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With the help and guidance of their teacher, Tanya Hanson, these young students demonstrated vast knowledge and understanding of our U.S. history as well as the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

I ask that my colleagues in Congress join me in commending these fine students and their excellent teacher for an outstanding achievement.

IN SUPPORT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

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

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of an exciting new technology. Local television broadcasters across the country are undertaking their biggest advancement in years: The transition to digital television. Digital TV opens the doors to new possibilities, like High Definition TV, interactive television, and expanded programming options.

In my district, we are already served by several stations transmitting a digital signal. I am proud of my hometown broadcasters, like WXII, which is owned by Hearst-Argyle. These stations are leading the charge into the digital future.

These TV stations are small businesses, like others. They have made substantial investments in new transmitting facilities, new production equipment, and, in some cases, new broadcast towers. Collectively, the industry has invested over \$1 billion in this new technology.

While local broadcasters are doing their part to propel the digital television transition forward, we have yet to see all the pieces of this come together in place. I believe the transition will accelerate once cable companies begin to carry digital signals. Seventy percent of U.S. households receive their TV through cable. We need that signal as digital.

I hope that Congress can work with these differing groups, broadcasters and cable operators and other interested parties, on the remaining issues. Until then, however, I remain fully confident that the future of television is digital, and I believe the future is bright.

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is June 6, 2002, and 58 years ago on this day, as President Reagan said nearly 20 years

ago, we mark a day in history when allied peoples joined in battle to reclaim a continent to liberty.

As President Reagan said, for 4 long years much of Europe had been caught up under a terrible shadow. Free nations had fallen, Jews cried out in the camps, millions cried for liberation, and America and her allies responded.

225 Rangers came ashore at Pointe de Hoc, Normandy, along with thousands of others. As President Reagan would say, that day in 1984, the men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or the next. It was the deep knowledge, and I pray God we have not lost it, of the profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest.

Let us, on this 58th anniversary, never forget the courage, the inspiration, and the faith of the boys and the men of Pointe du Hoc, Normandy.

PRAY FOR MARTIN AND GRACIA BURNHAM

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 376th day that Martin and Gracia Burnham have been held captive by Muslim terrorists in the Philippines. It has been over a year now.

This July 31, the U.S. military 6-month advisory mission in the Philippines expires, yet many of us are requesting of the administration that our troops stay beyond the current deadline. There was some concern, when our troops first arrived in the Philippines 5 months ago, they would not be well received. When Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz visited the Philippines last week, he found they were very receptive in the Philippines, and that even a Muslim governor in the southern Philippines wanted an increased role for our U.S. military.

Our special forces commanders feel like their job is not done. We have strategic interests and a common goal of getting rid of terrorism, so we must stay. Terrorism will not stop without their help.

And then there are the Burnhams still being held hostage. How can we walk away from two of our citizens being held captive by Muslim terrorists? Mr. Speaker, I believe we know where the Burnhams are. I believe if we have the political will, we can bring them home safely. I ask the President to not walk away from Martin and Gracia Burnham.

As always, I ask my colleagues to join me in prayer for Martin and Gracia and their loved ones so this nightmare may soon be over.

IN HONOR OF AMANDA KAY EDWARDS

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

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Amanda K. Edwards. I rise today to honor her life as a constituent and as a friend of mine.

Ms. Amanda K. Edwards passed away on Tuesday of this week, and I seek to commemorate her life and service to our community. Her life was cut short, as I said, on Tuesday at the age of 18. My sympathies are with her family and friends during this difficult time. She was an extraordinary young woman with a very bright future ahead of her.

Amanda was a recent graduate of Maxwell High School, where she was a member of the California Scholarship Federation. She had been accepted at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and planned to major in ranch management.

In addition to her scholastic achievements, Amanda was a rodeo queen of the Maxwell Rodeo and Stonyford Rodeo 2002. She was a member of the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Club. Frankly, her list of accomplishments is quite impressive, but it really does not capture her true spirit.

I had the pleasure of knowing Amanda. We competed together at the Colusa Western Days and together we won the Team Penning competition. It was her energy and enthusiasm that led us to victory two years in a row. She was dedicated, hard-working, but, more importantly, she was a good person, and we have too few of those. Our Nation's future rests in the hands of younger Americans such as Amanda, and, frankly, she was a great example of what lies ahead for this country in terms of the standards she set.

