

Mr. FEENEY. Mr. Speaker, there are some enormous issues that face America today, but something is lost, as we talk about the challenges in the war on terror and the President's leadership in Iraq and, of course, finally, the strongly recovering economy under President Bush's leadership, is the President's space vision for tomorrow.

It becomes important that we pay attention to the great things that the President has proposed. For the first time really in 2 decades, we have a new space vision to guarantee that America will continue to be the predominant space leader through the next millennium, as it has been over the last 50 years. It is important that we return the Shuttle to flight; it is important that we complete the international space station. But more importantly, the President has given us a new vision so that we can explore mid-Earth orbit and outer-Earth orbit.

Mr. Speaker, I suggest that Sean O'Keefe is doing a wonderful job. I hope this House will be able to focus in the next 5 months and after the election on a bipartisan American vision for leadership in space. The President's vision is affordable, it is visionary, it is flexible; and, most important, it will maintain America's leadership in space.

#### NEW DIRECTION IN AMERICA FOR JOBS

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, President Bush came to northeast Ohio, Youngstown, last week to try to defend an economic program that simply is not working in any of the Great Lakes industrial States. Ohio has lost one out of six manufacturing jobs since President Bush took office. We have lost almost 200 jobs every single day of the Bush administration.

His answer to that is more tax cuts for the rich, hoping they trickle down and create some sort of economic activity, and more trade agreements like NAFTA that continue to ship jobs overseas. Those policies are not working.

What we should be doing is extending unemployment benefits to the 50,000 Ohio workers who have lost their benefits. We should reexamine these trade agreements. We should pass the bipartisan Crane-Rangel bill which gives companies incentives to manufacture in the United States, rather than giving tax breaks to the largest companies in the country which continue to outsource and continue to ship jobs overseas. That policy is not working.

We need a new direction in Ohio and across the country.

#### FAREWELL TO PAGES

(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, this is the longest 1-minute that we will see on the House floor in a year, and this is the annual farewell to our pages who have served us so well this last year. I would like to ask the page class of 2003-2004 to come on down to the well of the Chamber. Come on. Come on down, and find a place in the first two rows here.

Well, here we are. It is a special time. As you finalize your activities today on the floor and you go through your graduation tomorrow and you get loaded up, first of all, thanks. Thanks for serving us. Thanks for serving your country. We are going to miss you.

As chairman of the House Page Board, it is my privilege to acknowledge and thank this outstanding group of young men and women. Today marks your last day of service in the 2004 page class. You are starting another phase of your life, and all of these phases of life always continue. New phases, new challenges.

While today is the ending of the page experience, it is the beginning of a multitude of opportunities that may not even be revealed to you yet. Universities and careers, travels and adventures, families and friends all lie on the horizon for each one of you.

It is true that whenever one door closes, another one opens. Go boldly through each new door that presents itself during the course of your life and embrace the challenge that the world puts in front of you with the same vigor and expertise and the commitment to work that you have shown here on the floor.

We really are proud of you. You have had an insider's view that a lot of people would pay a lot of money for. As many of you know, part of my West Point experience was leadership; it is a leadership school. What we teach at West Point is that there are good examples of leadership and there are bad examples of leadership, and take the good and remember the bad and try not to replicate the bad.

As you have seen, a multitude of things happened in this last year, I challenge you to do the same thing. Look at the good qualities of the Members and the staff, not just the page program staff, from the dorm to the school, to here on the floor, but also your interaction with Members of Congress, your interaction with their staffs. Take the good. Remember that. Use that to help mold you into the kind of adult you want to be. But also remember the bad experiences, how maybe some of you saw the treatment of other individuals that you did not really think was right or proper, and use that and commit yourself to say, that is not going to be me when I am an adult. That is part of the learning and growing experience.

I am going to be able to interject as we have a chance to share, but I want to yield now to the ranking member of the Page Board, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE), a man who has

been involved with this program, I would like to say forever, although he may not agree with that.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to all of the pages who have served so diligently here in the 108th Congress. We all recognize the important role that congressional pages play in helping the U.S. House of Representatives operate. You come from across the Nation. You represent what is good about our country.

To become a page, you have had to prove yourselves to be academically qualified. You have ventured away from the security of your homes and families to spend time in an unfamiliar city. But through this experience, you have witnessed a new culture; you have made new friends and learned the details of how government operates. And you have seen Congress at its best and sometimes at its worst. We are human beings, but this is the greatest democracy in the world.

As we all know, the job of congressional page is not an easy one, and no one knows that more than you. Along with being away from home, the pages must possess the maturity to balance the competing demands for their time and their energy. In addition, you must have the dedication to work long hours and the ability to interact with people on a personal level; from the powerful to everyone. You have had to deal with people, and I am very proud of how you have dealt with them.

