

cable companies the ability to provide the programming desired by their customers. Decisions about what programming to carry on a cable system should be made by consumers, not federal bureaucrats.

Mr. Speaker, the federal government should not interfere with a consumer's ability to purchase services such as satellite or cable television in the free market. I therefore urge my colleagues to take a step toward restoring freedom by cosponsoring my Television Consumer Freedom Act.

HONORING KEN MEYER

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ken Meyer, a Southwest Missourian who has championed his alma mater, volunteered his leadership to worthy causes and has entertained and informed the region via radio. Though his voice is not on the radio, his stations have been a long-trusted source of information about government, politics, business and sports for more than four decades.

Ken and Jane Meyer have had a passion for radio, Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU) and each other. Their marriage partnership began in 1959. This partnership has paid great dividends to SMSU, and the success of their radio properties has enriched the lives of countless people in our region. Sadly, Jane passed away earlier this year.

Ken Meyer graduated from what is now Southwest Missouri State University in 1950 after serving two years in the military at the end of World War II. Mt. Vernon High School graduates, Ken and Jane got into the radio broadcasting business when KTXR-FM went on the air in 1962. It was a gamble in the early 60s. FM radio was new and there were few receivers. AM radio ruled the air waves then, but the Meyers were in the vanguard of change. By the 1980's FM radio had established its dominance. Today, Meyer Broadcasting has stations in four markets, but the flagship station remains in Springfield.

Ken and Jane made their broadcasting stations a great success. With the "Gentle Giant" as they dubbed KTXR, Ken and Jane developed close ties with their listeners by broadcasting St. Louis Cardinal's baseball, big band hits and easy listening music.

Ken also uses his radio power to promote SMSU. For example, his radio stations became some of the first to regularly broadcast women's college basketball, along with the men's schedule.

The Meyers have shared their good fortune with charitable groups and with SMSU, which named Ken their "Outstanding Alumni" in 1985. The Meyers have established endowments for academic and athletic scholarships. They are givers to capital projects on the campus including the David Glass Hall, Juanita Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts, the Wehr Band Hall, and the Robert Plaster Sports Complex. Earlier this year, the Kenneth E. and Jane A. Meyer Foundation provided funding for a carillon that was added to an expansion of the university's library. Dedicated in the name of Jane Meyer, the 48-bell (four octaves) musical instrument sits atop a 140 foot tall bell tower on the campus.

Ken continues to give of his time to important personal priorities. He has served on the Blue Cross-Blue Shield of St. Louis Board for 15 years and has been a longtime member of the Board of Trustees for Westminster College. He also established a foundation at Covenant Presbyterian Church where he is a long time member. He has served on the Cox Health System Board of Directors, was a founder of the First City National Bank and was a Regent at Southwest Baptist University.

Ken's philosophy may be best captured in a Vince Lombardi poster that declares "Winning is a habit." Ken Meyer has certainly lived a life as a champion of causes. He may be the most enthusiastic supporter that Southwest Missouri State University has ever had.

On the occasion of Ken's 75th birthday on October 14, I wish to thank him for his untiring work for the community and alma mater; thank him for the beautiful music originating from the Jane Meyer Carillon; and thank him for bringing dependable information and entertainment to his countless listeners.

H.R. 4874

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I introduced H.R. 4874 to correct 122-year-old survey errors along Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in northern Idaho. The bill requires the Bureau of Land Management to conduct a new survey of the lakes to correct errors identified in the original 1880 survey and directs the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands.

For over one hundred years, individuals have owned land around the beautiful lakes located in Idaho's Kootenai County. However, ownership now is in question for more than 400 people who bought the land and pay taxes on the property. H.R. 4874 will correct that problem.

In 1880 John B. David, a surveyor under contract with the General Land Office, grossly misrepresented portions of the actual lake-shore around Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes. In some places the meander lines along the shore are up to a mile and a half away from their actual location. No one noticed the inaccurate survey when the land was originally patented, and no one caught the mistake over the years as the land changed hands. In the meantime, the shorelines of these popular lakes have become heavily developed.

It was not until recently that Kootenai County Surveyor discovered the problem. County officials have expressed concern over their inability to approve and regulate new developments, surveys, and permits due to the inaccuracy of the original government survey. The problem will only worsen as the lakes become more developed.

