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Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joey Hill, a winner of the South Carolina Voice of Democracy Broadcast scriptwriting contest in South Carolina. Joey Hill is the president of the student body at Southside High School in Greenville, SC.

In this year, on the theme "My Vision for America," Joey wrote this: "I have a vision for America. I long to see gratitude return to the hearts of our citizens. Too often we always want to play the victim, the person to whom the world owes a great debt. Although pointing the finger is easy and maybe even a little fun, we will, after continued pointing, find the consequences too great to bear, so we must change, and the key to change is gratitude."

Mr. Speaker, I agree with Joey, that this is a time of change. We do not need to blame others and claim entitlement for past debts. What we need, instead, is a little gratitude for what has been given us. I am very proud to congratulate Joey today, and to enter his speech in the RECORD of today's proceedings, as follows:

MY VISION FOR AMERICA

"It's too hard." "It's not fair." "I never get the good things in life." "The grass on the other side gets greener and greener while useless stubble sprouts on my side of the fence." Complaining; it seems as if it comes natural to Americans. Of the many purposes for which words could be used, complaints tiptoe off our tongues most often and that fact reflects badly on us. We always want to play the victim, the person who is never in the wrong, the person to whom the world owes a great debt. Although pointing the finger is easy, and maybe even a little fun, we will, after continued pointing, find the consequences too great to bear. So we must change, and the key to changing is gratitude. I have a vision for America. I long to see gratitude return to the hearts of our citizens. We must be grateful to those persons who came before us, who paved a smooth, scenic way for us to travel on through life and we must take advantage of the blessings they have won for our sake.

History is spotted with them. They are dubbed the movers and shakers—the somebodies. The people to whom the United States of America fall into unpayable debt. These persons struggled under the most uncompromising of trials to gain freedoms for this nation's citizens. Their names are many: Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Thurgood Marshall, Cesar Chavez, John Brown, Harriet Beecher Stowe, John Kennedy, Martin King, Malcolm X. Their voices spoke the same message, but in a myriad of ways. This message covered many topics: perseverance in the midst of a trial, retention of goodwill when the world gives you its worst, striving for excellence in the realm of education. These persons sincerely encouraged us to better ourselves. They gave us wisdom to live by. For example, Cesar Chavez stated to the world that "the strongest act of manliness is to sacrifice ourselves for others in a totally non-violent struggle for justice." Susan B. Anthony tested our sincerity about the equality of women with her establishment of temperance organizations. And every American has heard of the labors of Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr.—but many of Americans fail to understand the significance of his work. King courageously led a people who were punched, kicked, beaten, bitten by dogs, waterhosed, and murdered in some of the most inhumane ways so that we, the present day citizens of the United States of America—White, Black, Latino, Oriental, Indian, Native American—might be educated in the realm of culture; that we might not be discriminated against because of our culture.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GOSS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

SAD NEWS FROM COLORADO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. MCINNIS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, once again I stand in front of my colleagues of the great House of Representatives bringing sad news from the State of Colorado. On Friday, April 28, 1995, a mad killer drove into a local grocery store in South Jefferson County. As he drove into that grocery store, he walked, and got out of his car, walked into the grocery store, shot his wife dead, then shot the store manager dead, and then a police officer, the first officer responding to the scene, Sgt. Tim Mossbrucker, was shot before he even knew what hit him.

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Sergeant Mossbrucker was a father, he was a husband, he was an officer strongly admired by his fellow officers in Jefferson County. He was a young father. He was a father of five children, with a sixth child on the way.

Once again, a police officer has given his life in the line of duty, and, once again, as too often happens, his wife, Lynn, who in her own respects is a strong, wonderful woman, will be delivering their child without his presence.

Once again we have children who will be raised through life without their father, because their father gave his life in the line of duty. Lynn, his wife, tucked 3-year-old Alex into bed that Friday night, saying, "A bad person hurt daddy bad—so bad that he can't come home."

Lynn, his wife, will have to go through life maintaining the strength she has so far shown in life.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read a poem that was presented at the service for this fine officer. First of all, for the officer, from mother to son.

MOTHER TO SON

God gave me a wonderful little pride and joy,
a bouncing baby boy.
And as he grew straight and tall,
he was always ready to give it his all.
A policeman he decided to be,
as he studied life sitting on my knee.
He exceeded far beyond expectation,
honest and smart, care and loving.
A little soul, entrusted to my care,
always helpful, his goodness he would share.

Growing straight and tall, a protector of life
he became,
until one Friday morning an angel came.
Swift and graceful, taking him from me.
No more "Hi, Mom," or sweet smile I would see.

A role model for his children had always been his fame,
but in the calm, a hero for his community
he became.

Lovingly he left me, a strong young woman
and the little flock of six,
all in all, a glorious mix.

But that's not all, I am truly blessed you see,
two more sons and a daughter gave to me.
They grew, too, in much the same way,
adding more to our family, making me proud every day.

With a husband, daughters, sons, grandchildren,
children, parents and friends,
now "our little hand."

Steadfast and strong we make our stand.
Timothy Michael was your name,
it occurred to me long before you came
into my life to stay.

I love you more than I can say.
God bless and keep my little boy,
my strong, straight and tall deputy son,
For your hard fought battle has been won.
Until some day when we meet again,
fighting the good fight as best we can.
Tim, guide us in God's great and wondrous plan.
Love, Mom.

