

Mr. Speaker, last but certainly not least, I am grateful to the Lord for giving me the wonderful gift of living in the greatest Nation on the face of the earth. I will continue to pray that God will give me the wisdom and strength to serve the men and women of the fourth district and that He will continue to bless this great Nation.

#### REPUBLICANS TRIUMPH IN ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL GAME

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

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, today is the day of bragging rights for the congressional baseball game. I am proud to announce that the Republican team won 9 to 1 on Thursday night. I want to thank MARTIN SABO and all the Democrat participants as well as our own team for a wonderful game. We had over 3,000 people come out to the Baysox ballpark for the game and raised over \$90,000 for charity, the Washington Literacy Council and the Boys and Girls Club of Washington.

We are very, very proud of that. This is a great tradition. This is the 40th congressional game in the modern era. I want to thank everybody who participated.

I thought I would immortalize this year's game in poetry so it goes down in the literary, as well as the sports, annals and, in the process, raising the level of culture a little bit in this great Chamber.

Many of my colleagues may remember this famous poem by Gerald Hern on the old Boston Braves pitching stars, Warren Spahn and Johnny Sain. They were the team's only two reliable pitchers:

First we'll use Spahn  
and then we'll use Sain.  
Then an off day  
followed by rain.  
Back will come Spahn  
followed by Sain  
and followed we hope  
by 2 days of rain.

With apologies to Mr. Hern, I have adapted his poem into an ode to my starting pitcher and MVP, STEVE LARGENT, the gentleman from Oklahoma.

First we'll use Largent  
and then we'll pitch him again.  
As long as his arm's good  
we'll pitch him in sun or in rain.  
Sadly, now he's retired like Spahn and like Sain

I probably won't see his likes again.  
Auditioning new pitchers will be a big pain  
because you know from last year  
that walks drive me insane.  
There's just one more honor  
at which Steve can now aim,  
not Governor but induction  
in the Roll Call Baseball Hall of Fame.

#### CITIZENSHIP FOR GAO ZHAN

(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, today I want to discuss the tragic story of Gao Zhan. Gao Zhan is a United States lawful permanent resident and American University faculty fellow who is currently being detained in China on charges of espionage. On February 11, 2001, while visiting relatives in China, Dr. Zhan and her family were arrested on espionage charges. The Chinese authorities did release Gao Zhan's husband and child, both United States citizens, after being separated for a month. The child, the little boy, is 5 years old. However, Gao Zhan remains in detention.

There has been no contact with her since she was arrested over 4 months ago. All attempts to locate Gao Zhan have failed. The United States embassy in China and other United States officials as well as attorneys from both the United States and China have tried to locate the whereabouts of Gao Zhan. The Chinese government has refused to share any information.

I have introduced H.R. 1385, which grants Gao Zhan citizenship in the United States without her being administered the oath of renunciation and allegiance. This bill is critical since Gao Zhan is being held against her will in China and the law provides different treatment to United States citizens than it does to United States lawful permanent residents.

Congress needs to confer this citizenship on Gao Zhan. She is one who needs to be reunited with her family.

#### TIME TO STOP POINTING FINGERS

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, in the past few weeks Governor Gray Davis has turned up the rhetorical heat while Californians have turned out their lights because of rolling blackouts expected to plague the State all summer long.

The Governor has left no stone unturned in his campaign to point fingers in any direction. He has blamed the Federal Government. He has blamed electric utilities. He has blamed energy companies. He has even blamed President Bush. My God. He is the Energizer bunny of bankrupt ideas.

President Bush recognizes that America faces serious energy shortages, so his administration is putting forward a comprehensive plan to protect consumers from fluctuating fuel costs using 21st-century technology to diversify our clean and affordable energy sources.

But what does Gray Davis do? He hires spin doctors at \$30,000 a month paid for by the taxpayers to explain why his State is suffering. I am sure Governor Davis realizes this is an inappropriate use of tax dollars, considering he is sitting on \$26 million in campaign cash.

This reminds me of another disaster, Mr. Governor, the *Exxon Valdez*. That is your administration.

#### MONUMENT NEEDED FOR SOME OF THE BRAVEST AMERICANS

(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, today is the 125th anniversary of Custer's last stand, a sad chapter in American history. To make it even worse, there is only one monument at Little Bighorn, to—General Custer!

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Unbelievable. As the story goes, Uncle Sam took the whole Indian Nation and put them on a reservation. He took away their native tongue, taught English to their young, took away their way of life, killed their children and their wife. And even the beads they made by hand were then imported from Japan.

Beam me up. Is it any wonder that these brave warriors joined together massively for one lasting victory to be remembered throughout all of American history?

Now, Mr. Speaker, their descendants fight along with our soldiers to keep America free.

I yield back the need to build a lasting monument in tribute to some of the bravest Americans who ever lived right here in Washington, D.C.

#### PRICE CONTROLS MAY BE NICE POLITICS BUT THEY ARE LOUSY POLICY

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

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, day in and day out I hear calls for price controls on electricity, and I wonder were the 1970s that long ago, or are we just suffering from convenient amnesia? Am I the only one who remembers the gas price controls imposed by President Richard Nixon in an effort to ensure an adequate supply of gasoline at reasonable rates? Am I the only one who remembers that the resulting artificial low prices did not lower consumption, but did lower supply?

I guess I am the only one who does not look fondly back on the days of long lines at the local service station and gas rationing. Price controls may be nice politics, but they are lousy policy. The bottom line is that we are trying to meet today's energy needs with yesterday's energy infrastructure, and it is not working.