Under current law, the Bureau of Land Management is required to conduct a resurvey of the actual meander of the lakes. The lands between the old incorrect meander line and the new meander line would become omitted land and would revert to federal ownership. Property owners would be required to repurchase, at fair market value, the land they believed they owned for over 100 years, as well

as pay for survey and administrative costs. That is simply not fair. These individuals bought the land in good faith and the government should not be allowed to take it from them simply because of a survey error over 120 years ago.

My legislation corrects the problem by creating a solution that retains the correct ownership situation without placing the expense of correcting it on the affected property owners. H.R. 4874 allows BLM to issue a "disclaimer of interest" in the affected lands so title companies and Kootenai County can proceed with ownership related matters surrounding clear title. The legislation also authorizes the necessary funding for BLM to conduct a new survey and perform the required administrative procedures.

Most of the property owners involved in this situation have a chain of title that goes back over 100 years. H.R. 4874 is really the only acceptable solution to the problem. I look forward to passage of this legislation into law.

SEPTEMBER 11—ONE YEAR LATER

HON. JOEL HEFLEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, America will never be the same as a result of September 11, 2001. The horrific events of that day dramatically changed the landscape of not only New York City and Washington, D.C., but also the entire civilized world. The images of commercial airliners plunging into symbols of American enterprise, economy and security will forever be seared on our individual and national memories. But, also vivid are the images of Americans' spirit of community, gratitude and generosity that have been demonstrated these past twelve months.

Through our heartache and sorrow, Americans joined together this year in an unprecedented show of strength and unity. The outpouring of patriotism and pride across the country is displaying itself in every conceivable way. The American flag is flying: large and small; cloth and paper; store-bought and handmade; the red, white and blue is everywhere. Americans opened their homes and wallets to care for the victims. Goods and services were donated to the victims and rescue workers at an almost unmanageable pace. Restaurants in New York and Washington opened their doors to feed the rescuers, people stood on street corners and handed food to passing firemen and companies donated pillows and blankets for weary workers.

The morning after the attack, a column appeared in the Miami Herald that spread across the Internet because it captured the thoughts and feelings of our nation so aptly. In it, the columnist described the "vast and quarrelsome" American family, one "rent by racial, social, political and class division, but a family nonetheless." If the tragedy proved anything, it is that the American family is one that reaches out its hand to help another in need.

The tragedy also redefined the American hero and turned ordinary people into extraordinary Americans. After the first assault on the World Trade Center, New York City firefighters and policemen rushed into the building and

began saving lives—even as the buildings were collapsing. Yes, it was the job of firefighters to go into the buildings, but they could have reasoned that the buildings were going to collapse anyway, so why try. When the victims rushed out, they rushed in, and became heroes in the process. Three hundred-forty three firefighters sacrificed their lives to save more than 25,000.

Our nation has had a resurgence of faith and spirituality. The tragedy caused people to reevaluate their core values and cling to their traditions. In one day, everything that we thought was meaningful and important slid to the wayside and we rediscovered fundamental beliefs about faith, family and freedom. If the terrorists had hoped to break the American spirit, they failed spectacularly.

We are now engaged in a war on terrorism and it is a war we will win. This is a struggle that concerns the whole of the democratic and civilized and free world. We will bring to account those responsible, and we will dismantle the apparatus of terror and eradicate the evil of mass terrorism in our world.

The cause that we are fighting is just and it is decent. No citizen, in any country, should live in fear of senseless terrorist attacks. On September 11, 2002, thousands of American civilians gave their lives for a cause they did not know. An attack against civilian targets of women and children, mothers and fathers, peaceful and without prejudice, is beyond comprehension in our modern, civilized world.

America responded to this crisis and emerged from the tragedy stronger and more determined. The course and duration of the conflict is unknown, but its outcome is not. America will prevail and remain the greatest nation in the world.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in disappointment. The Continuing Resolution, House Joint Resolution 111, on the floor today is a slap in the face of the American people. Our constituents all over the country are counting on us to help them put food on the table, provide their children with the best education possible and to make them and their families safer. Despite the best efforts of Democrats, the Republican leadership of the House continues to let them down. It is inexcusable that this body has only passed five appropriations bills. What is even more disappointing is that the Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations bill has not even been brought to the House floor for a vote. The other body has passed its version of the bill, yet we continue to twiddle our thumbs at the expense of our children. The Senate's proposal would increase education funding in the President's budget by a little over \$3 billion and would provide funding increases for Teacher Quality, Title 1, Head Start, and financial aid programs, and would restore funding for rural school programs. Instead of following in the Senate's lead, the House Republicans refuse to act on this issue.

