

family to carry on in their fine traditions. Lou rendered outstanding community service for many years as a member of the Watervliet City Council, and for the past 15 years has served as an unpaid volunteer in my Albany congressional office. Lately, Mr. Speaker, Lou DiNuzzo has faced very serious health challenges. He has met those challenges with the same courage and grace with which he has faced all of the other challenges in his life.

Members have heard me many times on this floor say that my first two priorities when I get up in the morning are to thank God for my life and veterans for my way of life. Mr. Speaker, when I said my morning prayers today, I was thankful for a great many things, but first and foremost on this day I am grateful that Lou DiNuzzo is my friend.

AT&T PLAYS D.C. REGULATORY GAME

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

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I am very worried about one of the greatest assaults that is currently underway against America's telecommunications industry. We have seen some remarkable changes in the past 5 years with the growth of wireless technology and the Internet, but what about the future?

Today we are not seeing America's telecom companies making investments in their products and services. We are not seeing companies hire new people and training them. We are not seeing healthy competition between companies. What we are seeing day after day in the telecom industry are attack ads from AT&T trying to stifle competition for their own benefit.

These are very difficult times for American business. One would think that in this current environment, every major corporation would be focused on their people, their products and their future; but sadly you cannot open a newspaper, turn on a radio or watch television without being bombarded by these negative ads that are being run under disguise and being run by a bogus group called Voices for Choices.

Why in the world would AT&T be running these millions of dollars in ads in Washington, D.C.? They do not promote any products, service, or any kind of private sector growth.

My conclusion is that after seeing these ads that AT&T believes that their future relies on Washington and regulation. I hope the Chamber recognizes that these ads are just bogus and they are an attempt to play the D.C. regulatory game. This game is ruining the telecommunications industry. We must not be fooled by the tactics of those companies that feel that playing games is more important than focusing on legitimate business.

COMMENDING MARQUETTE'S TRIP TO THE 2003 FINAL FOUR

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

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Marquette University men's basketball team for their sensational season this year, one that will not soon be forgotten. With Coach Tom Crean at the helm and players like Dwayne Wade, Travis Diener, Robert Jackson and Steve Novak patrolling the hardwood, Marquette has enjoyed a remarkable year and has earned a well-deserved berth in the NCAA Final Four.

Now that the Golden Eagles have a chance to win their first championship since 1977, when Al McGuire was coaching them and the team was named the Warriors, only the Kansas Jayhawks stand in their way of reaching the title game.

To demonstrate my utmost confidence in Marquette, Mr. Speaker, I made a friendly wager with the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MOORE) that the Golden Eagles will beat the Jayhawks in the national semifinals. I am putting Wisconsin bratwurst, an assortment of Wisconsin's finest cheeses and a case of Milwaukee-brewed Sprecher root beer on the line. It is too bad my friend from Kansas will not get the opportunity to enjoy them, for I look forward to a wonderful feast of his two slabs of Kansas pork ribs and a jug of Kansas barbecue sauce when Marquette knocks off Kansas to advance to the national championship game.

Mr. Speaker and Members, I join with the entire Marquette community in wishing the Golden Eagles Godspeed and a great victory this Saturday.

MEET CHEMICAL ALI

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

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, the record of evil compiled by Saddam Hussein and his sons Uday and Qusay is well known. Less well known is the record of his closest adviser. Meet Ali Hasan al-Majid al-Tikriti, better known as Chemical Ali. Chemical Ali is the enforcer of the regime. His presence signals Saddam's most vicious intent. While he was governor of the, quote, Kuwait Province in 1990, he implemented a program to "Iraqify" Kuwait through the arrest, torture and execution of Kuwaiti police, military officers and resistance members. In the years since, he has brutally suppressed uprisings by Iraqis in the north and in the south. In 1991 he appeared on Iraqi television, beating, kicking and executing Iraqi opposition prisoners.

Ali earned the name "Chemical Ali" because of his tenure as director of the Mukhabarat, the Iraqi Intelligence Service. On March 16, 1988, he ordered

the use of chemical weapons against the civilians of Halabja, resulting in the deaths of over 5,000 innocent men, women and children.

Meet Lieutenant General Ali Hasan, a symbol of why the allies fight this war. Removing documented war criminals like this man from positions of power is the right thing to do both for the oppressed people of Iraq and for our global stability.

PORT SECURITY

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the importance of adequate security at our Nation's ports. On Monday, President Bush visited the Port of Philadelphia to praise our Coast Guard on their increased role at ports and to promote new security under Operation Liberty Shield. However, during this visit, the President failed to mention that the Coast Guard has reported receiving only a fraction of the resources they need to secure these ports, or that the President did not ask for any future port grant funding in either the supplemental spending bill or his fiscal 2004 budget request, no funding to fill in the gaping holes in our port security needs.

Just outside of my district, are two ports, the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach. Last year, an estimated 4 million cargo containers passed through those ports, 35 percent of all U.S. international trade. Less than 4 percent of those containers were screened. Our ports of entry are some of the most vulnerable threat risks in our Nation and we need to provide the means and the resources necessary for adequate security.

THE UNITED NATIONS

(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, last week U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan expressed his concern for Iraqi civilians during coalition military operations. I share his concern but want to know what he says about Iraq's treatment of civilians. American troops risk their lives to avoid civilian casualties. Saddam Hussein has surrounded himself and his troops with innocent civilians because he knows this is the only way to slow our advance through Iraq. What has Mr. Annan said about Hussein's use of human shields, or of hospitals as military headquarters? Nothing. While American troops are under extreme scrutiny, Saddam Hussein draws none from the United Nations.

