

that serves as an inspiration to us all. I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to this outstanding American. His contributions to freedom's cause cannot be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 283

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the proud history, rich tradition and remarkable accomplishments of Boy Scout Troop 283 of Wayzata, MN, in my Third Congressional District.

This Sunday, November 19, Troop 283 will be celebrating its 80th anniversary.

I am particularly proud of Boy Scout Troop 283 since it is based at my own Wayzata Community Church. I know the great work this troop has done and its commitment to excellence.

Boy Scout Troop 283 has represented the highest standards in Scouting for eight decades. The hundreds of Scouts and their many volunteer leaders have displayed an inspiring dedication through these past 80 years which has had a powerful and positive impact on the quality of life in our area.

The young people of today, who now more than ever need strong adult guidance and parental involvement in learning valuable skills that will help them mature into good citizens, have been extremely well-served by the generous and dedicated volunteers and parents who have led Troop 283 through the years.

Troop 283's emphasis on providing our young people with positive role models, the importance of community service to help people in the need and protect the environment, and the critical value of exercising active, good citizenship has been truly remarkable. There is no price you can place on that kind of public service, leadership, and good citizenship.

The participation of adult volunteers and the Scouts of Troop 283 will continue to make a huge difference in the future of our community, State, and Nation. These young people are tomorrow's leaders and they are getting the skills, knowledge, moral guidance, and inspiration they need to keep America the greatest country in the world and a lighthouse for freedom and liberty into the 21st century.

Everyone who has been involved with Boy Scout Troop 283 through the years is to be congratulated on their invaluable 80-year investment in the future of our Nation. Troop 283 has our deepest admiration and sincerest gratitude for a job well done, as well as our best wishes for the future.

On behalf of all the people in our area, I wholeheartedly thank Boy Scout Troop 283 for its contributions to making our area a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

REQUEST TO DISCHARGE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 119, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 14, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 2621, the bill which the Republicans say is to enforce the public debt limit and to protect the Social Security Trust Fund, and other Federal Trust fund accounts invested in public debt obligation. Once again, more Republican smoke and mirrors. Make no mistake about it, H.R. 2621 is the Republicans' measure to force the Government to default on its obligations.

It is appalling for the Republicans to hold the country, and the American people hostage to their politically contrived and premeditated train wreck. Is there no limit to the extreme tactics that the Republicans will use to force a tax cut for the wealthy. The Republicans have forced the Federal Government to shut down; are striving to force the Government to renege on its debts; are bent on forcing seniors to pay more for less health care; are set of forcing poor children and pregnant women to go without critical health care services; and are set on forcing college students to pay more for their college education. Despite the fact the Republicans' budget defies logic and common sense, they want to force the President to agree to their life threatening budget provisions.

Now, they have introduced H.R. 2621 a measure strictly designed to back the country into a corner, and to force the Government to default—all this destruction, just to give a tax cut to the rich. The Republicans' tantrum tactics must end.

Mr. Speaker, a family would not pay off its mortgage in 7 years if it meant that they had to take food out of the mouths of their children. Both food and shelter are a necessity, it is not a one, or the other situation. The Republicans need to take a lesson from families. Families sensibly balance their responsibilities. Families sensibly spread their debt—and their payments for services over time.

The Republican budget measure is not a balanced budget mechanism—it is a measure that is specifically designed to destroy the quality of life for the most vulnerable in our society—children and the elderly. Those who have entrusted us with their future, and who are most vulnerable to the Republicans' assault.

I applaud the President for this strong leadership, and wholeheartedly support his veto of the Republicans' front-loaded continuing resolution, and debt limit measures.

Day after day, we have heard our Republican colleagues refer to Medicaid and Medicare as "socialized programs." We have heard them use phrases like "we have to get on with it," "the pain is not so severe," and "we have to hold the President's feet to the fire." We have also continuously heard the Republicans speak with concern for the unborn children of

the future, while showing no compassion for the children who walk among us today—despite the fact that the Republican budget takes food out of mouths of poor children; takes the roof from over the heads of door seniors; and takes away health care services from pregnant women. These senior's and children's future will be crippled and their very survival jeopardized.

Mr. Speaker, the Republicans have never had any intention of sending the President a clean continuing resolution measure, or a clean debt limit bill. The Republican touted crown jewel in their contract—the tax cut give away for the rich—knows no bounds. As early as April, House Speaker NEWT GINGRICH vowed to create a titanic legislative standoff with the President by adding vetoed bills to must pass debt ceiling legislation. As recently as July, the GOP admitted that default was a major political weapon in their arsenal. The Republicans' escalating mean spirited attack is firm evidence that they think that no child's cry is too harsh, and no senior's pain is too bitter to forgo their tax cut give away to the rich.

