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Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Major Alford McMichael who will be inducted in the Arkansas Walk of Fame in his hometown of Hot Springs this Friday.

Alford McMichael became the first African American sergeant major of the United States Marine Corps on July 1, 1999. He left that post last year to become the senior enlisted adviser to NATO, the first person to fill this newly created position.

During his 30-plus years in the Marine Corps, Sergeant Major McMichael has earned numerous personal decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star.

Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of meeting Sergeant Major McMichael during a NATO parliamentary assembly trip and can attest to how very worthy he is of this tribute. It is my hope that by being honored on the Arkansas Walk of Fame, future generations will learn the inspirational story of Alford McMichael.

HHS IG REPORT

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, Inspector General's report released yesterday determined that the Medicare actuary provided accurate cost information about the Medicare bill to a select group of Members of Congress but not to all Members of Congress. This was because the Medicare administrator at the time threatened the actuary, Richard Foster, with the loss of his job if he disclosed the accurate information to all Members of Congress. These Members, the select group, chose to keep this information to themselves from other Members of Congress and, more importantly, from all the American taxpayers who are footing the bill for the \$550 billion Medicare bill.

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When we debated the Medicare bill on this floor, leaders in this Congress told us it would cost \$400 billion, and we believed that this was true to the best of their knowledge. It is unfortunate that Members of this House were disrespectful to the taxpayers who are now going to pay an additional \$150 billion, and with their colleagues, they withheld essential information about the true cost of the prescription drug bill. Even before a single senior citizen has received the benefit, taxpayers will be hit with another \$150 billion bill.

This unwelcome surprise could have been avoided if this administration, Members of Congress and the leadership had shared the information they had about this bill.

UNFAIR URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE ALLOCATIONS

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

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise in protest once again in regard to the unfair allocation of Urban Area Security Initiative grants from the Department of Homeland Security by the city of Miami. Broward County in my district has not received nearly enough, not nearly enough, for the funding it needs to keep our critical infrastructure safe from terrorist attacks.

On Sunday, a man crashed his SUV into a crowded terminal building at the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Broward County. He drove it all the way through two walls to the ticket counter. Airport officials were very quick to say, and correctly so, that the crash was not a terrorist act. But it could have been.

Let us not forget that this area was home to the al Qaeda operatives prior to 9/11. Airport security was tight for the holiday weekend, but there were no security measures in place and no physical structures that could have stopped this man from killing or injuring hundreds of travelers in the terminal. Having metal posts along the sidewalks would have made it impossible for this man to drive his SUV into the terminal. Instead, the crash caused \$100,000 worth of damage and threatened the safety of hundreds of holiday travelers.

Mr. Speaker, both Broward and Palm Beach Counties are vulnerable targets. This is just one more reason why my district should be designated as its own urban area so that we can improve security measures that will protect our communities.

DELAYED SECURITY MEASURES

(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, today the Transportation Safety Administration finally announced that they are going to plug a huge, gaping loophole in aviation security, 15 months after I first brought this issue to their attention.

While Americans nationwide stand patiently in line and the pilots and flight attendants are standing in line, sometimes unnecessarily long lines because of an arbitrary cap on the number of screeners by the Republican majority, unbeknownst to them, hundreds of thousands of people on a daily basis have been filing around security carrying whatever they wanted, just flashing an ID at a guard. That is, all the vendors who work in the airport, the people who have access to the terminal and to the airplanes.

Finally today, today, after being beat over the head for months, the Trans-

portation Security Administration is going to require that those people also go through security so that they will not be able to carry contraband, weapons, drugs or whatever through, to be smuggled aboard airplanes. This will improve security for Americans. It took an awfully long time to get action from the Bush administration to fill this loophole.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of my district's largest employer, the Pennsylvania State University, which consists of 11 academic schools, 20 campuses throughout Pennsylvania, the College of Medicine, the Dickinson School of Law, and the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Penn State was founded in 1855 as America's first land grant college and was the first institution in the Nation to offer a degree in agriculture. One in every eight Pennsylvanians with a college degree, one in every 50 engineers in America, and one in every four meteorologists in America are alumni of Penn State, which has the largest dues-paying alumni association in the Nation.

Penn State consistently ranks in the top three universities to receive SAT scores by high school seniors. Penn State hosts the largest student-run philanthropic event in the world benefiting the Four Diamonds Fund for families with children being treated for cancer.

Penn State has excelled at academic and athletic achievements by doing things honorably and exceptionally, by doing things the Penn State way.

Happy 150th birthday, Penn State. I am proud to represent you in Congress and add my voice to those exclaiming, "We are Penn State."

HONORING MARLON BRANDO

(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, every week we recognize all kinds of people and, though deserving, most of us have never heard of them. Today I would like to give some recognition to the passing of a man we have heard of.

I think the movie "On The Waterfront" was one of the finest American movies ever made because of the ability of Marlon Brando to depict that heroic struggle of a working class guy to achieve his own individual integrity. Then there was Stanley Kowalski, Don Corleone, and so many other iconic roles throughout Mr. Brando's career.