The lack of scrutiny during wartime is the same complacency employed by the U.N. since 1991. We should not be surprised but we should keep it in mind

as we think about our role in the U.N. after this war is over.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MORALES AND CORPORAL RODRIGUEZ

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

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two Puerto Rican soldiers who died recently in the Middle East. Sergeant Orlando Morales, a soldier who served in Special Operations in Afghanistan, and who died after being wounded in an ambush last Saturday as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Sergeant Morales' Special Operations battalion took on hostile fire during a reconnaissance mission. Marine Corporal Robert M. Rodriguez was killed in action on March 27 when his tank crashed into the Euphrates River during combat operations northwest of An Nasiriyah. The United States and Puerto Rico lost true patriots in both these brave men.

While I did not personally know them, there are thousands of dedicated soldiers like them active in the Armed Forces from Puerto Rico and of Puerto Rican descent. My thoughts and prayers are with their families and loved ones and with our troops in the Middle East. I am here today to recognize their sacrifice to the United States and to Puerto Rico.

I want to also take this opportunity to let my colleagues know that Puerto Ricans today, as throughout our history with the U.S., remain in steadfast commitment to our armed services.

We must forever recognize the tens of thousands like Sergeant Morales and Corporal Rodriguez who have died or have been wounded in combat. During the Korean War, General Douglas MacArthur said of the forces of the much-heralded 65th Infantry, the fighting Borinqueneers from Puerto Rico, and I quote, "They are writing a brilliant record of achievement in battle and I am proud indeed to have them in this command."

I ask my colleagues to honor these soldiers and to recognize the ongoing Puerto Rican commitment to the United States military.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CARLOS DE LA CRUZ

(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 congratulate a man of great honor and integrity, a man who has devoted his life to the cause of serving our community in south Florida, Carlos de la Cruz. Carlos has been selected to receive the 2003 American Red Cross Humanitarian Award for his exceptional contributions to our community. Carlos has had a distinguished ca-

reer in his endeavor to improve the lives of people across our beloved Nation, while the American Red Cross has a fitting tribute, a well deserving one, for Carlos. A native from Cuba, Carlos along with his lovely wife, Rosa, have been examples of true social responsibility. His work with the Red Cross, United Way, and the Urban League inspires us all.

I join the people in south Florida, the American Red Cross, and all of Carlos's family in soluting his extraordinary work. To Carlos, gracias for his devotion and commitment to our beloved south Florida community. We are a better area for his being there.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF ODELIA ROBINSON

(Mrs. JONES of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to mourn the loss of one of the most significant councilwomen in the city of Cleveland, Odelia Robinson. Odelia Robinson is the former councilwoman in Ward 3. She was succeeded by Zachery Reed, one of the people that she nurtured in public life. Odelia Robinson has always been my friend. Prior to coming to the council, she served in a nurturing profession. She was a nurse and in social work. We in the city of Cleveland will miss this great soldier.

I join with all the people of the 11th congressional district to extend our sympathy and condolences to the family of Odelia Robinson.

THE TRADE DEFICIT

(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, our trade deficit reached an astounding figure of over \$400 billion last year. This means we are still losing millions of jobs to other countries. Now in today's Washington Post, there are headlines saying "White Collar Work a Booming U.S. Export" and "More White Collar Work being Shipped Overseas."

According to this story, one study says by 2015, 3 million white collar jobs and \$140 billion in wages will have shifted from the U.S. to other nations. Another headline in today's Post says "U.S. Manufacturers Cut Back in March."

The disciples of high tech told us not to worry about losing factory jobs, but now we are losing these economy jobs to China, India, and elsewhere. Is it any wonder that college graduates cannot find good jobs and are going to graduate school while working as waiters and waitresses?

We need to start putting U.S. workers first and end trade agreements and government regulations that force more jobs to other countries. If we do

not, Mr. Speaker, the standard of living for most Americans is going to go down, down, down.

JESSICA LYNCH COMING HOME

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, this is a good morning to be a West Virginian. We found out last night one of our own is coming home.

Jessica Lynch, a 19-year-old private first class from the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company is in safe hands right now because of the heroism of her rescuers, the coalition forces. Jessica had been missing for 10 days. She is from Palestine, West Virginia, in Wirt County. Wirt County residents are resilient people who epitomize the can-do spirit of West Virginia, and it was their prayers that brought Jessie home. All of us West Virginians and every American across the Nation can feel the Lynch family's relief now that their daughter is in safe hands.

I stand here today wearing my yellow ribbon because we are waiting for other Americans to come home. We are joyful, thankful, grateful as we see the miraculous rescue of Jessie Lynch.

WAR AND PSYCHOLOGY

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I want to quote this morning from an article by Mona Charen, "War and Psychology," in which she says: "War never solves anything." So say dozens of callers to C-SPAN" all day long "and left-leaning radio programs."

"The answer to this argument, if you can call it an argument, could almost fit on a bumper sticker. Apart from securing American independence, ending slavery, and defeating Nazism and Communism, 'war has never solved anything,' so the liberals say.

"Anti-war activists tell us that Iraq is a distraction from the more important war against global terrorism. This argument has been dealt a serious blow by the capture of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed."

Frankly, Mr. Speaker, war does solve many things; but we have to win them, and this one we will win.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 743, SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2003

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 168 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 168

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in