The sergeant was a true professional, a true professional that was taken from us by a despicable killer. But we also had two other lives that were lost that day, and I should point out that 11 children as a result of this incident were left without a parent: Lynn, Matt, Erin, Annie, Alex, William, Moss, Iralee, Mark, David, and Mindy.

Mr. Speaker, all too often we have to appear in front of this body and speak of an officer, a man or woman in blue, who has given their life for the rest of us.

Mr. Speaker, I make these statements for the RECORD as a memorial and as a thank you from the United States of America, not only to the fallen officer, but to his strong wife and his wonderful children. I also include for the RECORD a tribute from Russ Cook, the Chief of Police of the Golden Police Department.

TO THE EDITOR:

Residents of South Jefferson County were shocked last week when they were awakened by a tragic crime, usually thought to occur in big cities. No one could have suspected that an angry and enraged killer was about to walk into their local grocery store and

gun down his wife, the store manager, and wound an innocent, unsuspecting pregnant woman. Sheriffs deputies were doing their job responding to the many daily calls where violence is anticipated and usually resolved by their skills and training. But Friday, April 28, 1995 was going to be different!

Certainly, Sheriff's Sergeant Tim Mossbrucker didn't know that when he turned into the parking lot of this sleepy little suburban grocery store, he would be gunned down in cold blood. I'm sure that other deputies responding did not know that they would be confronted by gunfire that was going to take the life of their colleague and friend.

How they must feel. You can rest assured that how they feel is how we all feel. What can be done about someone who has so much rage and anger that he is willing to cut down members of society by simply pulling a trigger?

I know that the entire law enforcement community shares the grief and sense of helplessness that must be felt by members of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. I, too, share the grief and despair that they are experiencing. Sadly, this will not be the last law enforcement officer we will put to rest; this is not the last time we will have innocent victims taken from us over senseless violence.

I would hope the next time you see someone who is willing to put his/her life on the line for little pay and lousy hours, you will tell them that you appreciate them and what they do. It is quite possible that each time they put on a uniform and start a tour of duty, it could be their last.

RUSS COOK,

Chief of Police, Golden Police Department.
May 2, 1995.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. OWENS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DOGGETT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DOGGETT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. EHLERS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. EHLERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. GENE GREEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

BIPARTISANSHIP NEEDED TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. BRYANT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, I come here tonight with a stronger hope and brighter optimism for a sound and stable future for this country.

Bipartisanship is alive and well in the U.S. Senate, and we need more of it here in the House of Representatives.

I would like to take a few moments to commend Senators ALAN SIMPSON and BOB KERREY—two Senators of opposite parties—for their willingness to put politics aside and work together to save Social Security.

To me, the significance to be found in their effort is their realization of a big problem and their willingness to put partisan politics aside in order to go about the task of solving it.

Mr. Speaker, in Monday afternoon's issue of Congress Daily, Senator KERREY said, and I quote: "I am the chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, and so it's possible for us to come forward and say the DSCC is not going to go out and attack Republican Senators for doing the right and responsible thing. We can take politics out of it."

Senator KERREY also said, and again I quote: "I will not put blinders on and say, 'well, I've got to attack somebody just because they're a Republican.'"

Senator KERREY, if you're watching this, I thank you and applaud you for championing this crucial issue with someone from the other side of the aisle. The House of Representatives needs more bipartisanship like that of you and Senator SIMPSON.

Like Social Security, one of the most crucial issues facing this Congress is preventing Medicare from going broke for the millions of seniors who depend on it.

But no one seems to want to put politics aside, roll up their sleeves, and solve the problem.

Instead, all we've heard are criticisms and attacks.

What good are these attacks doing? What legitimate purpose are they serving?

None. Nothing. All the carping, all the complaining, all the criticisms, are doing not one thing to save Medicare.

In the May 29 edition of Newsweek magazine, it was reported that during a meeting of Democrats at the White House to discuss saving Medicare, Senator JOHN BREAUX suggested that Democrats join in a bipartisan commission to reform Medicare.

The article went on to report that many of those present in the meeting rejected the idea, instead opting to let Republicans take the heat on this crucial effort.

What kind of leadership is that? How can we make any real progress with that kind of an attitude coming from the other side of the aisle?

Senator BREAUX, you're right on target, and I appreciate your foresight of this important issue. We need more of that kind of thinking here in the House of Representatives. We're going to have to have it if we're ever to save Medicare.

It's time for Congress to come together and devise a plan to preserve Medicare, and don't worry about who saves it.

Saving Medicare won't be something that will take place overnight.

It will require vision and foresight by the policy makers. Any Medicare reform proposal Congress proposes must entail reasonable, flexible, and common-sense alternatives for those who may choose to seek their medical care another source, such as an HMO.

Saving Medicare will require understanding by the millions of seniors who depend on it. Any restructuring of Medicare will require some changes. But everyone must realize that if there are no changes, there won't be any Medicare.

And most importantly, saving Medicare will require everyone in this body to work together if we are to realize success in our efforts.

We cannot—we must not—waste our time haggling with each other about preserving Medicare, because in the next 7 years, father time will grant us no time outs, no reprieves, and no second chances.

The many millions of seniors who are depending on us to save Medicare cannot afford gridlock.

Like Senator KERREY said, "we can take politics out of it."

I hope everyone in Congress can come together like Senators SIMPSON, KERREY, and BREAUX. Together, we must devise a plan to save Medicare.

I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to participate in the process of saving Medicare in a positive and constructive manner.

We owe the millions of seniors of this country who are depending on us, our best effort.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to avoid references to Members of the other body.