

some of the experts would probably have encouraged him to give up.

But the story of Kurt Warner goes on. Not only did he go on to lead the Rams this year to the NFL championship in the Super Bowl and to the MVP award, but I think the story is much more powerful. After the game was over, he gave tribute and paid honor to where the real honor belonged, and he gave all of the glory to his savior, Jesus Christ. I just want to say, it took a special kind of courage for him to do that.

The story, as I say, goes on. Not only has Warner battled obstructions on the field to get where he is, but he has also had his share of off-the-field struggles, as well. His in-laws were killed in a tornado in Mountain View, Arkansas. Kurt and his wife Brenda's oldest son Zachary has been blind since suffering a head injury in an accident when he was a baby. Zachary is only able to see objects that are held very close to his face. He has been that way since he was an infant, when his father, Brenda's first husband, accidentally dropped the child during a bath.

Zachary has head injuries, but Kurt went on to adopt the child. He says later in this interview, "To go home and see how he struggles with everything he does helps keep things in perspective," Warner said. "I have realized how special a child he must be to go through life with the excitement and the joy he has, even though he has to struggle doing everything he does."

The story of Kurt Warner is a powerful story, and we in America I think owe him a big thank you, because for one brief, shining moment, we were all privileged to watch a real hero perform his art and perfect our lives.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I would like to say a special thank you to Kurt Warner. Good luck to he and his wife Brenda. We wish them only the best. As Paul Harvey would say, lead on.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the article of January 29, 2000, from the Post-Bulletin.

The article referred to is as follows:

[From the Post-Bulletin, January 29, 2000]

WARNER HAS STORY TO TELL: QUARTERBACK'S TALE IS MEMORABLE

The story of this Super Bowl is Kurt Warner.

What the St. Louis Rams' quarterback has gone through to become the National Football League's Most Valuable Player this season and to lead his team to the Super Bowl is amazing, utterly amazing.

Here are some things about Warner you might want to keep in mind as you watch him play in Super Bowl XXXIV Sunday against the Tennessee Titans.

He went to high school and college just down Highway 63 from us. Born in Burlington, Iowa, he attended Cedar Rapids Regis High School, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. He played college football at Northern Iowa University in Cedar Falls.

He was redshirted his first year at Northern Iowa, sat the bench for the next three years and started only as a fifth-year senior. Warner wasn't even on full scholarship until

his last year in college. He did pass for 2,747 yards and led Northern Iowa to a Gateway Conference championship in 1993.

Warner wasn't drafted by any NFL teams. He went to the green Bay Packers' training camp in 1994. He was cut before camp was over, but he was there long enough for Packers quarterback Brett Favre to tag him with the nick-name "Pop" Warner.

After he was cut by the Packers he returned to Cedar Falls and worked for six months stocking shelves at the Hy-Vee grocery store there.

Warner went on to play with the Des Moines-based Iowa Barnstormers in the Arena Football League for the next three seasons. He holds virtually all the Barnstormers' passing records, including 79 touchdown passes in one season (1997). He passed for 10,164 yards and 183 touchdowns in three seasons in Iowa.

Warner signed as a free agent with the Rams on Dec. 26, 1997 and then spent the summer of 1998 playing in NFL Europe for the Amsterdam Admirals and led the league in passing and touchdowns.

Warner, a devout Christian, spent time in Amsterdam, a city known for its red light district, leading a bible study class.

Warner rejoined the Rams for the 1998 NFL season, and spent the first 14 games on the inactive list. He saw his first NFL action of his career in the fourth quarter of Rams' final game against San Francisco and completed four of 11 passes for 39 yards.

Warner was back with the Rams this season, only because the Cleveland Browns passed him over in the expansion draft. The line on Warner as he entered this season was: Has potential to develop into a solid quarterback in the league . . . raw talent with outstanding arm strength and accuracy.

The Rams had signed Trent Green who played at Washington last season, to be their quarterback, but he suffered a knee injury in the preseason and was out for the year. In stepped Warner and the rest is history. He led the NFL in passing and with his 41 touchdown passes became only the second player in NFL history to throw for more than 40 touchdowns in a season.

