

IN SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
PROPOSAL TO RESTORE FISCAL  
SANITY BY REINSTATING PAYGO  
REQUIREMENTS

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, last night Congress voted to increase the public debt limit by an additional \$800 billion to an astronomical \$8.18 trillion. Simply put, this is morally indefensible.

Every time we increase the debt ceiling and allow more money to be tacked onto the public debt, the U.S. government is saddling our grandchildren and their grandchildren with an economic legacy that virtually assures economic stagnation in their lifetime. The Republican leadership will hide behind the war on terror or the recession to mask the dire straits of our economy. But the truth is much more damning. The fundamental reason for the spike in the national debt is the unprecedented pace of Republican tax cuts that have occurred since 2001. Recently, the Congressional Budget Office confirmed that tax cuts are responsible for nearly 60 percent of the budget deficit.

We must return to the fiscal responsibility of the Clinton era where we had the political will to make hard, but responsible fiscal policy choices that resulted in the most robust economy in recent history. Moreover, from 1998 through 2000, with President Clinton in the White House, the government reduced debt held by the public, paying off \$363 billion. Even in the first year of the Bush Administration, in 2001, under budget policies put in place by the Clinton Administration, the debt came down by another \$90 billion.

One of the ways that we established fiscal sanity in the 1990s was the use of the pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) budget enforcement rules. This practice helped Congress control spending and acted as a reminder that Congress needed to balance the government's checkbook, no matter whether it was tax cuts or increased spending on domestic programs.

In their overzealous attempts to cut taxes, especially for the highest 1 percent of wage earners—those earning \$400,000 and more, the Republican leadership has blatantly ignored the common sense logic of the PAYGO rules. They have added literally billions and billions of dollars to our deficit and, for that reason, the Congress is forced to raise the debt ceiling to avoid shutting down the federal government.

I am deeply troubled that the President of the United States fails to understand or appreciate the financial burden he is imposing on middle income Americans, many of whom reside in "Red States" and supported his reelection. During the campaign season, the President promised to make permanent the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts that are scheduled to expire in 2010. This action will cost \$1.1 trillion from 2010 through 2014, and even more in the years to follow. Continuing tax cuts permanently will significantly worsen the deficit after 2009, which make a mockery of the President's vow to cut the deficit in half in 2009.

To return to economic prosperity and fiscal sanity, we need to reinstate PAYGO rules as a first step, restore balance between our de-

fense security needs and our domestic security needs, and adopt tax policy that benefits middle income taxpayers and creates jobs. I urge our Republican leadership to chart a new economic course for our country so that the United States of America remains the land of prosperity for "We the People."

RECOGNIZING HOUSE AND GARDEN  
TELEVISION ON 10TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Home & Garden Television on the occasion of its tenth anniversary. I am proud to say that HGTV calls Knoxville, Tennessee, home.

HGTV was born of humble beginnings in East Tennessee and over the years has grown to be one of the most successful cable networks in existence today. It is one of four networks owned by the E.W. Scripps Company.

Ross Bagwell, Sr., a television production innovator, created the network that would become HGTV. A creative genius, he started Cinetel Productions in 1973 and produced many different shows. In 1994, Mr. Bagwell sold Cinetel to the Scripps Company, and soon after, HGTV was born.

The E.W. Scripps Company President and CEO Kenneth Lowe, the founder of HGTV, led the network to an explosion in popularity. Ken spurred the creation of the Scripps Networks division and played an instrumental role in the development of Scripps' other networks, the Food Network, Do It Yourself (DIY), and Fine Living.

Scripps Networks is a great corporate citizen in my District and a large employer of a skilled and creative workforce.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Ken Lowe and all of the employees of Scripps Networks and especially HGTV on the occasion of its tenth anniversary. Our Country would be a much better place today if there were more good corporate citizens here like the E.W. Scripps Company.

IN HONOR OF DON KYZER'S  
RETIREMENT FROM THE YMCA

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in honoring Don Kyzer's retirement from the YMCA after his lengthy service to young people across the country.

For the past several years, I have been honored to serve as the Congressional sponsor for the YMCA Youth Governor's Conference. The YMCA Youth Governor's Conference brings together some of the most outstanding youth leaders in America. YMCA Youth and Government is a nation-wide program that allows thousands of teenagers to simulate state and national government. Kyzer has played a pivotal role in making the con-

ference a rewarding experience for the hundreds of youth leaders that he has personally mentored. From 1991 to 1997, Don served as the director for the conference and has left a lasting legacy with those who have benefited from his tireless efforts.

