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#### HONORING FIRST LADY HOVAH HALL UNDERWOOD

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the passing and honor the life of and contributions of a former first lady of the State of West Virginia, Hovah Hall Underwood. Hovah was a young wife and mother when she and her husband, Cecil, moved into the Governor's mansion in 1956. Cecelia was a toddler, and Craig and Sharon were both born while the family lived in the mansion. She served as a gracious first lady, all the while focusing her energies on the task of raising three very young children.

In 1996 the citizens of West Virginia once again elected Cecil Underwood as Governor, and Hova was once again our First Lady. Building upon a lifelong dedication to the work of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, she always liked to say that this term she focused her energies on all the children of West Virginia. She was the driving force behind new programs to strengthen early learning and volunteerism in our State.

She took seriously the charge to serve others each day of our lives, and her legacy is the many thousands of lives that she touched. Our thoughts today are with Governor Underwood, their children, Cecelia Baker, Craig Underwood and Sharon Underwood, grandchildren Christopher and Coleman Richardson, Mary and Quinton Baker, and Jordan and Myles Underwood.

All West Virginians have indeed lost a very special friend.

#### HONORING OAK HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND NAS WHIDBEY

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

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation for the outstanding work for the Oak Harbor School District and Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, both of which are in my district.

Currently, NAS Whidbey has five squadrons and one logistical unit deployed, roughly 1,000 servicewomen and men, many who have children in the Oak Harbor School District.

This week representatives from the Oak Harbor School District visited my office to discuss how deployment impacts schools and students. Last year almost 60 percent of their students were children of active Navy personnel, 70 percent of which had at least one parent deployed overseas.

Teachers, counselors, and staff have taken on the additional task of helping those dealing with the incredible stress of having a loved one deployed.

NAS Whidbey has partnered with the Oak Harbor School District in this endeavor. Through ongoing communication, training for school staff and tutoring, they have contributed thousands of volunteer hours to work with the Oak Harbor School District to ease the burden placed on these families.

Military families are making honorable sacrifices for our Nation and deserve our heartfelt thanks and support. We must also thank the individuals like those at the Oak Harbor School District at NAS Whidbey who are doing their part to help families through this challenging time.

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF NORMAN LEWIS, SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, today we are talking about homeland security; and it is an honor for me to stand here and honor one of those unsung heroes, our law enforcement officers. This is a gentleman who is a hero in our community, in Tennessee's Seventh Congressional District. He has been named Tennessee's Sheriff of the Year. And it is our Montgomery County Sheriff, Sheriff Norman Lewis.

Sheriff Lewis is a 48-year veteran of law enforcement. He began his career as sheriff after retiring from the Tennessee Highway Patrol. He has dedicated 4 decades of his life to keeping us safe, and we really cannot thank him enough. Not only has the sheriff set an example for his colleagues in the field, Sheriff Lewis has also worked to ensure that our State's laws are sufficient to protect our citizens and our law enforcement officials.

He has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty for his community. And today I join many who are congratulating him and extending thanks to Sheriff Lewis, our Tennessee Sheriff of the Year.

#### DAY OF RECKONING

(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, by now everyone has heard the latest revelations that Saddam destroyed his stockpile of chemical and biological munitions in 1991, 13 years before the President needlessly took us into war. Saddam disarmed himself in 1991 because the economic sanctions were working. The evidence was there but the die had been cast.

The President was going to war. The details were merely inconvenient. The American people have had new evidence proving once again that there was no justification for taking the U.S. to war against Iraq. Americans will believe it. The administration will deny

it as usual. Every time he does, the President faces a fundamental issue in this campaign: it is the credibility of the Commander in Chief. The President can deny that he blundered into war. He cannot deny that more Americans know it.

The day of reckoning is coming. In 26 days this President will not be able to deny that he was just voted out of office.

#### SUGAR REFORM CAUCUS

(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 a bipartisan group of Democrats and Republicans is forming the Congressional Sugar Reform Caucus. Our caucus will form a bipartisan effort to reform the sugar program through legislation, when appropriate, but also working with the President, manufacturing employers, and union leaders.

The sugar program currently forces Americans to pay sugar prices at twice the world level. It kills manufacturing and union jobs. The sugar program cost over \$400 million alone in fiscal year 2000 and this cost to the taxpayer is in addition to the lost jobs and higher grocery prices. By forcing sugar prices at two or three times the market price, our law not only inflates consumer costs, it creates an incentive to move manufacturing jobs offshore. No one knows this better than Chicago where thousands of people in manufacturing jobs were thrown out of work because of the sugar program.

Mr. Speaker, our sugar policy is a mess, and we need to defend manufacturing jobs by reforming this program.

#### WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION REPORT

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

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, listen to these words: "There can be no doubt that Saddam Hussein has biological and chemical weapons." Secretary of State Colin Powell. "Iraq could have nuclear weapons in less than one year." President Bush. "Iraq is rebuilding chemical and biological weapons facilities. We believe, in fact, he has reconstituted nuclear weapons." Vice President CHENEY.