Without a doubt, she contributed great things, not only to our community, but to each of our lives. Her passing is a tragedy and she will be deeply missed. I am grateful that she was a part of my life.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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.)

FAREWELL TO DEPARTING 2001-2002 PAGE CLASS

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to ask the Page Class of 2001 and 2002 to come down and take the seats in this first and second row, and try to congregate in the middle, if they can, and, Mr. Speaker, at the conclusion of this I will include for the RECORD the names of the entire graduating class that will be graduating tomorrow.

Tomorrow is the end of a long year of working together, and it is an honor to stand up, as chairman of the Page Board, along with a lot of my colleagues, to do that hard part of saying good-bye. For me, this is my first time chairing the Page Board, and so you are a very special class, one that I will remember forever, and hopefully you all will remember this experience.

As chairman of the House Page Board, it is my privilege to acknowledge and thank you, an outstanding group of young people, but it is difficult to let this group of pages go. This year's class has faced challenges and struggles unlike any other class in history.

Just several days into your page experience, you experienced challenges that tested the strength of every American. Before you even had a chance to acclimate yourselves to your new home in Washington, your senses of safety and security were threatened. The events of September 11 left us all feeling frightened and unsure about our future, but you were role models, not only for your peers but for many adults as well. You recognized that the work of your country must go on despite the attempts of others to halt it.

I know my colleague, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mrs. WILSON), is not here, but I want to personally thank her for spending time with you all, as you will remember, on September 11. It was a very important time for a Member to take time out to work with you, and she has my gratitude for fulfilling that role as a member of the Page Board.

We owe you a debt of gratitude for persevering with your work and for doing so with grace, enthusiasm, and, as I found out, good humor.

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There is no question that you are all destined for very bright futures. You have made us proud, and you have shown us that the human spirit is indistinguishable in the face of adversity. Surely you have made your family, friends and communities back home proud as well, and I am certain that they will be glad to get you back.

As difficult as it is to say good-bye, I trust that you will take with you memories, experiences and friends that will last a lifetime. Take with you also our sincere thanks for a job well done.

Your hard work and dedication have proven that you are young people with strength, courage, character and love of country. I like all those words: strength, courage, character and love of country. You are true patriots in the

very best sense of the word. You are serving your country now, and we are asking you to continue to serve your country as good citizens and as good role models.

We look forward to hearing about all your many successes in the future. Please come back and visit us. Best wishes for safe travels home, good luck in your senior year in high school. Much happiness always. May God bless you all. I am not the only Member here to say good-bye to you; and I would like to recognize, and he took great lengths to come back to the floor from another meeting, and I appreciate the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) coming back and sharing his thanks with you.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I address the class, I suppose, of 2002 of the United States House of Representatives Page School. I want you to think of your status, 280 million fellow citizens. I do not know how many millions of 10th and 11th graders, 16-year-olds that we have in America, but clearly it ranks in the millions. There are but a few of you who have been given the opportunity, the honor, the privilege of serving in the House of Representatives.

I know that every one of us who has the opportunity to be selected by their neighbors and friends to serve in this House feels the awesome honor of that privilege. I hope you share that with them. I hope you share the realization of the very special knowledge that each of you has received and understand how very unique your experience is relative to so many millions of young people in America.

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) has pointed out that you have served as pages in this House and served your country in that capacity in a historic year, in a year in which America was attacked here on its very homeland. That has not happened since 1814. Think of that. That was even before you were born. It was so long ago, it was before I was born. America had felt invulnerable, safe. The trouble and violence for the most part at least from an international war status was somewhere over the waters and far away, and we found that it was not. You, your parents, your relatives, your friends and your neighbors felt more vulnerable than they had in the past. As so many have said, America was changed and our concerns were heightened.

Those who attacked us were relatively young people who cared passionately about an objective. We think very, very wrongly and indeed evilly, but they cared a lot about something. What I hope and what I think all of us hope is that you, too, care passionately, care passionately for this country, for its principles, for its processes.

