

our community with distinction and valor. Our most heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his friends, his fellow deputies, especially to his wife, Diane, and their three sons, Steven, Trey, and Scott.

May his killer be brought to justice and may God bless and keep Deputy Sheriff Shelby Green.

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FULL FUNDING FOR NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

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

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to call on Congress to fully fund the President's No Child Left Behind for school reform. Last Congress we passed legislation to create tough new standards our schools must meet and vigorous assessments to measure progress in meeting those standards.

As a former superintendent of North Carolina schools, I voted for this bill because my State has led the Nation in standard-based reform, and the administration promised historic new funding to make the bill work, but the administration has broken that promise. This year's budget request shortchanges No Child Left Behind by \$9.7 billion; and over the first 3 years of the new law, the administration is proposing nearly \$20 billion in cuts to No Child Left Behind.

Mr. Speaker, a promise is a promise and a deal is a deal, and Congress must hold the administration accountable for its commitments. I am working with others to help make sure No Child Left Behind is fully funded before the tough new requirements take effect. If the White House is going to talk the talk, Congress had better make sure that they walk the walk. I urge Members to join me in this vital effort to do right by our schools and our children.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, several foreign governments have undertaken to distribute identification cards to their nationals living illegally in the United States. Some of these governments, specifically one of them, Mexico, has taken this one step further and decided to begin to use their consular offices here to lobby State and local governments in the United States to get them to accept these cards, thereby aiding and abetting people living in this country illegally.

Mr. Speaker, if the United States had asked its consular offices in Mexico or any other country to undertake such a practice, there would be a storm of protest, and rightly so. Consular offices

would be closed; officials would be recalled. It would be appropriate for governments to respond that way. Our government has not said a word about this. It is time, however, that the Government of the United States issue a formal protest to the Government of Mexico for this egregious, outrageous behavior, and it is time for this government to take control of its own immigration policy.

LOW-INCOME AMERICANS ENTITLED TO TAX RELIEF

(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, Mark Twain said that humans were the only species that would feel embarrassment, or needed to. That is an appropriate quote today when many of my Republican colleagues are terribly embarrassed because they got caught with their hand in the cookie jar giving over \$90,000 tax relief to millionaires, and to children of families who earn less than \$26,000, gave them zero tax relief for the child deduction.

This is scandalous, and many of my good Republican friends are terribly embarrassed that they have been caught in this fashion. But now I call on my Republican colleagues to admit that they made a mistake and fix the problem. I am told that the majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), said that people who earn \$26,000 do not pay taxes. Excuse me, they pay property taxes, they pay withholding taxes, they pay sales taxes, and they are entitled to fair treatment.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot excuse the inexcusable. I am calling for my Republican friends to call the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) to fix this problem today.

SUPPORT GLOBAL PATHOGEN SURVEILLANCE ACT

(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, today the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. TAUSCHER) and I will introduce the Global Pathogen Surveillance Act of 2003. Identical to the Biden-Lugar bill in the Senate, it will assist in fighting the threats of bioterrorism and naturally-occurring infectious diseases.

International trade and travel offer new opportunities for pathogens to cross national borders. Infectious disease epidemics, wherever they occur, are a potential threat to all nations. Americans have become all too familiar with the threat from bioterrorism and deadly agents capable of spreading death, anthrax, Ebola, smallpox, and SARS. They are just the most recent examples.

The Kirk-Tauscher bill authorizes \$150 million over 2 years to assist de-

veloping countries to train personnel in epidemiological techniques, acquire laboratory equipment, and obtain equipment to communicate inside the country and with the World Health Organization. Our legislation has the strong support of Dr. David Heymann, the highest-ranking American at the World Health Organization. It will contribute to our homeland security while at the same time making other countries safer for Americans traveling abroad. I thank the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. TAUSCHER) for cosponsoring this important bill.

CHILD TAX CREDIT UNFAIR

(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. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, listen carefully, the growing sound and the roar we hear from the Senate is the sound of Republican Senators rushing to change their position on the child tax credit. What we hear is them now recognizing the incredible injustice they did to hard-working families with children who earned under \$26,000 a year who will not get that \$400 check for each of their children like other families this summer. The Republicans have recognized the injustice; but the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the leader of the Republicans in the House—

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will refrain from references characterizing the Senate.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am only reporting on what the Senate is doing. I am reporting; I am not characterizing.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman must not characterize them or their actions.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, Senators are changing their position on the child care tax credit. It is in The New York Times. I could read the names of the Senators. That is what is happening there.

Here, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) says they are not going to correct this injustice to these families. These families will go without their \$400 check that is so important to the income of those families and the ability to raise their children. How dare the Republicans suggest that these children are less valuable than the children of other American families.

AMERICAN IDEALS ADMIRER

(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 rise to share some good news about America's number one export: our ideals of democracy, freedom, and free enterprise.

This is from a new survey by the Pew Research Center for the people and the press. In contrast to harsh criticism often heard from U.S. bashers, both here and internationally, this survey of 66,000 people in 44 countries over 2 years reveals that the majority demonstrates strong preferences in seeing democratic governments formed in Muslim countries. Also majorities in 33 of the these 44 countries believe people live better in a free market, even if it leads to wealth and income disparities.