At the same time, you face a challenging academic schedule of classes in the House page school. I am sure that you will consider your time spent here in Washington, DC, to be one of the most valuable and exciting experiences of your lives. With that experience, you will move ahead and lead successful and productive lives.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt back in the mid-1930s uttered these words, but they are as relevant today as they were during those very difficult times. He said, "There is a strange cycle in human events. To some generations, much is given. Of other generations, much is expected."

This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny.

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And having met all of you and seen you at work, I am confident that you will meet the challenges of that rendezvous.

Mr. Speaker, as the Democratic member of the House Page Board, appointed by Speaker Tip O'Neill. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this group of distinguished young Americans. I am personally proud of you. I have benefited from you. I think we all add to one another. You added to my experiences. You have presented to me a challenge to do better. And when you go back home, you will have had a special experience that no one else will have had.

There is a great program in this country called Close Up. It is a great

program, and I always meet with all my Close Up students. But no one has seen this government as close up as you. When you go back home, you will have every opportunity to talk about government and how, despite the faults and shortcomings, this is a great body and this is the greatest democracy in the world. And you are one of the reasons it is.

Thank you very much, and God bless you.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, at this point, I will submit for the RECORD the names of the class of 2003-2004.

#### 2003-2004 PAGES

##### REPUBLICANS

Rebecca Ball—WA, Manfred Bekeris—AK, Ryan Bieshaar—CO, Daniel Boden—CA, Anthony Bonna—FL, Clinton Brown—MO, Diamond Bruner—VA, Tiffany Cannon—GA, and Michael Capovilla—NV.

Tom Church—MI (Camp), Dominique Clay—MI, Michael Dennis—PA, Jenna Douglass—DE, Andy Duberstein—VA, Chris Fitzwater—CO, Patrick Fortune—CA, Andrew Gall—PA, and Tim George—MD.

Andrea Hall—KY, Clay Hammock—SD, Katelyn Hancock—IN, Weston Jones—SC, Clara Kang—CA, Jenna Kelsey—NJ, Craig Kreinbuhl—OH, Carolina Krohne—FL, and Allison Kushner—NY.

Nicholas Lane—AR, Matthew Mazzetta—IL, Elizabeth McCune—TX, Rachael McMillan—NC, Matthew Merighi—NJ, James Orlando—NY, Sarah Reed—WY, Liesel Rickhoff—TX, and Ashley Rubenstein—WV.

Taylor St. Claire—AZ, Michael Sala—PA, Rebecca Sher—TX, Kara Skarda—NC, Nicholas Smith—MI, Katherine Souza—CA, Lynda Thorne—GA, Nicholas Vorpagel—WI, and Christine Wright—CO.

##### DEMOCRATS

Clarice Bennett—IL, Kathryn Byerly—KS, Joseph Carliner—MD, Melissa Eddy—NC, Alexander Gates—PA, Omar Halabi—OH, Demetrius Harrison—IL, and Ian Herron—Cary—IN.

Corinna Holden—VT, David Horvath—MA, Sarah Johnson—WI, Frances Mercedes—NY, David Miller—CA, Monica Ramos—CA, Jennifer Ridder—CO, and Mallory Scarritt—FL.

Samantha Shinberg—DC, Alison Shott—PA, Mary Swick—PA, Maza Menasche—UT, Jeffrey Waters—NY, Brian Wright—MN, and Blake Yocum—IA.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield to the Minority Whip of the House of Representatives, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), who has always been very, very supportive of the program and very gracious with his time to come down on the floor.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I thank all of you for participating in this program. It is important for America that you do so. You have gotten, obviously, something from this program, perhaps a great deal, but, in my opinion, America is getting more from this program.

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE), who has served on this board for longer than any other Member and with whom I served on the board for a short period of time, observed that you have been given a unique privilege, an insight into democracy that few Americans get. They see us on C-SPAN, they read about us in the newspaper, they

see short clips, the 30 seconds or the 15 seconds, but you know better than almost all of your colleagues, your peers, that that 30-second clip is not necessarily the truth of what happens.

You have seen firsthand the dedication of Members. You have seen firsthand, as the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) pointed out, and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) has as well, that those of us who have the great honor and privilege of serving here are just like you but a little older.

You are all different. You have different points of view. I am sure you have had discussions about some of the issues that you have heard debated on this floor. You have seen that in your own peer group that you differ, and that, in fact, probably each of you reflects to some degree some of the sentiment expressed on this floor and you agree with that. And you will find the gal sitting next to you say that, no, I do not agree with that; I think X was right and not Y.