These are the words used by the Bush administration to convince the world that Saddam Hussein was an imminent threat to the American people; but as confirmed by the President's own weapons inspector, the administration was "almost all wrong in every aspect of its case for war." There was no "grave and gathering threat." And the only smoking gun found is evidence that this administration knew this intelligence was shaky, and at worst, wrong.

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If U.N. inspectors had been given a few more months in Iraq, we would have known that Iraq was no serious threat. Now, the best case scenario we can achieve in Iraq is, and I quote, "tenuous stability;" the worst case, civil war.

President Bush gave two speeches on the campaign trail yesterday. Neither mentioned the report. When is this administration going to admit to grievous errors of misjudgment?

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. JAMES RICHARD RUTLEDGE

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

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise this morning to remember the life of Dr. James Rutledge, who recently passed away at the age of 65. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation to recognize some of his many accomplishments.

He was born in Ironton, Ohio. He was educated in Kentucky. He joined the air force after receiving his degree in medicine. He served his country honorably, and for his service in Thailand during the Vietnam War, he attained the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Jim and his wife Rhonda moved their family to Jasper, Alabama, which is located in the Fourth Congressional District in February of 1980, and he served as the medical director of laboratory medicine at Walker Baptist Medical Center.

Dr. Jim Rutledge was a man who loved his God, his wife Rhonda, his family and his country. He was a true American hero to so many during his life. He was a man many depended upon, a man of little fanfare but deep wisdom and compassion.

Our prayers continue to go out to Jim's family, friends and community at this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on much longer about this man but time does not permit. However, I will put an extended tribute to Dr. Rutledge in the RECORD.

#### ADMINISTRATION MUST ADMIT MISTAKES

(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, Saturday, October 10, will mark the 2-year anniversary of the House of Representatives passing the war resolution. Let me give my colleagues some of the highlights in the last 48 hours and news.

Iraqis eliminated illicit arms in the 1990s. Paul Bremer criticizes troop levels: "We never had enough troops on

the ground." France was ready to send troops to Iraq, 15,000, but did not because of the relationship with President Bush.

White House embraced disputed arms intelligence. The White House claimed Iraq was buying aluminum tubes to facilitate its nuclear capability, even though their own experts told them otherwise.

Funds to rebuild Iraq are drifting away from their target. Only 20 cents on the dollar are going to rebuilding Iraq.

Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld said there was no relationship between Iraq and al Qaeda.

Mr. Speaker, the house of cards that this administration built for the case for going to war and how to prosecute this war is collapsing. In going to war, this administration allowed etiology to trump reality. Iraq was not an imminent threat, but with the costs and casualties mounting, candor would be a welcome addition to this White House. You cannot fix a problem if you do not acknowledge that you have one.

#### TIMES WHEN WAR IS THE ONLY OPTION

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

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in thanks and tribute to our wonderful troops and a volunteer Army in Iraq who are making the world safer, and I quote my friend Gary Bauer about Senator KERRY: Moreover, wind surfing is not a policy; it is an excuse or inability to act. He sounds like Neville Chamberlain clinging to a scrap of paper after accepting the lies of a lunatic and declaring peace in our time, the terrorists had been there all along.

But Winston Churchill understood there are times when war is the only option. One more U.N. resolution, one more scrap of paper from Saddam Hussein would not have made America safer. Our President understood that and he stood up for America.

#### SANCTIONING IRAN

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, during the presidential debate, both candidates agreed that nuclear weapons in the wrong hands were the greatest threat to America. President Bush described his policy by saying we have sanctioned Iran; we cannot sanction them anymore. What an incredible falsehood.

This Congress last decade passed the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act, which prevents any oil company investing in Iranian oil infrastructure from doing business in the United States. Yet the President has refused to apply this law. He gave a wink, a nod and a consent to

a consortium of Japanese oil companies, revealed in the financial press, which allowed them to go forward with \$2 billion of investments in Iranian oil fields.

The State Department wrote to me and said that we will continue to import nonenergy items from Iran. We will continue to do business with Iran because we want them to do business with us.

Who is Iran doing business with? Halliburton, doing business with Iran through its foreign subsidiaries.

So when the President says we have already sanctioned Iran, we cannot sanction them anymore, what he really means is, we are going to continue to do business with Iran and we want them to do business with Halliburton.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the motion to instruct on the conference on H.R. 4567, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

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

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 4567, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4567) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

#### MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. SABO

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct conferees.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. SABO moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, H.R. 4567, be instructed to insist on inclusion of the highest possible level of funding for each homeland security, first responder, domestic preparedness, emergency management performance grant, fire grant, flood map, and disaster mitigation program within Titles II and III.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule XX, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO).