

the Republican leadership has presented to the American people!

We should learn from the American people. I received a letter today with these cards, made in Janie Tavener's kindergarten class. The letter says: "Dear Mr. Stupak. My daughter's kindergarten class made a poster that we made into this card. I am proud that they have already learned the Pledge of Allegiance, and they are learning to be proud Americans. Sincerely, Nancy Stanwick."

Democrats are standing up for Mrs. Tavener's kindergarten class we won't saddle these children with a huge debt. We won't leave them with this GOP credit card.

Democrats will leave them with Principles and Beliefs. We will tell them to stand up for what they believe in, and not to rely on or fall for gimmicks or tricks when it comes to our fiscal responsibility! Let's stand with these kids! Vote no on this supplemental appropriations.

#### RECOGNIZING CONSTITUENT SURVEY RESULTS FROM COLORADO

##### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak about Colorado's Fourth Congressional District and the opinions of the constituents I serve concerning the direction of their country. I would like to share with you the thoughts of thousands of citizens from Eastern Colorado by reporting the results of an opinion survey I sent to each household.

Among its several questions, the survey asked, "What is the single most important issue facing our country today?" Respondents came back with a host of answers including preserving social security, a strong national defense, our country's moral deterioration, and the lack of immigration law enforcement.

Unsurprisingly, an overwhelming majority of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District constituents believe tax relief and education are the two most important issues facing American families today. In separate questions, they voiced opinions citing problems and solutions to these tough issues.

With regards to education, parents cited the need for parental involvement and school choice, smaller classroom sizes, more direct school funding to reach the classroom, eliminating drugs and violence in schools, and more local control. While the answers were varied, the message is the same: Parents expect quality and choice in their children's education, and deservingly feel as though they should get the most for their tax dollars by decreasing the bureaucracy that currently exists.

Eastern Coloradans are also concerned with the burden of taxes and are interested in reform. Last year I fought to repeal the death tax and marriage penalty taxes along with many other tax-relief provisions in the bill signed by President Bush. However, due to an unfortunate Senate amendment, these taxes will be increased again in 2011. This is an unfair and punitive measure, and the people of Colorado expect these provisions to be made permanent.

As has always been the case since first being elected to the Congress, my constituents expect me to vote to balance the federal

budget, provide needed tax relief, increase parent choice in education, eliminate government waste, and save Social Security. Coloradans believe they should keep more of their hard-earned money for themselves and their children's futures, and thus I will continue to fight for this just cause.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to point out Fourth District Coloradans, more than two-to-one, oppose partial birth abortions and overwhelmingly oppose any restriction on Second Amendment gun rights. In addition, they also are concerned about our providing care for the elderly and veterans.

Finally, national defense and protection against terrorism are repeated concerns. The tragic events of September 11th were not only aimed at our financial and political centers, but more importantly the freedom Americans enjoy and the values we espouse. Dedication to family and love of community are displayed in these responses, and all Coloradans I serve demand no less than personal protection.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opinion survey responses I received. I consider this valuable input and commend these results to our colleagues. The voice of the people is the cornerstone of our political system and I encourage all Americans to share their opinions to their elected officials.

#### TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JAMES SCHALKHAUSER

##### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, Reverend James Schalkhauser accepted the appointment as the Lansing Fire Department's first chaplain in February 1973. Throughout the past 29 years, he has maintained his full-time position as senior pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lansing. Juggling both commitments has often taken him away from his family in order to meet the needs of others.

Throughout his tenure, Reverend Schalkhauser has provided countless hours of counseling and advice to the Lansing firefighters on family matters, marital challenges or other personal issues. He has always been available with a listening ear, friendship and advice.

In 1990, Reverend Schalkhauser was a founding member of the Capitol Area Critical Incident Stress Management (CACISM) team. This group is comprised of professional counselors and clergy formed for the purpose of providing critical incident stress services to local firefighters, police officers, and EMS providers following a traumatic event.

The 29 years of service Reverend Schalkhauser has provided the Lansing firefighters will never be forgotten. On behalf of my constituents of Michigan's Eighth Congressional District, I am pleased to honor him in Congress in recognition of his official retirement on June 18.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, DC today because I was attending a memorial service for Marc Lindenberg. Mr. Lindenberg was the dean at the University of Washington's Daniel Evans School of Public Affairs. Throughout his life, he was a passionate and potent leader in international relief work. Those that knew him, or were touched by his work, will truly miss Mr. Lindenberg, but we find solace knowing that the legacy he leaves behind will endure.

