

of trade policy, as does the gentleman from Texas, Majority Leader DELAY, the most powerful Republican in this House, and we have the same kind of impact.

The opposition to CAFTA is broad. We have seen small manufacturers and farmers and ranchers. We have seen workers. We have seen religious leaders and environmentalists, people in Latin America, people in the United States that simply say no to this CAFTA, renegotiate a CAFTA. Renegotiate a Central American Free Trade Agreement that works for everyone.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1449

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1449.

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

There was no objection.

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

(Mr. JONES of North Carolina addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to give my special order in the place of the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES).

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

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO NOAH HARRIS

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

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday, I attended a birthday party in Ellijay, Georgia. It was not an ordinary birthday party. The honoree, Lieutenant Noah Harris, was not physically present. He had been killed in Iraq the week before. But his spirit engulfed all of us as we celebrated the life of this extraordinary young man.

I first met Noah Harris several years ago when he served as an intern in my Washington office. I had been told that he was something special, and after meeting him, I certainly knew that was true. To become a State wrestling champion, an outstanding football player, the leading actor in his school drama and a Presidential Scholar requires someone special. To be a friend to people from all walks of life, to excel in everything that he undertook, to dare to dream big dreams takes someone special.

After September 11, 2001, Noah Harris, who was a senior, in his senior year in college at the University of Georgia, wanted to join the Army ROTC program. He was told that that was normally too late to qualify, but because of his outstanding credentials, he was accepted and was later commissioned as a second lieutenant.

As we attended the ceremony and listened to his commanding officer who told a story of the fact that he had understood that this young man was the captain of the cheerleader squad at the University of Georgia, he decided to pick on him for hand-to-hand combat, not knowing until the day of his funeral that he had been the State wrestling champion. Needless to say, this champion wrestler soon taught his commanding officer with a wink and a smile that you just do not pick on cheerleaders.

In Iraq, Lieutenant Noah Harris was proud of what he and his buddies were doing. He loved the children of Iraq. And he soon started distributing Beanie Babies to them. His niece, in her school back in the States, started a program to raise money to buy Beanie Babies to send to Noah, and he would distribute them to the children in Iraq.

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That program continues today.

To lose your only son a few days before his 24th birthday is a heavy burden for any parent. But last Saturday, Lucy and Rick Harris celebrated the life of their son with friends who had known Noah as he was growing up. We were given replicas of his dog tag and a special sticker that I hold now. I am told that it translates, "We all love Iraq."

His mother says that Noah would say the words and the Iraqis would laugh probably because of his Southern accent. As I approached Ellijay, Georgia last Saturday, there were yellow ribbons on both sides of the road as far away as 20 miles out. It was a time for a small rural community in the mountains of north Georgia to celebrate the life of a unique young man.

They had watched him grow up. They had celebrated his achievements, and they were part of the mold that had shaped his life, and they were proud.

We all were proud to have been touched by Noah Harris. His spirit will live on in the lives of all of us.

To his parents, Lucy and Rick Harris, I extend my appreciation for the example that they have set and for the service their son gave to our country. Noah Harris is a true patriot. His courage, his self-discipline, and his compassion should be the standard for all of us. His was a life well lived. May his soul rest in peace.

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

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS).

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

There was no objection.

DANGERS OF CAFTA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the people of the Buckeye State of Ohio send their sympathies to the Noah Harris family as well and pray for him and pray for his relatives and pray for all of those who have lost loved ones on the American side, on the Iraqi side, and those who are in theater this evening.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to dedicate my remarks this evening to CAFTA because the Bush administration cannot get the votes in this Congress, apparently, to expand NAFTA to Central America; and so they are now resorting to a number of myths in order to try to sell hard in these closing days. And one of the myths that they are talking about is jobs, and there was an ad in one of the newspapers up here on Capitol Hill today about blue jeans. And it is paid for by the very companies that are outsourcing our jobs and shipping them out to other places like Central America. And the ad gives us a really interesting choice on blue jeans. It basically says, do you want your blue jeans manufactured in the Dominican Republic, or do you want them manufactured somewhere in Asia?

My answer is I would like them manufactured in the United States of America where they used to be, in New York City, in Lower Manhattan, in North Carolina, in South Carolina, in Mississippi where people would like to be making the very products that we buy.

Interesting they do not even give the choice of manufacturing in the United States of America. That pretty much tells the whole story because workers in Central America make pennies, literally pennies. Largely women are sewing those jeans, and I have met some of them. They have to work 2 weeks, because their wages are so low, to afford one pair of jeans. And they make 400 to 600 pairs of jeans a day. Think about that. Think about who makes the profits off their sweat when you go to buy a pair of jeans.

In El Salvador and Nicaragua, two of the countries where they want to outsource more of our jobs, women workers can be fired for trying to stand up and get a contract to earn a decent wage, to be able to work for something more than starvation wages, which is what they termed what they work for. They are intimidated in the workplace.