Over the past 11 months, the Nation has witnessed the unfolding of the Republicans' premeditated assault on the most vulnerable in our society—children and the elderly. Nearly 6 weeks into the new fiscal year, work on 10 of the 13 appropriations bills is still pending. The Republicans are dragging their feet. If Speaker GINGRICH and his cohorts performed their responsibilities in a timely and responsible manner, there would be no need to bring the Federal Government to a halt.

With each day of the Republican-forced shut down of the Federal Government, 20 thousand new Social Security claims will not be processed. With each day of the Republican-forced shut down of the Federal Government, 2,500 to 3,000 veterans' benefits claims will not be processed. The American people must not be held hostage to the GOP's tax cut for the rich.

Again, I applaud President Clinton for vetoing the Republicans' life threatening budget and debt ceiling measures. I commend him for his principled stand to protect the American people. And, I join President Clinton in condemning the Republican leadership for its shameful attempt to blackmail the oval office by holding seniors, children, veterans, and our Nation's economy hostage.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly believe that it is the height of irresponsibility for the Republicans in Congress to force American citizens to suffer inconvenience and hardship simply because they are trying to score political points. I strongly urge my colleagues to vote "no" on H.R. 2621.

SALUTE TO AMERICORPS PARTICIPANTS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

HON. TIM JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the participants of the second AmeriCorps team in South Dakota. On October 24, 1995, at an Oath of Service ceremony in Rosebud, SD, 15 dedicated individuals committed themselves to 1 year of community service in South Dakota as participants in the AmeriCorps Program. I strongly

support the concept of national community service, and I commend each of the participants who will provide much-needed assistance to communities all over the country.

The AmeriCorps team will be working on two projects both of which will help rebuild rural America and protect the environment. The first project, headquartered at the Bad River watershed area in Ft. Pierre, SD, involves five members of the AmeriCorps team, and focuses on range and water quality improvements, as well as youth and adult education projects. The second project on the Rosebud Reservation involves a 10-member team which is helping with locally identified projects. These projects include range improvement, water quality activities, and other locally identified natural resource improvement projects.

I am confident that the experiences of the participants as members of AmeriCorps will establish a lasting ethic of civic duty in each of them. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize each member of the second AmeriCorps team of South Dakota: Matthew Blumer, Ft. Pierre, SD; Kevin Boyd, Rosebud, SD; Roger Brush Breaker, Rosebud, SD; Michele Edelbach, Ft. Pierre, SD; Harvey Elk Looks Back, Rosebud, SD; Paula Hoerner, Ft. Pierre, SD; Kathy Knife, Rosebud, SD; Lester Leader Charge, Rosebud, SD; Joseph Nichols, Ft. Pierre, SD; Clarence Poorman, Rosebud, SD; Pat Buscher, Ft. Pierre, SD; John Sitting Bear, Rosebud, SD; Melvin Staples, Rosebud, SD; Richard Traversie, Rosebud, SD; and Emily White Hat, Rosebud, SD. I am confident that the work of these individuals will not only provide much-needed assistance to the Rosebud Reservation and the Bad River watershed project, but also that the next year will be immensely rewarding for each of the participants. I congratulate each participant on their commitment to service and to furthering their education—I firmly believe that education is essential to a productive life and vital to American efforts to remain a first-class economic power.

Today, I would also like to commend the USDA for its innovative and extensive participation in AmeriCorps, and the members of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. AmeriCorp-Team USDA provides for a truly unique partnership involving tribal, State, and Federal Government, and this effort will address a lot of the traditional native concerns for the environment. So, as the GOP threatens to terminate funding for AmeriCorps, I am proud that rural enhancement and environmental protection is taking place in the great State of South Dakota and I believe that these programs are examples of why the continuation of the AmeriCorps program is critically important.

IN APPRECIATION OF DR. HARRY SCARR

HON. CARDISS COLLINS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I join with Chairman BILL CLINGER in expressing our deepest sympathy to the wife and children of Dr. Harry Scarr, the Deputy Director of the Census Bureau.

Dr. Scarr is one of those outstanding individuals who devoted his professional time and

energies to making the Federal Government work better to serve the public. Trained at Harvard and the University of Michigan, Dr. Scarr chose to devote his considerable talent to public service, and we are all the better for it.

