

Maloney Payne Solis  
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 McCarthy (MO) Rangel Thompson (CA)  
 McCollum Roybal-Allard Tierney  
 McDermott Rush Udall (CO)  
 Meehan Ryan (OH) Udall (NM)  
 Meeks (NY) Sabo Van Hollen  
 Miller (NC) Sanchez, Linda Velazquez  
 Miller, George T. Visclosky  
 Moore Sanders Waters  
 Moran (VA) Schakowsky Watson  
 Nadler Schiff Watt  
 Oberstar Scott (VA) Waxman  
 Obey Serrano Shadegg Weiner  
 Olver Shadegg Woolsey  
 Owens Shays Wu  
 Pastor Slaughter Snyder  
 Paul Snyder

NOT VOTING—8

Carson (OK) Heger Smith (WA)  
 Conyers Larson (CT) Wexler  
 Gephardt Ryan (WI)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) (during the vote). Members have 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1754

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California and Mrs. NAPOLITANO changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 231.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 231, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 422, nays 0, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 235]

YEAS—422

Abercrombie Bell Boucher  
 Ackerman Bereuter Boyd  
 Aderholt Berkley Bradley (NH)  
 Akin Berman Brady (PA)  
 Alexander Berry Brady (TX)  
 Allen Biggert Brown (OH)  
 Andrews Bilirakis Brown (SC)  
 Baca Bishop (GA) Brown, Corrine  
 Bachus Bishop (NY) Brown-Waite,  
 Baird Bishop (UT) Ginny  
 Baker Blackburn Burgess  
 Baldwin Blumenauer Burns  
 Ballance Blunt Burr  
 Ballenger Boehlert Burton (IN)  
 Barrett (SC) Boehner Buyer  
 Bartlett (MD) Bonilla Calvert  
 Barton (TX) Bonner Camp  
 Bass Bono Cannon  
 Beauprez Boozman Cantor  
 Becerra Boswell Capito

Capps Hastings (WA) Meeks (NY) Shays Tancredo Visclosky  
 Capuano Hayes Menendez Sherman Tanner Vitter  
 Cardoza Hayworth Mica Sherwood Tauscher Walden (OR)  
 Carson (IN) Hefley Michaud Shimkus Tauscher Walsh  
 Carter Hensarling Millender Shuster Taylor (MS) Wamp  
 Case Hill McDonald Simmons Taylor (NC) Waters  
 Castle Hinchey Miller (FL) Simpson Terry Watson  
 Chabot Hinojosa Miller (MI) Skelton Thomas Watt  
 Chocola Hobson Miller (NC) Slaughter Thompson (CA) Waxman  
 Clay Hoeffel Miller, Gary Smith (MI) Thompson (MS) Weiner  
 Clyburn Hoekstra Miller, George Smith (NJ) Thornberry Weldon (FL)  
 Coble Holden Mollohan Smith (TX) Tiahrt Weldon (PA)  
 Cole Holt Moore Snyder Tiberi Weller  
 Collins Honda Moran (KS) Solis Tierney Whitfield  
 Cooper Hooley (OR) Moran (VA) Souder Toomey Wicker  
 Costello Hostettler Spratt Towns Wilson (NM)  
 Cox Houghton Stark Turner (OH) Turner (TX) Wolf  
 Cramer Hoyer Musgrave Stearns Udall (CO) Woolsey  
 Crane Hulshof Myrick Stenholm Udall (NM) Wu  
 Crenshaw Hunter Nadler Strickland Stupak Upton Wynn  
 Crowley Insee Neal (MA) Sullivan Van Hollen Young (AK)  
 Culberson Isakson Nethercutt Sweeney Velazquez Young (FL)

Hastings (FL)