Those of us who have traveled the world know that almost everybody looks to America as a very, very spe-

cial place. Some do not like us; but even in that dislike, they are somewhat in awe of this longest-standing democracy on the face of the Earth. Why has it been so long-standing? Because its people love it. Its people care for it. Its people sustain it. You are the people. We the people. We call this House in which you have served the People's House. We are elected every 2 years. It is kind of a pain in the neck to run every 2 years, but let me tell you what it does: it keeps you in touch. That is what the Founding Fathers wanted us to do. They wanted those of us who serve on this floor to be in touch, to hear the passions and the fears and the aspirations and hopes of your parents, and of you.

I want to congratulate you because you were selected because you are some of the most outstanding young people in America, which is to say in the world. Who in a short period of time, just as some Members of this House who served in the blue coat brigade that you have been a member of, serve now in the House of Representatives.

Some of you will serve in the House and in the Senate and Governors; and yes, perhaps even one of you will be President of the United States. But the probability is most of you will not be that, but you can serve very well. Take with you this experience. Take with you this knowledge of how much the Members who serve here care about our country, how hard they work. I hope you have been surprised at how hard they work. I was when I first went to the Senate at the age of 27 in the State of Maryland.

I hope you take that home to your classmates, your families and friends, so they will feel better about this democracy and this country. We have asked God to bless America, and God does. God blesses America through the service of each and every one of us. And to the extent that you become ambassadors of our democracy, to all our people, our country will be a stronger and better place. And those who attack us will surely fail. Godspeed, and thank you.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, many Members want to speak of that great love and concern who have visited with the pages throughout the year, and I yield to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) to say good-bye.

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I have not looked out on this many youthful and good-looking people on the floor of the House of Representatives since I have been here. It is nice to see this crowd here today. I got my start as a page through the times that I have had a chance to talk to you. Of course I served in that other body on the other side of the Capitol called the Senate, and perhaps I can be forgiven for that. But I know what a profound difference it made to me, that experience; and I know that this experience is going to have a big effect on you. It is going to change your lives.

Now, you look and say, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) comes back as a Congressman, it means we can all be Congressmen or Congresswomen. Yes, you could be; but you will not be. And that is all right, because no matter what you do, this experience is going to have a real impact on your lives. I can guarantee you that.

My class of 1960 includes Don Anderson, our former Clerk of the House, and Ron Lasch, who was our floor assistant here on the Republican side. We get together every 5 years, once every 5 years, and I know from the times that we come back together, the impact that this experience has had on the lives of those once-young men and women, then it was all young men, and how it has changed their lives as they have continued with whatever they have done, whether in government or business or professions.

This is an experience that you will be able to take with you to wherever you go. Although there is no doubt about it, we could do the wonderful work that you do, the important work that you do for the House of Representatives, there are many ways that it could be done, probably some which would be less expensive and less headaches for the Page Board and others, but we would be missing something. We would be missing an opportunity to create these ambassadors back to your communities about what government is all about.

You join now a very select group, which numbers in the few thousands of people in the entire United States who have ever had this experience; and you will go back to your schools and communities, and then you will go to your colleges and your businesses and your families, and you will be able to share with them what government is really like, the kinds of people that serve in government, the kind of work that goes on here.

I think, hopefully, by and large you have learned they are good people who care, who really want to make a difference for the American people. We hope that will inspire you to want to do the same no matter what line of work you go into, that you will want to do the same. That is really what this program is all about, that you come here, you learn from it and take home with you something that is very important, and you become ambassadors for a better government, a better society back in your own communities.

As has been pointed out by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), you came and you experienced something that no other class has ever experienced, and we hope none will ever again, the incredible attack on America that took place on September 11. What I shall always remember about this class of pages is your constancy, your willingness to stay and stick with this job.

After September 11, school groups canceled their visits here, business

groups canceled their visits, tourists declined to come; but you stayed on. You stayed on in this job because you knew what we were doing here was important. You knew the work of the House of Representatives was important and that in your own way the job that you were doing was important. We are especially thankful to this class for what you have done, the role that you have played.

We just know when you leave here you will go back to your communities, and you will be able to tell them a little bit about what the government of the United States means, and you will pass this along to your children, to the next generation.

