

children's cancer research. Every day, science inches closer to finding a cure. Let us not hold back now.

I urge my colleagues to support the funding of child cancer research this year and in the years to come.

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#### CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, last week, many parents throughout our districts sent their wide-eyed, youthful, energetic and anxious children off to their first day of school. What is disturbing to every one of us who may be a parent is that on any given school day, 46 children are diagnosed with cancer and two out of three will not survive.

September is Childhood Cancer Month, placing the spotlight on pediatric cancer, the number one disease killer of our children.

While these statistics may be depressing, the research and innovation into providing early diagnoses and finding a cure proved to be very hopeful for many of us parents.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must remain committed to funding cancer research programs, especially for pediatric cancer. As we participate in the Childhood Cancer Gold Ribbon Day, let us remember the youthful victims of cancer.

Congress must fully fund pediatric cancer research to ensure that they become youthful survivors instead of youthful victims.

#### IN MEMORY OF CARLOS CACERES COLLAZO, U.S. CITIZEN KILLED IN EAST TIMOR VIOLENCE

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

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO. Mr. Speaker, the news last week of the brutal murder of the three United Nations workers in West Timor, Indonesia at the hands of an angry mob has faded to the back pages of the country's daily newspapers.

But for the family the only U.S. citizen killed in that attack, Carlos Caceres Collazo, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, the agony of the tragedy is still sinking in.

Carlos Caceres Collazo joined the United Nations High Commission on Refugees in 1995 and chose to work in the dangerous field of providing humanitarian aid to refugees in troubled spots such as East Timor.

The tragic death of this bright man, a graduate of Cornell University Law School and the University of Florida, underscores the frailty of human life, but it also highlights the strength and valor of answering the call to those who serve those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I never met Carlos Caceres, but it comes as no surprise to me to learn that he, like so many Puerto Ricans before him, gave his life to defend the rights of others continuing a tradition of public service.

#### TOP ISSUE FOR REPUBLICANS IS EDUCATION

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

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, last evening we had a chance, once again, to demonstrate that one of the top issues, if not the top issue, of the Republicans is education. We were in this Chamber debating an excellent bill proposed by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Chairman GOODLING) of the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

He served for many years as a teacher, then principal, then superintendent; and he has put his knowledge to good use in his work here as chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

This bill will improve reading training of children, but above all, through a stroke of genius, he has also included provisions that parents will receive training in reading if they are illiterate.

Mr. Speaker, in my years of education, I discovered that the single greatest factor in the success of the student is an interested and involved parent. But if the parent cannot read, how do we expect the child to learn how to read?

The bill of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GOODLING) will ensure that both will happen, and it also builds into it accountability to make certain that the government's money is not wasted. This bill does much more than just that, but I wanted to highlight this issue. I encourage all of my colleagues to vote yes on this excellent piece of education legislation.

#### IMPROVEMENTS IN MILITARY RETIREE HEALTHCARE

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

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of improvements in military retiree healthcare. While we can never adequately thank the millions of men and women who have proudly worn the uniform in defense of America, we must honor our commitments to them.

Several provisions of the fiscal year 2001 Defense authorization bill, which is currently in conference committee, are important steps in honoring that commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to see that both Chambers passed proposals to provide a prescription drug benefit to Medicare eligible military retirees.

Currently, military provided health benefits for beneficiaries over 65, fall far short of what larger employers, including the Federal Government, provide to their retired civilians.

Including a drug benefit for military retirees is a necessary step in keeping our promises to the men and women who risk their lives for our freedom. As I like to say, every day when I get up, I thank God for my life and I thank our Armed Forces for my way of life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the conference committee to include these common sense proposals in the Defense authorization bill, and in doing so, we will honor the heroes who protected freedom in America and ensured democracy for the world.

#### MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

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

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, there is a fundamental question this House of Representatives has worked so hard to address, and that is, is it right, is it fair that under our Tax Code 25 million married working couples on average pay \$1,400 more in higher taxes.

Let me give an example of a couple back in Joliette, Illinois, Shad and Michelle Hallahan. They have a combined income of about \$65,000. They are public school teachers. They own a home. They have a little baby, Ben, a child.

