

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES of North Carolina addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CONAWAY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, Monday, April 23 of this year marked the beginning of Small Business Week, honoring small business owners and their employees for their dedication and hard work that has helped to ensure that this Nation continues to remain a strong leader in the global economy.

This week, we celebrate their countless hours, their commitment to their families, communities and our Nation. The 11th district of Texas boasts a large number of successful small businesses and, combined, they have labored extraordinarily to establish themselves as a backbone of our economy. They have provided numerous jobs, endless opportunities, and sustained economic growth.

Mathis Field Cafe in San Angelo, Texas, is one of the small businesses that I am proud to represent in Washington. Mathis Field Cafe employs 26 people, specializing in serving authentic Chinese cuisine. It was founded by two Chinese immigrants in 1988, Sam and Rose Ng, who are now United States citizens running this very successful small business.

It is small establishments like this one in the 11th District of Texas that I proudly represent and that I want to honor and thank for their tireless efforts day in and day out. Steady pro-economic and pro-business policies encourage job growth and allow our small businesses to thrive. I expect to see cafe and other small businesses in District 11 reap the benefits of our strong economy and give back. This week we honor all small businesses alike.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT WILLIAM W. BUSHNELL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a fallen Arkansas hero, in fact, a true American hero, SGT William W. Bushnell of Jasper, Arkansas.

Sergeant Bushnell was a member of the 1st Cavalry at Fort Bliss. Sadly, he died from his wounds this past Saturday after his vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

Sergeant Bushnell's father, Wesley, told the Associated Press, "Billy served proudly in the airborne infantry. That's what he wanted to do when he joined and proud to do it. His shoulder was hurt a while back, and he went to a hospital in Kuwait. All he could think about was getting back in with his comrades in Baghdad."

This is the type of commitment towards others we can be so very proud of, to his fellow soldiers and commitment to his country.

My prayers, the prayers of my family, and the prayers of Arkansas are with the Bushnell family. I humbly offer my thanks to Sergeant Bushnell for his selfless service to the security and well-being of all Americans.

IN MEMORY OF ROSCOE LEE BROWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness and a deep sense of loss that we received the word of the passing of Roscoe Lee Brown on April 11, 2007. Mr. BROWN was a distinguished Californian whose deeds and life merit the grateful acknowledgment of his community, his State, the Nation and the world.

Roscoe was born on May 2, 1925, in Woodbury, New Jersey. He graduated from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1946, earned his post-graduate degree at Middlebury College, and did graduate studies at Columbia University.

In college, Roscoe was also a star athlete, winning the world championship in the 800 meters in 1951. After finishing his college and post-graduate career, Roscoe returned to Lincoln, where he taught French and comparative literature.

At a dinner party in 1956, Roscoe announced his decision to become an actor, auditioned for and won a role in Julius Caesar the next day at the newly formed New York Shakespeare Festival, and found his life-long artistic passion, performing five more roles with that company.

In 1961, Roscoe appeared with James Earl Jones in the original off-Broadway cast of Jean Genet's landmark play, "The Blacks." He won an Obie for his role in "The Old Glory," received the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award for both "The Dream on Monkey Mountain" in 1970, and "Joe Turner's Come and Gone" in 1989.

He wrote and directed "An Evening of Negro Poetry and Folk Music," 1966, returned to Broadway in Tommy Tune's 1983 "Kicking the Clouds Away," and earned a Tony nomination in August Wilson's "Two Trains Running." That was 1992.

In 1962, Roscoe made his debut in films, appearing in "The Connection." He has also appeared in "The Comedians" in 1967; "Up Tight!" in 1968, Hitchcock's "Topaz" in 1969, "The Liberation of L.B. Jones," "Superfly," "Uptown Saturday Night," "Logan's Run," "Legal Eagles," "The Mambo Kings" and "Dear God."

Roscoe's television career included memorable appearances on all the top 1970 sitcoms, including "All in the Family," "Maude," "Sanford and Son," "Good Times," and "Barney Miller." He replaced Robert Guillaume on "Soap," and in 1986 he won an Emmy guesting on "The Cosby Show."

His resonant baritone was heard in documentaries, live-action fare and animated films, as well as the spoken-word arena with such symphony orchestras as the Boston Pops and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. For many years he and actor Anthony Zerbe toured the United States in "Behind the Broken Words," an evening of poetry and dramatic readings.

Roscoe Lee Brown was a person of exceptional talent and accomplishments. He was among the first generation of African-American actors who sought to ply their craft during a period that rarely acknowledged or provided opportunity to persons of color.

It can truly be said that the Denzel Washingtons and other younger black actors in movies and television stood on the backs of giants like Roscoe Lee Brown, who blazed a trail for them through perseverance, hard work, and uncommon displays of exceptional talent.

May he rest in peace.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. TIM MURPHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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A SAD AND SOBERING DAY FOR AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. CLARKE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. PRICE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, this is a sobering and sad day for America and for the House of Representatives. The Iraq supplemental war bill came to the floor this evening. It is a bill where the President had requested the resources of the American

people to support American men and women in harm's way nearly 11 weeks ago. The bill that came to the floor tonight had that amount of resources, and then some. It had over \$20 billion in extra money, Madam Speaker, money that nobody could honestly say with a straight face was appropriate in an emergency supplemental bill.

In addition to that, it also had all sorts of timelines and arbitrary benchmarks that make it so that the Speaker of the House and every single Member of this House is in fact a commander-in-chief.

There was celebration on the other side of the aisle when this bill passed, muted. I would suggest, Madam Speaker, it was a little embarrassed, because they understand in their heart what they have done. What they have done is a shameful action, Madam Speaker.