The failure of the Republicans and the Administration to follow through on their commitment to education is disappointing. The "No Child Left Behind Act" was supposed to provide our children with the resources needed to obtain the best education possible, but, unfortunately, this has not happened. The law was touted as a way to prevent children from being "trapped" in failing schools but left behind may be thousands of unhappy parents and students. The President's budget of \$50.3 billion in discretionary funding for FY2003 has stopped six years of steady progress in federal support to local schools dead in its tracks. Under his proposal, the overall education budget would only increase by 2.8 percent, barely enough to cover inflation. Our so-called "Education President" is doing the exact opposite of what he promised. He is leaving our children behind.

Unfortunately, the only version of the House Republicans' Labor HHS Education appropriations bill follows the President's budget request. The bill would freeze or reduce funding for most education programs, including the teacher quality, after-school, math/science partnerships, Safe and Drug-Free schools, bilingual education, Pell Grants, Gear-Up and TRIO programs. Funding for several important programs, including rural education and technology training for teachers would be completely eliminated. It also includes no resources to address the \$127 billion crisis in school repairs. The bill cuts funding for the "No Child Left Behind Act" by \$90 million from last year, resulting in 16,000 fewer teachers getting trained, 50,000 fewer children in after-school programs, and yet another year without the needed resources to turn around failing schools. The President and the Republicans continue to break their promises to the children of our country.

In my home state of Illinois, they are attempting to take away nearly \$200 million needed to support the Title I grants program, which provides supplemental assistance to improve the educational attainment of low-achieving students, especially those in high poverty areas. Also, they are cutting nearly \$600 million from IDEA funding, which is desperately needed to improve special education in Illinois. Finally, student debt is skyrocketing as college tuitions rise, making loan affordability critical. Despite this fact, the Administration's budget cuts the maximum Pell Grant, which provides up to \$4,000 to low-income students to help with college tuition costs, to \$3,600, \$800 short of what is needed to keep pace with projected tuition hikes.

Mr. Speaker, this is not what I consider education reform. If we refuse to fund our educational system, then we are only cutting short the potential of our country's children and jeopardizing our nation's future. I urge my colleagues to listen to the millions of Americans out there and support a bill that follows the Senate's bill and not the President's budget. It is time to give our children the opportunities they deserve.

HOME SAFETY COUNCIL STUDY ON HOME INJURIES AND DEATHS

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, unintentional home injuries have reached an unacceptable level, according to a new study by the Home Safety Council, and Americans need to be aware of the risks they face in their own homes. It may be surprising to some that these injuries are the leading cause of death for those between the ages of 1 and 44, and—other than illness—unintentional injuries are the number one cause of death in the United States.

The study, recently completed by the University of North Carolina, also shows us how unintentional home injuries hurt America's working families and our economy. Lost workdays for injured parents cost both employees and employers, not to mention driving up health care costs and raising dilemmas in providing childcare. These injuries cost Americans nearly \$380 billion each year, and account for an estimated 10 percent of all visits to hospital emergency rooms.

We are forming a Congressional Home Safety Working Group in the next Congress that can directly address home safety issues on Capitol Hill and in Federal agencies. The working group will examine how the Federal Government can support home safety education and prevention activities. A year from now, we need to see a reduction in the number of unintentional home injuries. For some great suggestions on what Americans can do right now to protect themselves, visit www.homesafetycouncil.org.

I want to congratulate David Oliver, Executive Director of the Home Safety Council, for commissioning this monumental study; Dr. Carol Runyan, Director of the Injury Prevention Research Center at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for conducting the study; and Dr. Sue Binder, Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for supporting this study and bringing Federal attention to this critical issue. I would also like to encourage my fellow colleagues to raise the level of attention to home safety issues on Capitol Hill and in Federal agencies.

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2002

HON. JENNIFER DUNN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing the Mt. Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act. This legislation will enable the National Park Service to rebuild a road and popular campground located in the Northwestern corner of the park that has been devastated by years of reoccurring floods.

As a life-long Washingtonian, I appreciate the importance of maintaining our most treasured natural resources. Mt. Rainier National Park is one of the crown jewels of the national