

nation of Iraq, his tenure has been marked with great accomplishments in the global war on terrorism. American families are safer because of his service.

Last week, President Bush described General Myers as a kind and humble man who believes in serving a cause greater than himself. As a member of the National Guard during his term and a father of three sons currently serving in the military, I have had the unique opportunity to personally witness General Myers' commitment to promoting freedom. I am very grateful for his service and his sincere dedication to our troops and the American people. As he begins the next phase of his life, I am honored to congratulate him for a job well done.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11.

RESTORING NEW ORLEANS

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the tragedy that was Hurricane Katrina is also an unprecedented opportunity for us to help those damaged areas in a thoughtful, comprehensive fashion. A small example is the St. Charles street car. The oldest street car line in America, located in New Orleans, dates back to 1834, when it was a horse-drawn street car. It is not just a historic landmark championed by former Representative Lindy Boggs, but this is something that could be the center of a revitalized New Orleans. For a relatively modest amount of money, it could quickly guide and inspire new investments throughout New Orleans in a way that would be an example of a cost-effective, well-planned vision for the future.

I urge my colleagues to join in an effort to support a vision of New Orleans that deals with its history, thoughtful planning, and careful economic development: Restore and expand the historic St. Charles Street street cars.

RECOGNIZING HAROLD CHAPPELL

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday marks the beginning of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, a time dedicated to honoring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while in the line of duty.

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Over the weekend, thousands of Americans will gather to remember America's bravest heroes and support their families. On this occasion, I rise to honor the life of one such hero, Volunteer Firefighter Harold Dean Chappell of Jonesville, North Carolina.

As a member of Arlington Fire and Rescue, Firefighter Chappell centered his life around serving his community

and was always willing to help neighbors, friends and strangers. Tragically, in July 2004, Jonesville lost one of its finest citizens as Firefighter Chappell passed away from complications he sustained after responding to a motor vehicle fire.

Firefighter Chappell was a wonderful man. He was a public servant his entire life. He was also a loving father and husband. According to his son Larry, "If you needed something, you could call him, and he would be right there to help you. He will be thought of forever as a well-known family man and one who was known by many. May he rest in peace and watch over us all."

Mr. Speaker, may we all honor Firefighter Chappell and his family and the hundreds of first responders who watch over us every day.

PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR BUDGET CUTS

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, President Bush laid out a bold vision for answering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina with generosity and fiscal discipline, saying as he did in the Rose Garden, "We here in Washington have got a vital role to play in the recovery and reconstruction efforts on the gulf coast." The President said, "I've made that clear." He went on to say, "I've also made it clear we must do it in a fiscally responsible way. Congress needs to pay for as much of the hurricane relief as possible by cutting spending." The President added, "I'll work with Members of Congress to identify offsets to free up money for the reconstruction efforts," and closed with the statement, "The heart of America is big enough to be generous and responsible at the same time."

Mr. Speaker, I agree. Let us heed the President's call for fiscal discipline and generosity. It is accurate to state that the President's call for reducing spending and finding offsets is of incalculable value to those of us fighting to respond to the needs of this disaster without raising taxes or adding to the national debt. Let us heed the President's call. Let us make the tough choices. Let us pay for the cost of Katrina by reducing the size and scope of government.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG REFORM

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, over our recent break, I visited with various groups of seniors in my district, and we provided information and education about the biggest change to Medicare in the 40-year history of the program.

Beginning this January, for the first time, prescription drugs will be covered under Medicare, and over 40 million senior Americans will have the opportunity to receive their needed medications through a new program designed to assist them with payment. This is an exciting and hopeful time for these citizens.

As a physician, I understand the importance of providing appropriate medications and the imperative of preserving the physician-patient relationship and being certain that decisions about which medications are needed be made by patients and their doctors, not decisions made by Washington bureaucrats.

This new program holds great promise but also has potential difficulties. I urge my colleagues to assist in educating all seniors about the upcoming Medicare reforms. Their familiarity and knowledge about these changes are imperative if we are to have a successful program, one that follows the medical model of first doing no harm.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ADERHOLT) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 4, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on October 4, 2005, at 3:40 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a report consistent with section 7422(c)(2) of title 10, United States Code on the continued production of the Naval Petroleum Reserves beyond April 5, 2006.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

CONTINUED PRODUCTION OF NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 109-59)

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 Armed Services and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 7422(c)(2) of title 10, United States Code, I am informing you of my decision to extend the period of production of the Naval Petroleum Reserves for a period of 3 years from April 5, 2006, the expiration date of the currently authorized period of production.

