

served as Counsel to the Naval Space and Warfare Command and Counsel to the Naval Sea Systems Command.

As the Deputy General Counsel and senior career civilian attorney for the Navy since 2000, Mr. Molzahn has expertly guided an organization of more than 600 attorneys. Among numerous other honors he has received throughout his career, he received a Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive Award in 1997 and 2005 and a Presidential Rank of Distinguished Executive Award in 2002.

Recently, Mr. Molzahn was integral in the creation of the Navy's Acquisition Integrity Office, the first consolidated program within the Department tasked with proactively investigating and protecting against procurement fraud and other unethical business practices. Also, his advisement on legal issues involving the interrogation and the treatment of foreign nationals detained at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base resulted in the revision of interrogation guidelines to reflect national and international legal and ethical norms.

Serving a critical role in the revitalization of the Department of the Navy's intelligence oversight mechanisms, Mr. Molzahn was actively involved in transforming the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) from a law enforcement agency to a premier counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and force protection organization.

Throughout his career, Mr. Molzahn has been an agent for transformation. He has been adept at anticipating the need to realign legal offices and policies to support the Navy mission when needed. His peers trust his unparalleled legal acumen, personal integrity, and consummate professionalism; his supervisors view him as trusted and indispensable legal advisor.

Madam Speaker, I commend Mr. Molzahn for his leadership, and I am proud to have him live in Virginia's 8th Congressional District. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. William R. Molzahn for his many years of exemplary service to the Department of the Navy, and our Nation. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. PATRICK SAYNE ON HIS RETIREMENT AS SUPER- INTENDENT OF PASO ROBLES JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DIS- TRICT

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Patrick Sayne on his retirement as Superintendent of Paso Robles Joint Unified School District.

Dr. Sayne is currently the longest serving superintendent in California. He accepted his first leadership position in Warner Union Elementary School District in San Diego County in 1978, and also served in Valle Lindo School District and Lakeport Unified School District. In 1998, Dr. Sayne became the superintendent of Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, which I represent.

Dr. Sayne is a native of New Jersey, but moved to Long Beach, California with his family when he was a teenager. After graduating

from California State University at Long Beach with a bachelor of arts degree in Russian history, he later obtained a master of arts degree in education in 1977. Dr. Sayne then went on to earn his doctorate in educational administration from the University of Southern California in 1988, and remains an avid Trojan fan.

Dr. Sayne has not only dedicated his life to ensuring excellence in education for his students in the school districts he has served, but he has also served his country with 34 years of military service, which includes active and reserve duty with the U.S. Marine Corps. He also joined the U.S. Navy Reserve, and in 2004, Dr. Sayne retired from the Navy Reserves with the rank of Commander.

Not only did he serve his country in the military and dedicate his life to improving the educational opportunities of his students, Dr. Sayne is active in the community, as a volunteer with Rotary International, the Association of California School Administrators, and the American Red Cross, where he is on the board of directors for the San Luis Obispo chapter and spent two weeks in Louisiana helping those communities impacted by Hurricane Katrina. He is also a former member of the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce board of directors and a current member of the Paso Robles Library Foundation board of directors.

Dr. Sayne will be remembered as an active and involved leader during his nine years at Paso Robles Joint Unified School District. Through his long career as both a teacher and a superintendent, he always put his students first, was a strong advocate for alternative education, and consistently worked with his teachers to examine student performance to ensure that his schools were making a difference for the students.

One of his proudest accomplishments as superintendent of Paso Robles Joint Unified School District was working with the California Office of Emergency Services, OES, and the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, to secure funding to rebuild Flamson Middle School, which was destroyed in the December 2003 San Simeon earthquake. His leadership and dogged determination ensured that Flamson will be rebuilt and will again serve the students of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District.

Dr. Sayne and his wife Mary currently live in Paso Robles and are the proud parents of daughters Cari and Kelly. He and his wife look forward to retirement and staying involved in the Paso Robles community, and I wish Dr. Sayne well in this new chapter of his life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADY COUGARS OF RICHARDSON'S CANYON CREEK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. I rise to congratulate the Lady Cougars of Richardson's Canyon Creek Christian Academy. They won the State championship in volleyball last weekend.

It's a true Cinderella story. Slated to finish last, with no seniors, the team defeated Tyler

All Saints Episcopal to clinch the coveted state title on the campus of TCU.

The Lady Cougars ruled with a 135–7 season. They'll celebrate their huge victory this Sunday at the Conquering the Giants Celebration at Canyon Creek Baptist Church in Richardson, TX.

Congratulations to the Lady Cougars. You make Texas proud.

TRIBUTE TO LUTHER W. HERNDON

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robeson County Commissioner Luther W. Herndon of St. Pauls, NC, who recently passed away. Affectionately referred to as "Bill" by those who knew him and those he served, Commissioner Herndon added new depth to the word, dedication. As a native Southeastern North Carolina and as a public servant, he offered an unwavering service to everything he did and to everyone who knew him, and unwavering commitment to his responsibilities as an elected official.

Born and reared in Robeson County, Commissioner Herndon understood the people he represented and cared deeply about making a positive difference in their lives. Over his lifetime, he experienced firsthand the dramatic changes that have taken place within our Nation's rural communities. Through his visionary leadership, he worked to ensure that the citizens of Robeson County were given the benefits that come with that progress. Because of his strong passion for his hometown, Commissioner Herndon never forgot the traditions and beliefs that make Robeson County unique. Through his dynamic leadership abilities, he was able to strike the crucial balance required by a community that values stability as well as change.

Commissioner Herndon spent more than one-third of his life in public office, sitting for 27 years on the Board of County Commissioners. His list of accomplishments as a public servant is extensive. Throughout his time in office, he worked on projects that improved the county's water services and water quality. Commissioner Herndon was instrumental in the construction of a landfill in his district that remains an example of waste management that is among the best in the State of North Carolina. He also was a strong supporter of county-led efforts to improve Social Security services among the underserved segments of the area.

Commissioner Herndon's dedication to Robeson County both as a native and as an elected official is an inspiration to us all. His record of service is a strong representation of what can be accomplished through devotion to a community and its people. As a retired member of the United States Army, it is not surprising that this dedication encompassed service offered to our Nation as well. The scope and depth of his vision for southeastern North Carolina will be felt for generations to follow. May God bless his family, and may we always remember the leadership and life of Commissioner Bill Herndon.

ORDERLY AND RESPONSIBLE IRAQ
REDEPLOYMENT APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4156, the "Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act," and I want to commend Speaker PELOSI and the Democratic leadership for bringing this bill to the Floor today.

The American people want a new direction in Iraq. By every measure, this war has cost Americans far too much—whether it's lives lost, dollars spent, or our reputation tarnished around the world.

H.R. 4156 would provide critical funding for the troops while also requiring that troops begin to redeploy from Iraq within 30 days of enactment with a goal of completion by December 15, 2008. The legislation would ensure that troops are not deployed to Iraq unless they have been fully trained and equipped. H.R. 4156 also would extend to all U.S. Government agencies and personnel the current prohibitions contained in the Army Field Manual against torture.

Just this week the Joint Economic Committee, of which I am a vice chair, released a study to examine the broader impact of the war on the American economy. So far the full economic costs of the Iraq war are about double the immense Federal budget costs that have been reported to the American people.

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that Federal spending on the war could reach \$2.4 trillion by 2017. Our JEC report finds that when you add in the "hidden costs" of the war, the total economic costs will rise by over \$1 trillion to \$3.5 trillion. The report reveals how we are all paying for this war one way or another—whether it's higher prices at the pump, lost business investment, rising interest payments on the debt, or fixing all the broken bodies and our stretched military.

The President has asked Congress for an additional \$200 billion for Iraq, bringing the total request to \$607 billion in direct expenditures since the start of the war. This is well over 10 times more than the \$50 to \$60 billion cost estimated by the Administration prior to the start of the war, with no end in sight from this President.

This legislation sends the President an important message: start bringing our troops home, now.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

ORDERLY AND RESPONSIBLE IRAQ
REDEPLOYMENT APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I believe this legislation is the most important bill the House takes up this year because it will bring an end

to the war in Iraq by bringing our troops home safely, honorably, and responsibly.

The bill mandates the start of an "immediate and orderly" withdrawal of U.S. armed forces in Iraq within 30 days after enactment. It also requires that the reduction of forces be done in conjunction with comprehensive diplomatic, political, and economic strategies involving Iraq's neighbors.