General Petraeus came to visit the Congress today. General Petraeus is the Commander of Coalition Forces in Iraq. General Petraeus and his men and women are putting their lives on the line, day in and day out.

He came to the House today. He came to Congress today to ask for clarification of what Congress had intended. He asked for the opportunity to inform the House of Representatives, the Members of the House. And from what I heard this evening, Madam Speaker, the majority party didn't listen and they didn't learn. All they have done, apparently, is to work on legislation that will ensure defeat.

Madam Speaker, this majority party is vested in failure. Vested in failure. Their actions do a disservice to our troops. They say to our troops, we have got no faith in you. We don't believe in your mission. We don't believe in you. That is what this majority party says.

They send the wrong message to our allies. What they say to our allies is that you can't trust America. America's word is not good, given this majority party.

And they send the wrong message to our enemies. What they say to our enemies is, all you have to do is wait.

Madam Speaker, this is a sad and a shameful day. The majority leader in the United States Senate has said that this war is lost. "This war is lost."

I stood with parents of a constituent of mine this weekend, Madam Speaker, this past weekend, who was on his way to Iraq that very day. They asked me, what am I supposed to say to my son? It is a heart-wrenching question. Madam Speaker, when you have the majority leader in the United States Senate saying that the war is lost. It is in headlines across this Nation that the majority leader says this war is lost.

Madam Speaker, I think it is incumbent, given that kind of statement by the majority leader in the United States Senate, for the House Democrat leaders to come down to this floor and say what they believe. Do they believe the war is lost? Do they agree with Senator REID?

Madam Speaker, their silence is deafening. Do you hear them? What do they say? Are they here tonight? Are they here to say what they believe about our troops? Are they here to say that they believe in the men and women who are protecting our freedom and working as hard as they can to protect themselves?

Madam Speaker, this Democrat silence is deafening. What a shame. What a terrible shame.

Madam Speaker, it pains me and it saddens me to say what appears to be leading these new Democrats is the same as the old, and that that it is all politics all the time. What a shame.

30-SOMETHING WORKING GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) is recognized for 50 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to be able to kick off what I hope will be a very interesting hour. Every week we try to get together at least once as members of the 30-Something Working Group at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House to talk about some of the most pressing issues, not only to this country at large, but in particular to the young people of this country. I appreciate the Speaker giving us this opportunity.

We are hopefully going to be joined today by some of the veteran 30-Something Members, but we are going to kick today off with Mr. ALTMIRE of Pennsylvania and myself and our special guest today from New Hampshire, young-at-heart PAUL HODES.

Madam Speaker, I think the gentleman from Georgia is right on one point at least, that this is a sobering week here in the halls of Congress. We have had a lot of bad news this week. We have mourned the death of far too many young people at Virginia Tech. We have mourned the loss of one of our own here on the House floor. We are wrapping up a month in which we have seen 86 more soldiers die on the battlefields of Iraq amidst a growing civil war, a war now that has cost over 3,300 lives, 24,000 wounded and \$379 billion spent.

Our friend who just gave the final 5-minute speech on the other side of the aisle suggested that the silence was deafening from the Democratic side tonight in this Chamber. Well, we were talking all day. We were talking last week and the week before. There was no silence on this side of the aisle. For the first time, for the first time, this Congress picked its head up out of the sand to realize what is really happening over in Iraq.

You can talk all you want about failure and defeat and victory, but you have got to be a little bit clear about what we are talking about over there, because maybe we entered into a fight

with an army commanded by Saddam Hussein, but we have now got ourselves mired in what is a civil war.

Madam Speaker, I got the chance, along with five other Members of this body, three Republicans, three Democrats, to go over to Iraq and Afghanistan a few weeks ago, and we asked the generals on the ground a very simple question: Of all of the fire that you find yourselves in the middle of on the streets of Baghdad, tell us what percentage of that which is directed at U.S. forces is a fight from insurgents directly against the United States, and tell us what percentage of that fire is sectarian strife, Sunnis and Shia fighting each other.

I have to tell you, listening to the other side, you would have no clue that the answer was 90 percent. Ninety percent of the fire directed at U.S. forces is simply by virtue of us being in the middle of what has become a civil war there.

So you can continue to bury your heads in the sand while we talk about this tonight, but we choose not to. We chose to side with the American people, 60 percent of whom say unequivocally that they want a timetable to bring our troops home. We sided with the Iraq Study Group, some of our top foreign policy leaders in this country, Republicans and Democrats, who unanimously stood up to say it is time to redeploy our forces. We stood with some of the brightest and most courageous military generals.

We have come to the position that it is de rigueur for generals to speak out against the war, because it seems that there is a new one coming out and talking about the tragedy of this war every day. Well, this didn't happen up until the Iraq conflict. You have never seen this number of former military men standing up and suggesting we need to set a different course.

So maybe this is a little bit of a quiet room tonight after a very long day, but, yes this was a loud and boisterous hall earlier tonight, because for the first time in a long time, this Congress stood up and excerpted the will of the American people.

Before I kick it over to Mr. ALTMIRE and Mr. HODES, let me just quickly talk about what we did here today.

You want to talk about supporting the troops. Let's talk about the fact that this bill had every dollar that the President asked for in it, and more. And more. We put in more money to make sure that every single troop has the equipment, the protection, the armor that they need.

This bill has \$1.7 billion in additional money beyond what the President asked for for veterans, \$1.7 billion beyond what the President asked for for healthcare for our existing armed forces.

You want to talk about supporting the troops, then you better look at the words and the numbers in this bill, balls what the President wanted, he got, and we put more on top of it to