Not only has Warner battled obstacles on the field to get to where he is, but he has had his share of off-the-field hurdles, too. His in-laws were killed in a tornado in Mountain View, Ark., in 1996. Kurt and wife Brenda's oldest Zachary, has been blind since suffering a head injury in an accident when he was a baby.

Zachary, is only able to see objects that are held close to his face. He's been that way since he was an infant, when his father, Brenda's first husband, accidentally dropped the child during a bath. Zachary's head hit the side of the tub, which damaged his brain and ruptured his retinas.

The accident almost killed the child, and doctors warned Brenda that if Zachary lived he'd never be able to see or walk or talk. He survived, despite seizures in the hospital, and when the Warners got married, Kurt adopted the boy, and his sister, Jesse, 8.

"To go home and see how he struggles with everything he does helps me keep things in perspective," Warner said. "I have realized how special a child he must be to go through life with the excitement and joy he has even though he has to struggle doing everything he does."

So that is the Kurt Warner story. It's difficult not to pull for a guy like him.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I begin by congratulating my very good friend, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) for his very thoughtful special order. Representing Los Angeles, the

former home of the Rams, I would like to extend hearty congratulations to Kurt Warner and Dick Vermeil and all associated with the Rams organization for their very impressive and exciting victory towards the end yesterday.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1838, TAIWAN SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-490) on the resolution (H. Res. 408) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1838) to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

(Mr. SOUDER 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 Idaho (Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO PROMOTE PIPELINE SAFETY

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

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, on June 10, 1999, a liquid gasoline pipeline owned by the Olympic Pipeline Company ruptured and spilled over 200,000 gallons of gasoline at Whatcom Falls Park, a 241-acre park in my district in the city of Bellingham. Gasoline was carried into Whatcom Creek, where it reportedly filled the creek at depths of up to 10 feet.

The spilled fuel was inadvertently ignited by two 10-year-old boys, Wade King and Stephen Tsiornas, who were playing with bottle rockets at the creek. The resulting fireball raced down the length of the creek for a mile and a half, killing King, Tsiornas, and an 18-year-old fly fisherman named Liam Wood. Swaths as wide as 200 feet along the creek were burned within minutes.

The explosion of June 10 caused millions of dollars in property damage and did immeasurable harm to the families and friends of Wade King, Stephen Tsiornas, and Liam Wood.

I have long held reservations about our system of pipeline safety regulations. In 1996, I voted against the pipeline deregulation bill because I felt it

removed too many essential safeguards. Since the tragedy, I have redoubled my efforts to improve the regulatory climate.

I have been in close contact with industry, public interest groups, local officials, Federal regulators, and constituents.

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The bill that I have introduced today addresses several concerns. Under my legislation, number one, pipelines will be required to be inspected both internally and with hydrostatic tests. Pipelines with a history of leaks will be specifically targeted for more strenuous testing. All pipeline operators will be tested for qualifications and certified by the Department of Transportation.

The results of pipeline tests and inspections will be made available to the public and a nationwide map of all pipeline locations will be placed on the Internet where ordinary citizens can easily access it. All pipeline ruptures and spills of more than 40 gallons will be reported to the Federal Office of Pipeline Safety. And States will be able to set up their own pipeline safety programs for interstate pipelines.

In addition, the bill requires studies on various technologies that may improve safety such as external leak detection systems and double-walled pipelines.

The bill has already bipartisan support. My distinguished colleagues, the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DUNN), the gentleman from Washington (Mr. INSLEE), and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) have agreed to cosponsor; and I thank them very much for that.

Mr. Speaker, we hope to move this legislation through Congress and I hope the rest of my colleagues can join with me in support of this bipartisan proposal.

CBO COST ESTIMATE ON H.R. 1838, TAIWAN SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, set forth below is the cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office on H.R. 1838, the "Taiwan Security Enhancement Act." This estimate was not available on October 28, 1999, when the Committee on International Relations filed its report on H.R. 1838.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE—
H.R. 1838, TAIWAN SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

H.R. 1838 would emphasize the security relationship between the United States and Taiwan. Specifically, the bill would authorize an increase in the technical staff at the American Institute in Taiwan, and would require the Administration to report on Taiwan's defense needs, its security situation, and the United States' ability to respond to contingencies in the Asia-Pacific region. Also, the bill would require the Administra-

tion to enhance the opportunities for training and exchanges of Taiwanese officers at U.S. military schools and academies. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have no significant budgetary effect.

According to the Department of Defense (DoD), implementing H.R. 1838 would not require any additional staff because DoD has already increased the number of technical staff at the American Institute in Taiwan during the last year. CBO estimates that preparing the required reports would not increase costs significantly, and any additional officer training and exchanges would be paid in full by Taiwan. The funds for training and exchanges would flow through the foreign military sales trust fund—a direct spending account. Because the bill could affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply; however, CBO estimates that the net effect of any increase in collections and outlays would not be significant.

H.R. 1838 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The estimate was prepared by Joseph C. Whitehill. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES SHOULD RAISE CAMPAIGNS TO HIGHER LEVEL OF TRUTHFUL- NESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SCARBOROUGH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, I know many Americans and also an awful lot of people in Washington, D.C., are focusing intently on what is going on in New Hampshire, not only tonight but over the past several weeks. We are obviously in the midst of a presidential primary season. It is very exciting to watch the democratic process playing itself out seeing who is going to be elected the next President of this great republic.

It has not been too surprising to see the differences between the Republican and the Democratic Party. The Republicans obviously have five or six conservative candidates whose fight mainly centers around who wants to cut taxes more, who wants to cut the size and scope of this mammoth bureaucracy, who wants to spend less and promote greater freedoms for individuals across the country.

Likewise, it is not a surprise that the Democratic primary has been consumed by battles, a left-wing battle for those swinging wildly for the most extreme elements of the Democratic left, whether it be in Iowa or New Hampshire.

They are fighting for bigger government. They are fighting for higher taxes, fighting for Federal funding of abortion on demand, not only here but also across the globe, and they are also fighting for socializing medicine, the same schemes that were rejected in 1994 by Americans.

Now, that is also not a surprise to most observers. But what is surprising,

I think, to many observers have been the exploits of the Democratic front runner, Albert Gore. I say it is surprising because he has shown a remarkable disregard for telling the truth in his campaign battle against Senator Bradley.

In the USA Today today, Walter Shapiro, who is a regular columnist who writes "Hype and Glory," wrote this:

"To tell the truth, Al Gore is having trouble out there. There he goes again. Al Gore simply can't help himself. With his veracity challenged by Bill Bradley and questioned in recent news stories, Gore might have been expected to use his major campaign event Sunday to end the final weekend before the New Hampshire primary on a high note. Instead, the Vice President, stretching truth as if he were competing in a taffy pull, went after Bradley with the kind of rhetorical overkill that made . . . Ted Kennedy standing next to Gore seem like Caspar Milquetoast."

"Speaking to both passionate supporters and still-wavering undecided voters, Gore dispensed with any pretense of subtlety in his new super-hero role . . . Gore used the word 'fight' . . . 44 times in roughly a 20-minute speech . . . But what was the most stunning about the Gore speech was not the Rocky imagery, but unabashed and unashamed mendacity."

Shapiro goes on to say, "Remember, Gore is the same candidate who insisted in Wednesday night's debate that, 'There has never been a time in this campaign that I have said something that I know to be untrue.'" Shapiro went on to say either GORE, "in both his Gingrich and abortion comments, enjoys a very permissive definition of 'untrue' or else his judgment is highly suspect if he actually believes his own over-the-top claims."

And I am quoting still from Shapiro in USA Today: "The Boston Globe disclosed Friday that during Gore's stuttering presidential campaign in 1988, his press secretary . . . warned the candidate in a memo, 'Your main pitfall is exaggeration.' This character flaw, this relentless willingness to prevaricate and demonize his opponents, might have been barely excusable in a young Senator making a premature run for the White House. But," in the words of Shapiro, "it is deeply troubling in a senior statesman who has served two terms as Vice President."

Walter Shapiro concludes by talking about how Bill Bradley has been trying to elevate the Democratic primary, whether one agrees with some of the most liberal tenets in his platform or not. "But if politics is ever again to become a higher moral calling than, say, commodities trading or running a talent agency in Hollywood, then candidates must be held responsible for the tenor and the truthfulness of their campaigns. And that means you, Mr. Vice President."

Mr. Speaker, I have got to say, I was struck not only by the timing of this article, because I was absolutely