

his 25 years of service to our country in the United States Air Force.

Tomorrow will be Colonel Valdivia's formal retirement at the Pentagon and I wanted us to show our gratitude for his years of dedication to our country.

Colonel Valdivia had recently been at the Pentagon, where he had been hand-picked to serve as the Deputy Director for Information Warfare. He serves as the Air Force Advisor on the National Security Panels to the Defense Science Board and the Joint Chiefs of Staff's Quadrennial Review of military missions and forces structure.

During his distinguished career, Colonel Valdivia has received numerous accolades, including being selected by the National Security Agency as a finalist in a worldwide competition for information security accomplishments.

The Colonel has also been the Chief of the Information Assurance Division for the U.S. European Command. In addition, Colonel Valdivia was the Director for Computer Operations and Software Development for NORAD.

Please join me in showing Colonel Valdivia our gratitude for his sterling service to our country. He joins us here today with his family.

FLAG DAY

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

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 224th birthday of the United States flag. The Stars and Stripes represents our spirit as a Nation, our unity as people, and our commitment to democracy throughout the world.

Today, Americans will pause for a moment as they reflect on this great Nation. I am proud that my district includes Fort McHenry. Tonight at 7 o'clock, at this historic site, the people of Baltimore will join in the National Pause for the Pledge.

It is only fitting that we honor our flag and the song that has captured its glory. Fort McHenry is the site where Francis Scott Key immortalized our flag. In writing "The Star Spangled Banner," he captured the determination of this great Nation to defeat the British during the War of 1812.

This morning, I was honored to have the opportunity to lead the House of Representatives in the Pledge of Allegiance. I urge every Member and all Americans to join me in paying tribute to this great symbol of liberty, justice and democracy and join the people of Baltimore by pausing at 7 o'clock this evening to honor our flag.

FATHER'S DAY

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, millions of Americans will be taking dad out for dinner to celebrate Father's

Day. Father's Day is the one day every year that we set aside to say thank you to the men who raised us, taught us to fish, to play baseball, taught us to know right from wrong.

But there is a sad side to Father's Day as well. See, everyone has a father, but not everyone has a dad. In fact, fatherhood is in real trouble in America today. One-third of the children in America today do not live with their father, and one-third of all American children live in a house without an adult male.

Since 1960, the percentage of single parent families has grown 248 percent. What is the result: 226 percent increase in violent crime, 430 percent increase in out-of-wedlock teen pregnancy, sadly 134 percent increase in teen suicides. Now an absent father is not the only reason so many kids are in trouble. But can anyone doubt that it is at least part of the reason?

All the absent fathers and all the deadbeat dads in America should think hard this weekend about the role they could be playing in the lives of their children. A father's job is an important one. We should all remember that.

WE DO NOT NEED CHARITY, WE NEED ENERGY REGULATION

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, in 1999, California paid \$7 billion for electrical generation. A year later, last year, we paid \$32.5 billion for the same amount of electricity. Today, with conservation efforts, we will use no more electricity than we did 2 years ago, but we will pay 50, 60 or \$70 billion for the same number of electrons. This is because so many turbines in California are, quote, closed for maintenance.

If my colleagues will see this chart, they will see that roughly 10,000 megawatts, one-fifth of everything California needs, is shut down in excessive maintenance. Why? Because the independent energy wholesalers know that by closing some turbines for maintenance, they can drive the price of other kilowatts 10 times, 20 times, sometimes 50 times higher than the fair price.

The answer is the Hunter-Eshoo bill, which will restore for at least a couple of years the regulation necessary to take the profit out of manipulation. We do not need charity. We need regulation.

FLAG DAY

(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, today we celebrate and pay tribute to our Nation's flag and all that it symbolizes. While our Nation and Old Glory itself has grown and changed over the past two centuries, the Stars and Stripes

continue to represent the same ideals, freedoms, and liberties which we all cherish.

It is a symbol of our Nation and serves as a reminder of our historic struggles for independence. Moreover, the United States flag embodies the hopes and dreams of people around the world. To millions, Old Glory symbolizes the American dream, the dream of having the freedom and opportunity to accomplish anything.

So as we continue on with our business today, let us each take an extra moment to recognize Old Glory because we are all truly blessed to live under the freedoms and liberty for which the Stars and Stripes stand.

CHINESE MISSILES BUILT WITH AMERICAN TAXPAYER DOLLARS

(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 constituents of the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON) were honored to visit our Marine base at Quantico. They even got a gift. The token gift is a Communist-made calculator with "Marines" printed on one side and "Made in China" printed on the other. Unbelievable. First, the Pentagon buys boots made in China. Now the Pentagon buys Communist gifts made in China. What is next? Generals and missiles made in China?

This is not the Marine Corps to blame, nor the fine Marines like Oliver North. It is the bureaucrats at the Pentagon, and they should be stone-cold fired.

I have asked for an investigation. My colleagues should join me. Enough is enough.

I yield back the fact, while we celebrate Flag Day in our great country, China has missiles pointed at us that were built with money taken from U.S. taxpayers/paychecks.

ENERGY POLICY

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

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on all of us to work together to find long-term solutions to our energy problems. The energy crunch affects all of us from the farmer who pays more for diesel fuel to families who are on summer vacation.

