

in a peaceful society free from the fear of atrocious terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the work of our military men and women currently serving abroad in Afghanistan and throughout the world, and I hope that they know that this Congress and this Nation supports them.

STATEHOOD FOR PALESTINE

(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, bombs alone will not stop terrorists. America must pursue a comprehensive strategy, and part of that strategy should support statehood for Palestine. Palestinian children are God's children, too; and until the issue of Palestinian homeland is resolved, there will always be terrorists. Killing bin Laden will not stop terrorists. There will be more bin Ladens.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must pursue a strategy of recognizing statehood for Palestine and working it out in the Mideast region. I yield back the fact that we should be in support of President Bush's comprehensive strategy to allow statehood and recognize statehood for Palestine and recognize the differences with Israel in the Mideast region.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Y-100

(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 am pleased to congratulate Footy and the rest of the team at one of south Florida's premier radio station, Y-100, on their annual fund-raising event to benefit young people with drug addictions.

Proceeds from this year's event, Footy's All-American Wing-Ding, will also go to firefighter relief efforts for the September 11 tragedies. For the past 15 years, funds raised by the annual Wing-Ding go toward Here's Help, an organization headed by Steve Safron and John Kross, which provides drug abuse treatment programs.

Footy's Wing-Ding extravaganza has enabled Here's Help to offer hope to those who suffer from drug addiction, and has assisted in building a residential drug treatment facility in south Florida. Through his perseverance and charisma, Footy has made the annual Wing-Ding a popular and successful event.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be part of this worthwhile benefit, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Y-100 and the participants of Footy's All-American Wing-Ding for their assistance to our youth and our country's relief efforts.

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

(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, like many Americans, on Sunday, October 7, I left church to find that Operation Enduring Freedom was underway; that is, America's war on terrorism. The Taliban had their chance to cooperate. Instead, they chose to protect terrorists.

The United States had no choice but to serve justice for the nearly 7,000 lives lost on September 11. But this is not just about Osama bin Laden, this is about any regime that harbors terrorists, and they will suffer the same fate as the Taliban.

Mr. Speaker, as a veteran of two wars, no one knows better than I that on Sunday America started a different kind of war with a different kind of enemy. This war is going to take a long time, perhaps years. We must, we will, be patient.

This is not a war against Islam. That is why more than 40 countries in the Middle East, Africa and across Asia have offered to help the United States. They, too, are disgusted with the horrific images of September 11.

We are fortunate to call our great Nation the land of the free and the home of the brave, but freedom is not free. This is a war, a war against terrorism. That is why we will fight. That is why we will win. God bless our America.

DRUGS AND TERRORISM

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support President Bush's stellar leadership during these difficult times. His compassion, integrity, and sound judgment sound brightly as critical steps are taken to combat terrorism at home and abroad.

This is a different kind of a war and a different kind of enemy, but many of the problems have been with us for a long time. Drug-related income funds the Taliban regime by as much as \$50 million per year. Clearly, drugs fund terrorism. I chair the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, and am a member of the Speaker's Task Force for a Drug Free America. The relationship between drug traffic and terrorism is undeniable not only in the Middle East, but in South America. The war on terrorism must coincide with our efforts to end the illegal drug trade.

Mr. Speaker, drug use is not a victimless crime. It funds the murder of our own people.

RESPECT OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

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

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was utterly speechless to read a news re-

port from the San Diego Times dated September 29 that an unnamed Pentagon source had revealed that Secretary Rumsfeld was considering enacting an emergency provision to suspend the payment of \$100 a day to U.S. servicemen and women who have been deployed for more than 400 days in 2 years, a pay provision mandated by this Congress and one which this Congress has already refused to revoke.

Once again we are sending our young men and women into combat. They fly, fuel, arm and operate ships worth billions of dollars, and they risk their lives and the lives of others daily. Yet despite all of that, our Secretary of Defense does not apparently deem it appropriate to pay them what they are worth. We can give billions of dollars to the airlines, but not to young men and women in our military.

Sadly, our Nation does not have a good record with respect to the treatment of its men and women in the military. Many have returned from Vietnam poisoned by Agent Orange, and many Vietnam veterans now live on our city streets as beggars. The thanks of a grateful Nation to our young men should also acknowledge the fact that they and their families will be taken care of by our government.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members not to wear communicative badges while engaging in debate on the floor of the House.