According to this survey: "This is not to say that they accept democracy and capitalism without qualification, or that they are not concerned about many of the problems of modern life. By and large, however, the people of the world accept the concept and values that underlie the American approach to governance and business." This is also good news for the people of Iraq.

FUND CHILD TAX CREDIT

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

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask this Congress to fund the child tax credit. For 6 million families, it would only cost \$3.5 billion. We have the \$3.5 billion, but we want to give it to the top 1 percent. All we would have to do is take the top tax bracket and instead of cutting it down to 35 percent, cut it down to 35.3 percent, and we would have enough money to give the child tax credit to working families, single parents with children, single mothers trying to raise their children.

Mr. Speaker, we have enough time in this Congress to honor Sammy Sosa and his corked bat, but we do not have enough time to honor the children in single families in this Congress.

HONORING TEXAS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to spotlight several distinguished teachers from the Third Congressional District of Texas.

Great teachers nurture our country's best hope for tomorrow, our children. Children may be a fraction of our society, but they are 100 percent of our future. These educators go beyond the call of duty and selflessly make our children better and make Texas a better place to live.

These are the teachers of the year from the third district: from Allen, Texas, Nancy Jung and Joyce Carson; from Garland, Michael Robertson; from McKinney, Sharon Guynes and Betty Rutledge; from Plano, Marilyn Caruthers and Roxanne Burchfiel; from

Princeton, Janice Bohannon and Diane Talley; from Richardson, Lisa Cunningham and Rick Urbanczyk; and from Wylie, Doug Grether.

It is outstanding teachers like these who strive for excellence and make a difference in the lives of our children. They are heroes for our children, for America, for our freedom, for our future. God bless all of them. I salute our teachers all over the country.

MIDDLE-INCOME TAXPAYERS WILL PAY GREATER SHARE OF FEDERAL TAXES

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, two stories today in the papers tell it all. One, "Delay Rebuffs Move to Restore Lost Tax Credit," a credit for 6.5 million low-income families. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) says, "There are a lot of other things that are more important than that."

The second story, the headline is, "Middle Class Tax Share Set to Rise," and it says that as a result of three successive tax cuts of the Bush administration, middle-income taxpayers will be paying a greater share of all Federal taxes by the end of the decade.

When we raise these issues, the majority here likes to say it is class warfare. There is class warfare against middle- and low-income families under the Republican majority rule. We ask this question to taxpayers of America, Whose side are you on? It is clear the Republicans are on the side, as said in the paper, of Americans who earn \$337,000 or more per year.

SUPPORTING AMERICA'S CHILDREN

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

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of America's children. Since January 7, the 108th Congress has acted on a number of bold initiatives to secure the future of all children. We have successfully passed legislation to protect children from dangerous predators through the AMBER Alert legislation. We will soon vote on a conference report to improve child abuse prevention and treatment, called CAPTA; and the House recently passed my child medication safety legislation, H.R. 1170.

We have passed sensible, economic-growth legislation that increased the child tax credit from \$600 to \$1,000. Many have expressed concern about the fact that credit was not extended to those who pay no taxes.

I believe that Congress has done more to assist poor children and their parents with real jobs and real opportunities. Specifically, the jobs and growth bill recently signed into law re-

moves major barriers to capital formation for individuals and small businesses, allowing these businesses to provide more jobs, more paychecks, and more economic benefits that will enrich the lives of all of the Nation's poorest children.

Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation, and I believe the 108th Congress has delivered on behalf of America's children.

HIGH-INCOME TAX BENEFICIARIES

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, again two stories in the paper say it all. The Washington Post says three successive tax cuts pushed by President Bush will leave middle-income taxpayers paying a greater share of all Federal taxes by the end of the decade, according to new analyses of the Bush administration's tax policies.

As critics of the tax cuts in 2001, 2002, and 2003 have noted, the very wealthiest Americans, those earning \$337,000 or more per year, will be the greatest beneficiaries of the changes in the Nation's tax laws.

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Also, we read in the New York Times today that the House will not consider a Democratic measure to provide an increased tax credit to 6.5 million low-income families who did not receive it in the new tax law. So the policies of the Republican majority here are becoming increasingly clear. They are fiscally irresponsible, the borrow-and-spend Republican majority.

Let us see what they have done with the tax cuts: Helped the rich, hurt the middle class and poor, and stuck our children and grandchildren with the bill. Deficits as far as the eye can see. "Let's enjoy the tax cuts now because our children and our grandchildren will be paying the bill." This is morally unconscionable and should be changed.

MIDDLE EAST SUMMIT

(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, today is a day of history and opportunity for the world and for the war-torn region known as the Middle East. I pray for the peace of Jerusalem and was yesterday greatly encouraged when five Arab leaders pledged to actively fight what they called the culture of extremism and violence in the region. I am also encouraged by Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas who has called for an end to violence against Israeli citizens. But I was astounded this morning when the network television shows were all stressing what our President today in Jordan must demand of our ally, Israel.

The truth is, as we welcome this day of history and opportunity, we must be