That is the glory of our democracy, that we have created an institution in which the different points of view can come together and be discussed and be debated. You have seen that sometimes that debate becomes relatively heated and passionate, and it is because the issues discussed on this floor are very important and impact on all of us, but on you particularly, because you will live longer under the policies that we adopt today than the rest of us, at least on average.

You have been given a special opportunity, and I would hope that you would feel that that comes with a particular responsibility. One of the concerns that those of us who are older have is that those of you who are younger do not participate in very high levels, at least in percentages, of impacting on the decisions we make in our democracy. The way most citizens impact on those decisions is, obviously, through voting in elections. Young people, as all of you know, do not vote at a very high percentage. That is of concern.

I want to read you something that was said by an Englishman. He said, "We live in an age when to be young and to be indifferent can be no longer synonymous." Think of that. "To be young and indifferent," he said, can no longer be synonymous. We must prepare for the coming hour. The claims of the future are represented by suffering millions; and the youth of a nation are the trustees of prosperity."

That was said by a gentleman who was the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Benjamin Disraeli. He said that in 1845. It is true today. It is true, in fact, as, again, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) pointed out, in every generation.

We had a dedication to perhaps some of your grandfathers, the World War II Memorial, and perhaps your grandmothers as well who were called by Tom Brokaw the Greatest Generation. But, in fact, as Roosevelt indicated and

as the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) pointed out, every generation is called upon to make its contribution.

In some generations, the challenge is greater than it is in others. In World War II, we lost 60 million people in the world. 60 million. 407,000 Americans killed in that war. We are engaged in another war today in your generation and in my generation, a war on terrorism. It calls upon a lot of young people and some middle-aged people, your parents' age, perhaps, in the Reserve or National Guard, to be deployed overseas, to confront those who would undermine our democracy and our security and our safety. And very soon, very, very soon, you will be called upon to be on the front line, perhaps not overseas but here certainly.

So I would ask you to take from this House, from this well and this room that we call the People's House, to which one can only come by election, we just had a debate on that this week that you will recall, and I hope that you will go back and you will talk to your friends, perhaps your brothers and your sisters, your schoolmates, your peers, and tell them what you have seen.

My experience has been that when I was president of the Maryland Senate, and we had a page program there, was that invariably those who were pages in the Senate, and my experience has been here with pages who have served in this House, that you leave with a more positive view than when you came. That does not mean that you have a rose-colored version of the House of Representatives. It is, after all, peopled by, as I said, people like you, with some strengths, some weaknesses, some faults and some extraordinarily good points.

So I urge all of you to return to your schools, return to your homes, return to your communities and spread the word about the fact that democracy works, that your participation makes a difference, and that in the final analysis, if democracy is to work well, if it is to work as our Founding Fathers conceived it, it will be because we all participate.

Good luck and God bless you. Thank you very much for your service.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, now I would like to ask my colleague, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY), who, as many of you know, has been very involved in following your progress and lack thereof throughout this year, to address you all.

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, first, let us all give each other a round of applause for a very, very successful year here in Congress.

The first time you have actually been able to sit in the seats of Members on Congress and be on national TV. Congratulations. You really are living in a unique time in our country.

I think my colleagues have well expressed the sentiments all of us having

watched you arrive one day as very young and excited newcomers to Washington, some with fear in your eyes because you have left friends and family, others with a sense of optimism and pride that you are getting to represent your districts from around this country.

It is fun to watch the transformation from that first day to the last week. Because I see in all of you that sense of kind of reluctance to some degree to leave this place. You have met and have established lifelong friends in this very process.

What is exciting for all of us that serve here is that you truly represent the best and brightest in this country. It is very, very difficult, as you know, to become a page in the Congress. It requires a number of skill sets that will serve you in life: leadership, intelligence, personality, perseverance, and faith; and those are attributes that, as you mature and go forward in life, will serve you in phenomenal ways.

Many of you know that several Members of Congress originated in the page class. So it is not only a training and testing ground. You certainly got a long exposure to the good and bad Congress has to offer. The good is the fact that in this democracy, in this Chamber, we get to express our opinions about what goes on in the world. We get to weigh in on behalf of the district that I represent and the other Members represent, those 600-plus thousand people who count on us to come to this Nation's Capital every day to work on their behalf.

Disagreements are the joy of democracy. You get to argue and discuss and debate and create hopeful solutions that do not reflect the partisan views of the people in this Chamber but reflect the views of all Americans.

Now, I know you have one more year of high school to conclude and that probably is some degree of relief or maybe, to those you feel like you are probably well equipped to enter your first year of college, some of you, I think, in conversing with you, some are actually mature enough to enter college right away.

