

come home safely. Let us have the courage and discipline to dump the extraneous billions and the excessively extraneous policy additions. Instead, Congress has passed a pork-barrel bill that, for example, restores \$592 million in funding to construct a new U.S. embassy in Baghdad that is not an emergency, could not be constructed during the on-going insecurity and was previously defeated in a vote in the House by a wide margin.

Our nation is now in its third year with almost 160,000 troops occupying both Iraq and Afghanistan. Why was the \$78 billion for military operations included in this emergency supplemental appropriation not included in the regular \$400 billion FY2005 defense budget passed only months ago. That would have raised defense spending to almost \$500 billion, but at least it would have honestly met our obligations to our troops. But foresight and proper planning are not the strengths of this White House and by budgeting properly it would have stripped the Republicans in Congress of a convenient legislative vehicle, a "must pass" bill as they refer to it, by which to supporting our troops is cover for attaching pork projects and politically motivated policies.

This bill, regardless of the margin by which it has passed Congress, is a shameful example of politicians exploiting the needs of a nation at war and the warriors who are fighting this war to advance a narrow, ideological and exclusive political agenda. Since there is no money for Iraq in the 2006 federal budget we can expect another "emergency wartime supplemental" again in the near future and with it the same abusive process.

Among the most egregious and offensive provisions of this bill is the attachment of disgraceful provision call the "REAL ID." The provision adds a de facto national identification card to be paid for by state and local taxpayers. It is another multi-billion dollar unfunded mandate on taxpayers, as well as another example of Republican excess and complete disregard for competent policy making. The REAL ID will make it easier for the immigration officials to send persons fleeing political or religious persecution back to their persecutors and it builds a wall along portions of the U.S.-Mexico border with complete disregard for all laws, including environmental regulations. Furthermore, because the legislation calls for national driver license standards to be implemented by states, it all but guarantees that more untrained and tested drivers will be driving on our streets, roads and freeways. This is not an anti-terrorism provision, it is simply more political grandstanding at the expense of the American taxpayer and hard working families.

There are some good aspects of this bill which I do support strongly. In addition to the needed funding for our troops, there is critical foreign assistance which I support. This includes funds for victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami, humanitarian assistance to the victims of the genocide in Darfur, funds to support the African Union peacekeeping operation in Sudan, economic development for the Palestinian people, international food aid and other bilateral assistance to critical allies. These are proper and needed uses of America's wealth to create stability, security and save lives around the world.

We are at a critical time in our nation's history. The current levels of deficit spending to

sustain the wars, occupations and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq, almost \$300 billion to date, plus the long-term needs of veterans, is not sustainable and is fiscally dangerous.

My strong and unwavering support for America's fighting men and women, as well as for our veterans remains steadfast. My opposition to this legislation is a demonstration of my lack of confidence in the Iraq policy and my disgust with the irresponsible fiscal policies of this White House and Republican controlled Congress. The needs and priorities of the American people must come before the short-sighted political advantages of the majority party. The priorities in Washington must change and I will continue to fight to put our troops and our families first, not use them as a political excuse.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY'S INAUGURATION

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the first inauguration of the late Richard J. Daley, former mayor of Chicago and one of America's all-time greatest mayors. His legacy was honored at a symposium last week at the University of Illinois at Chicago, UIC, followed by a gala reception and benefit for that fine school.

This event, attended by the mayor's family, friends and many other Chicagoans was addressed by public servants and members of the media who knew and worked with the mayor. Remembered as a man of strong conviction and dedication to his family, faith and the city, Mayor Daley left an indelible mark as Chicago's longest-serving chief executive.

As many participants made clear at the symposium, evidence of Mayor Daley's stamp on Chicago can be seen clearly today. From its vibrant downtown to its freeways and mass transit to O'Hare International Airport, Mayor Daley forever transformed Chicago into the "city that works." He appreciated the importance of the city's great cultural institutions and core businesses, building strong partnerships that have enabled Chicago to avoid the pitfalls affecting many other industrial cities. His visionary founding of UIC as an urban college for the children of immigrants and working families was perhaps his greatest achievement, making it a most appropriate place for the Daley Library, Archives and student scholarships in the name of the late mayor and his beloved wife, Eleanor.

Through times of great social upheaval and racial tension, the mayor never wavered from his vision of politics and government as "a people business." He maintained his commitment to public education and economic opportunity for all people, working closely with national leaders like Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson toward these goals, which passage of the landmark Civil Rights and Voting Rights laws.