After 8 years of neglect towards our national energy policy, we find ourselves trying to deal with higher costs, at the same time looking for long-term solutions.

President Bush's plan for our energy policy is forward thinking and sensible. His plan focuses both on our need for conservation and our need for increasing energy sources. Best of all, the plan addresses these needs without sacrificing our way of life or the environment.

As we move forward, let us look to what John Foster Dulles once said, "The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem you had last year."

The sooner we act on a comprehensive energy policy, the sooner we will find relief.

REPUBLICANS LOSE IN THE COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION ON ENERGY ISSUES

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, after pushing through President Bush's budget cuts cutting energy conservation by 21 percent and renewable energy by 35 percent, fighting tooth and nail against reasonable controls and Federal regulation of price gouging and market manipulation in the western U.S., offering a so-called energy plan that James Watt wholeheartedly supported, saying, hey, 20 years later, it looks like they dusted off our old work.

Well, it might play well in the board rooms of my Republican friends' campaign contributors, with the energy conglomerates, but they know they are losing in the court of public opinion.

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So somehow they are going to try a new tack, and I quote: "Congressional Republican leaders have issued dire, albeit private, warnings to the energy industry that they may not be able to block legislation imposing caps on prices or other measures designed to give the Federal Government a greater role in setting rates for wholesale energy, oil or natural gas."

So the response is spin and advertising. We are offering a real alternative, an alternative that will give relief to the people in the western U.S. from price gouging and market manipulation, an alternative that will give the American people a sustainable, renewable energy future with conservation and renewable resources.

This is a stark choice for the American people: hot air or a real energy policy that benefits consumers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE U.S. ARMY

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, since its birth on June 14, 1775, the United States Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of the American Nation. It won the new Republic's independence in an arduous 8-year struggle against Great Britain. The Army has repeatedly defended America against both internal and external threats, from the War of 1812 through the tremendous battles that finally rid the

world of Nazi totalitarianism, Japanese imperialism, and communism.

From the beginning, the U.S. Army has also been involved with internal improvements: natural disaster relief, economic assistance, domestic order, and a host of other contingencies. Our Army has a proud tradition and continues to draw great satisfaction from knowing that when the Nation was in need, it answered the call.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand here today and wish the men and women of the U.S. Army a very happy birthday.

CALIFORNIA'S ENERGY CRISIS

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, after months and months of watching the Bush administration do nothing to help the California consumers and the California business community with the price gouging that is going on in energy, after months of having the White House act as the puppet of the oil industry, after months of watching an administration that is full of ex-oil industry executives give private meetings to the oil industry on their energy plan, and seeing the very people who are making the decisions about our energy future hold stock in the energy companies, after months of this kind of activity and insensitivity to the Western energy users in this country, the Republicans and the White House now understand that the American people are no longer going to continue to accept this administration doing nothing about the price gouging that is going on in the western United States with respect to energy while at the same time those very energy executives of the companies that are punishing the California consumer, punishing California businesses, punishing the workers and punishing our economy are cashing stock options worth \$300 million as they gouge the people in the western United States.

PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, only a few months after the U.S. Postal Service hiked its first-class postal rates, the quasi-Federal agency is again set to increase mail costs, this time by as much as 25 to 30 percent. The hike comes in response to the agency's projected loss of \$2 to \$3 billion this year and a report from its own Inspector General that the agency loses approximately \$1.4 billion per year in waste and abuse.

Charges of abuse at the Post Office include \$200 million worth of lavish executive parties, large-scale junkets, high-priced publicity campaigns, and

generous employee bonuses. The agency managed to rack up \$9.3 billion in debt by the end of fiscal year 2000, but has yet to put in place a repayment program for that debt.

The American consumer should not have to pay increased mail costs to repair inefficiency and waste at the Postal Service. The Postal Service gets my porker of the week award.

TRIBUTE TO HOLLY WARLICK

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and offer my congratulations to my friend Holly Warlick. Holly was inducted this past weekend into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in our hometown of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Holly was the first athlete, male or female, to have her number retired at the University of Tennessee. She was a star point guard and 4-year starter for the Lady Vols from 1977 to 1980. She was placed on the U.S. Olympic team that year and later played in the first women's professional basketball league.

For the past 16 years, she has been an assistant coach to the great Pat Head Summit, and the Lady Vols basketball team has won many national championships and is always ranked among the Nation's top.

Holly Warlick is an inspiration to young girls and women everywhere and one of our finest citizens. I congratulate her on a well-deserved honor, her induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

FERC'S INADEQUATE RESPONSE TO WESTERN ENERGY CRISIS

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

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues a letter I received from William Massey, one of the three commissioners from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

FERC has a responsibility by law to regulate energy prices when they are unjust and unreasonable. Californians spent \$7 billion last year on energy. This year, the energy costs were \$70 billion. The same thing is happening in Oregon. Can somebody explain to me what is just and reasonable about that?

This administration has taken a hands-off approach to the energy crisis in the West and FERC has shirked its responsibilities to maintain a fair market for consumers. Recently, I, along with my colleagues, wrote to FERC commissioners and ask they take steps to ensure that energy prices out west are just and reasonable. So I would like to take a second and read Commissioner Massey's short but appropriate response.