

and its tributaries and particular reference to that area in Madison and St. Clair Counties, Illinois, and St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County, Missouri.

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Attest: Don Young, Chairman.

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the American Gold Star Mothers and congratulate them for their 65th national convention. I want to send special thanks to my constituent, Georgianna Carter-Krell, the former national president, and Barbara Calfee, the national treasurer, whose tireless efforts made this convention a great success.

The American Gold Star Mothers is an organization of women who have lost a son or daughter while in the service of our country. They are compassionate, loyal women who channel their grief and sorrow into healing others through their many hours of volunteer service for veterans and their families.

I commend them for their hard work and dedication in helping those who were injured in the service of our country and also for their sincere efforts to instill and inspire the ideals of patriotism and love throughout our Nation.

PATRIOTIC PRAYERS IN SANTA ANA

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

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend Pastor Bob Orr and the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Santa Ana for their proud display of patriotism on July 7, this past Sunday. During their second annual picnic and barbecue to honor those who served in the military, those in attendance could be seen clutching their Bibles as they sang patriotic songs like the Battle Hymn of the Republic under eight United States flags that once had lain on the coffins of veterans of war.

What a wonderful display of national pride, Americans from different races and different cultures coming together at a church to celebrate the lives of those who fought to defend our country's freedom. The congregation of First Baptist has demonstrated to all Americans that regardless of religious beliefs, we are all united under one flag, representing one Nation under God, indivisible.

U.S. FORCES BOMB IRAQ AGAIN

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, since the Gulf War, our pilots have been patrolling the skies over Iraq, trying to keep Saddam Hussein contained and in check. On June 26 of this year, Iraqi forces fired an antiaircraft missile at our aircraft. We responded, of course, by shooting back and defending ourselves against this aggression.

Yet Saddam Hussein is much more than an enemy that regularly tries to kill or capture American pilots. The country Iraq is currently a significant part of the American economy by providing us with oil.

In the first quarter of this year, we bought \$1.2 billion of Iraqi oil, according to the Energy Information Administration. Where do my colleagues think this money goes? Mr. Speaker, it goes straight to Saddam Hussein's government, straight to the \$25,000 reward checks he gives to families of each Palestinian suicide bomber.

We import nearly a million barrels a day from this madman. More than 10 percent of our oil imports come from Iraq, and yet Saddam Hussein still would like nothing more than a downed American pilot to show the world.

It is time our energy policy got in line with our foreign policy. It is time to reduce our dependency on foreign oil. Mr. Speaker, if it is worth fighting for over there, it is worth exploring for here at home.

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY IN AMERICAN CORPORATIONS

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, people who rob and steal other people's money while sitting behind a desk in a corner office, wearing an expensive business suit, are no better than the common thief, burglar or pickpocket on the street, and they may be worse because those who committed fraud at Enron, WorldCom and Arthur Andersen have had every advantage and every opportunity our great Nation has to offer.

Instead of giving something back to the Nation that has given them so much, they stole, they robbed, they cheated, they defrauded. They hurt workers and families who depend on every paycheck and every investment they made. They hurt seniors whose retirement savings were devalued.

Mr. Speaker, free enterprise is part of our genius but so is honesty and integrity. So is honesty and integrity. It is time we start demanding those qualities from those who run and manage our businesses and from those who are supposed to enforce our laws, and for those who break that trust, the penalty should be equal to the enormous damage they cause.

GIVE PILOTS A FIGHTING CHANCE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on September 11 terrorists took over commercial flights by using only box cutters. No one would have known their evil intent, but now we have an opportunity to stop and deter future hijackings and acts of terror by arming our pilots.

The gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG), the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure chairman, and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA), the Subcommittee on Aviation chairman, offered a common sense solution for preventing the passengers and crews of commercial flights from becoming sitting ducks. Their bill, H.R. 4635, Arming Pilots Against Terrorism, would begin a 2-year test program allowing a percentage of the current pilot workforce to be armed and trained for proper use.

At least half of the Nation's commercial airline pilots have military or law enforcement backgrounds and are highly skilled and trained in self-defense. We trust pilots daily with our lives operating high-tech aircraft. I know we can depend on their competence as armed protection.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on H.R. 4635 and give our pilots a fighting chance to protect innocent civilians from murderous terrorists.

NOT MUCH SOLACE IN PRESIDENT'S WORDS

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, the President has spoken and I do not take, unfortunately, much solace in what he had to say. He talked about a lot of voluntary reforms on Wall Street. He talked about the fact he has been waiting for months for a little bit of money from Congress for the SEC. Yet he denied his own toothless watchdog, Harvey Pitt, the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, \$91 million just 3 months ago.

The President is born again into wanting to do something politically about the problem we have, but not really deal with the problems on Wall Street because that will offend some very powerful and very wealthy people, no matter how ill-gotten their gains.

The fox is still guarding the henhouse and the President did not offer us anything today except political rhetoric.

HONORING CORPORAL KENNETH JOHNSON

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

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Corporal Kenneth Johnson of the South Carolina Highway Patrol. Last Sunday morning, around 2:15

a.m., Corporal Johnson was murdered in cold blood at a traffic checkpoint at College Park Road near Goose Creek.

