

found time to travel on a Foreign Mission's Preaching team to Africa. Further, he was Vice President of the East Chicago Board of Safety for 6 years, consultant to the Mayor of East Chicago from 2002–2004, and coordinator for "Operation Too Great to Wait" Hurricane Katrina Survivors, which took place at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary on September 11, 2005.

A true scholar, Reverend Wade has had a wide range of academic training. His degrees include a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Theology, Doctorate of Bible Theology, Master of Religious Education, and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity, and he has had extensive International Studies in Oxford, England.

Reverend Wade has also received many accolades throughout his lifetime. To name a few, Reverend Wade has received a proclamation from the City of East Chicago. In May 2000, the City of East Chicago dedicated and renamed Drummond Street to Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade Street for his many years of service and dedication to the community. On March 22, 2007, the Indiana State Senate also issued a proclamation in his honor for his dedicated service. Reverend Wade has also been recognized nationally as he was selected to travel on 3 pilgrimages to the Holy Land as a Nationwide Evangelist, and he has conducted a workshop at the District Association Board Meeting in Germany.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade, Jr. as he is honored for his service and ministry. His 50 years of service have touched and improved the lives of all whom he has served. His unselfish and lifelong dedication is worthy of the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO ROBEY THEATER

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the historic Robey Theater, one of the longest continuously operating motion picture theaters in the United States. Since its establishment in 1907 as the Dreamland Theater, it has been central to the lives of the citizens of Spencer, WV. The theatre actually changed locations 4 times across Main Street during its first decade.

When it first opened, the Robey family had to run movies as many as 6 times a night to meet demand. The facility mixed live theater with silent pictures by putting scenery around the screen.

Even remodeling couldn't keep the theater from entertaining locals. Upon refurbishment in 1926, Mr. Robey moved the screen to a local school field and created a 'tentorium.' The movie star Little Jackie "Hoo" Ray performed at this event. Later that year, the theater hosted Congressman Harry Woodard to celebrate its grand reopening.

Robey Theater was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. Despite numerous technological updates and the addi-

tion of new releases to the theaters' showings, the theatre remains a small intimate setting to watch a movie, just as it was 100 years ago.

I join with the residents of Spencer and Roane County to recognize the Robey Theater for its 100 years of service.

RECOGNIZING JOHN IGO FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Igo, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years John has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding John Igo for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

H.R. 1684

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 1684, the Department of Homeland Security, DHS, Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008. The legislation makes clear that this Congress is dedicated to providing the Department of Homeland Security with the proper tools to protect American citizens, and to ensure accountability and proper oversight of DHS.

With many entities rolled into the Department of Homeland Security at its inception in 2003 the bureaucratic structure of the department has consistently needed improvement. DHS has come under intense scrutiny and yielded many questions regarding its bloated size and its ability to function smoothly. This legislation will take necessary steps to correct large problems associated with the agency that includes streamlining the contracting and procurement process, and require the department to conduct comprehensive quadrennial reviews of its operations.

H.R. 1684 is a bipartisan effort to restore huge cuts by the Bush administration to important programs. The 52 percent cut to the State Homeland Security Grant Program, which funds first responder preparation and response, has been reinstated. The 55 percent cut to firefighter assistance grants has been added back into the bill. This bill also restores

the previously eliminated Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program to its entirety, and reverses the elimination of the SAFER program. Fully funding these crucial first responder programs dictates a dedication from Congress that is unparalleled.

The most important job of Congress is to keep America safe, and this legislation takes important steps to protect our communities. I want to commend the Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, the gentleman from Mississippi, Mr. THOMPSON, for his work on this legislation and I urge all my colleagues to support it.

