

Roger Kassebaum from Millard North High School in Omaha, NE. Roger is a high school teacher there and the lead curriculum design teacher for NASA's KidSat program. KidSat is a program in conjunction with Sally Ride, the former astronaut and current physics professor.

This program allows students on Earth to control, through the Internet, a still camera on the space shuttle. Photographs taken by the camera are downloaded to Earth via satellite, where students then learn to use them in class.

I have been in Roger's class and seen how much fun the kids have at learning and the way he teaches and enhances their learning. He is a tremendous teacher and one all should be proud of. I believe his innovative techniques could be duplicated by other teachers across this country. He makes learning fun. I can say from firsthand knowledge that Roger Kassebaum is the kind of teacher America can be proud of.

Thanks, Roger, for what you do for the future of our country.

#### FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT'S LEGACY

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues that as we preserve the legacy of our great President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt with his memorial here in Washington, we must not forget the ideals that he upheld for the American people.

FDR once said, "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." Those words resonate true now more than ever.

As a Nation we must never forget our responsibility to the general welfare of all of our citizens. This means we have a duty to the mother who is without the resources to feed her infant, we have a duty to ensure that our poor children receive the same health care as their classmates, and, yes, we even have a duty to the immigrants who are struggling in a new country, for the words etched on the Statute of Liberty still read "Give us your tired, your poor, yearning to be free \* \* \*."

Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate Franklin Roosevelt's legacy let us never forget that it was because of his dedication to those who had too little that many Americans now have so much.

#### IN APPRECIATION OF OUR TEACHERS

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, as we recognize National Teachers Appreciation Week, I want to thank one of the teachers who helped instill in me a hard work ethic and desire to be the best I could be. My seventh grade teacher, Mrs. Annie Yoder, made a real difference in my life, and I owe part of my success to her. Mrs. Yoder, thank you so much for all you did for me and for the many other students that you diligently taught.

Education is vitally important to the well-being of our country, and during my visits to classrooms in the 10th District it has become increasingly clear to me teachers are among the most important keys to the success of our educational system. Teachers help lessons come alive and cultivate within all of us the love of knowledge. If knowledge is power, then teachers are the purveyors of this power. For this, we owe them not only our gratitude but respect and support as well.

If we want to truly respect and support our Nation's teachers, we must take educational control away from Washington and place it back with teachers and parents and local officials. To all the Mrs. Annie Yoders who have helped make us a better and brighter future, thank you, and I hope we can honor their hard work and dedication by not hindering what they do best, educating America.

#### CONGRESS SHOULD FIRE CIA AND HIRE CNN

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Senate is about to confirm another director of the CIA, even though America found out about the collapse of the Soviet Union on CNN. America learned of the fall of the Berlin Wall on CNN. America found out about Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait on CNN.

After all this, Congress keeps pouring billions of dollars into that big sink-hole called the Central Intelligence Agency. I say, with a track record like that, Congress does not need a Committee on the Budget; Congress needs a proctologist.

I think the record is real clear. Congress should fire the CIA and hire CNN. Maybe we will learn what is happening in the world.

#### TEACHERS PLAY VITAL ROLE IN FUTURE OF OUR NATION

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, National Teacher Appreciation Week gives us an opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of teachers across the country. Teachers every day inspire young students and help prepare our children for the next century.

One especially outstanding teacher in my community is Sharon Draper, an English teacher at Walnut Hills High School, recently named the National Teacher of the Year. Now Mrs. Draper is helping train other teachers by serving as an instructor at the Mayerson Academy in Cincinnati.

There are other teachers, of course, who deserve recognition back home in my district in Cincinnati: Susan Staub, a government teacher at Mercy High School; Tim Taylor at Oak Hills; Gene Jesse, at LaSalle, my alma mater; Mike Odioso at St. X; Jim Pharo at Seton; Jim Fiehre at Mt. Healthy; Mary Helen Beimesche at St. Ursula; Shad Stigle at Diamond Oaks, and the list could go on and on.

I want to also commend all those teachers just beginning their careers, like Shannon Crim at Lakota, who right now is completing her very first day as a teacher.

As a former schoolteacher myself, and as a parent, I appreciate the vital role good teachers play in the future of this Nation. Today and every day we should thank the teachers.

#### PROTECT OUR SENIORS

(Mr. ETHERIDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to support a resolution to protect our seniors from politically motivated cuts in Social Security, veterans benefits, and pensions.

This Congress must balance the Federal budget and we must do so in a manner that is consistent with our Nation's values and honors our commitments to older Americans. These citizens have worked hard all their lives and now only want a dignified retirement.

My North Carolina citizens have told me that we should not turn their cost of living adjustments into a political football behind closed doors in a Washington deal.

Mr. Speaker, the professionals at the Bureau of Labor Statistics should be allowed to do the job for which they are hired: determine the Consumer Price Index free of political pressure and protect our seniors.

#### NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

(Mr. BLUNT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I am here today as we set aside this week as Teacher Appreciation Week. If every Member of this House, and if, in fact, the people who are gathered in the gallery today and the people who are watching on television would just take a minute to carefully reflect on the people that have affected their lives, they would determine, as they tried to

pick out the three people that had had the most impact on their lives, I think very few Americans, even very few Members of this Congress, would determine that one of those people was the President of the United States or that one of those people was a Governor of a State or that one of those people was even a Member of Congress. I think the overwhelming majority of people in our country, and certainly in this House, would think of, as they thought of people that had affected their lives, they would think of a mother and a father, they would think of grandparents, a Sunday school teacher. Almost everybody, if asked to name three people, would name a teacher, would name a member of that profession whose job it is to really expand human potential. There is no greater calling.

And as we recognize the teachers this week and as we appreciate teachers, I want to take a minute to reflect on one of my teachers. As I thought about the teachers I had had throughout school, I had a long, long list of great teachers, but one of my teachers, my 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Norma Knight, who is still living in Springfield, MO, really had an impact on me.

I have a picture of her here today, in fact. I have not had a picture that large of Mrs. Knight in my office for my entire career, but perhaps I should have, because she was the first person that really convinced me that it was OK to read.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be given 1 additional minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is only allowed 1 minute under this order of business. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. BLUNT. Well, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate her efforts and appreciate the great job she did as a classroom teacher and her inspiration to me.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded that they should avoid references to visitors in the gallery and to the television audience.

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#### IN MEMORY OF SIXTH GRADE TEACHER NETTIE MESSINGER ON TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

(Mr. RANGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, let me join with my colleagues. I did not come to speak on this subject, but just this Friday I attended the funeral of a sixth grade teacher that I had. She was more than an inspiration to one of the worst kids in the classroom, which was CHARLIE RANGEL, but it was fantastic that the more success I received politically, the better she thought I was as a stu-

dent. How quickly they forget. I was so blessed to have had her, not only as a sixth grade teacher in Nettie Messinger but as someone who counseled me after I got out of the service, returned to high school and went on to college and law school.

There were so many, many students that she took this very, very personal relationship with. She did not just let you play hookey, she had to come by your house to let your parents know that you missed school.

On behalf of all of the students from old PS 89, some that get on TV and many others that do not, let me thank the teachers that follow the high tradition of real teaching as Mrs. Nettie Messinger did and join my colleagues in thanking all of our teachers, especially those in the public school system.

#### SUPPORT BIPARTISAN BALANCED BUDGET AGREEMENT

(Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Thomas Jefferson was an enemy of deficit spending. In fact, he was so hostile to the idea that Government could saddle future generations with debt that he considered deficit spending a moral evil. He once wrote:

We shall consider ourselves unauthorized to saddle posterity with our debts, and morally bound to pay them ourselves; and consequently within what may be deemed the period of a generation, or the life of the majority.

Well, we have ignored the words of Thomas Jefferson for too long. America is over \$5 trillion in debt. Our children and grandchildren have been saddled with a debt that they did not create. We think that is wrong. In fact we think it goes against everything America stands for. The American dream means leaving a legacy of opportunity to our children and grandchildren, not \$5 trillion in debt.

Let us heed the words of Thomas Jefferson and support the bipartisan balanced budget agreement.

#### TRIBUTE TO COACH JERRY FAUST ON TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, this week is Teacher Appreciation Week and many of my colleagues today have been to the floor of the House to recognize teachers who have had an impact on their lives. In my case, I had such a teacher. His name was Jerry Faust who taught at Moeller High School. Beyond being a teacher there, he also was the head football coach. Myself and my eight brothers went to Moeller High School in Cincinnati. Many of us had Coach Faust not only as a coach but also as a teacher. He is someone who

had tremendous impact not only on my life but on many of my colleagues in that school, teaching us to be leaders, teaching us to fight for what we believe in. I think it was Coach Faust who taught all of us in my family that there is nothing in this world that you cannot accomplish, nothing that you cannot succeed at if you are willing to work hard enough and if you are willing to make the sacrifices that are necessary. I think it is because of people like Jerry Faust, people like a lot of great teachers around America that a lot of us are here. It is really the basis of what has made America great.

Congratulations to all teachers in America.

#### TRIBUTE TO MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER JEAN KASK

(Mr. QUINN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I too want to join my good friend, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER] and my dear friend, the gentleman from New York [Mr. RANGEL], in paying tribute to our many teachers all across the country. In my particular district in Buffalo and western New York as a former middle school teacher myself, I would like to pay a special tribute today to our middle school world affairs/social studies teacher Jean Kask who is now retired. Mr. Speaker, when I walked over here from my office today and saw the hundreds of students right outside the building, it reminded me of those world affairs trips that Mrs. Kask would bring to this city, to this very floor, 300 eighth graders for 4 days for many, many, many years. The interesting thing about Mrs. Kask is while she had those skills that were important in the classroom, she also taught other teachers. I consider myself to be luckier than all the students she had because I taught alongside of her and learned just as much as the students did, if not more.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Jean Kask of Orchard Park Middle School and all of our teachers throughout the district and the country in this very important week.

#### PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY LAPSE OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 105-80)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SNOWBARGER) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 204 of the International Emergency Economic