They suffer the marriage tax penalty. In fact, their marriage tax penalty making \$65,000 a year is about \$1,400. Every House Republican, 51 Democrats joined with us, we voted to eliminate the marriage tax penalty. Unfortunately, Bill Clinton and AL GORE vetoed our effort to wipe out the marriage tax penalty for people like Shad and Michelle Hallahan. AL GORE says that people like Shad and Michelle who make \$65,000 a year, own a home, have a child, suffer a marriage tax penalty of \$1,400 a year are rich and should not be helped. That is wrong.

My hope is today, as we vote to attempt to override Bill Clinton's and AL GORE's veto, that our effort to eliminate the marriage tax penalty and that more Democrats will join with us on this fundamental issue of fairness.

We will work to help people like Shad and Michelle Hallahan, two public school teachers who pay higher taxes just because they are married.

#### URGING COLLEAGUES TO OVERRIDE VETO OF MARRIAGE PENALTY RELIEF

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague from Illinois (Mr. WELLER) in rising to urge my colleagues to override the President's recent veto of marriage penalty relief.

The Marriage Penalty Relief Act passed by significant margins in both the House and the Senate. It is overdue for tax relief to our middle-income families, who are dependent on two-wage earners, who are hardest hit by this penalty. It is especially hard on that second wage, often the wife's salary, because their income is taxed at higher marginal rates, often from 15 percent to 28 percent. You can see how tough it is.

As the President makes up his long list of end-of-the-year spending priorities, let him remember and let us remember the 25 million married couples who are struggling to make ends meet. Instead of dedicating the surplus to more spending ideas and bigger government plans, we should return some of it to the American people who earned it, while continuing to pay down the debt.

Let the American people decide for themselves what is best and what is best for their families, not a politician in Washington.

#### VOTE TO OVERRIDE VETO ON MARRIAGE PENALTY RELIEF

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I guess it should come as no surprise to the American people that the administration that attacks the Boy Scouts is now attacking the institution of marriage, and they are doing it from an insidious higher taxes on the couples who dare do the right thing and walk down the aisle.

Take the situation, a true story in Savannah, Georgia, woman's name is Ann and the husband's name is Steve. They were making \$25,000 each; they got married last December. Now their combined family income is \$50,000. Guess what? They went from 15 percent tax brackets to now 20 percent tax brackets. They are paying more simply because they got married. Nothing else changed.

This administration is going to look them in the eye and say no, you are wealthy, you do not deserve the tax, because guess what, some even wealthier person and, of course, that is evil in the minds of AL GORE, somebody might benefit from this, so we are not going to let you have your own money.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that a few brave Democrats will for once put their constituents first and vote to override this horrible veto and pass marriage tax penalty relief.

#### PASS HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 1999

(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. Mr. Speaker, it is simply a matter of jus-

tice. Today the House of Representatives has an opportunity to fully legislate, and that is to support the motion to instruct to pass real hate crimes prevention legislation.

In the midst of all of this, Mr. Speaker, we will be having a number of frivolous motions, because our good friends on the other side are not serious about making a national statement against hate. They have fought us at every turn in not passing the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999, James Byrd was not enough. Matthew Shepherd was not enough. I do not know who will be next. I call upon the goodwill of this Congress to pass this motion to instruct.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it is a matter of justice. I asked the FBI to tell me whether or not the indictment or the trials and tribulations of Mr. Lee regarding the Los Alamos spy incident was a matter of racial profiling? Yes, it is a matter of justice. And I expect the FBI to respond to my inquiry as to whether or not because you are of a certain origin in this country, you are a spy or you are trying to undermine the United States of America.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Chair's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 337, nays 51, answered “present” 2, not voting 43, as follows:

[Roll No. 465]

YEAS—337

Abercrombie	Biggert	Cannon
Ackerman	Bilirakis	Capps
Allen	Bishop	Cardin
Andrews	Blagoevich	Castle
Archer	Blumenauer	Chabot
Armey	Blunt	Chenoweth-Hage
Baca	Boehlert	Clayton
Bachus	Boehner	Clement
Baird	Bonilla	Clyburn
Baker	Bonior	Coble
Baldwin	Bono	Collins
Ballenger	Boswell	Combest
Barcia	Boyd	Condit
Barr	Brady (TX)	Cook
Barrett (NE)	Brown (FL)	Cooksey
Barrett (WI)	Brown (OH)	Cox
Bartlett	Bryant	Coyne
Barton	Burr	Cramer
Bass	Burton	Cubin
Becerra	Buyer	Cunningham
Bentsen	Callahan	Danner
Bereuter	Calvert	Davis (FL)
Berkley	Camp	Davis (IL)
Berman	Campbell	Davis (VA)
Berry	Canady	Deal