Mr. Johnson, a 12-year veteran of the highway patrol, leaves behind a wife, a 13-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter.

Kenneth Johnson was one of our Nation's best, risking his life day in and day out to preserve the peace and freedom that we often take for granted. He was a true American hero who gave his life for his country.

Our prayers go out to his wife and children. They have lost a strong husband and father. In the last few days, the citizens of Moncks Corner have come together to take care of them in their time of greatest need, but they will need our help for longer than a few weeks.

We all need to reach out to Kenneth Johnson's fellow law enforcement officers. It has been a tough week for them as well. I hope we come away from this tragedy with a renewed sense of the debt we owe to our law enforcement officers and with a renewed intolerance for the cruelty of someone who would end a life for one of South Carolina's best citizens.

APPOINT WATCHDOG INSTEAD OF LAPDOG

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

Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, every day the people we represent receive devastating news from the results of the action of the Enrons, the Tycos, the Arthur Andersens, the WorldComs and the Merck Pharmaceuticals.

They receive devastating news as employees when they are laid off, as pensioners when they see that their retirement is no longer secure, and as shareholders as they see that their net worth has gone down. It has gone down because of slipshod accounting, illegal activities, bias portfolio management, hundreds of millions of dollars in insider unsecured loans and tens of millions of dollars in golden parachutes for the economic elite in the corner offices. Nothing for the employees, nothing for the pensioners, and nothing for the shareholders.

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Mr. President, this is not going to be solved by having the markets voluntarily clean themselves up. You appointed Harvey Pitt. You appointed Harvey Pitt as the lapdog of the industry, as a defender of the industry. What America needs is a watchdog. You are not going to be able to take a lapdog and turn him into a watchdog.

Mr. Pitt should leave this office. You should appoint somebody who can get to the bottom of these scandals and protect America's shareholders, America's pensioners, and America's employees in the future from these kinds of scandals.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISAKSON). The Chair would remind the Members that remarks in debate should be directed to the Chair and not to other individuals in the second person.

DO NOT TURN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTO THE WAR DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, national defense is one of the most important and one of the most legitimate functions of our national government. Serving in our Nation's Armed Forces is certainly one of the most honorable ways a person can serve this country. And because of our pride in being considered a peace-loving Nation, we changed the name of the War Department many years ago to the Department of Defense.

Now, however, most of our leaders in both parties, people for whom I have great respect, seem to be eager to go to war against Iraq. We should not be eager to go to war against any country, and especially against one that has not attacked us or even threatened to attack us. We cannot use the terrible tragedies of September 11 to justify it, because Saudi Arabia had much more to do with those events than Iraq did, and we still consider Saudi Arabia to be one of our allies.

We are already spending mega billions to increase our security. We do not need to go against our military traditions and spend billions more on an unnecessary war unless Iraq threatens to, or does, take some type of action against us. We do not need to turn the Department of Defense into the War Department once again.

SEC NEEDS FULL-TIME, NOT PART-TIME CHAIRMAN

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, we appreciate the President's talking about this devastating loss to Americans' retirement incomes, but if he really wants to be a reformer with results, he has to get a new sheriff in town. He has to get a new chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

We know Mr. Pitt is a man of intelligence, but we cannot put up with an SEC Chair we have to drag kicking and screaming every time we want to have some modest, common-sense regulation of his former clients.

We need action and we need it now. The only way we are going to have it is if the President asks for Harvey Pitt's resignation so we can get someone un-

fettered by previous work for this industry that he attempts to regulate. Mr. Pitt has had to recuse himself, I think about 25 times, because people before him have been his former clients.

We need a full-time, not a part-time SEC director. We urge the President to take action rather than just give speeches and to get us a new sheriff in town at the SEC.

PRESIDENT SOUNDS CLARION, MORAL CALL FOR CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

(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, President Calvin Coolidge said the business of America is business. But Coolidge was a moralist, and he meant not that America is dependent on the almighty dollar but that the business of America is dependent on the integrity and the character of the people who lead our enterprise.

Today, our President sounded a clarion, moral call for corporate responsibility. Corporate and accounting malfeasance at companies like Enron, WorldCom, Merck, and Arthur Andersen all argue that this need for reform is urgent. As the President said, business leaders who defraud shareholders should go to jail. As the President said, business leaders must accept personal responsibility for financial statements and be barred from serving on corporate boards when they, even unintentionally, fail in that regard.

Mr. Speaker, the reality is, the 1990s was not a decade where people in power were held accountable for their self-serving decisions. Let us follow President George W. Bush's clarion call and make this decade a time again when we recognize in the law and in reform and in regulation that righteousness exalts a nation.

CORPORATE FRAUD

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, President Bush gave a major speech on corporate responsibility. He tells us he is going to get tough on those who have misled and defrauded shareholders in violation of Federal law.

This could be a tough sell, considering the President's own record as a businessman. Yesterday, the President was still trying to explain why, in violation of Federal law, he failed to report his 1990 sale of \$850,000 worth of stock in a Texas-based energy company just weeks before its value plummeted. Earlier he said he thought the regulators lost the documents. Last week, the White House owned up and blamed it on Mr. Bush's lawyers. Yesterday,