

John Hume, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, praised Haughey, saying “he worked very closely with me in preparation for the whole movement to get a lasting peace and an end to violence with The Downing Street Declaration. He privately worked with me in the preparation of that Declaration . . . Charles Haughey made a positive contribution to ending violence and achieving peace on our streets.”

Charles Haughey was a major figure in the history of the Irish Republic, and his work for peace and prosperity at home will forever be remembered by friends of this small island so important to the history of our own country.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, when is enough, enough? I rise in opposition to H.R. 4939 because there is no limit to the amount of money Republicans are willing to spend on this counterproductive war in Iraq.

When the Bush administration beat the drums of war, it promised the American people that the total cost would be \$50 billion. More than 3 years later, the price tag for the Iraqi civil war stands at more than \$320 billion. Before the invasion, neoconservatives told us Iraq was an oil-rich country that could finance its own reconstruction. Yet this latest supplemental includes billions more for the “stabilization” of Iraq that could have instead gone to rebuild New Orleans.

The Vietnam war required only a single supplemental, after which it was financed through the regular budget process. But virtually all of this money for the war in Iraq has been provided in so-called “emergency” supplements that do not require budgetary tradeoffs such as spending cuts or tax increases. As a result, every dollar spent in Iraq is a dollar of debt for our children and grandchildren.

For their money, future generations are getting a terrible return. Thanks to our seemingly open-ended occupation of Iraq, anti-American forces are growing stronger, not weaker. Despite parliamentary elections and limitless American aid for democracy building, Iraq is in the midst of a civil war. Though even the rubber stamp Republicans in Congress have shown a real interest in transferring authority to Iraqi security forces, their training proceeds at a snail’s pace.

This emergency supplemental bill does provide badly needed funds for Katrina reconstruction. Particularly worthwhile is this legislation’s support for levee improvements, the rebuilding of the Veterans Administration hospital in New Orleans, alternative housing for hurricane survivors, and community development block grants.

But the numbers speak for themselves. The bill provides more than three times more funding for defense-related expenditures than it

does for Katrina-related aid. Because I cannot support additional spending for a war that has already claimed nearly 2,500 American servicemen and women and countless Iraqi citizens, I urge my colleagues to vote “no.”

IN RECOGNITION OF EUGENE SLAY

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eugene Slay, a fine member of the St. Louis Community in my home state of Missouri. Mr. Slay is the son of immigrant grandparents, who came from Lebanon to settle in the city of Saint Louis. In 1920, Gene’s grandfather, John Slay, created Slay Industries, a shipping company that has been a great addition to the area’s proud legacy of transportation commerce. Gene Slay gathered the reins of the institution in 1952, and ever since has blazed the corporation down a path of success, currently employing more than 800 persons and deriving an annual revenue of more than \$100 million.

Of course, Gene Slay has not only been an effective and outstanding leader in business, but in the St. Louis community as well, giving his time to help those less fortunate. Gene Slay has always committed himself to activities that strive to give every person a chance to succeed. Specifically, I would like to recognize his work as an exceptional director of the Boys’ Club of St. Louis. Mr. Slay has served as a member of the institution’s Executive Board for 33 years and as its president for 14 years. Gene Slay has been a vital asset to the Boys’ Club, building its endowment to \$4.4 million, allowing the organization to be a helping hand to more than 5,000 youth.

With these accomplishments in mind, I am proud to recognize Gene Slay as a prominent St. Louisan and I thank him for his efforts in our community. It is my great honor to announce that the Boys’ Club of St. Louis will now be renamed the Gene Slay’s Boys’ Club of St. Louis, to acknowledge all of Mr. Slay’s hard work and dedication. I congratulate Gene Slay on this honor and praise him for all the young people that he has helped and will help in the future.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PERRY COUNTY FAIR

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Perry County Fair which is held each year in Pinckneyville, Illinois.

While no records exist of the first fair in 1856, oral accounts passed down from those who attended describe the Pinckneyville town square decorated with tall corn stalks and the owners of the prize livestock showing them in the street. Although much has changed since that initial event 150 years ago, the Perry

County Fair remains a premier venue of agricultural and horticultural exhibition, as well as a place where families come to be entertained and old friends renew acquaintances once a year.

