

We must continue to work hard to educate and protect America's children from exploitation. I urge all Members to go back to their offices and log onto www.missingkids.org and find out how we can talk to our children and what we can do to help in our communities. Our efforts to prevent crimes against children have not kept pace with the increasing vulnerability of our young citizens.

Please contact my office if Members are not already a member of the Congressional Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children. Our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are counting on Members to give them a voice in Washington, as are people like Ludwig Koons, who is being kept illegally in Italy with little or no help from the Italian Government or the United States State Department. We must bring our children home.

RECOGNIZING MIAMI DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR ITS PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE MDCC SCHOOL OF JUSTICE

(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 would like to congratulate a special higher education center located in my congressional district, Miami Dade Community College, which operates six campuses, two major outreach centers, and additional instruction sites, including a center at Miami International Airport.

Run by Dr. Eduardo Padron, the college has a wide variety of departments, including the much-acclaimed School of Justice. Each year, Miami Dade Community College's School of Justice provides training for over 350 law enforcement recruits, in-service training for over 3,000 sworn officers, and 2,500 State of Florida-certified security officers.

Additionally, the School of Justice has developed and administered over 170 law enforcement assessment and testing programs to 25 State agencies since 1981. The FBI and the London Metropolitan Police have used Miami Dade Community College's programs as a benchmark.

Please join me in congratulating and recognizing Miami Dade Community College's School of Justice, and especially Debbie Goodman, the school Chair; Robert Calabrese, the interim director; Ron Forester, the deputy director; but most especially, Dr. Eduardo Padron.

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

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

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, following up on the comments of the majority whip, the gentleman from Texas (Mr.

DELAY), I am also concerned about what has happened here with NPR.

Although I had supported NPR's public funding in the past, I know when someone has been wronged. It does not matter if it is the Traditional Values Coalition or the ACLU, right or left wing, they simply did not deserve to be treated this way, to be forced to prove or disprove a negative.

America is still recovering from September 11, and the fight ought to be Americans versus terrorists, not Americans versus Americans. When such reckless, irresponsible accusations are pulled out of thin air, we are doing exactly what Osama bin Laden would like us to do, to turn on each other.

I am happy to see NPR has technically apologized. I can only hope they do so again much more loudly and much more often. It is a disgrace to journalism to make such a reckless accusation against a fine organization operating in this country.

I insist, before I continue to support their organizations, that they, in fact, do apologize more forcefully.

HATS OFF TO WADE SATERN AND ANDY ROUSCH, AND ALL KIDS WHO QUALIFY FOR THEIR STATE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS

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

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, hats are off to all the kids who qualify for their State high school wrestling tournaments across the country. We ex-high school and college wrestlers now in Congress know the hard work those accomplishments take.

However, I want to especially recognize two individuals. Wade Satern, of Humboldt, Iowa, won the 119-pound class 2-A championship, and Andrew "Andy" Rousch of Wilton, Iowa, placed third at 103 pounds in class 1-A.

Each of these young men wrestled with only one leg. Satern lost his leg as an infant; and he has said, "I earned it just like any other kid earns a State championship: I worked my tail off. I personally do not feel like I am handicapped."

The Speaker of the House, an ex-wrestling coach himself, joins me in saying to these young men, congratulations for a job well done.

NPR BREAKS TRUST WITH AMERICANS WITH IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING

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

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, in a report already mentioned today on Morning Edition, NPR implied, as we have already heard, that a conservative group, the Traditional Values Coalition, was involved in the anthrax mailings to the

Senate because they disagreed with two members of that body on a religious issue.

The first amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishes the freedom of the press, forbidding the Congress to make any law abridging the right of the press to speak freely.

I, like all of us, am a true believer in the Constitution and what it stands for. However, I believe that with this freedom comes responsibility, the responsibility of the press to report accurately and in an unbiased manner the facts of an issue. This trust is compounded in the case of public television and public radio in that they receive taxpayer dollars to fund part of their operations.

On the morning of January 22, NPR broke their contract with the American people by reporting hearsay as fact. They did their fellow journalists and their listeners a grave disservice. In this case, the United States taxpayers did not get what they paid for. This report was completely inaccurate and irresponsible.

As I have stated, the press has a responsibility to report the facts, not unproven accusations. Two results should emerge from our 1-minutes today: one, NPR should issue an equally public apology to the Traditional Values Coalition; and, two, Congress should look long and hard at the recipients of taxpayer dollars.

NPR CROSSED THE LINE FROM BIAS TO OUTRIGHT LIBEL IN INACCURATE COMMENT ON TRADITIONAL VALUES COALITION

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

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, like most Americans, I have become jaded to the fact that the news media uses the airways to promote their liberal agenda. But when National Public Radio made a thinly veiled accusation that the Traditional Values Coalition could be responsible for the anthrax attacks on Capitol Hill, they crossed the line from simple bias to outright libel.

Mr. Speaker, the thousands of men and women who make up the Traditional Values Coalition are our neighbors, our fellow churchgoers. They are the people who responded to our national emergency by giving their money, clothes, food, time, and even their blood to the victims of September 11. But to NPR, they are simply accused terrorists.