Mr. Speaker, I missed six votes.

Had I been able to vote, I would have voted in support of: H.R. 4800, H.R. 4823, H.R. 4466, H.R. 3983, H.R. 4073, and H.R. 2941.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBBY SHELTON

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a young student from my district, Mr. Robby Shelton. His hard work and dedication have been rewarded with the great honor of being named to the All-USA College Academic Team for undergraduate students who have made a significant impact on society. Robby has not only overcome his challenges with deafness, but he has met the hurdles that were put before him. I would like to commend him for his determination and self-sacrifice in achieving this honor. He is certainly a well deserving recipient of this award, and I am honored to bring forth his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Robby is a student at the University of Denver, where he has made remarkable strides in medical technology. He is well known on campus and throughout the nation for being extraordinarily gifted in science and its applications. By the end of his sophomore year, Robby had finished his senior honors thesis. His next big project, with the help of the Denver Police Department, was to use cancer diagnostic instruments to perform DNA tests on police suspect blood samples. His project was a great success and his invention produced results faster and cheaper than other available method. After the devastating September 11 attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, the U.S. Department of Justice looked to Robby to aid his country and its citizens in the monumental task of identifying the victims of the attacks. Robby was up to the challenge, and he worked day and night in preparation for the assignment.

Mr. Speaker, the innovation and commitment demonstrated by Robby Shelton certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. Robby's achievements serve as a symbol to aspiring science students and for anyone facing adversity. The recognition that Robby has received is proof that hard work, determination, and a passionate pursuit of your goals can lead to great

rewards and success. Congratulations Robby, and good luck in your future endeavors. You are a future leader in this country, and I, on behalf of this nation, thank you for all that you have done thus far and look forward to seeing what you will undoubtedly achieve in the future.

# HONORING WHALEY CHILDREN'S CENTER

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Whaley Children's Center for the presentation of an endowment garden. There will be a ceremony to unveil the garden on June 5, in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Whaley Children's Center was the dream of Robert J. Whaley to honor the memory of his son, Donald M. Whaley. Robert Whaley conceived the idea for a home that would support the social, emotional, and physical growth of neglected and homeless children. His original idea was to provide a place where the children could live until they reached maturity. In 1924 under the control of the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Whaley Foundation was organized. Under the direction of its first president, Charles S. Mott, and the guidance of the Child Welfare League of America, the memorial home was built in 1926. Today the focus of care is to nurture the child and restore the youngster to a family setting.

Over the past seven decades the Whaley Children's Center has cared for more than 7,500 children. It has four group homes within the community that care for 6 children each between the ages of 5 and 12. On its main campus Whaley provides additional care for 24 other children. To achieve the goal of effectively placing a child with a family, the staff work closely with both the families and the children. Whether it is with the original family, foster parents, or if the children are being adopted, special attention is given to ensure a smooth transition and a successful placement. The purpose is to maintain a positive influence on the children so that they can grow to be contributors within the community.

The Whaley Children's Foundation has added many new facilities and programs since the conception of the children's memorial home. In 1955 a recreational facility was built with a gym, classrooms, and a craft room on the campus. In 1977 the Foundation was one of the few who offered a treatment foster care program with a specially trained family. During that same year an educational facility was built that had five new classrooms, a meeting room, and several offices. In 1982 Whaley's Special Needs Adoption program was started. In 1984 a board of directors was established to take over daily control of the Foundation. Since then they have expanded their fundraising efforts through the Whaley golf outing, the "World's Greatest Office Party", and a "Whaley of an Auction."

Their newest project was made possible by the ideas and direction of the board members to build a garden to recognize those who have worked with the neglected children in the past, present, and future. To thank the contributors of the Whaley Foundation there will be

plaques with their names in the garden. Each year the names of new contributors will be added in the garden. The garden is 80 feet long and is located in the center of the campus.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Whaley's Children Center for the construction of a garden that honors those who contributed time and money to underprivileged children.

# TRAFICANT TRIAL: A RAILROAD OF JUSTICE

**HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 4, 2002*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the government presented a ten-count indictment against me on May 4, 2001. And convicted me on those ten counts, Thursday, April 11, 2002.

Initially, the two most significant accusations were a contract murder scheme and a purported \$150,000 barn to have been built on the Traficant Family Farm for supposed favors. Both matters made national headlines poisoning the jury voir dire, but after the government's intimidation tactics were exposed, I was charged with neither.

