

EVERYDAY HEROES

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to celebrate individual courage and individual strength. Last Saturday in Carson City, Nevada, an act of bravery and unselfishness occurred when Mr. Loren Boyles saved the life of a Carson City deputy sheriff.

As he was leaving for work early Saturday morning, Mr. Boyles came across Deputy Wayne Gray who was down and being attacked by a suspect he was attempting to restrain.

Without hesitating, Mr. Boyles jumped in and kept that suspect from doing serious, if not fatal, bodily harm to the deputy. He helped to apprehend the assailant and then stayed with Deputy Gray until additional officers arrived at the scene.

Loren Boyles represents the best in the people of Nevada and of America.

He was not afraid to intervene in what was undoubtedly a dangerous situation to save the life of Deputy Gray.

Afterwards, he just went on to work, saying, It was not a big deal; I was just helping out.

But, Mr. Speaker, it was a big deal. Everyday heroes make this country great.

Heroes like Arland D. Williams, Jr., who died in the icy Potomac River helping fellow survivors of Flight 90 get to lifelines. He did not worry about his own safety. Instead, selflessly he helped others.

Heroes like Pat Tillman, who walked away from a \$3.6 million contract as the starting safety for the Arizona Cardinals to defend our country. He too did not want glory, refusing even to grant interviews to talk about his decision.

Mr. Boyles has a long record of selfless bravery as well. A veteran U.S. Air Force military policeman, Boyles risked his life repeatedly during his three tours of duty in Vietnam. And earlier this week, he did not hesitate to risk his life to save someone in need from a dangerous individual.

Yet Boyles has remained modest about the entire incident, telling the local newspaper, the Nevada Appeal: "The cops are the real heroes here. They are on the front lines every day protecting us from guys like this."

Mr. Boyles' bravery is commendable, and his modesty is laudable. His heroism is an inspiration to not only the people of Nevada but to all Americans.

So to Mr. Boyles I say thank you for aiding your fellow citizens, and I commend you for your heroism. May your sense of duty and selflessness be a model for all Americans.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR NATIONAL GUARD

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

tleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, next Monday is Memorial Day. And tonight, in my opinion, a majority in the House of Representatives besmirched that day. A majority, a partisan majority, on a near party-line vote, rejected the idea that our National Guard troops deserve health insurance while they are serving our country. They said, oh, they get it 90 days before they are deployed. Yet many Guard members fail to qualify for deployment because of existing and pre-existing medical problems.

They get it for 180 days after they come back. That should be enough. The chairman of the committee said something extraordinary. He said, oh, they have all got health insurance at their jobs. What jobs? 50 percent of my Guard unit that just came back from Iraq do not have jobs, and they have a very limited health insurance that is going to run out pretty darn soon because of that vote tonight.

Now, they are probably going to go back next year to Afghanistan. But in the interim, we cannot afford health insurance for those young men and women and their families. That is extraordinary to me.

The chairman talked eloquently about 16-year-old helicopters. We need to replace them. What about the 22-year-old Guardsman who does not have a job, just came back from Iraq, whose health insurance is going to expire this summer, who has a wife and a kid and a not really great economy in Oregon and cannot get health insurance through our State because of cutbacks in Medicaid? But we are going to ask him to go back to Afghanistan next year. What is that all about? We cannot afford health insurance for that young family?

We have to buy some new helicopters. Those helicopters are junk without the Guardsmen and the Guardswomen and the regular Army and the Marines, the people who make them work. It does not matter if they are 1 month old, 1 year old, 16 years old. Without those dedicated troops, those helicopters cannot fly.

It is unbelievable to me that the chairman of the committee would force Members of his own party to follow him in this vote.

Fifty percent of my Guardsmen are unemployed. Fifty percent have just returned from Iraq to no job. They do not have insurance. And of the 50 percent that have jobs, despite the chairman's statement, most of those people do not have health insurance either, like so many Americans who work full-time and do not have health insurance.