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENT GRADUATES OF PARAMUS' D.A.R.E. PROGRAM AT YAVNEH ACADEMY

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, last week, the Paramus Police Department held its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony with the students of Yavneh Academy. More than 70 students are participating in this important program that gives young people the support they need to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our Nation's school districts and in more than 43 other Nations. It uses positive peer pressure to help children defeat the negative cultural influences that bombard them daily.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program at Yavneh Academy, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship: Hannah Ash, Benjamin Atwood, Hadassa Bendavid, Simcha Borodach, David Carr, Shimon Cohen, Orly Davis, Shoshana Edelman, Oriel Farjun, Nicole Feigenblum, Alexander Feldman, Jacob Felig, Jacob Finkelstein, Joshua Finkelstein, Michael Finkelstein, Miryam Fischer, Aaron Fox, Jacob Furer, Sheri Goldman, Ayelet Golubtchik, Marlee Goodman, Akiva Gottlieb, Abigail Greenbaum, Rochal Greenberg, Tova Greenberg, Yosef Greenfield, Yehoshua Hanfling, Justin Hod, Leora Hyman, Michael Kahan, Ilana Noa Karp, Rami Laifer, Jason Lang, Yael Ledner, Jacob Levy, Shmuel Levy, Miriam Lichtenberg, Sara Linder, Benjamin Marans, Ally Margulies, Joshua Meier, Esther Meir, Leo Metzger, Philip Meyer, Daniel Nagar, Jennifer Nir, Shaya Oster, Elisha Penn, Jordan Plaut, Noah Potash, Ori Puterman, Rebecca Raab, Daniel Raykher, Daniel Rehanian, Jake Reichel, Samuel Rochlin, Micayla Rosenbaum, Elan Samoohi, Liana Sandor, Risa Scharf, Eli Scharlat, Hillel Sebrow, Dafna Secemski, Gabriella Shankman, Mira Shapiro, Alan Socelof, Lauren Stein, Tamar Weglein, Judah Wertenteil, Solomon Wiener, Jonathan Wietschner, Shira Wolff, Alan Yomtobian, and Yehoshua Zirman.

BREAST CANCER AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH ACT

HON. CAROL SHEA-PORTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to join me and over 200 other Members in cosponsoring H.R. 1157, the Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act. With just one more day until Mother's Day, it is important for us in Congress to honor the women in our lives and work to bring an end to diseases such as breast cancer. Each year, tens of thousands of women die from this disease and more than 3 million women are currently living with breast cancer. Important advances have been made, but we still do not know what causes this disease, or how to prevent it.

This bill will establish a research program at the National Institutes of Health to study the potential links between breast cancer and the environment—authorizing \$40 million a year for five years for NIH studies.

Hopefully, this research will help mitigate the devastating effects this disease inflicts on mothers, sisters, wives, daughters and families across the Nation. The National Breast Cancer Coalition has worked tirelessly to advance the fight against breast cancer, as we celebrate Mother's Day this year, I urge my colleagues to join me in co-sponsoring H.R. 1157, the Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. CON. RES. 21, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of S. Con. Res. 21, a budget resolution designed and drafted by Democrats to end over a decade of Republican fiscal irresponsibility.

One of the best results of the Democrats gaining the majority in the Congress is the fact that we can realign the priorities of the Federal government. Instead of Republican tax cuts for the richest 1 percent, we can put those same resources into health care for our children and veterans. Instead of driving our Nation deeper and deeper into debt, we can put us back on track towards a balanced budget.

Twelve years of Republican budgets have left our fiscal house in shambles. We are nearly \$9 trillion in debt, and if Republicans had their way, we would never end the deficit. However, the Democratic budget resolution is a good first step towards ending the sea of red ink on our budget. Within the next 5 years, we will have balanced the budget, while at the same time providing necessary services to those who need them most.

This budget resolution incorporates the pay-as-you-go rule that the Democrats passed as one of our first acts in the majority. The rule

is simple. Any additional funds we spend, or any taxes that we cut, have to be paid for with cuts in other areas.

The budget resolution finally fulfills some of the promises we made to our military veterans. This legislation includes a \$6.6 billion increase in veterans spending, which is the largest increase in history. The Congress has failed to meet our obligations for over a decade in providing necessary services to our veterans, and this budget aims to correct some of this neglect.

