

The May 3rd game, as the one played in Cuba, will be a political and public relations home run for Fidel Castro but it will be a strikeout for political prisoners, for human rights dissidents and the Cuban people as a whole.

Let us send the right message to our young people and to the international community as a whole that the U.S., its institutions and its symbols will not be accessories to the crimes committed by the Castro regime and that we will not be manipulated into covering up those crimes.

PRESIDENTIAL ASSAILANT JOHN HINCKLEY VACATIONS ON TAX-PAYER DOLLARS

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, John Hinckley shot President Reagan with intent to kill. He was acquitted by reason of insanity and confined to a hospital where after a routine search they found correspondence between Hinckley and mass murderers Charles Manson and Ted Bundy.

But despite all of this, a Federal judge ruled that Hinckley is not an inmate, that Hinckley is a guest and is thus entitled to supervised leave privileges.

Beam me up. Is it any wonder what is happening to our society? Hinckley, who shot the President with intent to kill, is now enjoying weekends in the country. What is next, Disney World?

I yield back the tragic ordeal of James Brady and the two policemen also shot by this bum now vacationing on taxpayer dollars.

GEORGIA TRAVEL AND TOURISM

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

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the travel and tourism industry in my State of Georgia and in my Ninth District. It is an industry that contributes some 190,000 jobs in my State.

My district is blessed to be the home of Lake Lanier which is the most visited Corps of Engineers lake in the United States and has some \$2 billion of economic impact annually. We also have some 750,000 acres of the Chattahoochee National Forest.

The Appalachian Trail begins at Springer Mountain in my district and ends some 2,100 plus miles later in Maine.

We also have the Etowah Indian Mound and the Tallulah Gorge State Park. And in Dahlonega, Georgia, the first actual gold rush in our country was ignited there in 1828. The gold museum there is the second most visited museum in our State.

We also have the Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Battle Park which is the first military park in our Nation

that celebrates the fact that it was a bloody 2 days in which over 35,000 men were either killed, wounded or missing. We have visitors that come from all over the world to visit that park.

A number of other attractions include our Prater's Mill, Chief Vann House and others. It is absolutely the reason why the tourism industry is referred to as America's largest services export.

U.S. ROLE IN KOSOVO TURNED INTO PARTISAN POLITICAL CONTEST

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam Speaker, yesterday Republicans turned the question of ethnic cleansing, NATO's future and America's role in the world into a partisan political contest. Well over 30 Republican Members switched their votes from supporting the air strikes to ending the conflict yesterday so that they could vote against President Clinton.

Now, after having voted in a way that is totally inconsistent and having voted, some of them actually voted to not only not withdraw the troops in Campbell I and then not to declare war and then they voted at the end not to support the President's air campaign to end the ethnic cleansing, to end the genocide, they want to load the appropriations bill that the President proposes to try to sustain our troops in the field and take it from \$6 billion to \$12 billion, all of it coming from Social Security.

It is inconceivable to be spending twice the amount the President asked for when you are not even willing to vote to stop the ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. It is outrageous and it cannot be tolerated.

SALUTING UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" PROGRAM

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, last week I visited a high school in my district that was a great encouragement to me in the aftermath of the horrible tragedy in Littleton, Colorado.

As I met with several English honors classes at Unionville High School in Pennsylvania, I witnessed presentations by students who shared the results of community service assignments called "Make A Difference" projects. From planting trees to stream clean-up, to adopting a needy family, raising money to pay utility bills for a poor family, these kids did it all. Volunteering with school tutoring, helping a Salvation Army food bank, even sharing the joy of music with seniors at a nursing home, all of these ac-

tivities gave the students a new perspective.

I listened to these thoughtful, well-organized and poised presentations about the lessons these students learned and the benefits of giving themselves to help others.

There are many wonderful people across this Nation who are making a difference in our neighborhoods, including students. We need to continue to praise our kids and teachers and remind them of the importance of their contributions to our communities.

Thank you, Unionville High School, Mrs. Sheeler and students. Keep it up.

AN INFAMOUS MOMENT IN THE HOUSE

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

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, last night's vote failing to support the NATO air campaign against Milosevic was an infamous moment in this House. The majority proclaims its support for the troops but will not support what the troops are now risking their lives to do. The majority wants to double appropriations for an effort most of them apparently oppose. What is left for bipartisanship when the Republican majority will not use it in times as these? For them, there seems no water's edge. They mock the memory of that great Republican Senator from my home State, Arthur Vandenberg.

TOO MANY MISSIONS, TOO FEW RESOURCES

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

Mr. SCHAFER. Madam Speaker, our military problem is simple: too many missions, too few resources. This administration adds new missions every year and then gives the Pentagon fewer resources to accomplish them. And then to add insult to injury, our own continent remains vulnerable to a ballistic missile attack. A national missile defense system remains un-built, sacrificed on the altar of arms control. Instead of an America safe from a missile attack, we have a contract, a piece of paper with a country that no longer exists, the Soviet Union. That piece of paper, known as the ABM Treaty, does not keep America safe. It cannot protect us from the evil designs of Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and other world troublemakers who hate America and despise the very liberty we represent.

Tyrranical regimes cannot abide the idea of liberty. The existence of liberty is a threat to the power of the despots, tyrants and dictators.

Meanwhile, as the world becomes a dangerous place, our military is ignored and a national missile defense system is rejected. This is the path of dangerous folly.

