

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair and not to the President.

HONORING THE CAREER AND RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FRANCES E. ALLEN, THE 2006 RECIPIENT OF THE A.M. TURING AWARD

(Mr. HALL of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HALL of New York. Madam Speaker, on a different subject, regarding H. Con. Res. 95, I thank my colleague, Ms. WOOLSEY from California, for introducing this resolution honoring Dr. Frances Allen.

Through her years of groundbreaking work at IBM, Frances Allen has been described as a pioneer, teacher, mentor and friend, and I am proud to say a constituent of mine in New York's 19th District. Now, the A.M. Turing award winner can be added to that last list.

The A.M. Turing award is considered to be the Nobel Prize of computing, and I cannot think of an individual more deserving than Frances Allen. Her work has been groundbreaking; not an exaggeration to say it's been part of one of the great technological revolutions in history.

Over the course of her career, Frances Allen's long journey took her from a teacher of FORTRAN to a nationally recognized leader in computer science.

At IBM's T.J. Watson Research Center in Hawthorne, New York, her research and development of program languages and algorithms helped to create the theory of optimization and laid the foundation for much of today's compilers and high performance computing systems.

Her work has been a bridge from the theoretical to the practical in the computer science.

Just as her work has been pioneering, Frances herself has been a pioneer in advancing the role of women in computer science.

An Advisory Council Member of the Anita Borg Institute for Women in Technology, whose goal it is to increase the participation of women in all aspects of technology, she has worked tirelessly to help more women enter the field, and has served as a role model for women and men hoping to make new breakthroughs in computing.

In 1989, she was the first woman to be given prestigious title of IBM fellow. It would seem fitting then that she is also the first woman to receive the A.M. Turing award.

Described as a strong mentor, and noted for her willingness to lend her expertise, advice and experience to anyone, from a struggling graduate student to a university president to an

industry executive. Through it all, she's been willing to stand up for what she believes in, and has had a remarkable career.

Dr. Allen is a great source of pride for the Hudson Valley, and I congratulate her for receiving the prestigious A.M. Turing award.

OPERATION HOMEFRONT MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, as the contentious and sometimes ugly debate over our strategy in Iraq continues here in Washington, it's important to remember that there are patriotic Americans helping with positive activity abroad and at home. And today it's my privilege to acknowledge the incredible work being done by some folks in my State of Georgia and all across this Nation. Operation Homefront is a national nonprofit organization founded in the wake of September 11. The decent and committed Americans at Operation Homefront are providing necessary assistance and comfort to our troops and their family.

Through financial assistance programs and other goods and services, these tireless volunteers are helping America's military families cope with the everyday difficulties that they face. They are truly making a difference.

Our military families deserve nothing less than the unending gratitude and support of our entire Nation. Thanks to Operation Homefront for their efforts. I encourage every American to get involved. And let's show our military men and women that we honor their sacrifice, and we will never forget all that they do to defend our freedom at home and abroad.

IRAQ

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

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, 4 years ago, President Bush used soldiers and sailors as stage props to declare "Major combat operations in Iraq have ended." Those combat operations indeed, should have ended, in fact, they should never have begun. This combat was constitutionally and strategically unjustifiable, operationally poorly executed with regard to armoring and deploying the troops, and politically and diplomatically disastrous.

This war is not making anyone safer or more free and it cannot be won militarily. As retired General Odom said, "The challenge we face today is not how to win in Iraq; it is how to recover from a strategic mistake: invading Iraq in the first place."

The President continues to squander American influence, blood and treasure. The President's intransigence is

why our Congress was forced to pass a spending bill that forces a change in course in Iraq. The President needs to know that the days of congressional blank checks in support of a failed policy are over.

IRAQ SUPPLEMENTAL

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

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, time is running out to send our troops the funds and resources they need to continue their critical mission in Iraq. It is time to pass a porkless supplemental bill aimed at victory rather than defeat.

The National Intelligence Estimate released in January warned of the perils of an early troop withdrawal stating, "If coalition forces were withdrawn rapidly during the term of this estimate, we judge that this almost certainly would lead to a significant increase in the scale and scope of sectarian conflict in Iraq."

Many on the other side of the aisle urge Congress to heed the other warnings in this document, yet they willfully ignore this particular warning. They prefer a strategy that would tie the hands of our military commanders on the ground, removing our troops and continuing a defeatist policy of cut and run.

It is obvious to me that Washington Democrats would exploit our troops to make a political statement rather than work in a bipartisan fashion to provide our brave men and women in uniform the funding they need.

Madam Speaker, it is time we vote a clean supplemental to give our troops the support they must have.

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NEW DIRECTION IN IRAQ

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, it is absolutely correct: 4 years ago President Bush stood before this sign declaring "Mission Accomplished," but today he insists on staying the course. To accomplish our own mission, President Bush needs to listen. He needs to listen to the retired military generals who support the approach of this Congress.

Retired MG Paul Eaton said, "This bill gives General Petraeus great leverage for moving the Iraqi Government down the more disciplined path laid out by the Iraq Study Group."

LTG William Odom said, "The bill gives the President a chance to pull back from a disastrous course, reorient U.S. strategy to achieve regional stability, and win help from many other countries, the only way peace will eventually be achieved."