In addition, this budget also provides \$50 billion over 5 years towards children's health care. The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) has been extremely successful in improving access to healthcare for children whose parents earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to purchase private health insurance. Two-thirds of all uninsured children in this nation are actually eligible but not enrolled in SCHIP. With this budget, we can significantly improve health care coverage to millions more children across the country.

This budget resolution will also help protect our Nation from its enemies. The 9/11 recommendations, most of which have been ignored by the Republican Congress, can be implemented under this budget framework. We have also included additional funding for homeland security in order to better ensure the safety of our citizens.

It is no great secret that the Administration has severely underfunded schools across the nation with the No Child Left Behind Act. This is another program we intend to fix with our budget resolution. In this budget, we have included \$9.5 billion over what the President requested for fiscal year 2008. This necessary funding will help stop the decline in our Nation's education system.

Mr. Speaker, I do not have nearly enough time to speak about all the benefits of this budget resolution. Programs such as Head Start, LIHEAP, Social Security and Medicare all benefit. Residents of New Orleans and Mississippi benefit from the money to rebuild after Katrina. Higher education students will benefit from increased Pell Grants and we avoid cutting other student aid programs such as Perkins loans and special opportunity block grants, which was proposed in the President's failed budget plan.

I am strongly supportive of this Democratic budget resolution. This bill will go a long way towards putting our fiscal house in order, without relying on the massive middle class tax increase that the President's budget relies upon. I would urge all of my colleagues to support this budget resolution.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes:

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Chairman, as we debate the FY 2008 Defense Authorization bill, I am pleased to note the effort by my colleagues in working to ensure that our national defense funding and policy are focused on programs that will make our country safer and provide our troops in harm's way with the resources they need today.

I support making sure that Congress wisely, as well as robustly, provide for our national defense, including ensuring dollars are spent on systems that will actually protect our Nation and our allies. One of those systems drawing new attention during this debate is missile defense. Our country has already spent over \$100 billion over the last several decades to develop various missile defense systems. These Cold War efforts for which annual funding has increased from \$3 billion in the late 1990s to nearly \$10 billion have yet to bear fruit, even as our country faces the grave threat posed by terrorists smuggling nuclear weapons into our country across our borders or through our ports.

Supporters will point to successful tests recently of portions of this system. However, we all know the challenges of replicating limited success from carefully and highly scripted tests in real world conditions. Given that participants knew roughly when the test target would launch, what they would look like, how they would fly and what they would do, it may be even more concerning that these systems missed as often as they did.

I am troubled when I hear experts such as the Government Accountability Office report that while costs have grown, less work is being completed than planned. GAO found that "too few tests have been completed to have confidence in the models and simulations used to predict performance." One year after establishing 2006 goals for the program, the Missile Defense agency informed Congress that it planned to field fewer assets, reduce performance goals, and increase the program's cost goal.

Our citizens and our allies and their citizens are not made safer by rushing to deploy technology that "may" protect them when called upon.

The solution to a flat tire is not to blow more air into it. We cannot afford to expend valuable national defense dollars to develop technologies that we know today will not work at a time when these funds can be spent to improve our homeland security, provide needed equipment for our troops in the field, or increase foreign aid to our allies.

I am sure there is no need to remind my colleagues that the \$8.1 billion provided in the bill for the missile system is more than is currently authorized for port security grants or included in the recent House-passed COPS re-authorization bill to put more police officers on our streets.

Some have attempted to muddle this issue by inserting the nation of Israel into the missile defense issue. Our Nation recognizes the importance of our ally Israel and provides over \$2 billion in foreign military aid to help that nation meet its unique security challenges. However, simply putting more unproven, insufficiently tested, and unreliable missile defense systems into the field does not make our country or our allies safer.

I certainly believe the purpose of this \$645 billion Defense authorization bill is to help make our country safer including assisting our