As the “oldest consecutive running fair in Illinois,” the Perry County Fair has seen much of our Nation’s history. The Civil War, Prohibition, the Great Depression, both World Wars, the ushering in of two centuries and a millennium all occurred during the time that the Perry County Fair has been in operation.

The Perry County Agricultural Society was established as the governing body of the fair and continues today as the organization entrusted with planning, funding and organizing the Perry County Fair. Early records note that a \$1.00 contribution was good for family entry to the first fairs and that \$10.00 provided for a lifetime family membership. As the fair has expanded through the years, the balance of providing a first class fair that is affordable to all families continues to be a struggle.

Competition of livestock, produce and the tasty results of many closely-guarded family recipes have been a staple of the fair since its inception. Other attractions at the fair through the years have been horse racing, beauty pageants, musical entertainment, rides and, always, good food.

Several generations have now enjoyed the Perry County Fair and it has become an event that not only draws families and friends together from Perry County but also attracts fairgoers from throughout Southern Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Perry County Fair. May it continue to provide entertainment for Southern Illinois families well into the future.

HONORING THE CONSECRATION OF ELIZABETH CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous joy and celebration that I rise today to honor the consecration of the Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church in Chumuckla, Florida where my wife Vicki and I have been members since 2001.

Elizabeth Chapel has been a home for me; a place of solace where I can go to be closer to God and get back in tune with what is really important in my life. Likewise, the church family has acted as a true family to my wife and me, continuously offering us their support, encouragement, and kindness.

Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church has served a vital role in the community of Chumuckla since 1937. Originating from the marriage of two smaller/churches in the late 1930’s, the church has remained a quaint group of adamant believers whose moral fiber and strength is unwavering.

On September 16, 2004, Hurricane Ivan tore through the area, leaving damage, destruction, and heartbreak in its wake. The hurricane left the church building irreparable and it was soon leveled to begin new construction. Though many members of the congregation lost their homes or had significant damage to

their own property in the storm, in the week that followed the hurricane, members of the church and others in the community came together descending on the church grounds to help FEMA distribute over 60,000 MRE's as well as ice and water to those in need.

In the months that followed, with the glorification of God's work in their hearts, the community, congregation and other churches in the surrounding area came together to begin rebuilding Elizabeth Chapel. It has been nearly 2 years since Ivan devastated the Gulf Coast, and the reconstruction is complete. On Sunday, June 11, 2006, I will join in the fellowship and celebration of the consecration of the Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I truly represent an incredible group of people. It warms my heart that the community, congregation, and other churches have come together, through the hardships and heartache that have been prevalent since hurricane Ivan, to once again provide a house of worship to the amazingly resilient members of Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during Friday's rollcall votes on 5 amendments to H.R. 5522, the Fiscal Year 2007 Foreign Operations appropriations measure.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcalls 245, 246, 247, 248, and 249.

I would have voted in favor of final passage of H.R. 5522.

CONDEMNING HATE CRIMES AND RACIAL INTOLERANCE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I first want to thank my friend and fellow Californian, Congressman JOE BACA for organizing this Special Order to condemn hate crimes and racial intolerance, and particularly to address the very dangerous and growing problem of the use of the Internet to spread racism, bigotry, prejudice and anti-Semitism.

Mr. Speaker, I can speak personally of the horrors that can result from the propagation of hate. Such messages can be spread in many ways, but perhaps the most recent medium, the Internet, is the most effective and therefore the most dangerous. Modern technology has given us the ability to spread information and ideas far and wide almost instantly, and, as a result, the world has become very small indeed. Hate messages can circle the globe in minutes or even seconds. The circumstances of the terrorist arrests in Canada, the United States, and Europe just this last week are a reflection of how quickly messages of intolerance and exhortations to violence can be widely spread on the Internet.

Because of my deep concern for human rights, I co-founded the Congressional Human

Rights Caucus in 1983. In 1995, a number of colleagues joined me in founding the Congressional Task Force Against Anti-Semitism to address more specifically problems of racial intolerance, bigotry, prejudice, and anti-Semitism. I continue to co-chair both groups and remain steadfastly committed to fighting such ugly and vicious hatred. This is a battle in which we must all be engaged. We confront a central danger to America's national interests and cannot be complacent in the face of such threats.

Mr. Speaker, the Anti-Defamation League, which monitors far-right extremists, reports that neo-Nazis and white supremacists have capitalized on the recent immigration reform debate and have ratcheted up their anti-Hispanic action. Racist use of the national debate to further their ideology in pursuit of a "Whites only" America is a hateful display and reminds us of the insidious racism, prejudice, and anti-Semitism that exists and that is spread on the Internet.

The Anti-Defamation League reports a disturbing trend of increased violence against Hispanics and of persistently troubling levels of anti-Semitism. Games that target particular immigrant, ethnic or religious groups are indicative of the deeply-rooted hatred that we confront. The recent up-tick in the spread of racist shoot-to-kill video games on the Internet is very disconcerting. The level and intensity of attacks against Hispanics has reached dangerous new highs, with right-wing extremists joining anti-immigration groups. The recent racist protests and rallies held across our nation are a disgrace to our country and a threat to American stability.

Immigration is likely the most important factor in the growth of extremist groups, and in their gaining new members. We must be vigilant in guarding against the racist, xenophobic sentiments surrounding our immigration debates. While such hatred is sadly not new, our recent debates and legislation are attracting the attention of extremists. Over the weekend, the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis protested nearby at the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland. Under the auspices of speaking out against "black on white crime" and illegal immigration, the message vocalized could not have been clearer: as a Klan member said, "Mexicans, Jews, all these immigrants, we want them out of here . . ." Such rhetoric is frightening.

There is no gain, but loss by all, when hatred and anger are spread. Hispanics, regardless of their citizenship or immigration status, are increasingly becoming the targets of hatred and violence from white supremacists.

In an attempt to call attention to some of the problems of modern tools for spreading hate, the Congressional Task Force Against Anti-Semitism sponsored a briefing last September that highlighted the importance of fostering international cooperation in combating internet hate, and of working with organizations like the OSCE to combat anti-Semitism globally.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join in working together to find ways to stop the use of the Internet to spread hate, so that we will not suffer horrible consequences. As I learned personally and tragically over six decades ago, words have consequences. Hate, intolerance, bigotry, prejudice, and Anti-Semitism lead to actions that a free society such as ours can—and must—never tolerate. We must speak out, we must take action.

LADY FALCONS SOAR TO VICTORY

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that public high schools in the Sixth District of North Carolina are not the only ones housing state championships these days. Now O'Neal School in Moore County, North Carolina is able to sit in the same seat of glory having won the North Carolina Independent School Athletic Association 2A conference competition in women's soccer.

The Falcons endured fierce competition in the pursuit of their ultimate goal battling through two overtimes (one in the quarterfinals and the other in the semifinals). The fact that the road which they traveled to victory was so rocky made the end result all the more sweet. The women beat out their rival, Calvary Baptist Day School, 1-0 in the final game of the championship.

Freshman Syd McIlwain made everyone proud with the excessive determination required for a defender to score the only goal of the game. The goal occurred on a corner kick in which sweeper Caroline Cordell kicked it perfectly for McIlwain to head it in. After the game McIlwain said, "I was just thinking that I had to get some part of my body on it," according to the Moore County Independent. It's a good thing that she did because that split-second decision was crucial to victory.

We are pleased to recognize all members of the O'Neal School soccer team who contributed to this nearly perfect championship season. Members of the team include: Alex Allen, Carey Averbook, Kristin Black, Caroline Cordell, Margaret Cross, Cate Dahl, Kathryn Davis, Jessica Gregory, Sarah Griffin, Kelsey Hukee, Meagan Johnson, Kate King, Lauren Krahner, Kathryn Maples, Syd McIlwain, Anna Post, Nicole Poteat, Kate St. John, Allaire Weik, and Stephanie White.

The women's outstanding record was achieved largely due to their ability to work together on and off the field. Responsibility for this close bond rests in the hands of Head Coach Kyle Kegl and Assistant Coach Jason Byrd whose hard work throughout the season was imitated by the players cumulating in ultimate victory among private schools at the state level.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate the O'Neal Falcons for completing the first ever state championship and doing so with only one loss the entire year. Congratulations to Headmaster John Neiswender, Athletic Director Steve Dahl, the teachers, staff, students, parents, and fans for bringing home a state championship to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUARANTEE OF MEDICAL ACCURACY IN SEX EDUCATION ACT

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Guarantee of Medical Accuracy in Sex Education Act," a bill that prohibits