In the end, while the people of the Traditional Values Coalition practice the American ideals of charity and compassion, NPR continues to practice their traditional values: shameful pettiness and slanderous lies.

COMMEMORATING AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AS AMERICAN HISTORY

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on this last day of the month that we commemorate African American history, as I speak to my schools and community groups, I make the argument that we should celebrate and commemorate all of our diversities throughout the year because we all are Americans, and the history of African Americans is just that, the history of America.

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I rise today to honor a local hero, Nellye Joyce Punch, who happens to be an African American soldier of good fortune for those who do not have. Nellye Joyce Punch has been someone who has worked in the fifth ward area for a number of years, and she fights against hunger in our community. Last evening, Target Hunger, an organization that she helped found, honored her. Well deserved. Because Nellye Joyce Punch when no one was speaking about the hungry in America, she was on the front line. She was someone who worked with my predecessor Mickey Leland and as well the Honorable Barbara Jordan. She has never left the fifth ward community. She is an educator. She is known as someone whose door is always open. She and her husband are both charitable and wise, and young people always know that when Nellye Joyce Punch is around she is there to be of help.

What a great African American hero. What a great hero of America. What a great person. Nellye Joyce Punch should be honored by all of us not only this month but throughout the year.

UNETHICAL REPORTING BY NPR

(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 the Corporation for Public Broadcasting will testify before the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education of the Committee on Appropriations. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting oversees National Public Radio. As we review National Public Radio's budget, I must express my outrage at their unethical report on the anthrax mailings.

On January 22, NPR broadcast a story linking the Traditional Values Coalition to the anthrax mailings here on Capitol Hill. There are no facts and no sources to support this charge of the NPR broadcast. Though they have since issued a correction of the story, there was no apology. I am very concerned that their previously liberal bias has transformed into an all-out attack on conservative and Christian or-

ganizations. Four people died from the anthrax mailings, and it is very serious to accuse people of that crime without any supporting facts.

Andrea Lafferty and Reverend Shelton of the Tradition Values Coalition are good friends and loving people. It is shocking that anybody could consider them capable of such a horrific act. NPR receives Federal funds, and therefore we in Congress have a responsibility to make sure that our constituents' taxpayer dollars are not misused for such malicious and unethical reporting.

COMMENDING THE WORLDCOM CLASSIC

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the charitable efforts of Worldcom Classic, the Heritage of Golf and the Heritage Golf Classic Foundation, a non-profit organization located at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, which sponsors the annual Worldcom Classic Golf Tournament in April of each year and which generates \$56 million for the hospitality industry of Beaufort County and the low country of South Carolina.

Since 1987 the Heritage Classic Foundation, chaired by Joseph B. Fraser, has given over \$8.1 million to numerous charities, including noteworthy organizations such as Volunteers in Medicine of Hilton Head Island, the Shiners Hospital for Crippled Children in Greenville, Boys and Girls Club of Hilton Head Island, The Penn Center and Meals on Wheels. Also, 88 students have benefited from over half a million dollars distributed in scholarships to Beaufort County High School graduates.

Last year they donated a record amount of \$1 million, surpassing the \$2 million total of the prior 7 years, which goes out to the 102 charities and colleges across South Carolina.

I want to thank the tournament director, Steve Wilmot, and all those involved with Worldcom Classic, the Heritage Foundation of Golf, for their tireless efforts to support the low country of South Carolina and congratulate them on being an example to all communities of this Nation of how one group with the determination and desire to reach out and help neighbors can actually change lives and make dreams come true.

IMMORALITY OF CLONING

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the world was amazed a few years ago when scientists in Scotland successfully cloned a sheep. Many of us wondered what was coming next. Well, in November, Ad-

vanced Cell Technology of Massachusetts announced that they had successfully cloned a human embryo. Amazingly, there are people out there who think cloning human beings is perfectly okay. Right now the U.N. is meeting to discuss a ban on what they call "reproductive cloning."

Mr. Speaker, I think we all know what a redundancy is. It means using two words that mean the same thing. Cloning is by definition reproductive. The only question is how long will the clones survive. But the pro-cloning crowd wants to create this false distinction so they can keep on cloning human beings as long as they do not grow up. In other words, they want to clone human beings as long as they are used for experimentation and then destroyed.

Mr. Speaker, this is sick and it needs to stop. The House has passed a cloning ban. America is still waiting for the other body to do the same thing so we can put a stop to this immoral and ethical science.

HONORING AMERICA'S POSTAL WORKERS

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and amazing contributions of United States postal workers who since September 11, since the anthrax scare has continued to do yeoman work in delivering the mail without any sense of stoppage. I just think that these men and women are continuously owed a debt of gratitude, and we say thanks to the American postal workers.

SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to put an end to the claims from opponents of used nuclear fuel disposal who say transporting the material is unsafe. These claims have become louder since President Bush made a decision to move forward with the disposing of nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain. The truth is their concerns are misguided. You cannot argue with the fact that almost 3,000 safe shipments of used nuclear fuel have taken place without any release of radioactive material. That is right. On some 3,000 occasions used fuel has traveled by truck or rail across this country including almost 500 in my home State of Illinois. And the reason you probably have not heard about this is because not one of these shipments has threatened the environment or public safety.

States like Illinois have gone to great lengths to set up a system that