In return for his dedicated service and in recognition of his great love for Chicago, its

residents elected and re-elected him an unprecedented six times.

Still, Mayor Daley made the time to be a loving husband and devoted father to seven children. His eldest son, Richard M. Daley, has succeeded him as mayor, and has built his own legacy as a great leader and urban visionary. Together, the two Mayor Daleys have provided the city of Chicago with outstanding leadership and direction and along with the entire Daley family have shown a sense of commitment to public service that is inspiring. I am proud that, 50 years after the first Mayor Daley's inauguration, Chicago is among the world's greatest and most vibrant cities. May it remain so for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO EDITH SCHAFFER
LEDERBERG

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, Senior Volunteer Services in Broward County, Florida will honor Edith Schaffer Lederberg, of the Area Agency on Aging, Area Agency, for her longstanding commitment to Broward County's elder population at its 40th anniversary luncheon on Thursday, May 19. This event provides an excellent opportunity to thank Edith for her dedication and leadership. The Area Agency plans, develops, coordinates, and evaluates programs; funds services; and is the prime advocate for residents of Broward County, Florida, who are 60 years of age or older.

Serving as the executive director of the Area Agency for the past 19 years, Edith has been responsible for overseeing an annual Federal and State budget of more than \$24 million. Under her guidance, the Area Agency has been proactive in responding to the critical needs of our community. In response to a vital need for transportation to aid elderly and younger disabled Broward residents' in their efforts to travel to work or medical appointments, Edith was determined to become a provider. She wanted to ensure that these services would be delivered by caring and capable coordinators.; Her endeavor became a reality in 1996, with the Area Agency as a committed provider. Because of Edith's foresight, the Area Agency has developed pioneer programs such as the Noble McArtor Adult Day Care Center—the first such facility in the United States to target the needs of the gay and lesbian population.

Most recently, in a concerted effort to raise funds for aging services throughout Florida, Edith drafted legislation to support aging services within communities. Mr. Speaker, these are but a few examples of Edith Lederberg's countless accomplishments. She works tirelessly each day to ensure that the seniors in our community have the resources they need and deserve in order to maintain their dignity and wellbeing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of Congress for the opportunity to salute this great Floridian and great American.

TRIBUTE TO KCPT PRESIDENT/CEO
WILLIAM REED

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, Mr. CLEAVER and I join today to pay tribute to William T. Reed, the President and CEO of KCPT, Kansas City's public broadcasting station, who has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2005. He steps down after 13 years as head of Kansas City Public Television.

Bill Reed joined KCPT in 1992 and emphasized education, local programming and outreach. The station received numerous awards from PBS, the National Educational Telecommunication Association NETA, and community organizations for its local programming and services, including 21 regional Emmy awards and one national Emmy for the documentary, "Be Good Smile Pretty". Four of the station's signature program series, "Ruckus", "Rare Visions", "Roadside Revelations" and "Kansas City Week in Review", began under Reed's leadership. He also introduced viewers to the beautiful writings of Kansas City Star columnist Charles Gusewelle, who this spring will produce his fourth documentary for KCPT, called "Stories Under the Stone". Reed's collaboration with Gusewelle also launched KCPT's home video library venture. Later this year, children and their parents also will benefit from the development of an interactive reading program called "Bark Park Place".

Bill Reed made partnerships and collaborations an important part of the station's business plan. In 2003, KCPT was named Best Place to Work for Community Partnerships by the Kansas City Business Journal. Many of those partnerships, like Chalkwaves, a digital instructional media service for elementary and secondary schools now used across the country, changed the education landscape. Additionally, the Kansas City Regional Access Consortium for Higher Education, KC REACHE, a distance education effort partnering KCPT with nine area colleges and universities, began under Reed's stewardship long before distance learning was commonplace. Other successful partnerships include Network KC, an in-depth news partnership with the Kansas City Star, KCUR-FM, KPRS-FM and UMKC's Back Channel, a student production for the web; and Speaking of Women's Health, a partnership with Shawnee Mission Medical Center to conduct a yearly health symposium for 1,700 women. The TV Dinner and the KCPT Holiday Auction were also created, and a partnership developed with the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority for the Antiques, Garden and Home Design Show to raise additional funds for the station.

From 1997 to 2001, KCPT successfully conducted a capital campaign that raised \$10 million to renovate its facilities on 31st Street and to purchase digital television equipment. The station was among the first stations to go on the air with digital television and was cited by PBS as one of seven Digital Pioneers in public television.