Attached is a copy of the report prepared by my Administration investigating the necessity of continued production of the reserves consistent with section 7422(c)(2)(B) of title 10. In light of the findings contained in the report, I certify that continued production from the Naval Petroleum Reserves is in the national interest.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 4, 2005.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

The Speaker pro tempore. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy:

Mr. HINCHEY, New York
Mrs. TAUSCHER, California

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2301, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council:

Mr. LANTOS, California
Mr. WAXMAN, California

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 22 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1401

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT) at 2 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

COLIN L. POWELL RESIDENTIAL PLAZA

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Sen-

ate bill (S. 1413) to redesignate the Crowne Plaza in Kingston, Jamaica as the Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1413

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF COLIN L. POWELL RESIDENTIAL PLAZA.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Federal building in Kingston, Jamaica, formerly known as the Crowne Plaza and now a staff housing facility for the United States mission in Jamaica, shall be known and designated as the "Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 1413.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, S. 1413 was introduced by Senator LUGAR of Indiana and also Senator BIDEN of Delaware, and it designates the Federal building in Kingston, Jamaica, formerly known as the Crowne Plaza, which is now a staff housing facility, and it renames that facility for the United States mission in Jamaica as the Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza.

Colin Powell was born in New York City in 1937 to his parents, Luther and Maud Powell, who immigrated to the United States from Jamaica. He was educated in New York City public schools. He went on to graduate from the City College of New York with a degree in geology. He was also commissioned as an Army second lieutenant in 1958. He continued his education, gaining a master's of business administration from George Washington University.

Since that time, Colin Powell has served our great Nation as a professional soldier for some 35 years, during which time he was the recipient of numerous United States and foreign military awards and decorations and soon rose to the rank of a four-star general.

He went on to serve as the 12th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which is the highest military position in the Department of Defense. In his time as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he oversaw some 28 crises, including Operation Desert Storm and

the victorious 1991 Persian Gulf war. His distinguished career was topped off when he was sworn in as the 65th Secretary of State of the United States in January of 2001.

There are other things to note about this distinguished American leader. Colin Powell is also a man dedicated to his family and to the youth of America. He is married to the former Alma Vivian Johnson of Birmingham, Alabama, and has three children as well as two grandchildren. Prior to his confirmation as Secretary of State, Colin Powell served as the chairman of America's Promise, which is The Alliance for Youth, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to building the character and also the competence of our young people.

It is my honor to bring this bill to the floor for myself, for the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, for the subcommittee chair, Mr. SHUSTER. This bill honors a dedicated American who spent his entire career serving the people of this great Nation.

I support this legislation, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I stand in strong support of this legislation. It is certainly suitable that a Federal facility in Jamaica, where Colin Powell's parents were born, should be named after him. I would hope that this will be followed by, perhaps, something within the United States itself that commemorates his service to our Nation, which spanned decades, extraordinary service in the military and great service to this administration as Secretary of State during the first term of the Bush Presidency.

I would urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation.

S. 1413 is a bill to designate a staff housing facility located in Kingston, Jamaica currently used by the State Department for state department employees as the Colin L. Powell Residential Plaza.

Colin Luther Powell was born in Harlem in 1937. His parents were Jamaican immigrants who stressed the importance of education and personal achievement. He grew up in the Bronx, and attended City College of New York to study geology. While at City College he joined the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). When he graduated in 1958 he was at the top of his ROTC class, with the rank of cadet colonel, the highest rank in the corps.

In 1962 he was sent to Vietnam for the first of his two tours of duty. In 1963 he was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. During his second tour in Vietnam he was injured in a helicopter crash but managed to rescue his comrades for which he was awarded the Soldier's Medal. In all he has received 11 decorations including the Legion of Merit.

In 1986 Powell left Washington to serve as military commander in Frankfurt Germany. He was recalled to Washington by Frank Carlucci