

High School Tigers on winning the 2001 Arkansas 5A football championship. The Tigers recently defeated El Dorado 23 to 16 to claim this honor after compiling a 12 to 1 record on the season and defeating two conference champions, including top-ranked Cabot High School en route to the State title.

Under the mentoring of head coach Gary Wear, the Tigers set a variety of school records and had a number of players named all-state and all-conference.

The Tigers' performance surprised many, including some folks in Bentonville itself, but it certainly did not surprise Coach Wear. He had his players in a winning mind-set from the start of the year and then worked hard to ensure that they maintained a positive attitude and work ethic that prepared them for the championship game last Saturday.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to see how this team's winning effort has brought the community of Bentonville together. I am very proud of these student athletes, their coaches, parents and supporters who worked so hard to achieve this goal.

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

(Mr. FILNER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONOR MATTERS

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

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, on a recent Sunday afternoon I was driving to my mom and dad's home in Moselle. I have driven this road from Bassfield a thousand times. I passed our community's beautiful old cemetery, one I have driven by a thousand times.

On this Sunday, as always, I could see the grave of one of our Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, Roy Wheat, who fought in Vietnam. He was a hero and received the Congressional Medal of Honor. This is one of our highest honors and has been awarded only 3,455 times since the Civil War.

An old torn, faded, and battered American flag was flying at Roy's grave. I thought about his bravery. I thought about my father and his service in World War II. He was a Prisoner of War, and captured at the Battle of the Bulge. I thought about our veterans and military retirees and the men and women who are right now heroically standing down terrorism and defending our way of life.

Our flag has a way of making us think about it. Honor matters. Giving honor means providing great respect because of great worth and noble deeds done. I did not like seeing a faded, torn, and battered flag flying on Roy's grave. Honor matters.

Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bipartisan resolution to make sure we are properly honoring our war heroes. This resolution will make sure that our country's greatest military heroes, recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, are appropriately honored with the display of the American flag at their grave sites.

Currently flags are available for placement at grave sites of veterans cemeteries that are maintained by the Federal Government. But families of Congressional Medal of Honor winners who are privately buried do not have the assurance of always seeing the American flag at their grave sites.

This resolution simply states that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should make American flags available to immediate family members of deceased Medal of Honor recipients, and to veterans' organizations and others responsible for maintaining these private grave sites.

Why? Because honor matters. It matters for those who have protected us as a memorial, and for those who do and will protect us as a reminder that their service is not in vain.

Our military is America's first line of defense from aggression and those who oppose freedom. Just like keeping our promise of health care, making sure the Montgomery GI bill is strong, and providing support for our current soldiers and those who have already served, this does matter.

If we do not honor our veterans and military retirees in both words and deeds, we dishonor their service. I will not ignore America's veterans and retirees. They have already given of themselves to us, and for that we owe them an incredible debt.

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

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

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, December 7, the people of the United States will take the time to remember the attack on Pearl Harbor, which occurred nearly 60 years ago. In ceremonies at Pearl Harbor and particularly at the USS Arizona Memorial, we will take the time to remember the attack on our country, and we will pay tribute to those who died during that fateful Sunday morning. Our tribute and our effort will be made more significant as we simultaneously reflect on the heinous attack on our people made nearly 3 months ago in New York City and at the Pentagon across the river from Washington, D.C.

On the same day that Pearl Harbor was attacked, an American territory was also attacked at Wake Island and the then Commonwealth of the Philippines and my home island of Guam. Guam endured some 32 months of a brutal enemy occupation in which my people were tested and proved their

loyalty and steadfastness to the principles that make America great.

But that day was December 8, 1941, on the other side of the international dateline, and it is that day that brings back the thoughts of struggle and bravery and patriotism and sacrifice which marks the World War II experience of the people of Guam.

But there is another story which needs to be told and which links the attacks on Guam and Pearl Harbor in a unique way. The people of Guam were present at Pearl Harbor. The people of Guam fought at Pearl Harbor, and the people at Guam died at Pearl Harbor. We know of at least 12 American sailors who were from Guam and who perished during that fateful morning. Six were aboard the USS *Arizona* and their names are on the solemn *Arizona* Memorial alongside their shipmates. Their sacrifice and devotion to duty have never specifically been recognized, and I will do so this weekend in Honolulu with a solemn wreath-laying at the *Arizona* Memorial.

The 12 Chamorro men who perished have a unique story to tell. All were mess attendants. All were part of a military institution at the time which allowed Chamorro men from Guam to join the U.S. Navy only as officers' mess attendants, cooks and stewards. However, they were not bitter, and they performed their duties and responsibilities in an exemplary way. They were grateful for the opportunity to join because only a limited number of men were accepted from Guam annually into the Navy during the decade prior to World War II. This provided an opportunity for them to become U.S. citizens and the chance to prove themselves, their devotion to duty and sacrifices made more special because of the circumstances of their service. They were not yet American citizens, they were denied the opportunity to serve in a different capacity, and they were sometimes not given the respect which they deserved. Yet they proudly served; and they passed along their patriotism, love of service, and pride of island to succeeding generations.