The following affidavit by Mrs. Sandy Ferrante, the supposed target, outlines the saga of the alleged murder-for-hire:

AFFIDAVIT OF SANDRA FERRANTE, TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2002

I hereby swear that the following is a true and accurate statement.

In middle to late August, 2000, three males arrived at my ex-husband's residence on Applegate Road in North Canton, Ohio. They identified themselves as agents of the F.B.I., Rich Deholm, Chuck Perkins and Mike Pecunis, and requested that we go into the house so that they may talk to me on a matter of great importance. I suggested that we go to a public location. We, my ex-husband, myself and the three agents met at a nearby Wendy's restaurant.

The agents proceeded to play a 40-minute tape for me, which intimated that Jim Traficant wanted to have me murdered. On the tape I heard three voices, Clarence Broad, and two unknown individuals which I was told were an undercover agent of the F.B.I. and another male who dropped the agent off to meet with Broad.

I proceeded to ask if this was something they were using to get me to say something against Jim Traficant. The agents stated that they were only there to protect me. They never stated that Jim Traficant was responsible but led me to believe that he was involved in this conspiracy to take my life.

After this meeting with the agents, I received a phone call from an F.B.I. agent who suggested that to ensure my own safety that I should go public with this information and announce the conspiracy.

At some point afterward, an F.B.I. agent notified me that Clarence Broad was moved to Elkton Prison, in Elkton, Ohio and it was unusual that he was moved to this facility. Also, the agent insinuated that his move could have been done at the request of Jim Traficant.

I testified before a grand jury on two occasions in the matter regarding Jim Traficant. During this time the F.B.I. paid \$800 to house my dogs in kennels and also paid for my two round trips to Louisville, Kentucky to testify.

After testifying truthfully and when the government didn't hear what they wanted to hear the U.S. Attorney, Craig Morford proceeded to demean me in front of the grand jury. In addition, at the time of my testimony in front of the grand jury I publicly apologized to Jim (Traficant) and his wife for allowing the government to trick me into believing this conspiracy.

When the indictment came down, I discovered that there were no charges filed in association with the murder issue. In addition, I read news articles that had information that were never on the tape.

Since the time of the first meeting with the F.B.I. agents, my husband has suffered a debilitating stroke and requires constant care and my health continues to deteriorate due to the stress and the traumatic nature of the events in this case.

Signed and sworn before a notary public on April 30, 2002.

Then, Henry Nemenz, a man with a conscience, surprised me at a local restaurant where I was having lunch with a friend, John Innella. At that meeting, Mr. Nemenz apologized for untrue statements he had made to the government to avoid indictment. I asked Mr. Nemenz to sit down and proceeded to ask him questions regarding the so-called \$150,000 barn deal and at the completion of that meeting, I did the following two things, (1) secured an affidavit summarizing what John Innella had witnessed take place between myself and Henry Nemenz and (2) telephoned Ms. Robin Best, Henry Nemenz's girlfriend, the next day, who confirmed that "Henry told me everything about the meeting and the government was furious and hauled him up to Cleveland."

The following affidavit by John Innella describes the conversation I had with Henry Nemenz:

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF MAHONING,  
AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN INNELLA

After being duly cautioned on my oath in accordance with the law, I, John Innella, hereby depose and say:

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2001, I was in the company of James A. Traficant, Jr. and was unexpectedly interrupted by Henry Nemenz.

1. Henry Nemenz voluntarily told James Traficant in my company "Morford was trying to put words in his mouth."

2. His (Nemenz) attorney told him to "tell Morford what they wanted to hear so that he would not be indicted."

3. In my presence, James Traficant and Henry Nemenz talked about their original deal, which was \$17,000 for the barn and additions because Jim Traficant already had the poles and metal for the building.

4. In my presence, they discussed that the construction man said he would bring in twenty (20) Amish and they would get the job done in a week.

5. Nemenz said that he eventually got rid of his construction man because of faulty construction and poor management.

6. Nemenz and Traficant discussed the fact they legitimately came to a reasonable business settlement that Nemenz would have made with anyone under similar circumstances.

7. Nemenz told Traficant that he was told by Morford "not to talk to Traficant."

8. Nemenz told Traficant that all money Traficant owed, was paid in full, including the truck.

9. In my presence, Traficant and Nemenz agreed that the stretching out of the work to be performed was the cause of the cost overruns, and that it was not the fault of James