

California at Davis, where she was president of her sorority.

To Anne Noel's parents, VIC and Joey, there is nothing more painful than that of the pain of losing a child. But I know from my own sister's death that you need time to grieve, and in your grief this country shares what you have so effectively done in leading this Nation ahead, and that is that this country shares your sorrow.

We send this sorrow to you as Representatives of this Nation's Government, who knows that VIC not only has led this Congress but he has been a great father who is now suffering from the most difficult pain of all, the pain of the loss of a child.

VIC, we pray for you. But most of all, we send our love.

I yield to my colleague, the gentlewoman from California [Ms. ESHOO].

Ms. ESHOO. I would like to thank my colleague, the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR], for organizing this small but very important tribute to Anne Fazio.

As my colleague has just stated, Anne was a star. All of her doctors, anyone that knew her, her friends, her extended family of friends knew what a fighter she was. She fought leukemia, and she was a real champion. There were many times where she felt, as VIC said, her father, that she had been dealt a bad deck of cards, and her father, being the fighter that he is, reminded her time and time again to look at what she had done with what was dealt to her.

She excelled at everything that she did, and we know most of all, as parents, the most difficult thing, the most unbearable thing, the most unthinkable is for a parent to have to bury their own child.

So today in this Chamber, we gather as the friends and colleagues of the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO]. It makes no difference whether one is a Republican or a Democrat. We reach out, and we say, as parents and as friends, we grieve with you. You have our prayers. We know that the angels have welcomed Anne to heaven, but it is up to us to do God's work and to continue on and to take care of one another as friends and extend ourselves in sympathy.

I would like to just close on this note: I cannot help but think of the writings of Milton at this time, and he wrote that, "And so she passed on, and all the trumpets sounded on the other side."

God rest her gentle young soul, and we send you our best, VIC, and when you get back here we will surround you with our friendship, with our love and our prayers.

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California [Ms. PELOSI].

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank our colleague, the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR], for taking this time for us to express the condolences and the sympathy of all Members of

this body to the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO] and his family for his tremendous loss.

I also wanted to say that our colleague, the gentlewoman from California [Ms. ESHOO], expressed so well the sentiments that we all share. She was the head of the prayer patrol for Anne in the Congress, and we were all alerted a couple of months ago that more prayers were needed, and we did not realize, though, how drastically.

I would like to say, as I say my colleagues have said it so eloquently, but I just want to say a couple of things about Anne. She was only 2 years old when VIC was elected to the Congress, and she worked as a volunteer in her father's office and became very acquainted with politics. She had an interest in public service and she was a page in the summer of 1988.

VIC and Anne's mother described her best when VIC said, "Anne had an indomitable spirit and a tremendous amount of will," a tearful VIC FAZIO said on Monday. Her mother said she was a wonderful daughter and a wonderful friend.

We all shared VIC's concern over the years when Anne was fighting leukemia, and she proved herself a trouper, a fighter, and as my two colleagues have said, a star.

Any words of consolation to someone who has lost a child are, of course, inadequate and, in fact, impossible. But I hope it is a consolation to VIC and to Joey, Carolyn Mason, Anne's mother, I hope it is a consolation to them we all learned a great deal from Anne in her courage and her strength. She was an inspiration to many people in the Congress of the United States and all who knew her, and I hope they are consoled by the fact that her life was appreciated, that she left this Earth as a teacher, as an inspiration, and that she is remembered in the prayers of all Members of the Congress of the United States.

Again, I thank our colleague, the gentleman from California [Mr. FARR], and the gentlewoman from California [Ms. ESHOO] for their words of inspiration and again extend our deepest, deepest sympathy to VIC FAZIO and his family.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAZIO FAMILY

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, first of all, let me extend to our good friend, the gentleman from California [Mr. FAZIO], and his family from the Republican side of the aisle our sincerest condolences on the death of his daughter, Anne.

I cannot imagine what it would be like to lose a daughter or a son, but I certainly do not want to experience that. So we wish VIC the very best and

his family the very best, and they get all of our deepest sympathy.

TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL W. BROWN

Mr. Speaker, it is interesting, the reason I am taking this 5-minute special order is because in 1964, I met a fellow who was to become one of my dearest friends, and he died day before yesterday of cancer, and he became like a brother to me.

I remember in 1970, when I first decided to run for Congress, I talked him into getting involved in politics. He said, "Oh my gosh," he says, "I wouldn't want to do that. It takes too much time. There is so much crookedness and corruption," you know what people say. I talked him into it. His name was Russell W. Brown, incidentally. He became one of the political leaders in Indianapolis, IN, and the State of Indiana for 30 years.

I do not know what our party or the political process would have done had we not had such a person in a leadership position in Indianapolis. He was an inspiration to everybody. He spent a tremendous amount of time, as both sides of the aisle know, working for various candidates, making sure that their views were expressed and they got elected.

Those people are the unsung heroes. We get elected and we get on television and people around the country find out who we are. They may not agree with us, but at least we get some notoriety. But people like Russ Brown, who spent 15, 20, 30, 40 hours a week working on our behalf and on behalf of the country, the Nation, never getting much recognition. But they certainly deserve it. Without them, the foot soldiers, the people who are the political leaders back home, without them we would not be elected and the country would not be able to get its job done, and the Congress would not be able to get its job done.

I would just like to say today, and I guess I am kind of rambling, Mr. Speaker, I normally do not do that, I guess, I am certainly going to miss Russ. He was a wonderful man. He was a great humanitarian, a great father, a great husband, and he was one of my dearest friends, and throughout the remainder of my life, I will miss his smiling face, and his words of encouragement, and all the wonderful things he did for me and for this country.

PEOPLE ARE BEING BADLY HURT BY THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. THURMAN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, real people are being hurt and hurt badly by this Government shutdown.

I want to tell you about a lady who called this morning extremely upset and concerned about what was going to happen to her family. Her name is Rita Arrington. She is a nurse at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Lake

City, FL. She is the only breadwinner in her family because her husband is disabled. She had a child to feed and clothe. She has bills to pay just like you and me.

But for the last 20 days she has worked without pay because she is an essential Federal employee, and, get this, because of title 38, she is barred from working in a nursing home or some other facility in her off hours so that she could receive some compensation.

I have gotten many, many calls from Federal employees in my district. Many work in the area of VA medical centers. They are working without pay, without any sort of financial security. Like all of us, they do have those bills to pay, children to feed and mortgages to pay, and we sit here continuing with our partisan bickering for the 20th day in a row.

This is not what we were sent here to do. Our job is to ensure the responsible functioning of Government, and I cannot think of anything more irresponsible than to let these workers continue to work without pay for 1 more day.

Mr. Speaker, veterans in my district depend on these health care workers, and they in turn depend on us. They elected us to represent them.

Who really believes we are doing what we were sent here to do? A great nation does not act this way. We can place blame on the extremists and the liberals, but I am sick of it, and my constituents are sick of it.

We may have our philosophical differences up here. But there is no reason why our Nation's Federal workers and Americans who depend on this Government should be used as political pawns. We can continue to debate our political differences, but how dare we threaten the livelihood of those health care workers who care for men and women who, through their life service, provide us with the very security and freedom we now enjoy?

Today, the fourth continuing resolution ended, and there is currently no legislation providing funding for the VA. We must return Government to work and the people it serves.

Things have gotten so bad that Bread of the Mighty Food Bank in Gainesville is now offering food assistance to furloughed employees of the veterans' medical center in Gainesville so they do not go hungry.

It is a shame, and it is a shame brought on by this House.

Then there is the young mother from High Springs. She was receiving disability but is now attending the University of Florida under vocational rehabilitation funding. Because of the shutdown of the Government, she is unable to pay her tuition. This was to be her final semester. She was looking forward to entering the work force and becoming a productive citizen. Now she will have to attend an extra semester, delaying her ability to get a job and provide for her family.

If this is not bad enough, she has a young son who is disabled, who is also being affected. Now, because of the shutdown and lack of assistance she was receiving her son will lose the attention he was receiving from a qualified professional at home.