Meeks (NY) Shays Tancredo Visclosky  
 Menendez Sherman Tanner Vitter  
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 Moore Snyder Tiberi Weller  
 Moran (KS) Solis Tierney Whitfield  
 Moran (VA) Souder Toomey Wicker  
 Murphy Spratt Towns Wilson (NM)  
 Murtha Stark Turner (OH) Turner (TX) Wolf  
 Musgrave Stearns Udall (CO) Woolsey  
 Myrick Stenholm Udall (NM) Wu  
 Napolitano Stupak Upton Wynn  
 Neal (MA) Sullivan Van Hollen Young (AK)  
 Nethercutt Sweeney Velazquez Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—11

Cardin Gordon Ryan (WI)  
 Carson (OK) Greenwood Smith (WA)  
 Conyers Heger Wexler  
 Gephardt Larson (CT)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1803

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I could not be present today, Tuesday, June 03, 2003, to vote on rollcall vote Nos. 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, and 235 due to a family medical emergency.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "No" on rollcall vote No. 230 on S. 222—Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2003;

"No" on rollcall vote No. 231 on S. 273—Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act;

"Yea" on rollcall vote No. 232 on S. 7563—To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 East Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse";

"Yea" on rollcall vote No. 233 on the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.J. Res. 4 offered by Congressman WATT;

"Yea" on rollcall vote No. 234 on final passage of H.J. Res. 4—Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Desecration of the Flag; and "Yea" on rollcall vote No. 235 on H. Res. 231—Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

JOBS AND GROWTH PLAN

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I suppose I should not be surprised by the latest tactics Democrats are employing to convince Americans that the jobs and growth plan ignores working families, but today I think most of

us were a bit shocked at the frantic attempts to spin these tax cuts as harmful to low-income families.

Those across the aisle who oppose this tax relief should be nervous. They voted against the plan that exempts another 3 million-plus low-income workers from any Federal tax liability. They voted against a plan that expands the 10 percent income bracket so that more low-income working Americans get to keep a greater portion of their paychecks. And they voted "no" to giving small businesses the ability to expense investments, a provision that is a boon to mom-and-pop operations in virtually every single corner of this country.

In an article printed in the Wall Street Journal yesterday, it was pointed out that the Nation's bottom 50 percent of filers had very little income tax liability. And you know what? Republicans reduced the burden on these working families even further when we passed the jobs and growth act. So do not be fooled by the screeching coming from across the aisle. Democrats know that people are going to love this bill when they start reaping the benefits of lower taxes; when they take a long overdue vacation, buy a new car, and put a little bit more in retirement or college funds.

We were right to pass the tax relief bill. Today, the economy looks to be on the verge of a turnaround, and Chairman Greenspan has said that the jobs and growth plan will likely boost consumer spending and feed into the job market. This is great news for Americans and should be cause for reflection for those who voted against the tax and relief bill.

#### TAX RELIEF BILL

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say a word about what happened before we went into recess, the fact that we voted on a bill that provided hundreds of billions of dollars of tax relief, but not to the people who needed it the most.

In fact, we now see that about one-tenth of 1 percent of the very wealthiest Americans receive approximately as much tax benefit as the 90 percent of Americans with incomes of \$95,000 or less. But the most outrageous thing about this tax cut was something we did not know. It took the newspapers, and I saw it in *The New York Times* a week later, that revealed that we actually eliminated the child tax credit for families with incomes below \$26,000, the working poor, the families who needed tax cuts the most.

I mean, I cannot believe that this Congress did that to working-class families and did not even give us the opportunity to debate it. I hope that there is a groundswell of public opposition to what we do and we can reverse

this. The Democratic Party is determined to do so.

#### IN HONOR OF OUTGOING AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WEISS

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

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents, Michael Weiss, for his work as national chairman of the Board of the American Diabetes Association. I am proud of his commitment to the local Pittsburgh community and his leadership at the national level. His efforts are helping to improve the lives of millions of Americans who are impacted by diabetes.

Michael Weiss is an attorney in Pittsburgh and has been an active volunteer for the American Diabetes Association at the local, State, and national level. He will be completing his term as the ADA's national Chair of the Board next week at the ADA's Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions in New Orleans.

