

blueprint of how much money the government is going to spend on what. Sadly, some in Congress want to spend, spend, spend. It is a shame because the American people deserve better. They deserve a commonsense budget that controls spending and eliminates wasteful programs.

The RSC budget balances the budget by 2011 and cuts useless programs like Asian elephant conservation historic whaling programs.

It is time for Congress to take a hard look at how we spend our money and support the RSC budget for a better America.

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#### WOMEN AND THE BUDGET

(Mrs. JONES of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise to address the House about how the Republicans' fiscal year 2007 budget resolution will create serious problems for women and children.

The budget resolution put forth by the Republicans, which we will vote on tomorrow, undercuts and undervalues women's contributions to the American labor force.

The wage gap among women and men continues today. Women earn on average 76 cents to every dollar that a man earns.

The Republican budget resolution eliminates the Women in Apprenticeships and Nontraditional Occupations Act. This program, which only costs \$1 million per year, provides grants to employers to help recruit, train and retain women in nontraditional, well-paying jobs.

The budget also cuts funding for the Women's Bureau in the Department of Labor, the only Federal agency with primary responsibility for serving and promoting interests of working women.

I urge my colleagues to defeat the Republican budget resolution.

#### REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, last year the Republicans did support the Deficit Reduction Act that reduced \$39 billion in Federal spending, and yes, indeed, as we are hearing, this is budget week here on Capitol Hill. It is something that we are tasked to do.

I know that a lot of the big spenders would still like to be getting rid of that Deficit Reduction Act that we passed last year. It was a good bill. We should be doing more like it, as my colleague from Texas said.

Today, conservatives in the House are working to bring to the floor a budget that goes after the programs that show little results for the taxpayer dollars.

We have got some great ideas on the table. I would like to see further across-the-board cuts. My colleague from Texas, Representative CONAWAY, has a bill that goes after eliminating a program if you are going to create a new one.

Madam Speaker, we Republicans are bringing ideas and putting solutions on the table, and we are going to hear more about this as we go through the week. We are the party debating how to reduce spending at the Federal level. It is what America expects of us. It is what we are fighting to make happen.

#### THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, when you have a budget like this Republican budget, a budget where those who have the least are being forced to live on even less, less help with student aid, less protection for children's health, less food assistance and less child care, less support of prescription drugs, less funding for home heating, less protection to ensure a place to live and a job that pays a livable wage, when you have a budget like this, women and children are the most impacted because women and their families are the poorest of the poor in this country of much.

Stop this injustice. Vote "no" on this Republican budget.

#### CAPITOL POLICE RESOLUTION

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

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, we live in an age that requires constant vigilance. We work in a building that requires steady security. The scourge of terrorism is genuine, tangible and real in today's world, especially when your office is in the center of a terrorist bull's eye, the Capitol Building and Capitol Hill.

Even with this knowledge, I come to work confident that my safety and security is in capable hands. There are over 1,500 of the most highly trained men and women guarding the gates and guarding this building. These are the dedicated officers of the Capitol Police Force. They provide safety and security for Members of Congress, the staff, as well as 3 million visitors who come and go through this building each year.

In extreme cases, the Capitol Police Force must endure physical and verbal assaults. These men and women deserve a pat on the back, not a punch in the chest.

Madam Speaker, that is why Congressman MARIO DIAZ-BALART and I introduced a resolution thanking Capitol Police and commanding them for their service, dedication and commitment to security on Capitol Hill.

#### CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to voice concerns about the impact of budget cuts on the States' Children's Health Insurance Program, that is called CHIP.

CHIP is jointly financed by the Federal and State governments and is administered by the States.

While it is good that each State determines the design of its program, the eligibility groups, benefits, co-pays and administrative procedures, I am concerned that misplaced fiscal priorities are squeezing the States and negatively impacting children's health.

A Dallas Morning News article from March 27 cites numerous problems with CHIP in Texas. Administrative errors and budget cuts are resulting in lost or delayed coverage.

Many families are unaware of the benefit. Enrollment has been more complicated and fewer children are participating in the program. Privatization of many State-Federal health programs is lessening access to care.

Madam Speaker, I am concerned that the fiscal year 2007 budget plan for the House of Representatives will hurt America's uninsured children.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Cutting health programs for young people is cruel at worst and irresponsible at best.

#### HONORING DOC DODSON

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding citizen of the city of Midland, Texas. James "Doc" Dodson was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on April 22, 1936. In 1958, he moved to Midland where he became an athletic trainer at Midland High School. It was there that he touched the lives of MHS Bulldogs for the next 32 years.

Doc's greatest joy is his family. He married Gayle McMullan in 1963, and they have two daughters, Kelly Hullender and Jamie Dodson. Kelly and her husband, Todd, have Doc's three grandchildren: Blair, Mills and Sam.

In 1972, Doc was the first high school athletic trainer selected to be a part of the U.S. Olympic team in Munich, Germany. In 1978, he was the first recipient of the Outstanding High School Trainer award, an honor he was given twice.

Doc is now the director of physical rehabilitation at Southwest Orthopedics in Midland where he continues to help many people each day.