To those who do not believe there is a disastrous ripple effect from the shutdown, let me assure you that there is. The qualified caregiver that was helping this young woman's son is also a mother herself. She is not getting paid either. This mother also has to feed her family.

When is this going to end? I am now asking, please, from this leadership, let us present a clean CR. Let us not go a single more day advancing financial and emotional hardship on our work force. Let us face it, many have lost faith in Congress over the past 20 days. It is time, and moreover it is our responsibility to set aside our differences just for 15 minutes. That is the time it would take to vote for a clean CR and agree to put our Federal workers back to work.

SUMMARY OF 4-DAY TRIP IN GERMANY

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

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I have not yet asked permission to reduce my 1-hour special order later tonight to 5 minutes, so I will do that at this moment and take that 1-hour special order tomorrow night.

Mr. Speaker, I have just returned yesterday afternoon in time to make the attempted overriding of Mr. Clinton's pathetic vetoing of a great defense authorization bill yesterday. I came back from 4 days in Germany. If it were not for these votes yesterday, today and tomorrow, I would have pressed on to Tuzla to keep my promise that I had hoped to be with the troops Christmas, and when voting prevented that, I said I would be with them at least at their departure points over New Year's, and I was. I would like to give a full hour report on that, but I will do a 5-minute summary tonight.

First of all, on all the acrimony here in the Congress, and as someone who is expecting any day the glory of a 10th grandchild, I understand the pain of insecurity of all the Federal workers who would rather productively be on the job than wondering, even though I suspect they know in the end they will get their pay, but wondering if something can go wrong and they would not be fully recompensed for this unwanted furlough or vacation.

But, Mr. Speaker, there is suffering taking place by American citizens, some very young ones, that goes far beyond the angst and the uncertainty and the suffering of our Federal workers here, and that is those on the Federal payroll in the United States military in Germany and Hungary and in Bosnia.

Let me give you just a short sampling of what I am going to talk about tomorrow. We talked about the land mines on this floor for about a month, but particularly with some intensity the week before Christmas. John Martin Begosh, kind of an unusual, I think it is an Irish name, not exactly what you would say when you would step on a land mine, but Begosh, young John Martin, named after his dad's kid brother, who was killed in Vietnam, suffered a life changing injury.

The military tried to put their best reports on this, but by the third day when I was over there, they finally admitted severe bone loss, part of his foot gone, and his surgeon said he will be disabled for the rest of his life, and in the coming days we will know how badly disabled.

Now, we all pray that he is the exception. As I said on the House floor a couple of weeks ago, I expect very few casualties. I did not join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle predicting a nightmare. I know the efficiency of our military and how all three sides over there, Bosnian Serbs, Bosnian Moslems, and Bosnian Croats, are going to respect the power of our military.

We have something called a target acquisition radar, that when one of those evil mortars or artillery pieces that have been killing civilians fires at us, if and when they dare to, we will know the precise location of the artillery piece or the mortar before the round has barely reached what they are shooting at, and there will be unleashed upon them such accurate 155 millimeter artillery fire, we will not need air support, they will all be dead, and it will be a warning to the others you do not fool with the U.S. military.

That does not mean that the cold and land mines are not beyond every description, including my own, in this House over the last 2 months. At the railheads in Hungary, we have men and women who have been sleeping in railroad cars in filth and rats in the warehouses at these spots, and in cold that is rivaling the severest winter since what the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GIBBONS] saw with the 101st Airborne in the winter of 1944-45.

It is particularly tough on the women. For those of us in this Chamber and the other body that said that women could take any kind of combat, I brought home for tomorrow night comments from women from Stars and Stripes that say it is OK for the men to go relieve themselves in the field, but where are the toilet facilities for we women? It is a little bit different for us.

Down at Tuzla, these freezing nights and these tent facilities and sleeping in and around the vehicles was beyond their worst expectations. But can they cut it? You bet.

I had never in all of my adult life, 6 years active duty, 22 in the reserves, and 18 years, 19 years now, going out to see our troops as a U.S. Congressman, I had never seen more dedicated, gung