

distinction, he has also served our country with great distinction. As a 10-year Army reservist, Reverend Burleson served as commander of the 139th Tactical Operations Center. During Operation Desert Storm, he was elevated to company commander and served 10 months of active duty.

His wife, Pamela, and children, Mandy and Matthew, are watching today proudly.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Reverend Burleson for his distinguished service, and I am honored to welcome Reverend Burleson to the House floor today.

#### ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY POLICY

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

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, establishing a sound energy policy for America's future includes reducing our dependency on foreign oil and preserving the environment. While many argue that these two goals conflict with each other, I do not believe this to be true. That is why I am calling for the increased production and availability of ethanol.

The increased use of ethanol would clearly reduce America's dependency on foreign oil, and it would also provide consumers with a fuel that burns much cleaner than traditional gasoline. Another benefit of ethanol is the economic potential it holds for corn-producing States like Kansas. Increased ethanol use would provide additional market capacity for farmers.

However, the economic impact is not limited to Midwestern States. Supplementing the gasoline supply with ethanol has the potential to provide much-needed relief for prices at the pump across this Nation.

In short, increased use of ethanol would bolster our national security, bolster our economy, and benefit our environment.

#### CONGRATULATING DETROIT PISTONS

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

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am here to announce the celebration of the Detroit Pistons in their sweep last night and offer my condolences to those Members of the House, in particular from the Los Angeles area. I will not mention any names, but one, M.W., comes to mind. I wanted Members to know how wonderful it feels after some 14 years to come back as strong as they did. It has a lot to do with the teamwork and the spirit of basketball.

By the way, there were no incidents in Detroit. The gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. KILPATRICK) has some

additional comments to make. We have a resolution we would like Members to join on.

#### COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY POLICY

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

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a comprehensive energy policy. America needs comprehensive energy legislation to fill the country's critical and growing energy needs. It is vital to our national security, will generate new jobs, and make America more competitive.

The House has continued to focus our attention on this important issue with the passage of H.R. 4503, the Energy Policy Act, yesterday afternoon. I am glad that the House has again presented yet another opportunity to the other body to finally deal with energy policy that is so important to our constituents.

With gas over \$2 a gallon in many areas, it is clear Americans are paying for legislative inaction. It is not just gasoline; it is also high natural gas prices that are hurting both our Nation's agriculture and manufacturing.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to support a strong, pro-growth comprehensive energy policy that will allow the United States to remain competitive and create jobs at home.

#### HONORING DETROIT PISTONS

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

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, how about those National Basketball Association World Champion Detroit Pistons? Congratulations. We applaud and appreciate their fine work as they swept the Los Angeles Lakers. To Mr. Davidson, Coach Brown, and the entire Piston organization, job well done.

Mr. Speaker, I say a special thanks to Ben Wallace, Tayshaun Prince, Rasheed Wallace, Rip Hamilton, and the Most Valuable Player of the series, Chauncey Billups.

On behalf of Mayor Kilpatrick, the people of Detroit, and the entire State of Michigan, we congratulate the Pistons. A team effort—which is what life is all about.

Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) mentioned, we have a resolution and invite all of our colleagues to cosponsor. You go, Pistons. We appreciate and love you very much.

#### ANNE FRANK'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

(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, on Saturday, June 12, 2004, we celebrated what

would have been Anne Frank's 75th birthday. Anne Frank documented her life during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam in a diary that she called *Kitty*. The diary became her confidant in which she wrote about her family's horrific experiences.

Anne has come to be a girl we all feel we know, a personification of good in the face of hatred, murder, and genocide. Sadly, Anne died in a Nazi concentration camp at the age of 15.

"Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl" has been translated into 67 languages and has sold more than 31 million copies. For many students, this book is their first experience to the horror of the Holocaust. Anne Frank is an inspiration to people of all faiths and is a symbol of children throughout the world who suffer in war and oppression.

Anne's own words are still as meaningful today as when she wrote them. The Anne Frank Exhibit is on permanent display at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I would just say, happy birthday, Anne. She and her message will never be forgotten.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CHRIS SEMOS

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of my good friend and neighbor, Chris Semos, who died Monday morning at age 68. He was an even-tempered gentleman who provided leadership to his community and to his church. A long-time resident of the Oak Cliffs section of Dallas, Chris served eight terms as a Democratic member of the Texas legislature from 1966 to 1982.

Following that, he served 12 years as a member of the Dallas County Commissioner's Court. He was a thoughtful public servant who worked cordially with members of both parties to benefit his beloved Oak Cliff, his county, and his State.

Additionally, he was a nationally recognized leader of the Greek Orthodox Church. In fact, he met his wife of 37 years, Tassie, at a church conference in North Carolina.

For many years, Chris operated a popular restaurant in Oak Cliff, The Torch, where we shared baklava on many occasions. The victory party for my first successful race for Congress in 1978 was in the back room of The Torch.

Chris quietly made his influence felt in many ways. He introduced the current mayor of Dallas, Laura Miller, to her husband, Steve Wolens, who succeeded Chris in the State legislature. He was recently recognized by the Oak Cliff Lions Club as its Humanitarian of the Year. We will all miss a great community leader, Chris Semos.

