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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize February as American Heart Month.

According to the American Heart Association, one out of every four deaths in our great country is cardiac-related, and you may be surprised to hear that heart disease claims more female victims than any other disease.

But the real tragedy, Madam Speaker, is that so many of these deaths are preventable. America's amazing medical researchers, doctors, and nurses have been doing their part to stop heart disease and save lives.

It is time for the rest of us to step up and do our part. Remember that even small improvements in diet and exercise can have big impacts on your heart health and overall well-being.

So as you think of your Valentine later this month, don't forget to love your heart, too.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, it has been over 3 years since the Carl D. Perkins Act expired, the primary source of funding for workforce development programs across the country.

We now have the opportunity to remake Perkins in a way that works for the 21st century economy. Perkins reauthorization must deliver student-centered education that provides 21st century skills for successful careers.

Across the country students continue to seek out career pathways, but funding has been reduced from its peak level in 2010 of \$1.3 billion. If we fail to match this demand for CTE, we run the risk of our economy falling behind as companies pursue skilled workers in other parts of the world.

Madam Speaker, our country and our economy need a Perkins reauthorization that focuses on skills that matter and work that pays, skills that matter and work that pays. Let's get this done.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, this afternoon Jacqueline Taylor of the Texas Gulf Coast Small Business Development Center Network stopped by to share a story about the American Dream.

The dreamer's name is Derrick Harris. His company is called Soaring With Eagles. Derrick had a hard time making his company grow. He got advice about marketing and sales from Todd Scott of the local SBDC. Shortly after, Derrick was awarded contracts with

the Pearland and Pasadena Independent School Districts. He now employs over 30 people.

He said: I tell every business owner I meet to contact their local SBDC. Their assistance has made a huge difference in my business.

That is the American Dream, and that is the local SBDC.

WORLD WAR I DOUGHBOY TEXAN CORPORAL SAMUEL SAMPLER

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the brutal trench hand-to-hand combat of World War I claimed more American lives than Vietnam and Korea combined. The war to end all wars between European monarchies was at a standstill until the United States entered the war.

Texas boys like Corporal Samuel Sampler stood up and fought over there across the sea to successfully break the deadlocked war.

On October 18, 1918, in France, this young Army corporal became the third Texan in World War I to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

When his company suffered severe, devastating casualties during an advance, Sampler took action. Grenades in hand, he left the line and rushed in through enemy machinegun fire until he engaged the enemy directly.

His grenades hit the target, killing two and silencing all the machineguns. Twenty-eight other Germans surrendered, allowing the American doughboys to resume their advance.

The 100-year anniversary of the great war is upon us. We remember Texans like Sampler and all Americans who proudly served our country in lands far away 100 years ago and won the ultimate victory in World War I.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING FORMER CONGRESSMAN TOM BLILEY

(Mr. BRAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BRAT. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor my friend, former Congressman Tom Bliley, who proudly represented Virginia's Seventh District for 20 consecutive years, on the occasion of his 84th birthday.

He began his political career in 1968, when he was elected to the City Council of Richmond, Virginia, moving on to serve as mayor from 1970 to 1977.

He was elected to his first congressional term in 1980, and under a Democratic President he helped pass legislation that modernized the regulation of pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, and the financial markets.

I hope he had a wonderful birthday, and I wish him many more.

PROTECT TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AT THE SUPER BOWL

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, the trafficking of young girls and boys continues to be a crime that plagues many of our communities.

While I am proud to have led efforts last year to help pass important legislation to combat this problem, law enforcement on the ground needs to remain vigilant to stop this horrific crime.

With the Super Bowl taking place on Sunday in California, concerns are once again being raised that traffickers will bring children in from out of town for exploitation.

It is also an opportunity for law enforcement to reach out to these victims to try to bring them out of the shadows and bring traffickers to justice.

That is why it is encouraging to see the FBI take a different victim-centered approach this year that focuses on first gaining the trust of young victims, sometimes as young as 12, 13, and 14 years old. This helps victims get the services they need and brings the traffickers to justice with their arrest.

Madam Speaker, a victim-centered approach is the right way to attack this problem. I commend the FBI on their efforts during the Super Bowl this week.

CONTINUING THE CRUSADE AGAINST BOKO HARAM

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, almost 2 years ago I led a bipartisan delegation, the first congressional delegation, to Nigeria to assess and address the crisis of Boko Haram.

At that time, it was in the immediate aftermath of the taking of the Chibok girls in a previous administration. Boko Haram was doing the kind of raiding and rabble-raising that may have been part of burning villages.

That time has now passed. And in the last 48 hours, Boko Haram poured gasoline on children and burned them. Boko Haram has now become a marauding and crusading, vile, evil, and vicious group. It takes in the space and areas of Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, and Niger.

It is important for us, as Members of Congress working with the administration, to call upon these nations to again collaborate and work together.

They have pledged their support to ISIL. I am very glad that, in the course of the Homeland Security Committee, Judiciary Committee, Intelligence Committee, Armed Forces Committee, Boko Haram is not going to get away.

There will not be boots on the ground, but we must stomp out Boko

Haram because they are killing children all in Africa and they are dastardly committers of violence against civil society.

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PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS
REMAIN UNPROSECUTED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, news has come out, February 2, Groundhog Day, in this article from Adam Kredo entitled, "The Obama Administration Has Not Prosecuted a Single Palestinian Terrorist Who Killed Americans."

