Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and in recognition of their dedication to educating and engaging parliamentarians around the world to promote nuclear non-proliferation.

PNND is an international non-partisan network devoted to establishing channels of communication between parliamentarians around the world and to providing them with current nuclear weapons policies in order to raise awareness for the need to abolish the use nuclear weapons. Currently, PNND’s membership consists of over five hundred parliamentarians from over seventy countries worldwide who are engaged in nuclear non-proliferation initiatives. This year, PNND marked the 40th anniversary of the International Non-Proliferation Treaty with the Nuclear Weapons Convention initiative – a declaration presented by the European Parliamentarian section of PNND. The Nuclear Weapons Convention is an initiative dedicated to promoting multilateral negotiations that would lead to the elimination of nuclear weapons. I join with the members of PNND in supporting this important initiative.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, and in recognition of their dedication to promoting disarmament and international human rights.

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