I want to thank you for taking time out of your life. This is a sacrifice. It is unique.

I know my page Anthony was, and is, expected to deliver the commencement speech. So a word of warning, Anthony, the 16th district is watching you very carefully.

This Member of Congress, of course, is delighted that there is an age requirement to run for the job. He lives in my community, and he certainly has to reach 25 before he campaigns for this job.

But congratulations on behalf of our district, our mutual district that you have been selected by your peers to have this high honor; and I will be looking for transcripts of that speech.

Anthony came here as a page on the recommendation of several in our community. It was kind of interesting to

watch this little mini-campaign take place and those friends that he had in the northern part of my community urging and cajoling and talking to me about submitting his name to be a page. Of course, for those Members of Congress, we get to submit names, but, ultimately, it is the choice of the Page Board and the Speaker of the House that bestows on you this high honor. So you are, in essence, the Speaker's appointment.

Take with you the valuable knowledge you have gained. Never forget your friends. Stay in touch. The interesting thing is that, years from now, as you look around the country and you have your page reunions, you will see each and every one of you doing something unique and different.

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Hopefully, some of you will be going on to better communities by being teachers, police officers, firefighters, members of the military, nurses, veterans, whatever your chosen profession. A few may go on to be Congressmen, Congresswomen, Governors, Senators. In fact, in this very room may be the future President of the United States. God bless you. I wish you well, have a great life, and thank you for your service to this Congress.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague for his chance to share with you.

Did he not mention that maybe it might be your high privilege and honor to be the chairman of the Page Board some year? He always leaves that off. I do not know why that is.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE), who has a great history in education as a superintendent of schools, and I thank my colleague.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

To all of you, let me thank you. As the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) has shared with you, prior to my coming to Washington, I had the distinct privilege of being the State superintendent of schools for the State of North Carolina. I consider that a high privilege because I got to work with wonderful young folks like you every day. And I was seated back there looking at the backs of your heads and said, I really want to see your faces because I have seen you in here from day to day.

I want to associate myself with my colleagues' comments. I may repeat some of them, and I will be brief, but I do not want to. The truth is as they have said, and Lord knows how many commencement speeches I have made and groups I have spoken to, you are the future. You will move on the stage very quickly. And you will finish the work. It may be here in this Chamber or in the State legislative chamber or as a doctor, lawyer, preacher, teacher, whatever it may be. You will finish the work that others have started. And always remember that.

I think it is good to remember that there are new ideas from time to time, and we have breakthroughs, but the greatest contributions are made by those who are willing to keep their hands on the steady plow, as we say in rural North Carolina, and you plow a straight furrow. In other words, you do the right thing. You were made out of the right stuff, and we are awful proud of you.

I only wish that every student in America could have the same experiences that you have had for the last number of weeks you have been here. We would have a lot better country because they would go home with a different understanding of Washington, DC.

I started to ask for a show of hands, but I will not do it, of how many of you when you came to Washington, this was the first time you had ever been to Washington. And if that is not true, this would be the first class we have had that that is not true of. For some of you, it may be the very first time you have been away from home for an extended period of time. You have adapted and adjusted to that.

All of us can remember when we went away to camp for the first time, and a week is a long time, and you have been gone for a week and you have adapted well. You brought your school books with you. You were not sure how in the world you were going to handle all of that, right? But you did and you did a heck of a job, and we are proud of you.

You have already shown that you can achieve before you came and you have added to that knowledge. So let me thank you for coming. I have full confidence in whatever you choose to do you will do well because you have already done well.

Let me say to Melissa Eddy, who is from my congressional district, the Second District of North Carolina, we are proud of you. We are glad to have you here this week. And for all of you as you leave this week, including you, Melissa, when you leave here tomorrow and when you head home, you are going to get a little vacation probably. And depending on whether you are going to college or back to high school, it is going to be a short summer because some schools start pretty quick, college and otherwise.

This has already been shared with you, but I want to share it with you again, that is, if you have not gotten everyone's mailing addresses and their known numbers and e-mails, get it and keep it. Your paths will cross again, sometime sooner than you think.

Stay in touch. There are not many places you will ever go again in your life that you will spend and share the time you have shared one with another, with people all across America from virtually every State and have the opportunity to share ideas, whether you agree or disagree and have the kind of positive discourse and great understanding and learning you have had here.

Have a safe trip home. Have a great summer. God bless all of you because you are special, special folks. I wish you all the luck in the world in whatever you choose to do.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) to come up as he wants to address the group. This is a perfect example. The gentleman and I are very good friends. We do not agree very much on about anything, but one thing we agree on is the service that you all conduct and the honor of this institution and the hard work that everybody puts into it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN).