In addition to the Youth Governor's Conference, Kyzer has been distinguished by a number of organizations. He has been awarded the John R. Fisher Service to Youth Award, Distinguished Service Award from the YMCA International Management Council, Florida Association of Professional YMCA Directors Program Director of the Year Award, Paul Grist Service to Youth Award, and was runner-up for the Florida State Teacher of the Year Award.

I congratulate the Kyzer family on this momentous occasion, and wish him all the best for a well-earned retirement.

WASHINGTON POST GARNERS BIAS  
AWARD

**HON. LAMAR S. SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, CIA Director Porter Goss is the latest Bush administration official to encounter the media bias Americans know well: the use of anonymous sources to level partisan charges.

It was on display in a front page Washington Post story this week.

It quoted four former CIA officials, none of whom was mentioned by name.

The frequent use of anonymous sources is part of the media's institutional problem.

When anonymous sources are used it is too easy for disgruntled former employees or others to settle scores.

It is also contrary to journalistic standards and ethics.

In fact, the Washington Post editorial page has called for an overhaul of the CIA in light of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Director Goss is doing exactly what is needed to reform and restructure the CIA.

For writing a story that quoted anonymous sources and placing it on the front page, this week's Media Bias Award goes to the Washington Post.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHIAN  
FEDERATION ON THE OCCASION  
OF ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND  
27TH HOMERIC AWARD GALA

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Chian Federation, on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. Since its founding in 1974, the Chian Federation has educated and empowered the Hellenic American community to exercise their rights and fulfill their obligations as American citizens. The Chian Federation has a strong record of advocating human rights and striving to promote democratic ideals. The members of the board of this outstanding organization are: Alexandros

Doulis, President, Stavros Haviaras, Executive Vice President, Mike Frezoulis, First Vice President, John Monogioudis, Second Vice President, George Arnitsis, Executive Secretary, Kalliopi Volikas-Theodoropoulos, General Secretary, Nikolaos Papagiannakis, CFO, John Stoupakis, Treasurer, Kostas Potamousis, Assistant Treasurer, and Elsa Tsartsidou, Director of the Federation's Cultural Center. In addition to its political objectives, the organization takes pride in its dance group, cultural events, website, magazine, business card exchanges, food, clothing and toy drives, Senior Citizens' breakfast and lectures on topics ranging from archaeology to health care.

The Federation's accomplishments extend beyond the borders of the United States. On Chios, The Chian Federation has financially aided nursing homes, environmental groups for reforestation of the island, the Korais Library and the Office of the Repatriated Chians Organization, in addition to making substantial donations to the educational and health systems of Chios.

In 1977, the Chian Federation established the Homeric Award to recognize individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Hellenic community. This year's Homeric Award recipient is Stamatis M. "Tom" Krimigis. The former Head of the Space Department of The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Dr. Krimigis' research interests include the earth's environment and magnetosphere; the sun; the interplanetary medium; and the magnetospheres of the planets and other astrophysical objects. He has been Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator on several NASA space missions, including the Low Energy Charged Particle Experiment on Voyagers 1 and 2 and the Active Magnetospheric Particle Tracer Explorer, a collaborative program that created the first man-made comet on December 27, 1984.

Dr. Krimigis is the author of more than 370 academic papers; was awarded the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement in 1981 and 1986; and has received more than thirty NASA Group Achievement Awards for his work on the Voyager, AMPTE, Galileo, Ulysses, Cassini, and ACE projects. Dr. Krimigis has also been a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Space Science Board; Chairman of the Board's Committee on Solar and Space Physics; a member of NASA's Space Science and Applications Advisory Committees; a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, the American Physical Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science; an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; and trustee of the International Academy of Astronautics. He received the International Academy of Astronautics Basic Sciences Award and the AHEPA Academy Prize, both in 1994. At the World Space Congress in 2002, he was presented with the COSPAR Space Science Award, the highest honor that the worldwide space science community can bestow. In November 2004, he was presented with the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Lifetime Achievement Award. He has participated as member or Chairman in many national and international conferences in space science and space systems management, has delivered more than 1,100 talks on these topics, and has lectured in major conferences and National Academies

in all five continents. The International Astronomical Union in 1999 named asteroid "8323 Krimigis" in his honor. The President of the Hellenic Republic awarded Dr. Krimigis the Gold Cross "Commandeur de l'Ordre du Phœnix" in 1997. Also, the American Hellenic Institute honored him with its "Hellenic Heritage Achievement Award" in Washington in 1998.