The bill provides \$50 billion for the cost of redeployment, not the \$196.4 billion the President has requested to keep the war going.

H.R. 4156 prohibits the use of torture on any person under U.S. custody. This is absolutely necessary because the Administration continues to defend this technique which is not sanctioned in the U.S. Army Field Manual.

The war in Iraq has taken a severe toll on our military. One and one-half million military personnel (or 30 percent of our military) have been deployed to Iraq more than once. Many of our soldiers are redeployed in less than a year. Our troops are exhausted, their equipment is shot and yet the President remains firmly committed to a Korea-like presence in Iraq for years. Our military readiness is severely threatened and our country is less safe today because of the President's ill-conceived and botched-up execution of this war.

The legislation recognizes our military readiness is at its lowest point since the Vietnam war and in order to reverse this, it requires that the President certify to Congress 15 days prior to deployment that our armed forces are "fully mission capable."

This Administration's sole focus on Iraq has left Afghanistan in an extraordinary state of vulnerability. We have seen the reemergence of the Taliban, soaring drug production, and the increase of attacks on U.S. and NATO forces. By all measures, the country is at risk of slipping away. This is a terrible and dangerous mistake. Although time is short, there is still an opportunity to defeat our enemies in Afghanistan once and for all. The President must acknowledge what's at stake and immediately take action to prevent the country from returning to what it was—a haven for international terrorism.

The President's justification for the surge was that "reducing the violence in Baghdad will help make reconciliation possible." By all accounts, including the August 2007 National Intelligence Estimate, NIE, the Iraqi government's political progress is stalled. The NIE stated that the "Iraqi Government will continue to struggle to achieve national-level political reconciliation and improved governance." The NIE goes on to state that "broadly accepted political compromises required for sustained security . . . are unlikely to emerge unless there is a fundamental shift in the factors driving Iraqi political developments." It is clear from this NIE that the Iraqi government has done little if anything to initiate political reconciliation.

The American people are demanding a new direction in Iraq. They do not want the President's 10-year war with no end in sight. In fact 68 percent of Americans oppose the war in Iraq and 60 percent support a withdrawal of our troops.

I strongly support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do so as well. We can begin a new and better chapter for America and the world by changing the policy in Iraq.

ORDERLY AND RESPONSIBLE IRAQ
REDEPLOYMENT APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I support the legislation before us today because I believe it represents a safe and responsible way to bring our troops home from Iraq. The President has had more than four years to demonstrate leadership in Iraq, but at every turn his decisions have dragged us deeper into an ethnic and sectarian crisis that the President seems incapable of solving. Eleven months ago, the bipartisan Iraq Study Group released its report, which offered a comprehensive plan to build up the Iraqi government and create the political and security stability needed to bring our troops home. Unfortunately, the President rejected this bipartisan approach and instead implemented his troop surge. As a result, 2007 was the deadliest year for our troops since the beginning of the war, and we are no closer to a political solution to the problems in Iraq than we were when the troop surge began. Because the President refuses to take responsibility for his failed strategy, I believe it is time for Congress to act.

The legislation before us today provides our troops with the funding and equipment they need to safely do their job. This includes funding for our continued efforts to provide security and support for the government of Afghanistan. However, it is a far cry from the blank check that the President requested. It requires the President to begin redeploying troops out of Iraq within 30 days of enactment, and sets a goal for total redeployment by December 15, 2008. The bill also requires the President to undertake diplomatic efforts designed to engage other regional and international actors in providing for a secure Iraq. It includes important provisions that ensure the first troops sent home are the ones who have served in Iraq the longest, and that no more troops can be sent to Iraq unless they have all of the equipment and training that they need.

I had hoped that this bill would also include funding to address the growing refugee crisis in Iraq. While I am disappointed this issue is not being addressed today, I have been assured that Congress will act soon to assist the millions of Iraqis who have been displaced because of sectarian fighting.

This legislation is not perfect, but I believe that it is worth supporting because it will require the President to do something he has so far refused to do: explain to the public how he plans to get our troops out of Iraq. In fact, this bill would make it clear to the President that he will not get one more dime from Congress until his redeployment plan has been submitted. I applaud Chairman OBEY for staying true to his pledge to send the President an Iraq spending bill with accountability and timelines built in. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation because it represents an important first step towards holding the President accountable and safely bringing our troops home from Iraq.