So from the bottom of my heart, I say thank you to each and every one of you for the good service that you have given, the friendship that you have extended to the Members, and I look forward to seeing you come back often and seeing you around the House of Representatives; and someday I am sure we will see some of you in the House of Representatives. Good luck and Godspeed.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD).

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to all the pages. They have been such a source of inspiration to all of us, their coming at the most critical time that our country has been faced with. And not one time did they deter from doing the duties of a page.

Of course I have a page here, Taurean Snow, who came from my district; and he came for one semester and asked to see if he could serve a second semester. I was happy that he chose to do that.

But I join with the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) in saying that you will now be ambassadors, ambassadors to take what you have learned here. This is like a civics class for you, a class that far too few are in our schools now, teaching you what government is all about.

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This particular experience will be with you always, because you will remember the times that you have had to run the corridors to bring flags to our offices, or you have been on the floor and have had to bring messages to us. And so those types of experiences, coupled with your hearing us argue on the floor about different issues, will be with you, and you can go back and tell your friends just what you have learned from this House. And, of course, you see us argue quite a bit on the floor, but then you also see us come across the aisle, shake hands, and be friends. This is what you have come to know and recognize, those of you who are here.

I was fortunate being the Chair of the Women's Caucus to get a note from one of the pages, a female page. She said to me, I really admire what you have done and you are a role model. I thought

that was a great thing for a page to send a note to me. When I inquired as to which page she was, it was a Republican page. I thought that was very admirable of her because she saw no difference really. She just wanted to say how much of a role model that I represented in her eyes. I hope we all have done that for you because you certainly have for us. You have shown us the type of discipline that young folks should have.

This morning I spoke with a group of Girl Scouts, and I told them, as a former Girl Scout, I will never forget on my honor. Well, you will never forget on your honor and you will never forget those things that you have learned here on this floor. Again, thank you so much for sharing your year with us. We hope that this has been an experience for you that you will keep throughout your adult life. I join with my other colleagues in saying that perhaps one year we might see you here on the floor being a Congressperson. I really do think Taurean will be.

Godspeed to all of you.

Mr. SHIMKUS. I thank my colleague. Now someone who spends a lot of time with you also, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY), would like to say a thank you.

Mr. FOLEY. I warn all of you not to cry in front of me, please, so I can get through this very important day with you without shedding tears as well.

First, I want all of you to salute two people that I know at times were tough on you. They are taskmasters, they are disciplinarians; but they love you in an incredibly personal way. I would like all of the pages to clap for Ms. Sampson and Ms. Ivester, your supervisors.

Ms. Sampson is on the back rail. She does not like to come too close here because she may cry, too; and she does not want any of the kids before you depart on Saturday to see her being a vulnerable person. It is true.

I hear so much laughter here and I am glad that there is laughter, because this is a wonderful time of your life. Every time we celebrate the departure of a page class, we remember your first day here and, of course, we are here at your last. You came in very shy and meek and very polite and for the most part you have remained polite, but no longer shy and meek. You have taken on your respective roles as junior Members of Congress and oftentimes I get a kick when I walk by the back row, Mr. FOLEY, please mention the pages so our parents will hear us on C-SPAN. The nice thing about today is you are on C-SPAN. And this is recorded. And you will get to see this replayed. And you will get to see your faces now assembling as if you were Members of Congress.

Some probably cannot wait to leave and get back and see your best friends and loved ones and some are anguishing about your departure. Mary Kate Leonard was on the back row crying. I asked why. She said, "I'm losing my best friend, Rachel."

I said, "Really? Where's Rachel?"

"Oh, Rachel is a Republican page."

I said, "Oh, you are all bipartisan, too, huh?" Because Mary Kate is a Democrat, which shows how friendships can cross an aisle and cross ideological divide. So I asked Rachel to come from the cloakroom, and she thought I was kidding, to join her friend who was crying and I said, "I can't let her cry alone. You have to be out here to be part of this." Now I have got you both crying and I am starting to well up.

I have got a lot of other stories. Of course, Christopher made sure I came out of the cloakroom to see that his mother and family were sitting up in the gallery this morning as I quietly mentioned to him, "Remember, we're not allowed to gesture to the gallery." He said, "Oh, just wave to her, so she knows I'm important." He is important and she is above us now.