HOUSE VOTES REGARDING
KOSOVO

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

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, there is a vile partisanship in this Chamber. We may have a new Speaker, but make no mistake about it, we have the same utterly dysfunctional leadership that saw us through government shutdowns and that made a partisan mockery out of the constitutional impeachment responsibility in this body.

Yesterday more than 30 Members of the majority voted against stopping U.S. participation in the NATO action, against the horrendous ethnic cleansing of Slobodan Milosevic, but then refused to vote for a resolution in support of the NATO action. There can only be one explanation for the House vote against the NATO campaign. The Republican majority will seize any opportunity to strike at President Clinton, even if it means giving encouragement to such a vile criminal as Slobodan Milosevic. Our national interest must rise above our partisan inclinations. The memory of those killed and raped in Kosovo and the support of the brave men and women carrying out this mission on NATO's behalf deserve better than this vote.

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MANY LIBERALS IN EDUCATION
HAVE HOSTILE ATTITUDES
TOWARDS PEOPLE WITH
RELIGIOUSLY-INSPIRED VALUES

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, the recent tragedy in Littleton, Colorado, points to an issue that has gone unaddressed for too long. Too many of our public schools are unsafe, and this is unacceptable.

What kind of system is it that allows kids to quote Hitler in the hallway, but which would see students get hauled into the principal's office for quoting the bible in the classroom? The pendulum has swung too far to the left.

Madam Speaker, many Americans believe that America has lost its way when our schools ignore the morals and the values that built this great Nation. But too many of the liberals in education have such a hostile attitude towards religion that they can not even conceive of a tolerant, multi-denominational religious presence in the public square which does not harm anyone's rights. Their caricatures of religious people are nothing but unfair stereotypes, and they falsely portray the agenda of ordinary people who think that religiously-inspired values are something to be proud of and something that has always made America great.

There is no magic solution for the problems we face in schools, but it is

time for the pendulum to swing the other way, back to the virtues and the values that built this great Nation.

COST OF FAILURE INFINITELY
GREATER THAN THE PRICE OF
VICTORY

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

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, Dante said that nothing was necessary for the spread of evil but that good men do nothing.

Yesterday, last night, shamefully the House of Representatives voted to do nothing. It sent an uncertain trumpet, not only to our NATO allies, but to one of the evils of this world: Slobodan Milosevic.

Let me read from a speech given by JOHN MCCAIN, not a member of my party, but one of this body, the Congress of the United States, that knows about war and knows about the American interest, not the partisan political interest. He said this:

Let me close by saying that both the Congress and the administration must show resolve and the confidence of a superpower. Our cause is just, and our early success is imperative. Let us keep our nerve and see the things through to the end. No matter how awful the images of war appear on television, the cost of failure, JOHN MCCAIN said correctly, are infinitely greater than the price of victory.

Madam Speaker, we failed last night. Let us not fail in the days ahead.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Members should avoid references to members of the other body.

REPUBLICAN COMPLAINTS ABOUT
ABUNDANT MILITARY SHORT-
AGES MET WITH SILENCE AT
THE WHITE HOUSE

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, the war in Kosovo has exposed a military readiness and national security vulnerability that must be removed. Evidence of our current military shortage is abundant:

We are dangerously close to running out of air-launched cruise missiles, a situation unthinkable in the days of Ronald Reagan's strong leadership. More than half of the B1-B bombers in Ellsworth Air Force Base are not mission capable because they lack critical parts. We are diverting planes from their patrols over the Iraqi no-fly zone in order to fill out the Kosovo mission.

Republican complaints and oversight hearings about this deteriorating situation over the past 6 years have been

met with silence in the White House and indifference in the press. No one seems to care. For four straight years, four straight years, the Republican Congress appropriated more money for defense than the President requested. But each year it is more of the same: an inadequate defense budget and insufficient resources.

Now will the President finally care?

INTRODUCTION OF THE RURAL
TEACHERS' RECRUITMENT ACT
OF 1999

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Rural Teachers' Recruitment Act of 1999, a much needed measure designed to address teacher shortage, recruitment and retention. Recruiting and retaining quality teachers is so important and difficult in schools across the country. Accomplishing this goal in rural areas is even a greater task.

Madam Speaker, there is little motivation for teachers to teach and to remain in rural areas. My bill offers an incentive to teachers to teach in these unrepresented areas.

The Rural Teachers' Recruitment Act of 1999 allows rural local education agencies to submit an application to the Secretary of the Department of Education for a grant to develop incentives that they like for whatever they like, for recruitment and retaining teachers and providing opportunities.

As we move in the 21st century, it is time to ensure that we have talented, dedicated and qualified teachers. We must give these new teachers a reason to favor providing instruction in our rural areas. We must reduce the shortage of quality teachers in areas where they are most needed. Without these teachers, our communities and children are the ones who suffer.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues in rural areas and urban areas to support my bill, the Rural Teachers' Recruitment Act of 1999.

LAST NIGHT'S APPALLING VOTE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, what have we wrought? I ended my time on the floor last night by speaking to this body of my shock and appall at our vote not to support those military men and women trying to save lives in the Kosovo area.

It is interesting, having gone to the Hershey retreat to uphold and promote bipartisanship, that yesterday I saw the crumbling edges of bipartisanship. I saw the repeat of the impeachment vote, the undermining of a President, not because one found good reason that there was no basis for this onslaught that is going on or this attack that is