There are a number of sensitive positions in the Federal Government that require a manager with both skill and tact. Dr. Scarr held several of those posts. During the 1970's he worked at the Department of Justice guiding policy and planning decisions for research and statistics on the Federal Justice System. Among the positions he held there were the assistant director in the Office of Policy and Planning, administrator of the Federal Justice Research Program, and Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

In the 1980's he moved to the Department of Commerce Economic and Statistics Administration. He subsequently was appointed Deputy and then Acting Director of the Census Bureau. Dr. Scarr brought stability to the Census Bureau which was without a director for a year and a half.

The Federal Government has many dedicated and hard working employees. The dedication and contribution of Dr. Harry Scarr was among its best.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SECOND SOUTH CENTRAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM GRADUATION CEREMONY

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, on November 17, 1995, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund [MALDEF] will hold its second South Central Leadership Program Graduation Ceremony. At the ceremony, 100 graduates of the program will be honored for their successful completion of the program and dedication to community service in the South Central Los Angeles area.

This year were four projects: the Youth and Parent Empowerment Conference, the Citizenship Conference, the Economic Development Conference, and Alternative Methods for Education. The Youth and Parent Empowerment Conference deserves special merit for its collaborative effort with the leadership development in inter-ethnic relations program. The Citizenship Conference, with assistance from the National Association of Appointed and Elected Officials [NALEO], resulted in the processing of more than 100 applications for citizenship. The Economic Development Conference, working with L.A. Councilman Mark Ridley Thomas' district 8, enlisted several organizations, such as Bank of America, the Mexican American Opportunities Foundation, and the University of Southern California, to name a few, and designed new strategies and opportunities for local economic growth. The alternative method for education project, using the Montessori School Model, shared the successes of the tested and innovative approach to education.

The South Central Leadership Program is another example of MALDEF's efforts to help the Latino community build and strengthen the social, economic, and political infrastructure in

this neglected area of Los Angeles. Through the program's grassroots leadership training and support of existing and emerging community based organizations, MALDEF plays an important role in opening new doors of access for Latinos.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring this distinguished graduates. From the Technical Assistance Program the graduates are: Maria Alvarez; Marina Alvarez; Sonia Alvarez; Rosa Avelar; Gloria Barragan; Maria Campos; Kwame Cooper; Eduardo Cordero; Jeanette Lopez Escobar; Maria Flores; Grace Galindo; Rudy Garavito; Maria Gonzales; Vivian Harmon; Ramiro Hernandez; Letisia Mauricio; Bertha Melgoza; Gloria Mendez; Dina Moreno; Maria T. Palacios; Faustina Palomares; Yolanda Perales; Eduardo Peregrina; Sonia Ramos; Ana Maria Rodriguez; Irma Rodriguez; Maria Rubalcava; Gloria Saldana; Reina Schmitz; Leticia Vega; Laura Villegas, and Enrique Carrillo.

Graduating from the Leaders of the Future Program are: Gloria Barragan; Maria Campos; Magdalena Cervantes; Maria Dubon; Maria Gonzalez; Evelia Landaverde; Margarita Landeros; Rosalia Lucero; Gloria Mendez; Ana Alicia Munoz; Sara Olivera; Eduardo Peregrina; Guillermina Perez; Alicia Ramirez; Estela Tortoledo; Hermelinda Gonzalez; Sonia Alvarez; Maria Alvarez; Wendy Rivera; Laura Villegas; Fermin Rivera; Marina Meraz; Ivone Garcia; Maria Palacios; Ana Maria Rodriguez; Enrique Carrillo; Marcos Aguilar; Pastel Mireles; Maria Ortiz, and Salvador Rios.

IN HONOR OF S. REID GUSTAFSON

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct privilege for me to rise today to recognize and honor S. Reid Gustafson, a man who, for many years, has contributed greatly to the community of Santa Clara County, CA.

On Tuesday, the 21st of November, 1995, Mr. Gustafson is being honored as the 1995 Distinguished Citizen, at the 21st Annual Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner of the Santa Clara County Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The dinner will take place in the Imperial Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, CA. I am honored to join with the Santa Clara County Council of the Boy Scouts of America in congratulating Mr. Gustafson on this momentous occasion.

As the Santa Clara County Council of the Boy Scouts of America has noted in their event program from the Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner, Mr. Gustafson is, "a person who exemplifies a commitment to the community, integrity and leadership." Those who know Reid Gustafson know that his spirit and dogged commitment of the community, make it a better place for all of us to live and work.

By profession, Mr. Gustafson is a leader in the housing industry, having been president of Shea Holmes of northern California for the last 12 years. In spite of a very busy work schedule, Mr. Gustafson has also found the time to become involved in numerous community programs and activities, and is a role model for all of us in terms of his outstanding commitment to community service. From a personal