Of course we have got several Jasons, a few Laurens. Adam, thank you for the graduation announcement. I sent you a handwritten note, and I was actually going to put some money in it as a graduation present. Then I realized he would tell all of you, and then I would get hundreds of graduation announcements. So I chose not to. I hope the handwritten note will suffice for your scrapbook.

Patty Mack, of course, also known as Patrick McDonald, when he said, "Mr. FOLEY, who made you say that?" I said, "I made it up myself. I'm Irish. I get it." Fabulous young man. This is not made to make fun of him or anyone else.

The tag team of Dominic and Hilary. Who will forget their exuberance coming in the room? Bubbly, excited, cheerful. Of course Jordan and Eddie. Eddie's mother I met today. They are from Florida. He is a constituent and hopefully a future voter of mine if I choose to run statewide, so Eddie will be my next best friend.

And, of course, Melanie, and finally John Eunice. John was the highest bidder on lunch with MARK FOLEY. Maybe you all do not know this story, but John had paid considerable sums to dine with me. I had offered to take the winning bidder to lunch in the Members' dining room. Then I heard how much John Eunice paid. And I said, "John, there is no way in the world after you committed so much money to have lunch with me that I would dare take you downstairs to eat in the Members' dining room." I said, "Where do you want to go?" He says, without reservation, "Morton's." I said, "Morton's? Like in Morton's Steakhouse?" He said, "Oh, would that be too much?" I said, "Oh, no, we'll go." I said, "Call your mother, get permission, make sure she notifies the Clerk and we will go to Morton's." And so we proceeded to cruise down in my BMW to Morton's. And all of this story is meant to make you all feel jealous that you were not the high bidders. So we went to Morton's, and I do not know where you all went.

I have a lot of other names here, but I do not want to go through the litany of lists, Nickie and Tim sitting in front and others. This has been an incredible year. This has been a year you will remember for the rest of your lives. When I was in fourth grade, President John Kennedy was assassinated. I remember kneeling in prayer for our Nation and for our President. I was so scared, because I had never witnessed something so traumatic. And on the 11th, and I think the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) said this best, we were all scared as Members of Congress. We were frightened for our Nation. And what tenacity you showed and what leadership you proved by staying here in this Capitol. I am afraid if I was your age I may have run home. That speaks volumes about the people you are. That speaks volumes of your parents and your grandparents. It speaks of the kind of love they have given you, the kind of time they spent with you to make you the incredible human beings you are.

God has blessed this Nation more than I can tell you and given us the chance to succeed beyond our wildest dreams. I barely graduated from high school, and I did not go to college. I am a proud Member of this great institution because I kept trying. I never gave up and never gave in to the instincts to be lazy or run for cover. You all have proven without a doubt that you are not only courageous Americans but wonderful young people. Cherish your youth, cherish this experience, but above all cherish your families. Let them know how much you appreciate them giving you this chance. And let them know how much you appreciate their love to make you the people you are. I was not going to do this because I am on C-SPAN now.

To the Page Board, as well, and to all the people that make up this fine institution, from the police officer you see in the morning and you see at night as you are entering your dorm, to the people that help keep the buildings clean and operating, the elevator operators, the people that serve you in the cafeteria, the people that stand behind us and work countless hours listening to us babble, the people that have made up the core of this program, I salute you and I thank you and I hope you will join me too in saluting everyone in the page program that has made this year a resounding, phenomenal learning experience and success for you.

God bless you all.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Now I would like to ask my colleague and friend, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA), to say a few words.

Mrs. MORELLA. You can see how we love you. I was thinking that this is really like a graduation; it really is, for you. You have had a year here. And it is really like a commencement, because now you are beginning another stage of your lives. It has just been a wonderful opportunity for us to have you, to know that you could tell us

who was speaking at any one time. I think your identification was superb. You could say this is so and so from this district, number such and such, Democrat or Republican. So we actually relied on you for that. We relied on you to get us the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD when we wanted it. We relied on you to make sure that you delivered whatever messages needed to be delivered. We relied on you to prepare the House for joint sessions and to prepare the House each day for the work that we did. And you have done it all so well.