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS). I know you really want to listen to one more speech because you have not heard enough speeches since you have been here.

It is a pleasure to be here. I particularly thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) for their good work; to Wren, to all of your supervisors, your new supervisor, Joy Malleen, and to all of you especially for your public service at a very young age.

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) says this is an almost 200-year tradition of pages working in the greatest legislative body in the world, and this is an achievement you can look back on. It is an achievement especially because if you are like Omar Halabi in my district, if you are like most people here, I think, it was not by accident you ended up here. You are obviously achievers at home. Many of you went through a competitive process to get here. You obviously have shown self-discipline; you are self-starters. You already have the kinds of values and the kind of work ethic that will get you ahead as you go off to college, and you go off in to the military and you go off into the workforce.

I have watched Omar from Brecksville, Ohio, in my district and watched some others of you and talked to you, for some of you it is a semester, for others as Omar got to re-up as they say. I have gotten to see the personal growth and the kind of growing into the whole idea of public service.

My short remarks, I will just say that I hope when you go home, I heard the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) talking about young people not registering to vote in very high numbers. I hope you will go home, those of you that are 18 now or soon will be 18 or have plenty of friends that are 18, that you make it your mission to register your friends to vote, to get involved, whichever side you want to be on in the Presidential race this year, whichever side you want to be on on any number of political campaigns at home in community service and encourage people, as President Theodore Roosevelt, my favorite Republican

said, "Get in the arena. That is where you really make a difference."

You have already been in the arena by working in this legislative body, by serving the Congress, by serving your country. You can accelerate that and go home and build on that and really be in the arena every day, back at school, back in the workplace, in the military, at home doing what you already know how to do. You have the leadership skills. You have the interpersonal skills. I hope that you will share those skills with people all over the 50 States of this country and get into the arena and do it.

Congratulations to all of you.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to send my regards for the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE), who has visited with many of you. He is receiving an award down at the EPA. I know he is trying to get back here on time, but it looks like he will not. As you know, he has been very close to the program. He will get a chance to extend his remarks.

To whom much is given, much is expected. And I think that is really is summary of what the Members who have come on the floor have attempted to say in their own way. We thank you for your service. We have all bled a little bit this year. We have all sweated a little bit this year. We have all cried a little bit this year, not only the pages but of course, of course, the dorm staff, the school staff, the floor staff. Make sure you go and tell them to thank the adult supervision folks who have been so patient to get us through this year.

Again, from the House of Representatives, from the Speaker, from the minority leader, thank you for your service. Have a great graduation tomorrow. May God bless you all, and may God bless the United States of America. You are now dismissed.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of my Farewell to the Pages 1-minute speech.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in recognizing the Congressional Pages that will be ending their term of service this week. I would also like to commend Congressman SHIMKUS and Peggy Sampson for all of their hard work.

The House Pages have made up the critically important support staff that has kept the House floor running smoothly for over 200 years.

The 2003–2004 full-school year Pages were selected from hundreds of applicants, following an incredibly competitive process that scrutinizes their individual achievements in academics, leadership, and commitment to social and civic service.

Page duties include delivering all types of correspondence and legislative materials throughout the Capitol and House Office Build-

ings, answering phones in the Members' Cloakrooms, relaying messages, flying flags over the Capitol, and preparing the House floor for session.

These pages have spent their entire junior year of high school in Washington, D.C., living, taking classes and working for the House.

The typical day of a Page begins very early at 5:45 am or 6:00 am to eat breakfast prior to attending classes for school at 6:45 am. At 10:00 am, their legislative workday begins and lasts until the House adjourns in the evening; and sometimes into the early morning hour.

These individuals have demonstrated their true commitment to playing an important role in our Nation's future by learning and working in the nation's capitol.

We honor those Pages that have shown the same generosity of spirit, depth of intelligence, and capacity for human service that is so important to leaders.

These exceptional students have consistently displayed their dedication, intelligence and concern throughout their time as a Page in Congress. They stand out among their peers not only because of their many achievements, but also the disciplined manner in which they meet all challenges. Although they have already accomplished a great deal, these young people possess unlimited potential.

The House Pages are young men and women of character, ambition, and initiative, who have made a significant contribution to the United States House of Representatives and already learned well the value of hard work and commitment. Their efforts and dedication is very much appreciated and our best wishes bestowed upon them in all of their future endeavors that I am sure for some will include elected office including Congress. I suspect all will be leaders.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, we extend our thanks and highest praise and congratulations to each Congressional Page.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FRANKS of Arizona). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the