"The Obama administration has not prosecuted a single Palestinian terrorist responsible for killing Americans abroad, despite a congressional mandate ordering the Justice Department to take action against these individuals" . . . "Palestinian terrorists have murdered at least 64 Americans, including two unborn children, since 1993. Yet the U.S. Government has failed to take legal action against those who committed the crimes, lawmakers disclosed during a Tuesday hearing on the Justice Department's failure to live up to its mandate to bring these terrorists to justice.

"Many of the terrorists continue to roam free across the Middle East, with one hosting a Hamas-affiliated television show in Jordan.

"With criticism mounting from Congress and U.S. victims of terrorism, Justice Department officials say they are working to initiate cases, but warn that this could take 'many years' to play out.

"The Justice Department has repeatedly declined to comment when faced with questions from Congress about the lack of prosecutions, according to Representative RON DESANTIS of Florida, chair of the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security.

"The Justice Department 'has not been able to cite one example for this committee of even a single terrorist who has been prosecuted in the U.S. for any of the 64 attacks against Americans in Israel,' DeSantis said. 'Indeed, many of these terrorists roam free as the result of prisoner exchanges or evasion.

"This is not what Congress intended' when it created the DOJ's Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism in 2005,' DeSantis added. 'This is not what the American people want, and this does not provide justice to the victims' families that has been so tragically elusive.'

"The Justice Department has sought to evade questions about its failure to prosecute known terrorists responsible for the murder of U.S. citizens.

"This includes its failure to level charges against Ahlam Tamimi, the Palestinian woman responsible for blowing up a Jerusalem pizza shop in 2001. The attacks killed 15, including a pregnant American woman. Tamimi currently resides in Jordan and hosts a television show on the Hamas-owned Al Quds station.

"When the Oversight and Government Reform Committee questioned the Department of Justice about this case, the Department declined to comment,' DeSantis said. 'If in fact bringing to justice the perpetrators of terrorism against Americans in Israel is a high priority for the DOJ, then surely people of this nature should be prosecuted for their crimes.'" . . . "American victims of terrorist attacks abroad who testified at the hearing offered sharp criticism of the Justice Department for failing to take on terrorists in the U.S. courts.

"Sari Singer, who was injured in a 2003 Palestinian terror attack on a bus in Jerusalem, said that she has lost faith in the government."

Singer said, "I grew up believing that my country would be there for me and protect me no matter where I was in the world. These last years have left me feeling let down."

I would insert parenthetically, Madam Speaker, that she shares that same feeling with the victims in our State Department of the attacks at Benghazi, and the many hours people waited thinking surely our government will come to our aid.

So it sounds like victims of terrorists abroad share this, whether it is from Benghazi or whether it is from other terrorist attacks, that the administration is not going to be there for you.

The article goes on: "Peter Schwartz, whose nephew Ezra was shot in the head by a Palestinian terrorist in November 2015, said that the Obama administration has not been forthcoming about any potential investigations into the incident" . . . "The Obama administration was criticized in August when it sought to limit the restitution American victims of terrorism could receive. The administration argued in a legal briefing issued to the court that a large cash award to these victims could complicate the administration's efforts to foster peace between Israel and the Palestinians."

Clearly, the administration's interests, as Sari Singer observed, is not with American victims of foreign terrorism. It is with the foreign terrorists that maybe if we side up to them enough, maybe if we will be nice to them and not punish them, then maybe they won't keep killing American citizens. That is false thinking.

Madam Speaker, I can't help but think as we find out this week that this administration has released \$100 billion to the largest supporter of terrorism in the world—Iran—and Iran has made clear that once they got this money from the Obama administration that they were going to increase their

help to terrorists like Hamas and Hezbollah. In other words, they told us in advance that when America cedes to Iran \$100 billion extra, they are going to be able to help more terrorists commit more of their acts of terrorism.

Now, back when I was a judge or even back years and years ago as a prosecutor, we always approached cases that if you assisted somebody, say you gave them money, and they told you before you gave them the money that they are going to use some of this money to commit a criminal act, then we always felt like you could prosecute those people. Jurors could bear that out because if you knowingly aid, assist—even encourage—you don't even have to give them money. If you just encourage them to commit a violent act or encourage them to go about what they plan to do, and they already said, "We plan to commit more terrorism with what you give us," then you were an accomplice. Under the laws federally, and as well as in the laws I am aware of in most States, certainly in Texas, you would be charged as a principal. So if you gave money to someone knowing that they said, "We are going to use money and help kill people and help terrorism," and then they committed the terrorism, you could be convicted of the same terrorism of those you gave the money to help.

It is interesting that those principles seem to apply to all other Americans, but this administration feels surely they won't apply to this administration. Sure, Iran has said they are going to support more terrorism once they get all this extra money from the Obama administration. But apparently the Obama administration, according to these pleadings they filed, if you just be nice to the terrorists, let them keep their own money, gee, they will probably quit killing Americans. It doesn't work that way.

Let's take a look at who this administration, this Commander in Chief's administration, is willing to punish. I have a letter here that was sent by my friend, our fellow colleague, DUNCAN HUNTER, to the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee when he discusses Sergeant First Class Charles Martland and points out he is considered a first-rate warrior.

"While in Afghanistan in 2011, at a remote outpost, Martland confronted an Afghan Local Police commander for kidnapping a young boy and raping him repeatedly over several days. The issue was brought to the attention of Martland and his fellow soldiers after the boy's mother asked for help, after she also was attacked by the ALP—or Afghan Local Police—commander.

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"When Martland and Captain Danny Quinn confronted the rapist, he admitted to the charge and laughed in their faces—at which point Martland and Quinn took matters into their own hands. This occurred after two separate