I am sure that you have been awestruck every time you entered this Chamber on both sides and you looked up at the flag and you looked up at the motto, "In God We Trust," and you know that people all over the world are watching what happens here in this particular Chamber. It is indeed the people's House. You note from the wonderful, moving passion that you heard from MARK FOLEY and what you have heard from others, JIM KOLBE and others who have spoken here, too, JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD who spoke and others who have spoken here, too, and the person who has been in charge, JOHN SHIMKUS, you know how much we appreciate what you have done.

We are from all different areas. We bring different values and different, not necessarily different values, different issues because we represent our particular regions. You have had a year where you have had to engage in some study, sometimes very late at night. You have been with us when we have had our long nights. I have seen you with the books where you knew you had to get ready for the next day. You were not quite sure how you were going to handle it, but you did it. You made a number of sacrifices, not only sacrifices of sleep but sacrifices in terms of other issues and other things that you wanted to be involved in that you did not do because of your responsibilities. So you have learned what democracy is like and you have learned that there is a lot of hard work that takes place to make it work. You have also learned that with the differences that we may experience, that we do come together because we come together as a Nation.

So as you leave here, having been touched permanently by your experiences here, I guess my advice to you would be to continue to learn, to know that learning is something that is lifetime, because things change and you must be ready to change, to change with it, to make sure that you show enthusiasm for what you do. Enthusiasm comes from two Greek words, *en* theos, meaning "from love." I think when you show enthusiasm, as all of you have when I have seen you on both sides of the aisle, it shows a kind of joy and appreciation for what you do and it radiates with your friends.

Continue to have a sense of humor. I think it is important that you do not take yourself seriously. Certainly the

press do not take us seriously when we send press releases. I think it is important to laugh at things, because then you can stand back and learn how to deal with them when you return to them. I would also suggest you take chances.

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Sometimes your successes will occur only after you have had some disappointments and some failures. If you do not take chances, you will never know. I say no guts, no glory. So I hope you will know that taking chances is also part of progressing. It is part of life. It is what will add that extra dimension to it in terms of knowing what it is you can do.

I also want to point out that you have had some great leaders who have been here: Jeff Trandahl, and Martha, and, of course, in the little cloakroom back there I have seen little notes that say "I love you, Ms. Sampson," and I know it is meant by all of you. I am sure the same thing is over by Ms. Ivester on the other side, too, because you have become part of their family as you have become part of our family, and they have watched out for you ever so closely.

So I do want to thank you for the work that you have done here as pages. I know it will be a permanent part of your life, and it will be something you will look back on and you will remember all the little incidents. You may even remember a few of the issues, maybe not too many, but a few of the issues.

Pages have been around for 150 years. It was Senator Daniel Webster who appointed the first page. Women were allowed to become pages not until 1971, but you are making up for it. You are making up for it, and I think that is great.

So I wish you all well. I know you are going to be nostalgic about this and you are going to have memories that are going to fortify you. But the first woman admiral, her name was Grace Hopper, and she was also someone who got involved in computer programming, once said, "A ship in port is safe, but that is not what ships are for. Sail on."

So sail on. We will always remember you. Thank you very much for what you have done for us.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Last, but not least, someone who has invested some time with you all and who is full of energy and a good friend, the gentlewoman from Ohio, Mrs. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the other day I had the opportunity to deliver a commencement speech for John F. Kennedy High School, and that was Norville Arnold's graduation. He was my first page, my only page appointment, and it was a wonderful opportunity. I like poetry, so I am going to read a piece of poetry that I read at this commencement to his class.

Look what I have learned.

I have learned that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them.

Look what I have learned. That no matter how much I care, some people just don't care back.

I have learned that it is not what you have in your life, but who you have in your life that counts.

I have learned that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

I have learned that you can keep on going long after you think you can't.

I have learned that either you control your attitude, or it controls you.

I have learned that heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

I have learned that sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you are down will be the ones who help you get back up.

I have learned that just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to love you, doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have.

I have learned that maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you have had and what you have learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you have celebrated.

I have learned that your family won't always be there for you. It may seem funny, but people you aren't related to can take care of you and love you and teach you to trust people again. Families aren't biological.

I have learned that no matter how good a friend is, they are going to hurt you every once in a while, and you must forgive them for that.

I have learned that no matter how you try to protect your children, they will eventually get hurt, and you will get hurt in the process.