Michael's tireless efforts have earned him the distinguished Charles H. Best Medal of Service. Named for Dr. Best, the cofounder of insulin, this award recognizes meritorious service on behalf of the Association of Americans with Diabetes.

An active participant in many civic and community organizations, Michael Weiss lives in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Gerri. I am sure that Gerri and their two children, Melissa and Douglas, will join me in offering sincere congratulations to Michael for his great work as the national chairman of the ADA. He is a credit to our community, and we are proud of and thankful for all that he has done to improve the lives of those with diabetes.

#### CONCERNING THE STAGED RESCUE OF PRIVATE JESSICA LYNCH

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, was the dramatic rescue operation of Private Jessica Lynch staged for domestic propaganda purposes? The administration portrayed Private Lynch as receiving bullet and knife wounds, experiencing mistreatment by Iraqi officials, and being spirited away amid harsh enemy fire. But nothing the administration has said about Private Lynch and the circumstances of her rescue have been verified by independent news reports.

Specifically, Private Lynch sustained no bullet or knife injuries. U.S. forces knew in advance of the operation, that no Iraqi forces were guarding the hospital. Iraqi medical staff treated Private Lynch humanely, even donating

their own blood. Iraqi medical staff actually tried to deliver Private Lynch in an ambulance 2 days earlier, but they were fired upon by U.S. forces. U.S. forces participating in the rescue of Private Lynch were not fired upon by Iraqi forces.

Last week I sent a letter which requested that the administration order the public release of the unedited footage taken by the military cameraman, and a letter follows. It is time to find out the truth. Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the letter I referred to.

The letter referred to is as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM,  
*Washington, DC, May 30, 2003.*

Hon. DONALD H. RUMSFELD,  
*Secretary, Department of Defense,  
The Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SECRETARY RUMSFELD: I am writing to request your assistance in resolving the controversy surrounding the rescue of Private Jessica Lynch.

In the days following Private Lynch's rescue from an Iraqi hospital by U.S. Special Forces, numerous U.S. officials described to national media outlets the circumstances surrounding this event. They portrayed Private Lynch as receiving bullet and knife wounds, experiencing mistreatment by Iraqi officials, and being spirited away amid harsh enemy fire. Although U.S. officials requested anonymity, their stories were widely reported without correction or qualification by the Defense Department. Indeed, the Department appeared to confirm the veracity of these reports, releasing for reporters an edited section of videotape taken by a military cameraman using night vision equipment. Indeed, in introducing this clip, General Vincent Brooks, the U.S. spokesman in Doha, reportedly said: "Some brave souls put their lives on the line to make this happen."

More recently, however, contrary media accounts have emerged. At their core, these accounts argue that the rescue was essentially staged. Specifically, these accounts have reported that, in fact, Private Lynch sustained no bullet or knife injuries. They have also reported that U.S. forces knew in advance of the operation that no Iraqi forces were guarding the hospital. They have reported that Iraqi medical staff treated Private Lynch humanely, even donating their own blood. They have reported that Iraqi medical staff actually tried to deliver Private Lynch in an ambulance two days earlier, but they were fired upon by U.S. forces. And they have reported that U.S. forces participating in the rescue of Private Lynch were not fired upon by Iraqi forces. Perhaps the harshest account claimed that the Pentagon's staging of this event was "one of the most stunning pieces of news management yet conceived."

As you can see, there is a wide gap between the facts as reported initially and the manner in which they are being reported now. As I understand the Defense Department's position, these recent accounts are "outrageous, patently false and unsupported by the facts." At the same time, Defense Department officials now seem to be qualifying their earlier statements. For example, Bryan Whitman, a Department of Defense spokesman, reportedly said "the U.S. military never claimed that the troops came under fire when they burst into the hospital."

In this case, I believe the best course of action is not to rely solely on omissions and gaps in past statements by Department officials. Instead, I believe the better course is to provide as much information as possible.