Reed began his public broadcasting career in 1967 as General Manager of KIXE, the public television station in Redding, California. He joined the Public Broadcasting Service, PBS,

in Washington, DC, in 1974, where he was promoted to Senior Vice President in 1978 and worked until 1991. While at PBS, Reed led the planning and implementation of PBS Home Video and the PBS Adult Learning Service and the development of PBS VIDEO—a service for educational institutions. After leaving PBS, he also served as a consultant to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, CPB. Reed served the boards of a number on local and national organizations: the Public Broadcasting Service Board of Directors from 1972 to 1974; the Association of America's Public Television Stations', APTS, Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2001; and American Public Television, APT, Board of Directors from 1997 to 2003. He was elected as the National Educational Telecommunications Association's, NETA, first chairman in 1997. Reed served as President of the Jackson County Historical Society from 1996 to 1998, President of the Public Television Association of Missouri, PTAM, from 1994 to 1998 and 2002 to present, and Chairman of the Kansas Public Broadcasting Council, KPBC, from 1997 to 1998. Reed also served on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's, CPB, Digital Television Task Force from 1998 to the present, and was a member of Video Advisory Committee to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education from 1993 to 2000.

In 1991, the Pacific Mountain Network Board honored Reed with its Governor's Award for Distinguished Service to Public Television. He also served as a private sector representative in telecommunications for the U.S. Department of State to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, 1989–London; as Chairman of the Broadcast Panel for U.S.-U.S.S.R. Bilateral Information Talks, 1988–Moscow; and as President of the Western Educational Network, 1972.

Bill Reed was born in Los Angeles, California. He received his B.A. in History and, following a year of graduate studies, his General Secondary Teaching Credential from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. From 1963 to 1965, he served in the U.S. Army, including one year in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal for Valor.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Reed and his wife, Mary Ann, will continue to live in Kansas City after his retirement. A nationwide search is underway for his replacement and his shoes will be very difficult to fill. Mr. CLEAVER and I commend Bill Reed for his many accomplishments on behalf of the Kansas City community during his tenure at KCPT and wish him and Mary Ann all the best in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT CHEN'S
ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their president's first anniversary in office this May 20th. Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian was re-elected to a second four year term in 2004.

During the last five years, President Chen has been deft in navigating the dangerous shoals between the demands of his people seeking independence and Chinese threats to attack Taiwan. In recent weeks and months, China passed the anti-secession law, codifying the use of force if Taiwan moves toward independence and lavishly entertained two Taiwan opposition parties leaders.

At the moment, there is a "China fever" sweeping Taiwan. Many Taiwanese are lured by China's promise of trade benefits and are willing to make political concessions to China. However, President Chen has been steadfast in demanding that the best welfare for the people of Taiwan must be safeguarded in any negotiations with China.

I believe it is time for us to speak up for President Chen and the Taiwanese people. We treasure our affiliations and relations with Taiwan as we admire Taiwan's political and economic achievements of the last two decades. It is often too easy to forget that all these accomplishments came through decades of hard work. Taiwan today is a beacon of democracy and an island of prosperity to many developing countries, including China.

The Taiwanese people, as we know, do treasure their democratic way of life and their independence. And the person who has their best interests at heart is President Chen Shui-bian. I rise today to support President Chen's handling of Taiwan's relations with China. President Chen is right in pointing out the differences between democratic Taiwan and autocratic China and the importance of conducting direct talks by elected leaders in Taiwan and China.

In the meantime, I urge Chinese leaders to withdraw their missiles deployed on the other side of the Taiwan Strait and accept President Chen's suggestion of setting up a stable mechanism for cross-strait interaction, leading to permanent peace and development in the Taiwan Strait.

Again my best wishes to the Taiwanese people on their president's first anniversary.

THE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR
GENERAL RICHARD S. COLT

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2005

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, on May 14, 2005 there was a military retirement ceremony for Major General Richard S. Colt, the Commanding General of the 77th Regional Readiness Command at Fort Totten, New York. He has served his country honorably for nearly forty years. While no statement could adequately recognize his achievements, Major General Colt's accomplishments in service of his country deserve our greatest admiration and thanks.

Major General Colt received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Military Intelligence Branch in 1967 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Fordham University, in New York City. After completing the Infantry Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, he served on active duty with the Military Assistance Command in Vietnam from May 1968 until May 1969.

In November 1969, Major General Colt was honorably discharged from active duty, and in