Finally, I have learned that people you care most about in life are often taken from you too soon.

I want to say to you that I have had great fun with this class. I have had a great time. We have had some wonderful experiences. I have learned that I do not take myself too serious, and I hope that you will learn that, over time, that is the best thing that you can do.

Then I want you to remember particularly how much fun those of you who had the chance to attend the Hill's Angels and the Georgetown faculty game, and that wonderful cheer that I taught you which was "Give me an A; give me an N; give me a G; give me an E; give me an L; give me an S. What does it spell? Angels." And you were that for me.

I have been working with this basketball team, and every year I go to Georgetown and all the law students are there and the law students are cheering and having a great time, and I am saying where is my team? So I thank you for allowing me to incorporate you into the game. If ever you want to come back for a reunion game, just call me up. I will send a bus for you.

Have a great time, have a great year and come back and visit with us. Thank you.

Mr. SHIMKUS. I thank my colleague. I have already mentioned HEATHER

WILSON. I would be remiss not to mention DALE KILDEE, who was on the Page Board and spent time, and just thank him for serving with me.

Make sure you remember in the last couple hours that you are here in Washington to thank the school staff, the dorm staff. We mentioned the floor staff. We have our chaplain here, and I know he has been a support for many of you, as he has been for Members. The Capitol Police, the attending physicians. Yes, we did need the attending physicians in this class once or twice.

So, we appreciate having you. There is a lot of people that invested in this, and make sure in the last day you get a chance to thank them.

Only in Washington can you ask for 5 minutes and get 60 minutes. What you have to notice is the House, we have very structured rules, but, for some reason, we are somehow allowed to break this one rule to take 5 minutes and spend as much time as we need to thank you for the work you have done with us.

Members will not miss flights, as you know, for very much, and you almost get trampled sometimes at the end of the last vote. I just missed mine, but I do it for a good reason, and I do it for a good cause, because you have been a great, great joy for me; a trial, a learning experience, but, again, a historical footnote in the history of a great country that now you are part of. May God bless you all and may God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much for your service.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD a list of the page graduating class.

Katherine Alesse, Lauren Arango, Matthew Arthur, Adam Bacot, Jane Becker, Matthew Benson, Nicholas Bruckner, Laura Burlingame, Allison Bybee, Amber Childress, Rachel Dick, Saul Dingfelder, Jason Dykstra-Carlson, and Jessica Eanes.

Robert Edmonson, Jordan Edmund, Nicole Eickhoff, John Eunice, Michelle Fuentes, Dulce Gonzalez, Timothy Gorman, Jason Green, Megan Grimland, Christopher Harrington, Gretchen Hartje, Paula Hodges, Mallory Kunz, and Mary Kate Leonard.

Matthew Loraditch, Alicia Luschei, Christopher Marquart, Patrick McDonald, A. Edward Mehnert, Elizabeth Mooers, Lauren Oswalt, Joseph Overton, Julia Owen, Timothy Read, Elizabeth Riley, Allison Robinson, Katherine Roehrick, and Tyler Rogers.

Amanda Rudd, Dominic Rupprecht, Taurean Snow, Mark Spong, Hilary Styer, Diane Sutherland, Melanie Tate, Alissa Turnipseed, Xavier Vanegas, Marisa Vasels, Charlotte Vasquez, Amelia Williams, Krystle Williams, and Gregory Wright.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to join other colleagues of mine in thanking the fine young men and women who have served as pages for the U.S. House of Representatives this past session. I was particularly pleased to have Ms. Lauren Oswalt of Fayette County, Alabama here in Washington, D.C. She is a fine young woman and has represented her home area well. The pages not only provide valuable services to Members and their staffs, but they are able to learn a great deal about how their Federal government works. As they return to their communities and continue their

studies, this knowledge can help them be effective citizens and leaders. To that end, I also want to thank the directors of the Congressional Page program. It is a fine combination of public service and education. Again, I congratulate the pages and thank them for their service.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my special order today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

REPORT OF CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2001—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 19(3) of the Public Telecommunications Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-356), I transmit herewith the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for calendar year 2001.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 6, 2002.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

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

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

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

CLOCKING THE RAID ON SOCIAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentle-

woman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to talk about Social Security, the premier program of the last century, which has helped to raise a generation of our seniors out of poverty. Most seniors in America receive upwards of perhaps \$580 per month. For them it is a lifeline, and without Social Security and Medicare, they simply could not survive.