DeGette	King (NY)	Regula
Delahunt	Kingston	Reyes
DeLauro	Kleczka	Reynolds
DeMint	Knollenberg	Riley
Deutsch	Kolbe	Rivers
Diaz-Balart	Kuykendall	Rodriguez
Dicks	LaHood	Roemer
Dingell	Lampson	Rogan
Dixon	Lantos	Rogers
Doggett	Largent	Rohrabacher
Dooley	Larson	Ros-Lehtinen
Dreier	Latham	Roukema
Duncan	LaTourette	Royal-Allard
Dunn	Leach	Royce
Edwards	Lee	Rush
Ehlers	Levin	Ryan (WI)
Ehrlich	Lewis (CA)	Salmon
Emerson	Lewis (GA)	Sanchez
Etheridge	Lewis (KY)	Sandlin
Evans	Linder	Sanford
Everett	Lipinski	Sawyer
Ewing	Lofgren	Saxton
Farr	Lowey	Scarborough
Fletcher	Lucas (KY)	Schakowsky
Foley	Lucas (OK)	Scott
Forbes	Luther	Sensenbrenner
Fossella	Maloney (CT)	Sessions
Fowler	Maloney (NY)	Shadegg
Frank (MA)	Manzullo	Shaw
Frelenghuyzen	Mascara	Shays
Frost	Matsui	Sherman
Gallegly	McCarthy (MO)	Shimkus
Ganske	McCarthy (NY)	Shows
Geddes	McCrery	Shuster
Gekas	McHugh	Simpson
Gephardt	McInnis	Sisisky
Gibbons	McIntyre	Skeen
Gillmor	McKeon	Skelton
Gilman	McKinney	Smith (MI)
Gonzalez	Meehan	Smith (NJ)
Goode	Meek (FL)	Smith (TX)
Goodling	Menendez	Smith (WA)
Gordon	Metcalf	Snyder
Goss	Mica	Souder
Graham	Millender-	Spence
Granger	McDonald	Spratt
Green (WI)	Miller (FL)	Stabenow
Greenwood	Miller, Gary	Stark
Hall (OH)	Minge	Stearns
Hall (TX)	Mink	Stehholm
Hansen	Moakley	Strickland
Hastings (WA)	Mollohan	Stump
Hayworth	Moore	Talent
Herger	Moran (VA)	Tanner
Hill (IN)	Morella	Tauscher
Hinojosa	Myrick	Tauzin
Hobson	Nadler	Taylor (NC)
Hoefel	Napolitano	Terry
Hoekstra	Neal	Thomas
Holden	Nethercutt	Thornberry
Holt	Ney	Thune
Hooley	Northup	Thurman
Horn	Norwood	Tiahrt
Hostettler	Nussle	Toomey
Houghton	Obey	Traficant
Hoyer	Olver	Turner
Hunter	Ortiz	Udall (CO)
Hutchinson	Ose	Upton
Hyde	Oxley	Velazquez
Inslee	Packard	Vitter
Isakson	Pastor	Walsh
Istook	Paul	Wamp
Jackson (IL)	Payne	Watkins
Jefferson	Pease	Watt (NC)
Jenkins	Pelosi	Waxman
John	Peterson (PA)	Weldon (FL)
Johnson (CT)	Petri	Weldon (PA)
Johnson, E. B.	Pickering	Wexler
Johnson, Sam	Pitts	Whitfield
Jones (NC)	Pombo	Wicker
Jones (OH)	Pomeroy	Wilson
Kanjorski	Porter	Wise
Kaptur	Portman	Wolf
Kelly	Pryce (OH)	Woolsey
Kennedy	Quinn	Wu
Kildee	Radanovich	Wynn
Kilpatrick	Rahall	Young (FL)
Kind (WI)	Rangel	
		NAYS—51
Aderholt	Crowley	Hefley
Baldacci	Cummings	Hill (MT)
Bilbray	English	Hilleary
Borski	Filner	Hilliard
Brady (PA)	Ford	Hulshof
Capuano	Green (TX)	Jackson-Lee (TX)
Clay	Gutierrez	Kucinich
Coburn	Gutknecht	LaFalce
Costello	Hastings (FL)	