And we are worried about Guard retention. They are going to have fabulous new bonuses to try and get people to enlist or re-up. How about basics? Basics? Health insurance for those Guardsmen and -women and their families; the same education benefits that people on active duty get.

We are using our Guardmembers indistinguishably from the active duty Army. Indistinguishably. They are performing special operations. They are doing all the same things we ask the regular Army to do. But they do not get the same education benefits. They do not get the same health benefits. They do not get the same retirement benefits, and many times they do not even get the same equipment. They are put in harm's way with inadequate equipment.

It is a disgrace to this House that we were told we cannot afford to add one-quarter of 1 percent. That is about 18 hours' spending out of a year to the military budget in order to provide permanent health insurance for everybody who is still active in a Guard unit in this country. Hopefully, the Senate will act with more wisdom and force a reversal here.

I am proud to have voted with our Guardsmen and -women, and I am proud to have stood up with them and said they deserve better and our country recognizes their service and they recognize it by extending adequate benefits including health care, particularly as we come up to Memorial Day.

So those who voted against it, I hope they are asked on Memorial Day, why did you vote against giving me health insurance? Because there are an awful lot of Guardsmen and -women who would like to know the answer to that question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take my Special Order at this time.

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

There was no objection.

THE LIFE OF ROSE WING

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

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to honor the life and career of Marietta teacher Rose Lee Wing, who passed away on April 30. She will be deeply missed by a grateful community and scores of former students who were fortunate enough to call her teacher.

Mr. Speaker, I want you to focus your attention not on my words so much, but on this portrait of this beautiful, beautiful person.

Born the youngest of seven children in Kingston, North Carolina, Rose graduated from Meredith College. After completing a master's degree in education at Temple University, she moved to Marietta, Georgia in 1938.

She married Steve Mosher Wing and was blessed with two children: Rose, an attorney, and Steve, Jr., a physician, my friend at the Medical College of Georgia. She was later blessed with

two grandchildren, Jennifer Wing and Molly Wing Kintz.

Mrs. Wing taught in the Marietta School System for 47 years, instructing students at Waterman Street Elementary, Marietta High School, Westside Elementary School, and Hickory Hills Elementary School. She taught social studies and organized the annual school social science fair.

When she finally retired in 1987, she had touched the lives of hundreds of students. My daughter, Phyllis, was lucky enough to be among those students. In fact, I remember how hard Phyllis worked on her social science project, "The History of Kenneth Stone Hospital," for Mrs. Wing's class.

Mrs. Wing expected hard work from all of her students. Former pupils will tell you how she insisted that they recite all 50 States and capitals in front of the class. You see, Mrs. Wing did not just teach the facts; she wanted her students to learn how to stand up and be outspoken.

Rose Wing organized her classroom to make everyone feel included. She did not stand in front of the class and lecture, but instead she taught from the center of the room with the desks surrounding her. It was these smaller decisions that truly showed Mrs. Wing's dedication to helping students learn.

The brilliance of her teaching method was that it provided students with the opportunity to participate, while at the same time teaching discipline and respect.

After teaching four generations of children, Rose Wing always had a plethora of stories to share, many memories, and memorable students.

Her students included Georgia State Representative Steve Tumlin; former State Representative Fred Bentley; Actress Joanne Woodward, the wife of Paul Newman; former State Representative Jack Vaughn; and former Marietta mayor, Ansley Meaders, sat in her classroom to learn.

Mrs. Wing loved seeing her former students, hearing about their lives and seeing how they developed. She often said that there was no more rewarding experience than teaching because teachers have the ability to directly affect a community.

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She enjoyed seeing her students grow up to become community leaders. She felt appreciated in the process.

On the day she retired in 1987, Mrs. Wing was welcomed to school by rows of her students holding red roses in the form of an arc. As she walked through, the students cheered.

Even after retirement, Rose Wing kept on giving. She became a community volunteer. In fact, she was the first volunteer at the Marietta Welcome Center. Rose Wing was a fixture not only in our schools but in our community.

