

Some areas of middle America have had as many as 1,500 to 2,000 meth labs per year in these States, so it a huge expense to clean up, and a huge problem in terms of addiction.

The average meth addict, in my State, Nebraska, will commit roughly 60 crimes a year to feed that habit. So if you have ten meth addicts in a community that is 600 crimes a year. If that a small town that is a huge impact.

Much of the child abuse, child neglect, homicides, suicides that we see in these areas are due directly to methamphetamine abuse. Many counties in these areas spend 70 to 80 percent of their law enforcement dollars and their manpower on meth issues.

Our jail cells and our prisons are filled. We simply cannot keep up and take care of the methamphetamine problem. So the question is, what can Congress do with this huge problem? Currently our Byrne and our HIDTA funds, which are high intensity drug trafficking funds have been drastically reduced. We need to restore these funds. This is a huge problem in terms of funding.

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and also the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) have introduced legislation that regulates the sale of pseudophedrine that is necessary in the manufacture of methamphetamine. And also they would provide extra funds for meth lab clean-ups.

The gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER's) bill tracks manufacturers of pseudophedrine worldwide. And of course the pseudophedrine goes to many of the super labs, they are only seven or eight factories for pseudophedrine worldwide. And so if we know where those drugs are going, where the pseudophedrine is going, we have a pretty good idea where the super labs are.

So these bills would be tremendously helpful. So I call attention to the meth problem, call attention to the reduction in funding, and we really need to do everything we can to stamp this problem out.

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

(Mr. EMANUEL 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 Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

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THE DAY HAS COME TO EXIT IRAQ

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, in this week's Conservative Chronicle, William F. Buckley has a column entitled "Day has come to Exit Iraq."

He refers to the U.S. casualty figures, now over 1,600 dead and 11,000 wounded, and we continue to lose about 50 dead a month, and says, "Moreover, the Iraqi deaths have increased substantially since the national election in January."

Mr. Buckley writes, "We are entitled to say to ourselves: If the bloodletting is to go on, it can do so without our involvement in it."

He adds, "The day has come where we say that our part of the job is done as well as it can be done. It is Iraq's responsibility to move on to wherever Iraq intends to go."

Of course, several months ago, Mr. Buckley said that if he known in 2002 what he knows now, he never would have supported the war in Iraq in the first place.

These words are from William F. Buckley, a man author Lee Edwards described as the "godfather" of the conservative movement.

There never was anything conservative about the war in Iraq. I said from the start that it would mean massive foreign aid, huge deficit spending, and that it was not far to place almost all the entire burden of enforcing U.N. resolutions on our taxpayers and our military. Conservatives have traditionally been the biggest critics of the U.N., and the worst part of all, of course, is all the deaths.

All to bring do not an evil man, but one whose military budget was 2/10ths of 1 percent of ours and who was no threat to us whatsoever.

Two months before the House voted to authorize the war in Iraq, our then-Majority leader, Dick Arme, said, "I don't believe that America will justifiably make an attack on another Nation. My on view would be to let him, Saddam Hussein, rant and rave all he wants and let that be a matter between he and his own country. We should not be addressing any attack or resources against him."

Mr. Arme understood there was nothing conservative about the war in Iraq.

I voted in 1998 to give \$100 million to the Iraqi opposition to help them remove Hussein. We should have let the Iraqis remove Hussein instead of sending our troops to fight and die there. Iraq had not attacked us or even threatened to attack us, and they were not even able to attack us.

By the end of this year, we will have spent \$300 billion in Iraq and Afghanistan, with probably 85 to 90 percent of that being in Iraq.

But are we following the latest advice by William F. Buckley in getting out? No. Unfortunately, we are doing just the opposite.

Paul Wolfowitz, the father of this war, told the House Committee on Armed Services several months ago that we would have to be in Iraq for at least 10 years.

Last week, a Congressional Quarterly headline said, "with ink just dry on War Supplemental, more spending expected before August."

The Congress has just approved \$82 billion more and now we are told we will be asked for even more as early as this coming August.

Instead of getting out, as William Buckley has recommended, Congress Daily reported last week that a Congressional Research Service study "portends a more permanent presence" in Iraq and the Middle East.

The report noted approval of \$2.2 billion for additional military construction in the Middle East, supporting activities in Iraq, including \$75 million for an airfield in Kuwait, \$66 million for an air base in the United Arab Emirates, and \$43 million for a new runway in Uzbekistan.

At a time, Mr. Speaker, when we are closing down bases in the U.S., we are building like crazy all over the world, especially in Iraq and the Middle East.

I am pro-military and pro-national defense, but I do not believe we can shoulder the defense of the entire world.

Our Founding Fathers would be shocked at what we are doing, and most of what we have done in Iraq is pure foreign aid, rebuilding roads, several thousand schools, power plants, bridges, water systems, free medical care and on and on and on. I believe in having a strong Department of Defense, but I do not believe it should be a department of foreign aid.

Syndicated columnist Georgie Ann Geyer wrote, "Critics of the war against Iraq have said since the beginning of the conflict that Americans, still strangely complacent about overseas wars being waged by a minority in their name, will inevitably come to a point where they will see they have to have a government that provides services at home or one that seeks empire across the globe."

Seventeen American soldiers were killed in Iraq over the last two weekends and a few others during the week.

Some have said if we pull out a civil war would erupt there. Well, what do my colleagues think we have there now?

We should at least stop the killing of American kids, heed the advice of William F. Buckley, Junior, and begin a phased and orderly withdrawal.

We cannot afford to stay there for years either in terms of lives or money.

NORTH CAROLINA'S NATIONAL
CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as a proud alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, I am pleased to join several North Carolina colleagues tonight in honoring our amazing Tar Heels.