## COMMENDING JIMMY FRANKLIN

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

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to rise and pay tribute to a great Georgian, Mr. Jimmy Franklin of Statesboro, Georgia.

This week in Orlando, Florida, Mr. Franklin will receive from the Georgia Bar Association the Distinguished Service Scrolls Award recognizing his outstanding achievement in his profession.

Mr. Franklin is a respected member of the bar, a leader in his city and county and his church. This award recognizes his long contribution to Georgia. Also, I am proud to acknowledge his long and trusted advice to me, to other Members of Congress, and to Governors of Georgia. His knowledge of policy and his love of this country is unsurpassed.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and a pleasure for me today to pay tribute to a great Georgian, Jimmy Franklin, and a warm and trusted friend of whom I have the greatest respect.

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#### UPDATING VICE PRESIDENT ON EVENTS IN REAL WORLD

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday in Florida, the Vice President reassured that there were connections between Saddam Hussein, he said, long established ties between Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda. This has been proven wrong, and woefully wrong, many times. But as recently as this morning, the 9/11 Commission issued a breaking story saying it is now clear there is no connection between Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda as it relates to 9/11.

I do not know how the Vice President of the United States of America can be so sorrowfully misinformed or has decided to misinform the public. Neither quality is worthy of the Vice President of the United States of America.

Now, I do not know what it is going to take to help the Vice President shake him of this delusion. I know in this town in Washington some people are firm in their opinions and flexible on their principles, but it is now time for us to acknowledge there is no connection between al Qaeda and Saddam Hussein. The war in Iraq was a war of choice.

#### CONTINUE TO SAY NO TO EMBRY- ONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

(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, as the debate begins over the proper way to pay

tribute the 40th President of the United States, some argue that the best way to honor the memory of Ronald Reagan would be to permit the destruction of human embryos for scientific research on diseases like that which claimed his life, and while I would never criticize grieving family members who advocate this, anyone else who would use the memory of Ronald Reagan to erode the sanctity of human life would do more to desecrate his legacy than by any other means.

Reaffirming his pro-life views on the 10th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, President Reagan said, "There is no cause more important for preserving freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life to all human beings." He said, "We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life, the unborn, without diminishing the value of all human life." Let us choose life. Let us honor Reagan. Let us honor his pro-life values by continuing to say no to embryonic stem cell research.

#### GOVERNMENT KEEPING AMERI- CANS ADDICTED TO HIGH-PRICED OIL

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, reasonably priced gasoline has become a distant memory for most Americans, yet gasoline can still be had for 5 cents a gallon. Where? Well, in Baghdad. How? Because the American taxpayers are subsidizing gasoline for the Iraqis at the cost of \$167 million a month. Even at that we are being ripped off by Halliburton, we are told. We are paying too much for it.

So while Americans are curtailing their summer vacations because they cannot afford to fill their tanks, they are backing up the trucks in Baghdad and filling up 20 to 30 gallon tanks for \$1 to \$1.50. That is a lot less than the price of a gallon here.

Yet the Republicans would tell us that their lame energy bill would do something about this. Well, we passed their lame energy bill two or three times before on the floor of the House. We are voting on all the same provisions again. The \$18 billion subsidy to the oil and gas industry, yes, that will really help. That is going to help Americans get more affordable gasoline and help make this country more energy independent and efficient.

They actually do not want us to be more energy independent and efficient. They want us to be addicted to the high price oil, to continue to shovel money into these multinational oil companies.

#### FLYING FIRST CLASS AT THE PENTAGON

(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, almost every Member of this body is pro-military. But we also should be pro-taxpayer too. So all of us should be shocked that the Defense Department lost \$100 million on unused airplane tickets over the 6 years between 1997 and 2003. In addition, the Pentagon bought 68,000 first class or business class tickets over this same period.

Members of Congress fly coach class unless they use frequent flier miles to upgrade. Public officials, including those in the military, are supposed to be public servants, not rulers or some elite, special, privileged class.

The Defense Department gets almost everything it asks for, so it just does not seem to care about wasteful spending. But if any high-level officials at the Pentagon have even the slightest concern for the taxpayer, they should immediately eliminate this unused ticket business so we do not lose \$100 million or more over the next 6 years.

Also, all members of the military should fly coach, like almost all Members of Congress and almost all our constituents do, instead of buying 11,000 or more first class tickets each year.

#### COMPENSATING IRAQI PRISONERS AT THE EXPENSE OF AMERICAN POWS

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

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, according to The Hill newspaper, former American prisoners tortured by Saddam Hussein's regime in the first Gulf War are criticizing the Bush administration for fighting their compensation claims while planning to compensate the Iraqi victims of abuse at the Abu Ghraib prison.

Rumsfeld told the Senate Committee on Armed Services last week that he is seeking a way to provide appropriate compensation to those detainees who suffered such grievous and brutal abuse at the hands of American Armed Forces. And yet this administration, this President, went to court to keep American POWs, those who were tortured by Saddam Hussein, from getting the compensation that was given to them by a lower court.

Why would this administration, why would this President, why would this Secretary of Defense, want to compensate Iraqi prisoners who had been tortured, and fight the compensation of American prisoners who had been tortured? Whose side is this administration on?

#### A SAFER, STRONGER AMERICA

(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, after 4 years of leadership by President Bush,