

relatively soon." 3/27/2003, Deputy Secretary Wolfowitz, who was promoted to the World Bank so he could get his girlfriend a job. He was kind of wrong, too.

Now the scandals are unfolding about what little reconstruction has been done and how poorly it was done. But Halliburton has benefited tremendously—over \$25 billion of no-bid contracts which has probably boosted Vice President CHENEY's portfolio quite a bit. So there have been some successes in this effort.

Our troops have done everything that was asked, many of them now on their second and third tour of duty. They are mired in the midst of a 1,400-year-old sectarian conflict—a civil war. The Iraqi government has delivered on no promises to take meaningful steps to end that civil war. There is not a singular military solution to this conflict. There must be a political solution in Iraq. There must be diplomacy in the region. And yes to the President and the Vice President—we need a new direction.

And this Congress is listening to the professionals. Unfortunately, mostly we have to hear from the retired generals and the others because those who are still in uniform are being gagged by this administration from giving their true opinions about the changes that are necessary to extract our troops from the midst of that conflict.

This is a sad fourth anniversary. But it is the first anniversary of attempts by this Congress to stand up for its constitutional obligations and begin to try and change course, to end the stay-the-course, open-ended commitment of George Bush and DICK CHENEY who have been wrong every step of the way.

Someone else needs to push for change in Iraq, because it will never come from this White House.

GEORGE SCHAEFER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized during morning hour debates for 2 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished businessman, philanthropist, decorated military officer, fellow West Point graduate and a pillar of our community in northern Kentucky and Cincinnati.

Next month Mr. George Schaefer will retire from his position at Fifth Third Bank. Beginning as a management trainee in 1971 after completing his service in the Army, George rose through the ranks at Fifth Third and helped the company to grow into one of the largest financial institutions and bank holding companies in the United States.

As George's career grew, so too did his commitment to making the entire Cincinnati metropolitan region a better place to live, work and go to school.

He has raised millions of dollars for the United Way and the Cincinnati Fine Arts Fund. For 12 years, he sat on the board of trustees of the University of Cincinnati where he helped the University grow into one of the Nation's premier educational institutions.

George, while your talents and leadership will surely be missed at Fifth Third, I know that your inspired work in the community will continue. I wish to thank you and your wife Betty Ann for all of your service and wish you the best as you embark on this new chapter in your life.

Thank you for your service to our Nation in uniform, for answering the Nation's call. Thank you for your contributions to our community. Thank you for pouring yourself into so many aspects to improve the quality of lives for our communities in northern Kentucky and the greater Cincinnati area and every city where Fifth Third is involved.

We are grateful for that commitment, for the example of service and your upholding the values that we both share of duty, honor and country.

HONORING NICK POLIZZOTTO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) is recognized during morning hour debates for 2 minutes.

Mr. DONNELLY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today in tribute to Corporal Nick Polizzotto, 9-year veteran of the South Bend Police Department who gave his life in the line of duty. For the people of South Bend, Indiana, Corporal Polizzotto is our hero.

On April 24th, 2007, a report of gunshots brought Corporal Polizzotto and his partner, Patrolman Michael Norby, to a local motel. There at 1:37 a.m. an armed suspect shot both policemen, killing Corporal Polizzotto and wounding Patrolman Norby. Patrolman Norby credits Corporal Polizzotto with saving his life.

Our community has lost a beloved family member, a generous friend, a devoted father, and a dedicated protector. Often described as having a heart of gold, he proudly wore his uniform and bravely patrolled the streets of our city until making the ultimate sacrifice.

Born and raised in South Bend, Nick always wanted to be a police officer. During his many years as a South Bend officer, he received 18 commendations and was officer of the month in 2006.

Corporal Polizzotto leaves behind his parents, his wonderful son Joe and Joe's mom Michelle, a brother Tony, a sister Amy and countless relatives and friends who loved him. South Bend has lost a brave guardian.

Mr. Speaker, we grieve for our hero, Corporal Nick Polizzotto. May God welcome him home and give comfort to his family and friends.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 44 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until noon.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas) at noon.

PRAAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord our God, great provider and bulwark of justice, listen to our prayers today as we pray for all those who by their daily labor build Your kingdom and establish relationships that will last.

Created in Your image and commissioned to be stewards of creation, guide the judgments of our minds and the precision of our hands that the work of this day may give You glory and serve the needs of our sisters and brothers.

Since we look upon the whole universe in relation to You, order all the endeavors of the human family to benefit the least in our midst and realize Your gracious plan at work in our humble service.