NEW TRIBES MISSIONARIES

(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, I rise today to honor the memory of three courageous, humble men, three missionaries with New Tribes Missions of Central America, who served God and the people around them in a truly heroic way: Mr. Mark Rich, Mr. David Mankins, and Mr. Richard Tenenoff worked in a small village in Panama along the Colombian border.

In January of 1993, armed guerillas from the FARC kidnapped these three men in front of their wives, young families and friends and held them hostage. Reliable reports now suggest that the men were shot a few years after being taken into captivity.

The service of Mark, Dave and Rich and their families in moving to a region of the world fraught with violence and difficulty in daily living when they could have stayed in the United States and lived a comfortable life is a great example to their children and to this Nation what it means to give of ourselves and take seriously the words "To whom much is given, much will be required."

This past weekend, a memorial service was held mourning the loss and

celebrating the lives of these faithful men, indeed, men for whom the world is not worthy.

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VOICING SUPPORT FOR AIR STRIKES AGAINST TERRORISTS

(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 add my voice to the chorus of support for President Bush's air strikes against those who are harboring terrorists in Afghanistan. Over the past month, the President has shown amazing leadership and moral fortitude in directing our Nation through this time of crisis. He has also shown extreme patience by gathering the necessary information and carefully setting up the framework and the foundation before launching strikes.

We have planned carefully and acted decisively. I think of the famous adage, "Beware the fury of a patient man."

Like President Bush, we must also exercise patience. We are in a new kind of war, both in scope and timing. We must be prepared to make sacrifices for the long haul if we hope to win the greater war on terrorism. We must be confident that action is being taken, even if we do not see it on TV. Our patience for this effort is vital. I am absolutely confident that in the end we will succeed.

THIS GENERATION'S DESTINY

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, freedom is not free. We are born knowing that sooner or later one day we will be called upon to fulfill our part in America's destiny. On September 11, this generation received our challenge. Throughout our Nation's history, every generation has had to ante up. Our time is now. As William Jennings Bryan said, "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved."

We must, and we will, achieve this victory for the people of the United States and for all civilized, peace-loving people around the world. The blood and treasure of our Nation will be invested. The leadership, resources and unwavering courage of the United States are critical in this struggle. We will rise to the challenge. And, in the end, we will leave to future generations a safer planet.

Let us remember those brave Americans in our Armed Forces. They take their places now in the long gray line that has never failed us. May God bless them and give them the courage to achieve a great victory and establish a lasting peace.

AMERICA WILL PREVAIL IN BATTLE AGAINST EVIL

(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, America will never get used to terrorism. America will never tolerate terrorism. And neither should the world. That is why the United States of America on this Sunday made a very critical decision and action in striking out against the Taliban for harboring terrorists. This war is not the West versus Islam as suggested by Osama bin Laden. Rather, it is one of good versus evil and the West versus Osama bin Laden and his small, fanatical band of followers. It is a battle of good against evil because only evil would attack innocent people in their workplace. Yet in this job in front of us that we did not ask for, we will, in the words of the President, prevail. We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail.

America is going to make the world safe again, along with all of our very many international allies. I salute the Armed Services, the President of the United States and all those who are in authority. May God bless America.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 18 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GIBBONS) at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes a.m.

INTERNET EQUITY AND EDUCATION ACT OF 2001

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 256 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 256

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1992) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand the opportunities for higher education via telecommunications. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and

ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce; (2) the further amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by Representative Mink of Hawaii or her designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 256 is a modified, closed rule providing for 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1992, the Internet Equity and Education Act. The 1 hour of debate time will be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and all points of order against consideration of the bill are waived also.

House Resolution 256 provides for consideration of an amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Committee on Rules report accompanying the resolution, if offered by the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Mrs. MINK) or her designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. House Resolution 256 waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute and provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, the underlying legislation, H.R. 1992, which has been sponsored by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) is designed to expand Internet-based learning opportunities and higher education across the United States by allowing greater and more effective use of the Internet as an educational tool. As both students and busy professionals turn to computers to assist them in advancing their educational goals, it is becoming critically important for the Federal Government to lend a helping hand.

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Passage of H.R. 1992 does just that. This bill is the first step in removing restrictions to furthering the educational endeavors of our citizens by the Internet.

I applaud the work of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the gentleman from Ohio (Chairman BOEHNER), and the entire Committee