In Guatemala and Honduras there are fines for anti-union discrimination, and you know what? Courts do not enforce them. Gosh. Does that shock us in Guatemala?

In Costa Rica company unions, that means the one who runs the company or owns the company, replace really legitimate independent unions. The business roundtable who paid for this ad, and it is not cheap to put an ad in this paper, really ought to tell us how to create jobs in America, in the United States of America.

Now, a second myth is labor rights. In fact, Ambassador Portman, the new trade ambassador, says expanding these trade agreements to Central America would provide the workers down there with the best labor standards of any trade agreements we have negotiated, except for one thing: he is totally wrong.

The truth is that the current trade system we have in place with the Caribbean countries allows our government to rescind trade benefits. It has real power for any country that is falling short in its labor commitments. The labor provisions in CAFTA by contrast have no teeth. So Ambassador Portman says, you know what, maybe they do not have any teeth, though I do not admit that publicly, but I will put some U.S. taxpayer dollars on the table, \$40 million, and we are going to try to give them to those countries in hopes that they will enforce their laws.

Of course he does not say we are already giving over \$50 million to all of those countries right now and they are not enforcing their labor agreements. They never have. Despite the current labor laws, all of the international reports show real enforcement of their laws do not exist. So why should we pass an agreement that undermines the Caribbean Basin Initiative Standards that helps to raise standards of living rather than lower them?

Finally, democracy. That is the other myth. If we just pass this CAFTA, why the people down there they will have more democracy. In fact, Ambassador Zoellick has said that. But you know what? The record shows in these countries when there is this kind of deregulation, the neo-liberal model, what you get is more people being put out of work. NAFTA cut wages in Mexico; NAFTA has created over 2 million people who were pushed off their farms who come here as illegal immigrants, people who are not treated with respect on this continent.

That is not the way to build friendships. You know what? In every one of those countries down there, in three of them no agreement has been passed; and in the other three, the agreement was ramrodded through in a very undemocratic way. We ought to begin democratically to treat our friends in Central America with the same kind of respect we demand of people here in the United States.

It is time to turn back CAFTA, renegotiate it, and start building a mid-

dle-class standard of living on this continent again.

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

(Mr. ENGEL 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 North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MCHENRY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

BLOCKING PROPERTY OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATORS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 109-38)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States.

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq. (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, regarding the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and the means of delivering them, and the measures imposed by that order, as expanded by Executive Order 13094 of July 28, 1998.

This order is designed to combat WMD trafficking by blocking the property of persons that engage in proliferation activities and their support networks. It is intended to advance international cooperative efforts against WMD financing, including with our G-8 partners and through the Proliferation Security Initiative. This order also provides a model for other nations to follow in adopting laws to stem the flow of financial and other support for proliferation activities, as decided in United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540. It further implements a key recommendation of the Silberman-Robb WMD Commission.

Executive Order 12938, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of State to impose certain measures against foreign persons (individuals or entities) determined to have materially contributed to the proliferation efforts of any foreign country, project, or entity of proliferation concern. The measures that the Secretary of State may choose to impose under Executive Order 12938, as amended, are a ban on U.S. Government procurement from the designated

foreign person; a ban on U.S. Government assistance to the designated foreign person; and a ban on imports from the designated foreign person.

Recognizing the need for additional tools to defeat the proliferation of WMD, I have signed the new order, which authorizes the imposition of a new measure—blocking—against WMD proliferators and their support networks. This action, sometimes referred to as freezing, will apply to property and interests in property of persons designated under the order and will deny such persons access to the U.S. financial and commercial systems. Modeled after Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, the new order provides broad new authorities to target not only persons engaged in proliferation activities, but also those providing support or services to such proliferators.

In particular, the order blocks the property and interests in property in the United States, or in the possession or control of United States persons, of (1) the persons listed in the Annex to the order; (2) any foreign person determined by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, and other relevant agencies, to have engaged, or attempted to engage, in activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a risk of materially contributing to, the proliferation of WMD or their means of delivery (including missiles capable of delivering such weapons) by any person or foreign country of proliferation concern; (3) any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and other relevant agencies, to have provided, or attempted to provide, financial, material, technological, or other support for, or goods or services in support of, proliferation-related activities or any person blocked pursuant to the order; and (4) any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and other relevant agencies, to be owned or controlled by, or acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any blocked person.

In addition, the order amends section 4(a) of Executive Order 12938, as amended, by conforming the criteria for determining that a foreign person has engaged in activity described in that order to the criteria for designations by the Secretary of State set forth in section 1(a) (ii) of the new order. Executive Order 12938, as amended, will continue to be an important tool to combat WMD proliferation.

Actions taken under the order become effective on June 29, 2005. The new order recognizes the need for more robust tools to defeat the proliferation of WMD around the world. The steps that we are undertaking in this new order form yet another part of our evolving response to this challenge.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 28, 2005.