To You be praise, glory, and honor now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GINGREY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 328, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of

the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald:

The gentleman from California, Mr. STARK

The gentlewoman from California, Ms. PELOSI, and the members of the California delegation:

Mr. GEORGE MILLER

Mr. WAXMAN

Mr. LEWIS

Mr. DREIER

Mr. HUNTER

Mr. LANTOS

Mr. BERMAN

Mr. GALLEGLY

Mr. HERGER

Mr. ROHRABACHER

Mr. DOOLITTLE

Ms. WATERS

Mr. BECERRA

Mr. CALVERT

Ms. ESHOO

Mr. FILNER

Mr. MCKEON

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD

Mr. ROYCE

Ms. WOOLSEY

Mr. FARR

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN

Mr. RADANOVICH

Mr. SHERMAN

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ

Mrs. TAUSCHER

Mrs. CAPPAS

Mrs. BONO

Ms. LEE

Mr. GARY G. MILLER

Mrs. NAPOLITANO

Mr. THOMPSON

Mr. BACA

Ms. HARMAN

Mrs. DAVIS

Mr. HONDA

Mr. ISSA

Mr. SCHIFF

Ms. SOLIS

Ms. WATSON

Mr. CARDOZA

Mr. NUNES

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Mr. COSTA

Ms. MATSUI

Mr. CAMPBELL

Mr. BILBRAY

Mr. McCARTHY

Mr. MCNERNEY, and

Mr. CONYERS, Michigan

Mr. LEWIS, Georgia

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, American Samoa

Mr. McDERMOTT, Washington

Ms. NORTON, District of Columbia

Mr. JEFFERSON, Louisiana

Mr. BISHOP, Georgia

Ms. CORRINE BROWN, Florida

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Texas

Mr. SCOTT, Virginia

Mr. WATT, North Carolina

Mr. THOMPSON, Mississippi

Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Texas

Mr. CUMMINGS, Maryland

Mr. HINOJOSA, Texas

Ms. KILPATRICK, Michigan

Mr. KUCINICH, Ohio

Mr. MEEKS, New York

Ms. BERKLEY, Nevada

Mr. GONZALEZ, Texas

Mr. HOLT, New Jersey

Mrs. JONES, Ohio

Mr. DAVIS, Alabama

Mr. MEEK, Florida

Mr. SCOTT, Georgia

Mr. BUTTERFIELD, North Carolina

Mr. CLEAVER, Missouri

Mr. AL GREEN, Texas

Ms. MOORE, Wisconsin

Ms. CLARKE, New York

Mr. ELLISON, Minnesota

Mr. JOHNSON, Georgia

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

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

Mr. COHEN. Today is the fourth anniversary of the President of the United States announcing "Mission Accomplished." It is also the day of the publication of a book called "The Life and Times of Warren Zevon," a biography of a dear friend of mine who was a late, great singer/song writer. I wanted to address both topics, and I think I can do it together.

Four years ago, when the President announced "Mission Accomplished," he was right if he was talking about Saddam Hussein's government being toppled; but otherwise, he was wrong and he has been channeling Warren Zevon who said, "I'm caught between a rock and a hard place. Send lawyers, guns, and money. The Shiites have hit the fan."

Warren Zevon, requiescat in pace. Mr. President, please sign the bill the Congress has given you to end this war, to end the occupation, and to bring our troops home.

WE MUST PROVIDE FOR OUR TROOPS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, just this morning we received reports that the al Qaeda leader in Iraq has been killed. Despite such signs that support for the terrorist group in Iraq is fading, Democrats in Congress continue to advocate retreat and defeat. Fortunately for American families and our troops in the battlefield, we have a Commander in Chief who understands that victory is essential. As the Washington Post has editorialized: "America's defeat will lead to catastrophic civilian deaths, the reestablishment of terrorist training camps, and possibly a regional war. We must face the terrorists overseas, or we will face them again in the streets of America."

Our Nation is at war. Our troops are bravely serving their country. We have a responsibility to provide for their well-being. I support President Bush's pending veto and look forward to passing a clean supplemental bill that fully funds our soldiers' mission of protecting American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

A NEW DIRECTION

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, 4 years ago, the President declared victory onboard the *Abraham Lincoln*.

Indeed, our troops have performed valiantly and achieved military victory. There is no question about that or their performance. But 4 years later, we find ourselves still in a quagmire, a quagmire that even the head of the CIA said was now all trumped up with misinformation, misled the country, sacrificing brave men and women and their lives in Iraq.

What we need is for the President to step up and recognize what the American people are calling for: a new direction. Refocus on Afghanistan, go after the terrorists where they are, go after Osama bin Laden, the people who actually took down the tower, and end this quagmire. And the only reason that we are there and continue to lose lives, because there is no mission other than arrogance and hubris that has led this President to stay this course in spite of the sacrifice by our brave troops and men, when 61 percent of the Iraqi people say it is okay to kill Americans, that sectarian violence is okay, and in the midst of the civil war is not where we belong.

IRAQ SUPPLEMENT

(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, indeed it is an anniversary. It's about the 80th-day anniversary since the President asked for funding for our troops. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the theatrics the Democratic majority is trying to pass off as some kind of policy.

Today, Speaker PELOSI will stage an elaborate and politically timed signing ceremony for the Iraq troop withdrawal bill Congress passed 5 days ago. As President Bush has already vowed to veto this irresponsible legislation, Speaker PELOSI's theatrics are simply slowing down the process of getting much needed funding and money to our troops.

Let me remind the American people that our warfighters have been waiting nearly 3 months for Congress to pass the President's requested supplemental funding for the war. The Democratic leader might think a few days here don't mean much, don't matter much. Every day they stall to appease left-wing activists is another day our military must wait for the funding it needs to win this war.

Madam Speaker, I admonish Speaker PELOSI to quit playing politics with our