Mr. Speaker, Rose Wing will be missed, but not forgotten. Her legacy

lives on in the Marietta school system with the Rose Wing Award for Tenure; and without question, Rose Wing's memory lives on in the students she taught, who continue to strengthen the Marietta community through leadership and involvement, and in the appreciative parents of those students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring the memory of a great teacher and a great lady.

NEW CAFTA NEEDED

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the President and Republican leadership were going to ask this Chamber to vote on the Central America Free Trade Agreement this week, but apparently because it does not have the votes, they will ask us to vote on it in June or July or whenever.

The administration continues, however, to mislead all of us with the wrong-headed notion that by exploiting the poor workers and promoting the agendas of the largest multinational corporations, that America will expand democracy and increase national security. If the administration is going to pursue this kind of illogical rhetoric, they should answer some questions for us.

How do we promote national security by privatizing these poor nations' water systems and public services? How do we promote democracy by inserting provisions in the Central American Free Trade Agreement that call for secret international tribunals to make decisions affecting America's public health and safety laws, thereby undercutting and subverting America's sovereignty?

How do we promote democracy by extending drug patents beyond U.S. law in Central America, making it more difficult for AIDS patients and the terminally ill in these nations to receive life-saving medicines?

How do we promote democracy when pharmaceutical companies and other industries well connected to the Bush administration are granted a seat at the negotiating table while workers' representatives are excluded?

More than 40 percent of workers in Central America earn less than \$2 a day, putting them below the global poverty level. How does CAFTA ensure that wages will increase to benefit workers?

If CAFTA helps workers, why does it allow the Central American nations to weaken or undercut their already substandard labor laws after the agreement is enacted?

Why are trade sanctions an effective trade enforcement mechanism available for violations of intellectual property provisions of agreement, but not for violations of labor and environmental provisions? In other words, why

do we protect drug companies and not protect workers?

While opponents of CAFTA gather by the hundreds in public places, elected Democrats, elected Republicans, union members, environmental groups, manufacturers, small farmers, ranchers, environmentalists, we meet out in the open, but CAFTA supporters hunker down behind closed doors to manipulate backdoor deals.

With all the talk of democracy, why the secrecy, Mr. Speaker?

Proponents of the status quo argue that free trade promotes democracy, but then they turn a blind eye to human rights abuses, to coerced labor, to slave labor, to child labor. Supporters of CAFTA conveniently fail to mention that democracy in Mexico recently suffered a severe setback when Mexico's legislatures voted to strip the popular Mayor of Mexico City, and their political rival, of official immunity on a technicality; the goal was to imprison him and knock him out of the 2006 election.

The U.S. State Department remains silent. Mexico now ranks as one of the world's ten largest economies. While overall wealth increased since passing the North America Free Trade Agreement, poverty has also increased. In Mexico, 10 percent of the population controls 50 percent of the Nation's wealth and 50 percent of the nation's citizens live in poverty. That was the legacy of NAFTA, the dysfunctional cousin of CAFTA.

There is no burgeoning middle class in Mexico, just another of NAFTA's failed promises. How can the administration say this income disparity and persistent inequality is progress. We promote democracy instead, Mr. Speaker, by ensuring prosperity for all, not just a select few. This CAFTA fails to do that.

We protect our own borders and security by protecting workers and families in our sister countries by raising wages and improving their living standards. This CAFTA fails to do that.

We help our neighbors at home and overseas by creating healthy and safe communities through worker protections and investments in the environment. This CAFTA fails to do that.

We ensure democracy when we conduct trade negotiations openly and publicly, not by doing so behind closed doors and protecting the drug industry. CAFTA's negotiators failed to do that.

This CAFTA fails to promote fair trade. It fails to protect workers and the environment. It fails to raise living standards either in the United States or in the Central America nations.

I support trade with our good friends and neighbors in Central America. I strongly support trade with our friends and neighbors in Central America, but not this Central American Free Trade Agreement.

This CAFTA is dead in the water. The President signed it a year ago. We still have not voted on it. It is time to renegotiate a better CAFTA, one that