It has been six weeks since the Tar Heels were crowned the 2005 NCAA Men's Basketball National Champions, but the news accounts of their victory still paper the front door to my office. My staff tells me that nearly every day a Capitol visitor spots the coverage and walks in unannounced to say that his or her children want to go to UNC. That is music to our ears.

We know it is not all because of the basketball program, of course. UNC Chapel Hill is a fine school with an excellent academic reputation. The university consistently ranks among the Nation's top public institutions, and last year, it joined Harvard and Stanford as the only schools with prestigious Rhodes, Luce, Truman and Goldwater scholarship winners.

It sure is nice to also be among the Nation's athletic elite.

The UNC team knows what it is to come back from adversity. The championship win was especially sweet for North Carolina's three seniors, who helped lead an impressive comeback from freshman year challenges to the glory of that final game, and we are well aware of the challenges next year's team will face without these seniors and some other fine players.

But Coach Roy Williams has led Carolina to victory once, and he is going to do it again, with the same spirit and heart and dedication that he inspired in this year's championship team. Coach Williams long ago established himself as one of the premier recruiters in the country, and the talented class of 2006 that he has landed, which already includes the number one point guard in the Nation, should give us all comfort that the future we are going have is a bright future for the men in Carolina blue.

So, Mr. Speaker, I suppose that tomorrow we may finally take that newspaper down off of the front door of my office and put it in a scrapbook, but I am not the least bit worried.

That championship banner hanging from the rafters in the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill will be there forever alongside the many other banners that recount the proud history of one of the most storied programs in college basketball, and it will not be long before we have new banners to take pride in and more good news with which to paper our front door.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from North Carolina (Mr. ETHERIDGE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I join my friend the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) and my other colleagues tonight because I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the University of North Carolina's men's basketball team on their latest national championship. As has been already stated, soon the North Carolina Tar Heels will be raising the school's fourth NCAA basketball championship banner in the rafters of the Dean Dome.

In North Carolina, college basketball is as much a part of our culture as barbecue and sweet tea. Children know whether they support Carolina or Duke or Wake Forest or North Carolina State before they can walk, and a good basketball season is almost a birthright in North Carolina. It has been 12 years and a few close calls since Carolina's won a championship, but after a spectacular season, the nets have again been cut and another championship trophy is in Chapel Hill.

In the NCAA champion game in April, the Tar Heels defeated the Illinois fighting Illini 75 to 70 in an outstanding display of teamwork and outstanding talent. Led by the performance of now former players Raymond Felton and Sean May, the Tar Heels played strong basketball on both ends of the court, along with the other members. They were able to make critical baskets when the game was on the line and played tough defense that stifled their opponent when necessary.

Just 2 years ago, Coach Roy Williams came home to North Carolina to coach a Tar Heel team coming off an 8-20 season. His leadership turned a group of talented young men into great players with heart and determination. They made a commitment to work hard, to become a better team, and now they will join the ranks of other North Carolina basketball championship players, and the list is long, two of whom I will mention, Michael Jordan and James Worthy.

As the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) has previously stated, UNC is well-known for producing student athletes who not only succeed in the NBA but in every walk of life, and this is important, from the university with a rich history.

I wish the best of luck to the graduating seniors and expect that they will continue to have success in their future endeavor, and I am proud to join again my colleague the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) and my other North Carolina colleagues this evening in congratulating the University of North Carolina players, coaches and their fans on this singular accomplishment. Go Tar Heels.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA:
A NATIONAL POWER IN COLLEGE
BASKETBALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from North Carolina (Mr. MILLER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, there are a few things in life about which I am certain.

I am certain that the word "barbecue" means chopped pork with a vinegar-based sauce.

I am certain that ordering grits north of Richmond is a terrible gamble.

And I am certain that the order of the universe, the plan of salvation, provides that the University of North Carolina will be a national power in college basketball.

Mr. Speaker, it was tough for a couple of years, but order has been restored.

With the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCINTYRE) I attended this year's Final Four in St. Louis. I honored the tradition begun by Roy Williams, who was then an assistant to Dean Smith, at the Final Four in New Orleans in 1982: I spat in the Mississippi River for luck.

I went to the top of the Gateway Arch, and I spat in Mississippi. I visited the Museum of Westward Expansion, and I spat in the Mississippi. I visited the old courthouse where the Dred Scott case was tried, and I spat in the Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I went through the weekend with a cotton mouth. At times I was dizzy from dehydration, all from the constant spitting, but my efforts were amply rewarded in the semifinal against Michigan State and in the final against Illinois.

North Carolina played tough defense. They hustled they played team ball and they won it all.

I am proud of my alma mater, and I am proud of our basketball program. I am proud that our program has always taken academics seriously, and even those players who left early for NBA careers have usually returned to summer school to complete their degrees. I am proud that our program has taken NCAA rules seriously, and of course, I am proud of our victories.

I want to congratulate the coaches and the players from the 2005 National Championship team, as well as the students, the faculty and staff, the alumni and the fans. I thank our players for the joy they brought all Carolina fans by their victory.

Next year may be tough, with our seven leading scorers all either graduating or leaving for the NBA, but Jawad Williams, Jackie Manuel, Melvin Scott, Sean May, Rashad McCants, Raymond Felton, Marvin Williams, but Mr. Speaker, I am confident that we will again be back to the Final Four and soon.

We have talented young players from this year's team, this last year's team, who are returning, who welcome to our program a strong class of incoming freshman. They are very talented high school juniors who are now contemplating scholarship offers and the opportunity to be part of the Carolina basketball tradition.

All these incoming players will come to understand what the Carolina basketball tradition means. It is about