Today this House debated what to do with the estate tax, some call it a death tax, but assets accumulated by very large interests, and we heard the debate. But what is important to point out about this debate is that because the Bush administration and its allies inside this Chamber cannot afford to pay for the tax benefits being given, especially to the very super-rich in our country, they have raided the Social Security trust fund consistently this fiscal year, and, as of this week, June 5 and counting, they have taken from the Social Security trust fund already \$207,232,876,712.

This chart and those that will follow in the weeks to come will clock the Republican raid on Social Security. The amount that has been taken to date averages thus far \$717 per American citizen, and the numbers are still being counted as the days tick on.

As long as Republicans continue to raid the Social Security trust fund in violation of the promises not to raid the trust fund dollars contained in what was called an accounting lockbox, it is my intention to be here on the floor clocking their raid with our Social Security debt clock.

I also will be going through the history of who created Social Security for our country and who has historically opposed it. In fact, in 1935 in the deliberations in the Committee on Ways and Means not far from this floor, the Republican Members of the House Committee on Ways and Means voted to kill the original bill that created the Social Security program that our parents and grandparents and great-grandparents have benefited from since the mid-1930s.

When the bill moved to the floor, it was Democrats that passed that bill. I think it is very important that that history go on record, because if you look at what has been happening with the accumulation of additional debt in our country, and I put this chart up here as illustrative, we look at the accumulation of debt, this goes back to President Johnson. For a long time, because of the Vietnam War, and going into the Carter years, the recessions that resulted from rising oil prices, and then into the Reagan-Bush years when we had the huge defense buildup and the Persian Gulf War, our Nation went deeply into the red. We have over \$6 trillion of debt that we are now financing in this country. But during the Clinton years, with the budgets that were passed in cooperation with this Congress, we were able to move to a

point where we were actually, for the first time in modern history, accumulating surpluses, until now, with the inauguration of President Bush, and we are beginning to move into a deficit position again, and very severely so, in a very short period of time.

The funds that are available to borrow against for various purposes, whether it is giving tax cuts to people like Ken Lay, who will get over \$350 million additional in a tax refund because of the tax bill passed earlier this year, or the estate tax that was voted here today, that money has to come from somewhere, and that somewhere is the lockbox that almost every single Member here voted to protect. It is beyond my imagination why anyone would want to vote in that manner.

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But until this administration and House Republicans put seniors first and reverse this raid and commit to saving Social Security as we have promised, I will be here to tell the truth to the American people, using these red numbers and this debt clock to show just how much is being raided.

Today in the Washington Post there is a story called "The State of the Estate Tax." I will enter it into the RECORD, but what is really interesting about this is it talks about some of the major beneficiaries of the bill that passed here by a very thin margin this afternoon. The very people that are raiding Social Security are taking care of some of their best friends. Here is one of them. Gary Winnick of Global Crossing fame, with assets of nearly 3 quarters of a billion dollars, will probably yield \$366 million in so-called estate tax savings. Dennis Kozlowski from Tyco International, which has run into a little difficulty, \$149 million.

Though my time has expired for this evening, all I have to say is the Democratic Party historically has been the party that has believed in and supported Social Security. We do not support borrowing from the trust fund in order to give tax benefits to the super rich.

More on this story later.

The information mentioned earlier follows:

[From the Washington Post, June 6, 2002]

THE STATE OF THE ESTATE TAX

The House begins debate today on President Bush's proposal to make permanent last year's elimination of the estate tax, or "death tax" as Republicans call it. Bush will be in Des Moines on Friday to tout the effort, which would benefit family farmers. Apparently, eliminating the tax would also benefit some non-farmers—some of them in the Bush administration.

Rep. Henry A. Waxman (D-Calif.) asked his staff to assemble a chart estimating just how much more the heirs of Bush, Vice President Cheney and members of the Cabinet would get if the estate tax were permanently eliminated. Waxman's aides also applied their calculators on the balance sheets of former Enron executives and the executives of other companies in the news.

The winners? Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's heirs could gain as much as \$120