. 148; NAY on Rollcall No. 149; NAY on Rollcall No. 150; NAY on Rollcall No. 153; NAY on Rollcall No. 154; YEA on Rollcall No. 155; YEA on Rollcall No. 156; YEA on Rollcall No. 162; NAY on Rollcall No. 163; YEA on Rollcall No. 164; NAY on Rollcall No. 168; NAY on Rollcall No. 169; YEA on Rollcall No. 170; NAY on Rollcall No. 171; and NAY on Rollcall No. 172.

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#### FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

##### **HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bicentennial celebration of Franklin First United Methodist Church in Franklin, Kentucky. Shortly after the town was surveyed in 1820, the Union Church was established where Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists would all hold services. Franklin First would go on to have an incredible two-hundred-year history, producing numerous servant leaders and engaging in missionary work that would spread beyond the 1st District. Members of this church have proven to be steadfast leaders across the globe. In 1874, Mrs. Dorinda Duncan organized the first Children’s