Doc is truly an outstanding American. We are blessed to have him live in

Midland, Texas, and District 11 in Texas, and I am proud to be his Congressman and call him my friend.

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**PRESIDENT'S BUDGET CUTTING OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, despite rising college tuition costs and rigid standards of the so-called No Child Left Behind Act, the Republican budget makes the largest cuts to education in 10 years.

It cuts \$15 billion from education that was promised: 3.7 million children in our country will be denied help with reading and math; 2 million will be denied after-school programs that offer a safe place to play and learn. But the majority does not stop with just broken promises.

Their budget eliminates funding for Safe and Drug-Free Schools, eliminates funding for vocational education, eliminates programs that help ensure high-risk students can attend college, and eliminates 36 programs that help teachers and students succeed. They drastically cut Pell Grants and Perkins loans that American families need to help afford college.

Republicans are risking our children's future to pay for more tax breaks for the wealthy few. The promise to our children's education must be kept. This budget must be rejected.

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**CONGRATULATING BRIAN LEONARDI**

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

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I ask you and all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Brian Leonardi on his recent acceptance of a full football scholarship to Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina.

Brian is the 18-year-old son of my niece, Allyson Leonardi, and Ed Leonardi. He played linebacker for Aiken High School Hornets, and for 2 years he and his teammates advanced to the semifinals of the 4-A State playoffs. Brian was chosen this year to play for the North squad in an annual all-star game in Conway, South Carolina.

His parents, sister Megan and brother Danny are very proud of his accomplishments, as are his Uncle Doug and Aunt Cindy, but I think the happiest and most excited of all are my brother Bill Gingrey and sister-in-law Gail, who are the fortunate grandparents of this outstanding young man.

Brian's Congressman, GRESHAM BARRETT, and I join our colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to say Godspeed, Brian. Study hard and play well.

**CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

Mr. WYNN. Madam Speaker, the sun is shining a little brighter in the great Free State of Maryland. Today, I rise to join my colleague STENY HOYER in offering exuberant congratulations to the University of Maryland women's basketball team on winning the NCAA national basketball championship. In winning the championship, they had to overcome a very fine and very tough team from Duke University.

Hats off to Coach Brenda Frese, starters Crystal Langhorne, Laura Harper, Marissa Coleman, Shay Duron, Kristi Toliver and the rest of the team, the assistant coaches, managers and the tremendous fans of the University of Maryland. You have made us all proud in the State of Maryland.

You are a particular inspiration to all the young women around the country, like my 11-year-old daughter Gabrielle, who have become tremendous fans of women's basketball.

Today, all of Maryland salutes the University of Maryland's women's basketball team. Go, Terps.

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**ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**

(Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as complex as illegal immigration may be, I think the House got the logic right dealing with the issue. Illegal immigration needs to be split into two separate, but equally important, issues, first being security enforcement.

Once the first portion is set and in place, the time will be right for Congress to come back and address the second part, which deals with illegal workers. While they contribute in positive ways to our society, unfortunately, because they are here illegally, they place burdens on our job market, our educational system and our health care costs, burdens that are shouldered by hardworking American taxpayers.

My advice to the other Chamber is listen to the American people. They are tired of their elected officials turning the other cheek and playing politics with the ideals on which this country was founded and the security of our Nation. They want us to plug the holes and stop the flow of illegal immigrants before we do anything else.

It is time we listened. It is time we stop illegal immigration.

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**REPUBLICAN BUDGET ON WOMEN MILITARY RETIREES**

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I want the women who have served in uniform to know one thing. Some of us in Congress understand your struggle, and we are fighting for you.

Shockingly, the Republican budget adopts significant increases to out-of-pocket costs for our women retirees who depend on the TRICARE program for their health care.

Managed care enrollment fees for senior enlisted women retirees would double, and those for retired female officers would triple.

I have serious doubts about the validity of any projected cost savings from these fee increases. It is insulting to even think of shifting such costs onto the backs of the brave women who have sacrificed so much and so selflessly.

Moreover, this budget sends a terrible message to our past and present servicewomen at a time when we should be doing all that we can to appreciate and to reward their contributions.

The United States made a promise to these women and to every woman before them who has worn the uniform. This Nation promised to take care of them, and the Republican budget just does not fulfill that promise.

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**IMMIGRATION REFORM A MUST**

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, we have all seen the recent protests around the country by thousands of people demonstrating in the streets. However, the fundamental issue that we are dealing with is illegal immigration, and we must not forget that.

No one has a problem with those who have come to this country legally, respected our laws and become U.S. citizens. That is part of the American Dream. What we are talking about are the millions who cross our borders illegally and now demand to be treated as citizens.

American goodwill, in education, in health care and in government services, is being abused by those who do not go through the legal process of citizenship, and that does not add up, Madam Speaker. That is not the American way.

There are serious problems with our current immigration policies. Benign neglect over the last 20 to 30 years has led us to this state of crisis, and we must fix it. Our constituents appropriately demand that we fix it, and Congress has that opportunity, and we must not let it pass us by.

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**TURNING BACK THE CLOCK**

(Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)