





Congressional Reception Iranian New Year (Nowrouz)

Rayburn - March 17, 2015



Rep. Ted Poe



Rep. Tom McClintock



Rep. Raul Ruiz



Rep. Andre Carson



Iranian Nowrouz Table (Haft-Seen)

Excerpts:

Rep. Ted Poe:

I asked Sec. Kerry, why have not the folks in Camp Liberty being allowed to leave and resettle somewhere else, maybe in Texas, he did not give me a straight answer, like last year, ... when Iranian people truly elect their leaders, not only it would be better for Iran, it would be better for the world.

Rep. Tom McClintock:

We can avert the barbarism, if we make up our mind; we shall do it at the end, but how much harder the toil for everyday delay.

Rep. Raul Ruiz: *As we celebrate the New Year event as a humanitarian and as a physician I would like to express my concern about human rights violations in Iran.*

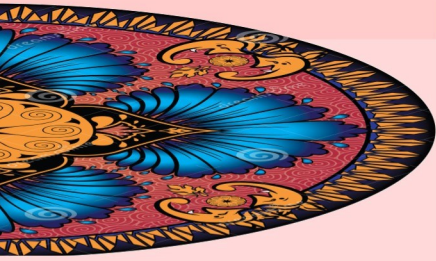
Rep. Andre Carson:

We are in a time that Iranian people are looking for true democracy.

Rep. Donna Edwards:

We are interested in an agreement with Iran that is verifiable, enforceable and it ensures that Iran does not develop a nuclear capacity... human rights (Iranians) are not secondary interest, they are primary interest.

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*Happy Nowrouz
Happy New Year*

Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee:

The U.S. is blessed to have the Iranian American Communities in its mix, and I salute you for being the carrier of peace and human rights, at the same time, you have never given up your fight for the people under siege in Camp Liberty (in Iraq).

Rep. Judy Chu:

Proud to be a new member of Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus. This caucus will be so great in shining a light on Iran's human rights violations. And it will enable us to help congress to stand with Iranian people in their fight for freedom and democracy in Iran. ... We remember people suffering in Camp Liberty, and their safety is always on our mind.

Rep. Brad Sherman:

I look forward to join the Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus. Camp Liberty residents (MEK) put their lives on line to expose Iran nuclear site, and how we thank them? Camp Liberty is unprotected and its people live in a bad condition, ... We have to demand their protection and their human rights, this is the least we can do for them.... The world would have been a lot safer, if the sanctions that we passed in the nineties would have got imposed then, and today the whole world would not be in fear what Ayatollahs and atom bomb may do together.



Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee



Rep. Judy Chu



Rep. Brad Sherman



Rep. Donna Edwards



Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader

February 24, 2015

It is my great pleasure to bring you greetings on the occasion of the Organization of Iranian American Communities' Nowruz Celebration! How wonderful to come together with representatives from states across the nation to celebrate the beginning of this beautiful spring season.

Nowruz marks a new opportunity for Iranian Americans and families around the world to cherish their heritage and culture, reflect on the past year, and move forward to a time of health and happiness in the year ahead. We reflect on the shared humanity that binds us together, from the United States, Camp Liberty, and beyond.

The United States is blessed each day by the leadership and contributions – in the fields of business, law, government, education, medicine, research, the arts, and more – of our thriving Iranian community. Our great nation has been strengthened by the progress and prosperity that the Iranian American community has brought.

Again, please accept my best wishes for a joyous event, a year of peace and prosperity, and a Happy Nowruz! Eid-eh Shoma Mobarak.

best regards,


NANCY PELOSI
Democratic Leader



The U.S.
House of Representatives
Democratic leader

Nancy Pelosi

Greetings on the
Occasion of OIAC
Nowrouz Celebration

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen speaking at the Congressional Reception Iranian New Year (Nowrouz)

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I am honored to be the Co-chair of Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus. The human rights in Iran is as bad as it has been in recent memories. Iran continues its support for terror around the globe and foments instability and violence throughout the region. There is every reason to fear Iran's pursuit of regional dominance, but by far the most threatening situation is this dangerous and weak deal that the P5+1 countries are negotiating with that horrific regime that would allow Iran to maintain its nuclear infrastructure and give up next to nothing in return for easing of sanctions and an international legitimizing effort of its illegal and covert nuclear program. If this deal goes through, not only it will make the region and the world less safe but it surely mean a worsening and a deterioration of human rights situation inside Iran. ... to succeed ... we must pressure Iran with diplomacy and sanctions.



Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Chairman
Subcommittee on
the Middle East
and North Africa