Major General Montano said the bill "not only reflects the thinking of the

Iraq Study Group but puts teeth to the phrase of 'supporting our troops.'"

Madam Speaker, the President needs to listen. He needs to listen to these retired generals.

And, Mr. President, I will not address you directly, but I would ask you, Madam Speaker, to allow me to say that the bill will be on his desk this afternoon.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair must remind all Members on both sides of the aisle that they should refrain from trafficking the well while another is under recognition.

URGING A CLEAN IRAQ
EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

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

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, here we are again. Another week has gone by, and we are still discussing the Iraq emergency supplemental. The Democrats were successful in forwarding a strategy of cut and run, knowing the entire time their strategy would be vetoed by the President.

It is an ill-conceived idea to state you support the troops on the one hand while on the other hand you push forward with legislation that you know has no chance of gaining the President's support. I believe the Democrat leadership owes the American people an explanation of why they would do this.

Time is up and the Democrats need to come back to the realization that our troops don't deserve to be caught in the political mess between the radical left and the rest of the Democrat Party. It is time for a clean supplemental to come to the floor so that we can send the President a bill that supports our troops without handcuffing our generals and withdrawing our troops before this critical mission is complete.

THE IRAQ WAR

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, 4 years after the banner was unfurled, these are the missions that have been accomplished by the President:

America is more divided than at any time since the Vietnam War. The Iraq Government has before it a sweetheart deal that benefits Big Oil that the U.S. brokered behind the scenes. Read Josh Holland's investigative piece on alternet.com;

America is increasingly isolated in the Arab world, and countries that

looked up to America now look out or look the other way. Read Rami Khouri's commentary published in the April 19 issue of the Daily Star in Lebanon;

The number of Pentagon contractors in Iraq who are profiting in the spoils of war, raking in vast sums of U.S. taxpayer money, nearly equals the number of U.S. soldiers. Read "Iraq War: a Nice Little Earner" in the Asia Times newspaper dated April 19;

Americans are so fed up with the President's state of denial that they returned Democratic majorities to the House and Senate last November. Read the April 26 editorial in my hometown newspaper, the Seattle PI: "Iraq: Keep Speaking Out."

Missions accomplished? All but the most important one: getting U.S. soldiers out of Iraq.

That is the will of the American people and the mission of the new Congress.

IT IS TIME THE DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP PUT OUR TROOPS, NOT POLITICAL STATEMENTS, FIRST

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

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, now that the Democrats have satisfied their base and passed a bill that is guaranteed to be vetoed and delayed the necessary funding for our troops, we need to get down to business and pass a clean supplemental.

Yesterday I received a letter from a marine mom. She said she was embarrassed and saddened by the fact that somebody would leave her son and those fighting forces that are doing such a wonderful job in harm's way without funding their needs as they fight the battle for freedom. This lady was heart broken that a portion of this Congress would vote not to provide a clean bill for her son's protection.

The Chicago Tribune editorial says that President Bush is going to veto this spending bill because it has a timetable for withdrawal, and it goes on to say: "He is right to do so."

We have a new commanding general on the ground and he has a plan, and that plan has not even started to be executed. We are already seeing modest improvements.

I urge my colleagues, and that marine mom urges my colleagues, to support a clean supplemental. It is time the Democrat leadership put our troops, not political statements, first.

THE IRAQ WAR

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

Mr. MAHONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, on Sunday in a speech at Miami Dade College, the President said to graduating students, "One of the great strengths of America is that the

most important issues are decided by the will of the people."

Today, on the fourth anniversary of "Mission Accomplished," the President is faced with a choice: either listen to the will of the American people to refocus our strengths to win the war on terror by signing the emergency supplemental bill or continue to send our brave men and women into harm's way to police a religious civil war.

Madam Speaker, today the President will decide if he will veto our bill and, in doing so, deny critical funding for our troops and for our veterans. His veto will let our troops down by not giving them the rest, the equipment, and training they need.

Madam Speaker, today all Americans need to pray for our President. We need to pray for wisdom. We need to pray that he listens to his advisers, his generals, the Iraqi people. And, most importantly, we pray that he will listen to the will of the American people.

SEND THE PRESIDENT A CLEAN BILL THAT GIVES OUR TROOPS THE MONEY THEY NEED

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

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, we've got the lights. We've got the cameras. We've got the characters for some fine political theater in the House of Representatives today.

Last week this Congress passed an ill-conceived, wrong-headed, ill-fated war funding bill, even though every Member of this House knew the President would veto it, even though our troops are on the front lines of a war awaiting this funding.

And while the troops face fire, the Democratic leaders fiddled. They slowed down the process even more by sitting on the bill for days.

Madam Speaker, it's time for the majority to change out of their costumes, take down the curtain, take their bow, and exit stage left because Americans don't want to see the last act of this Democratic script that calls for waving the white flag of surrender.

We owe it to our Nation and to our troops to change the ending of the story. Send the President a clean bill and give the troops the money they need to do the job. And they will be victorious.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, last Thursday, April 26, on roll call No. 269, I missed the vote. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted in the affirmative.

URGING SUPPORT FOR A CLEAN IRAQ EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL BILL

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