It is no longer remarkable to see Chamorro men from Guam serve in the military in a wide variety of capacities. It is not even remarkable to see so many Chamorros today serving as officers who themselves are the children and the grandchildren of these mess attendants. In fact, the master of ceremonies for this weekend's ceremony is Commander Peter Gumataotao, the son of Afustin Gumataotao, one of the mess attendants who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor. The people of Guam stand taller today because they stood on the shoulders of these men, and I certainly would like to pay them a tribute by reading the names of our elders: Gregorio San Nicolas Aguon, Nicolas San Nicolas Fegurgur, Francisco Reyes Mafnas, Vicente Gogue Meno, Jose Sanchez Quinata, Francisco Unpingco Rivera, Ignacio Camacho Farfan, Jose

San Nicolas Flores, Jesus Francisco Garcia, Andres Franquez Mafnas, Jesus Manalisay Mata, Enrique Castro Mendiola.

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On Guam, we will never forget these men. In many Chamorro families around the country, we will not forget these men. We must make sure that every time we remember Pearl Harbor, we remember all of the men who were there and who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The wreath will be inscribed “Ti manmaleffa ham—ningaian.” We will never forget—never.

In this, the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, we will not forget.

TRULY STIMULATIVE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE NEEDED

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

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of an economic stimulus package that will benefit the growing number of unemployed and uninsured Americans and will thus be truly stimulative, while also fiscally and socially responsible.

As a long-time businessman, I can tell you that an economic recession results from a lack of demand for the goods and services that businesses produce. Our Nation is not suffering from a recession because businesses lack available workers, technology or equipment, but because they lack demand for their products.

However, the House has passed an economic stimulus bill composed largely of tax cuts and payments from large corporations that would do nothing to increase demand for their products and would have no stimulative effect in the near future.

If we are to stimulate the economy and end the recession, Congress must pass an economic stimulus bill that creates new jobs and provides assistance to unemployed workers. In doing so, we not only provide assistance to those in need, but we truly stimulate the economy by putting money into the hands of those people who are most likely to spend it immediately. This approach increases demand for goods and services, causing businesses to employ more workers and invest in more capital.

Mr. Speaker, some of the cash-rich multinational corporations that would receive billions of dollars from the House-passed economic stimulus bill have publicly stated that they have no plans to increase the amount they invest in plants, in workers and in new products. Writing large checks to these corporations does not stimulate the economy.

However, I can assure you that there are many vital projects in Congress-

sional districts such as mine that are ready to be funded and would create badly needed jobs now. This kind of real economic stimulus would greatly improve the economy, the infrastructure and quality of life for countless Americans. Additionally, there are large numbers of unemployed workers who are anxious to enter the labor market and to earn money that they can spend on basic needs right now, providing an immediate stimulus to the economy.

Let us look at this employment chart. As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Hidalgo County, which is in my South Texas Congressional district, has seen its unemployment rate decrease substantially in recent years from the nearly 20 percent rate of unemployment in the past. However, even during the 10 year period of prosperity, from 1990 to the year 2000, and during the same period of lowest national unemployment, Hidalgo County's unemployment rate did not fall into a single digit.

Let us look at this Hidalgo County population growth chart. As the recession deepens and the population continues to explode, as shown in this chart, thousands of workers are likely to join the tens of thousands who are already desperately looking for jobs. These people constitute a potential source of economic stimulus should they be brought into the workforce to earn and spend their money.

If we do not reverse the course that the House of Representatives has taken, the exploding population and high unemployment rate in counties such as Hidalgo County will stretch available resources. If thousands of unemployed workers do not receive assistance, they will lack the basic necessities to receive health care, to send their children to school and to obtain housing and transportation. This situation only spirals downward to make it even more difficult for a large segment of the population to enter the workforce and fully contribute to the Nation's economy.

Congress has a chance to do something meaningful for the economy and the people of this Nation. Our economy is in recession because of insufficient demand. Creating jobs by funding needed projects and providing assistance to unemployed workers puts money in the pockets of people who will put it back into the economy immediately, stimulating demand and giving the economy an immediate boost.

However, writing a \$1 billion check to a multinational corporation with over \$8 billion in unused cash on its books does not increase demand, it does not stimulate the economy, and it is not fiscally responsible. In fact, firms that are faced with reduced demand for their products will lay off workers, regardless of how much cash they have.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, funding for any stimulus package will now come directly from the Social Security trust

fund. Therefore, the stakes are incredibly high. We must pass the most socially and fiscally responsible economic stimulus possible. We must ensure that every dollar we spend goes to those who need it most, and to those who will most quickly and efficiently put it back into the economy.

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

(Mr. SANDERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING WALT DISNEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SANCHEZ) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a man who has shown people all over the world that “when you wish upon a star, dreams really can come true.”

One hundred years ago yesterday, on December 5, 1901, Walt Elias Disney was born in Chicago, Illinois. One hundred years later his legacy lives in the hearts and in the minds of children of all ages. Walt has impacted people from all over the world through his films, his theme parks and his incredible imagination.

Growing up in Anaheim, California, I was fortunate to have Disneyland in my own backyard. Now, as the Congresswoman from the Forty-sixth Congressional District, I get to represent Disneyland to the rest of the world.

I can still remember my first visit to Disneyland. One of my fondest memories was riding in the “It's a Small World” ride, a bunch of little dolls dancing around, singing in different languages, getting along together in perfect harmony. What a way to view the world, and what a way to teach a child about what the world is that we aspire to.

Imagine, people in the world sharing this laughter, their tears, their hopes, their fears. Walt envisioned a world where happiness transcended borders, a world where hate was nonexistent, and where joy and laughter cured all things.

After September 11, America has lost its innocence. And, unfortunately, the terrorist attacks have had a terrible toll on America's psyche and tourism in general. However, in this time of hardship, the hopes and the dreams of Americans are stronger than ever, and, thanks to Walt, Americans will always believe that “anything their hearts desire will come to them.”

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

(Mr. CONYERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)