Columbus High School before arriving at Millsaps College. He has been inducted into the Mississippi State Sports Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and was named Mississippi Sportsman of the Year in 1976. He has been honored nationally for his contributions to the sport of football and his work with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Harper Davis is a member of Christ United Methodist Church and with his now departed wife, the former Camille Hogan of Starkville, has 3 sons, Michael, Andrew and Patrick with 4 grandchildren, Morgan, Drew, Paul and Brad.

Mr. Speaker, Harper Davis has now been coaching football for over 50 years and he continues today at Jackson Academy, where 4 of my sons attend. His gentle firmness and wise lessons continue to build young men in Mississippi. I am glad to recognize him today and honor a lifetime of service.

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6) to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy;

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Chairman, today the House of Representatives approved the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (H.R. 6). I supported this bill because our nation needs to take positive steps towards ending our nation's dangerous dependence on foreign sources of energy. This bill helps by allowing America to better utilize sources of energy that we possess right here at home. Furthermore, by streamlining the regulations governing domestic and off-shore energy production and repealing current restrictions on the ability of people to invest in electricity, H.R. 6 increases our energy security and makes certain that our economy will continue to have access to the energy that is necessary for growth.

Unfortunately, despite its strengths, H.R. 6 also contains a number of provisions that I believe are unnecessary at best, and detrimental to the American taxpayer at worst. This bill contains dozens of newly authorized programs, including programs to acquire scooters and Segways. Although I believe there is a role for the government in helping develop cleaner sources of energy, the country currently faces an oncoming fiscal tsunami. To that end, I believe that we need to exercise extreme caution with the money entrusted to us by the American people.

Additionally, while H.R. 6 undoubtedly contains vital provisions aimed at improving energy efficiency, conservation, and development of alternative fuel sources, I am concerned that many of the tax incentives used to achieve these purposes will lead to the government picking winners and losers in the marketplace. In light of high gas prices, I believe there are already numerous incentives for energy users to develop ways to conserve and use energy more efficiently. Furthermore, high energy prices can also be a powerful driver of innovation for alternative, renewable fuels. Any producer who can develop an alternative fuel that is as efficient, reliable, and at least as cost-effective as gasoline could make tremendous profits in the energy market, even without government encouragement.

I congratulate Chairman JOE BARTON on crafting a bill that makes our nation safer and less dependent on foreign energy. His leadership and commitment to passing this needed legislation should be commended. H.R. 6 will make energy in this country more affordable, increase our energy security, and help Americans use energy in ways that are increasingly environmentally friendly. It is my hope that when we go to conference with the Senate, our conferees will remember the importance of promoting competition and innovation, while protecting taxpayers.

REMEMBERING SAMUEL WEBB SCALES

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, last month, Starkville, Mississippi lost a native son and a civic leader with the passing of Samuel Webb Scales. He served his family, our nation's military, and achieved greatness in the world of international business.

After graduating from Starkville High School, Sam Scales went on to further education at the University of the South, Mississippi State College and the Vanderbilt Law School. For the past twelve years he has served as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, and was bestowed with the title of Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Emeritus two years ago, which has the equivalent military rank of Lieutenant General.

Sam Scales served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1941 until 1945 and attained the rank of Sergeant Major. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1948 to 1972 and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During his military career, he served in various assignments including Troop Commander (Calvary); Aide de Camp to Commanding General (Armored Division); General Staff Officer, Joint General Staff (Thailand); General Staff Officer (Australian Army).

Sam Scales served as Vice President of the Harlington National Bank (Texas); Chairman of the Board of Starr Associates (Bangkok, Thailand); Liaison Officer of Phoenix Assurance (Sidney, Australia); Chairman of the Board of Service Y Comisiones S.A. de C.V. (Mexico City); Senior Vice President of Continental Insurance Company and Regional Vice President for Latin America (Panama) as well as fourteen other US corporations located throughout Latin America.

He was a member of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), the Navy League and Sigma Chi Fraternity at Mississippi State University. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Starkville.

Mr. Speaker, Starkville mourns the passing of Sam Scales. Our prayers go with his wife Bette, his children Hunter, Twila, Bette, Walton, John and Jennifer as well as his five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His accomplishments, like so many of his generation, can hardly be measured in words, but I am proud to have been able to take this opportunity to note his life's achievements and to remember this young boy from Starkville who grew to be a great man and leader around the world.