He was outstanding, but he always defied convention and challenged authority, and so he was always on the outskirts of proper society, but he deserves recognition.

I will always admire him for giving up the Oscar to recognize the shameful treatment that we have given Native Americans. I suspect that God broke the mold when Marlon Brando passed. We need more Marlon Brandos in our society. He was a man who had the courage of his convictions, and for that alone he deserves recognition in this body.

SERENITY IN WASHINGTON

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, this morning I just want to draw a sharp criticism against Members of this House who have sent a letter to Kofi Annan of the United Nations asking for United Nations monitors at our elections in November.

Mr. Speaker, I will have to admit there are people in my district, a great many constituents in my district who do not understand what goes on in Washington. We have a candidate for the highest office in the land who talks about some vague references to foreign leaders who would prefer him. We have a judiciary that seems to have its eye on the international courts. And now we have Members of this body asking for U.N. observers at our elections. We have got borders that are so porous as to be a joke.

The people in my district rightly ask, "Does serenity mean anything in Washington?"

IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the last speaker wonders why the rest of the world does not want any more of George Bush. If he would travel outside of his district, he would find out they say it everywhere you go.

I was just in India. This administration's economic policy can best be summed up in the word, "Oops." They like to swagger about how tax cuts for the rich have propelled the U.S. economy to staggering new heights. Staggering is the right word to describe the U.S. economy and what this administration has done to it.

Job creation is nowhere near, not even close to what America needs just to make up for the jobs lost during this administration. The administration can pretend all it wants, but people know that long-term unemployment is the highest in 20 years, few new jobs have been created, the few that have been pay less than the ones they replaced. Health care is crushing family

budgets and forcing too many Americans to choose between medicine and food.

Americans know a staggering economy is the mark of an administration that has overstayed its welcome and does not deserve a second chance.

November 2 is exactly 118 days away. Please, Mr. Speaker, let the President know so he can prepare to move out.

LET FREEDOM REIGN

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

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, last week was an important one for the United States and the world when Iraq once again became a sovereign nation. I found the transition of power to the Iraqi people to be very appropriate, timely and encouraging.

I believe it was very telling when President Bush in his own hand wrote, "Let freedom reign," just moments after receiving the notice of the transfer of power to the new Iraqi Government.

As American citizens, we should be proud that the United States has aided the Iraqi people in their effort to live free of Saddam Hussein's terror. Through democracy, Iraq and the world can achieve peace and prosperity.

When the Iraqi embassy raised their flag in Washington, D.C., for the first time in recent memory, it was a symbolic gesture for all of those in the free world to say, "Let freedom reign."

STOP BRUTALITY IN SUDAN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. First, Mr. Speaker, I was going to speak about the outrage of the faulty intelligence analysis given to the American people and to this Congress about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. But I think it is appropriate, to save lives, to condemn the nation of Sudan, recognizing the pillaging, ravaging and brutality of women and children and families; the burning of African villages; the ethnic cleansing; the genocide that is going on in Sudan; the complete murder and collapse of government; the fact that women are terrorized every day, men are killed, and people cannot live in a decent way of life.

It is time for the government in Khartoum to be condemned. It is time to recognize that the United Nations has to stop this terrible ethnic cleansing and genocide, for we will be reminded of Rwanda where a million died. They are dying daily by the thousands in Sudan. It is time now for us in this Congress to join together with people of good will around the world to stop the murder and condemn it and demand of Khartoum, the Government

of Sudan, to be able to stand up against Janjaweed and the Muslim killers that are killing African Muslims.

It is a disgrace. It is an outrage. We must stand together against this brutality.

KEEP THE U.N. OUT OF AMERICAN ELECTIONS

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I was going to make some comments about overspending and overpromising and the imposition that puts on our kids and grandkids. But just following up on the U.N., I am very concerned about the U.N. and how much that the U.N., as a tool, can accommodate some of our goals in the United States; and I am particularly concerned when some Members have suggested that the U.N. should come in and monitor our presidential elections.

What comes to mind is the fiasco of the Oil for Food program. The U.N. bureaucrats in Iraq did not file reports and bring irregularities to the attention of the Security Council countries that had a particular vested interest, allowing corruption to take place in the Oil for Food program.

I am very concerned, the people of the United States should be concerned, how it works, and the fact that a lot of the individual ambassadors in the United Nations are looking out for nothing except what is in the best interest of their particular country, not what is good for the humanitarian, economic or security efforts of the whole world.

FREE AMERICAN LIBRARIES

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

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I will be supporting the Sanders Freedom to Read amendment which would curb the FBI's unlimited power to examine library records without providing evidence that one is under reasonable suspicion of terrorism.

The free library is a great American institution. But under the PATRIOT Act, your local library is no longer free. It can cost you your civil liberties, and in America that makes it very expensive.

We should not have to think twice about how our intellectual curiosity might be analyzed by a Federal investigation. This is a chilling thought in the land of the free. We must protect our country against terrorism. Reinstating laws allowing the FBI to conduct searches on library and bookstore records with search warrants and criminal subpoenas would not jeopardize our national security; it would protect our constitutional right to privacy and make our Nation's libraries free again.