Dr. Krimigis has often testified before Congressional Committees on issues of Space Science and Technology and has been a member or chairman of many advisory committees for the U.S. government. He is often quoted in national and international media on space science and technology issues, most recently on the Voyager crossing of the heliospheric termination shock and the Cassini orbits of Saturn. His work on Voyager has been featured as front-page news in the New York Times three times and has appeared in many other newspapers and magazines throughout the world. He is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in Frontiers of Science and Technology, Who's Who in Technology Today, Personalities of America, American Men and Women of Science, Men of Achievement, International Who's Who of Contemporary Achievement and the Dictionary of International Biography.

Dr. Krimigis is truly a man "axios" (worthy) of the Homeric Award and I offer him my best wishes for many more years of outstanding achievements.

I ask my colleges to join me recognizing the Chian Federation and its honoree, Dr. Tom Krimigis.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes last night. Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall No. 534; "yes" on rollcall No. 535; "no" on rollcall No. 536.

#### ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that I congratulate St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Cathedral as they join together in the celebration of their 40th anniversary. They will be celebrating this very momentous and special occasion on Saturday, November 20, 2004.

The Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Elijah the Prophet is comprised of faithful descendants who came from many parts of the world such as Hercegovina, Bosnia, Lika, Banat, Dalmatia, and Serbia. Some also came from sections of America and Canada. The thriving steel mills offered ready employment. For many descendants, their relatives, friends, and acquaintances were already located in

Northwest Indiana. Each soul believed that Eastern Orthodoxy and the Serbian Orthodox Church, as well as the continuance of their Patronal Feast "Krsna Slava," was a priceless inheritance and worthy of great sacrifice. They gathered together under the banner and intercessions of St. Elijah the Prophet, with faith in God Almighty in Trinity to found a church-school congregation in Merrillville, Indiana.

St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Cathedral is led in its faith by the Very Reverend Archpriest Lazar Kostur. In 1986, Protopresbyter Stavrofor George Lazich, retired, and the St. Elijah Cathedral Church Congregation elected Father Lazar to the status of permanent parish priest. On November 5, 1989 he was elevated to the dignity of an Archpriest by Bishop Mitrophan. Father Lazar, along with his wife, Protinica Mira and their beautiful children has served the Serbian Orthodox Church faithfully. The proud parishioners are thankful for the spiritual and emotional leadership he has provided during the years since his ordination.

His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher, His Grace Bishop Longin, His Grace Bishop Mitrophan, and His Grace Bishop Peter have all been invited along with clergy of the Gracanica Diocese and Midwestern Metropolitanate. St. Elijah Cathedral Choir will sing the responses in the church. Hieromonk Irinej Dobrijevic of Belgrade, Serbia, and consultant to the Holy Assembly of Bishops will be the featured speaker. The celebration will include performances by the St. Elijah "Frula" Folklore Group, St. Elijah Cathedral Choir and the Czar Lazar Men's Choir of Pittsburgh. A dance with live music from Mladost and Drina will begin after Vespers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Cathedral on their 40th anniversary. The members of St. Elijah have dedicated themselves to providing a spiritual and guiding light through the protection of the Serbian Orthodox faith and traditions for all of Northwest Indiana. Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of the highest commendation.

#### HONORING MARGARET AVILA

#### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Avila, my good friend and tireless advocate of nursing. Ms. Avila is one of California's prominent educators in the field of nursing and plans to retire on December 10th after 30 years of dedicated service to her community.

Ms. Avila has been an integral part and asset in the Congressional 38th District Health Consortium. She was the Chair of the Consortium of Health, Health Professions, and Mental Health Committees. As an educator she designed, developed, and implemented curricula for nursing students from entry level to licensed and post-graduate programs for over 15 years. She taught both nursing professionals and medical professionals at a family practice residency level.

Ms. Avila created an innovative Public Health Nursing Practice Model that completely reoriented and renewed the public health nursing practice in Los Angeles County. The