Our energy demand has increased 47 percent over the last 30 years, and yet we have half as many oil refineries, static pipeline capacity and 20 times as many mandated gasoline blends. Low energy prices through the 1980s and 1990s have lulled American consumers

and producers into believing that low prices will always be there, but now we know that is not true.

#### MUHAMMAD ALI

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

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today almost 1 week after the 34th anniversary of Muhammad Ali's conviction for draft evasion. Muhammad Ali sits on anyone's short list of the greatest athletes of the 20th century. In fact, Time Magazine recently listed Ali among the top 20 heroes and icons of the 20th century.

Perhaps Ali's greatest testament was the only fight in which he declined to participate. With the war in Vietnam dragging on, the draft call was expanded, and the heavyweight champion of the world was reclassified as 1A, eligible for military service.

Ali was told the news at a training camp in Miami, and, badgered all day by the press, he came out with the now famous line, "I ain't got no quarrel with them Viet Cong."

It may have been a spontaneous remark, but he stuck by his word with courage, conviction and stood out against the conflict in Vietnam. His courage to stand by his belief in the years when the war was still favored by the majority of Americans will stand as a testament to those who protested.

I would encourage, Mr. Speaker, my colleagues in joining, along with the other 40 cosponsors, in awarding Muhammad Ali a Congressional Gold Medal. Please sign up.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLTON "CHEWY" JIMERSON, THIS YEAR'S OUTSTANDING PLAYER AT UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the University of Miami baseball team and its exceptional coach Jim Morris for the flawless performance that enabled them to win the College World Series. The Hurricanes celebrated their 12-to-1 win over Stanford, and this victory marks their second annual title in 3 years.

Professional teams have drafted 11 talented Hurricanes, but it is Charlton Jimerson who won this year's Outstanding Player Award.

Chewy, as he is called by his teammates, survived an unstable childhood. He was raised by his sister Lanette, who inspired confidence so that he would achieve success. By writing a letter, Chewy invited himself to play at the University of Miami, and today this fifth-round draft choice of the Houston Astros is described as the emotional fuse for a dynamite team.

I ask my congressional colleagues to join me in commending outstanding

player Charles Jimerson, his talented coach Jim Morris, and the amazing University of Miami baseball team for an outstanding victory once again.

#### FINGERPOINTING MAY WIN POLITICAL POINTS AT HOME BUT IT DOES NOT SOLVE OUR NATION'S ENERGY CRISIS

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

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, during this current energy situation, there has been a lot of pointing of fingers of blame in this Chamber. That may win political points at home, but it sure does not solve the problem.

President Bush has put forth a very responsible plan to solve our energy problem. He has taken the lead. It is a balanced plan that stresses conservation as well as increased supply. We, of course, want to protect the environment and be responsible with the plan. There is no question in that.

We also need to reduce our dependency on foreign sources of supply. It is time that America is in charge of our supply of energy, not Saddam Hussein.

#### IT IS DEMOCRATS WHO HAVE PUT CALIFORNIA INTO THIS ENERGY MESS

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am sick and tired of being sick and tired; sick and tired of hearing Democrats complain about the energy crisis. The last time I checked, the Democrat Governor Gray Davis was and is in charge of California. The last time I checked, Democrats also controlled the White House for 8 long years and did nothing. Bill Clinton and Al Gore had plenty of time to examine and solve the energy crisis in California while they were out there visiting Buddhist temples, but they did not. Instead, Democrats like DASCHLE and GEPHARDT just play the blame game.

Democrats are blaming George Bush and DICK CHENEY for the California energy problem. They must have forgotten this administration just took office. If the Democrats had been wise, they would have been drilling for oil, building new energy plants and building new transmission lines. That is what it takes to solve the problem is finding resources. In short, it is the Democrats who put California into this mess. Americans do not want, need or deserve the California energy problems.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The Chair would remind

Members that it is not in order to address members of the other Chamber.

#### PRICE CONTROLS, THE EVIDENCE IS THEY DO NOT WORK

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

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, wholesale electric price controls do not work. What better example of this than California? Leading energy experts have been saying for months that one major reason California is in its current energy mess is because of price controls. Now we have further evidence that the price controls are not the answer.

Last week the Department of Energy released a report indicating that if Governor Davis gets his way and a cost-plus-\$25 price cap is implemented, Californians will be literally in the dark.

The Department of Energy report concludes that Governor Davis' price caps would result in the delay or abandonment of about 1,300 megawatts of capacity scheduled to be constructed in the State. What does this mean to Californians? It means that 90,000 additional households could be affected.

As Pennsylvania learned, deregulation can be implemented with success, but price caps and unnecessary government regulations result in shortages and higher prices. We in Pennsylvania know that. The Department of Energy concurs.

#### HARD-WORKING AMERICANS DESERVE ANSWERS AND THEY DEMAND A SOUND ENERGY POLICY

(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, our economy over the last year has showed signs of slowing. Energy prices are already too high, and they are going higher. Much of our country faces either energy shortages, blackouts or both. Major energy shortages are expected throughout the summer for most of the West. Gas prices there top \$2.25 a gallon at the pump. Hard-working Americans deserve answers, and they demand a sound energy policy.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation's energy problems demand multifaceted solutions, including increased supplies of traditional fossil fuels and alternative sources of energy as well as improving energy conservation and efficiency. It will not be easy, and it will not be quick, but we have the technology and the resources to meet our energy needs for decades, even centuries, to come, while ensuring a clean environment as a legacy for our children as well.

We need to work with President Bush to create a balanced, comprehensive national energy policy that meets our energy challenges today and provides for our needs well into the future.