

and family in celebrating the 90th birthday of this wonderful man.

DEMOCRATIC BUDGET IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE BUT ALSO FUNDS CRITICAL PRIORITIES

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

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, today we continue debate on the Democratic budget that boosts economic growth and restores fiscal responsibility. While the Bush administration's budget priorities and policies are responsible for the largest fiscal deterioration in our Nation's history, the 2009 Democratic budget is not only balanced by 2012, but it also invests in our Nation's top priorities.

We reject the President's budget proposal because it creates a \$396 billion deficit this year, while cutting funding for Medicaid and Medicare, veterans and homeland security. Our budget rejects the President's cuts and instead fully invests in Medicare and Medicaid, so that the most vulnerable amongst us, our children and our seniors, continue to have access to healthcare assistance.

We also reject the President's proposal to add more than \$18 billion, billion with a B, over the next 5 years in new fees for our veterans and military retirees.

We reject the President's attempt to eliminate several State and local law enforcement programs, including the successful COPS, Community Oriented Policing Services program, which has put more police on the street to help reduce crime.

CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE VOTE ON THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

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

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, the Protect America Act expired on February 16. It has been almost a full month since the majority allowed this important element of our national security to lapse.

President Lincoln once told this Nation, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Madam Speaker, for this past month, Democratic leadership has needlessly attempted to divide this Congress on a national security matter. A bipartisan majority of this House wants to adopt the Senate version of the bill to restore our intelligence teams' ability to protect us, but we have been denied a chance to even vote on the Senate measure.

The leadership has kept this House divided, and for what reason? This morning the newspapers are full of reports that we are jeopardizing our national security in order to benefit the trial lawyers, who stand to gain billions of dollars in suits against the telecommunications companies. These

are the companies that reportedly responded to pleas from our government for help, and now they are subject to potentially crippling lawsuits.

A house divided against itself cannot stand. The people of this great Nation expect bipartisan action, and the time is long overdue to come together.

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IN MEMORY OF ALDO TATANGELO

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

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a man that made a significant impact on my hometown of Laredo, former Mayor Aldo Tatangelo.

Mayor Tatangelo passed away last Friday, but not before leaving a mark on our great city. Mayor Aldo Tatangelo served as mayor in Laredo from 1978 to 1990. He is remembered by those closest to him as being a man of honesty and fairness, a man with a vision to improve the city that he loved so much.

Immediately upon taking over as mayor, Tatangelo ordered taking care of a lot of services for Laredo, including the restructuring of the city's Public Works Department, oversaw comprehensive drainage projects, established a pension system for city workers, and created many departments to make sure that the quality of life was improved.

Mayor Aldo Tatangelo pushed for affordable housing for low-income residents, and he also, when he left the office, was active in civic affairs and encouraged young people to get involved in public service.

I rise to recognize a Laredo hero, former Mayor Aldo Tatangelo, and thank him and his family for the great work that they did.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA

(Mrs. DRAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, I am delighted to rise in tribute to the town of Chincoteague, Virginia, which is celebrating its 100th birthday today.

Since its founding one century ago, Chincoteague has enamored citizens and visitors alike with its small town charm and pristine natural beauty. This is no small feat if you consider just how much has changed in the past few 100 years.

As we commemorate Chincoteague's proud history and rich traditions, we must acknowledge its roots as a small fishing village. Today, thousands of people still flock to Chincoteague each year to share in its bountiful shores and the abundance of nearby wildlife. Chincoteague should serve as an example of a happy coexistence between people and nature.

From Chincoteague's annual pony roundup to the annual seafood festival, even the simple everyday beauty of its sunsets, the town of Chincoteague is truly a unique community which has come a long way without letting time erode its proud heritage.

That is why I ask my colleagues to join me today in wishing the town of Chincoteague a happy 100th birthday.

LET US SPEAK OUT FOR PEACE

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, we are at the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq, a war based on lies. A war that has cost the lives of over 4,000 of our brave young men and women, the injuries to tens of thousands, over 1 million innocent Iraqis have perished, a cost of up to \$3 trillion.

Let us speak out for peace, as the Winter Soldiers today are speaking out for peace by communicating the truth of a soldier's experience in Iraq and Afghanistan. Let us speak out for peace as the young people involved in the Stop Loss project are doing. Let us speak out for peace and stop financing this war and use the money to bring our troops home.

Let us speak out for peace, for international peacekeepers to move into Iraq as our troops lead. America has had a long period of silence about this war. Let us be silent no more. Let us speak out for peace.

OUTSOURCING NATIONAL DEFENSE

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

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, the next Air Force plane that you will see in the air will be branded with "Made in France" on the side of it. Not only France but Spain, Germany, and the United Kingdom will be making 170 or more of the new Air Force super-tankers built by that European subsidized company, Airbus.

This \$40 billion contract will rob thousands of workers of Boeing Company of their jobs. Why is our Air Force outsourcing national defense to the Europeans, of all people? Aren't they the ones that take every opportunity to bash our U.S. military?

The Air Force is trying to do damage control by saying the Airbus is better than the Boeing plane.

Madam Speaker, that dog just won't hunt. U.S.-built planes have been successfully defending our skies and our homeland since before World War II. We are not talking about outsourcing some cheap Wal-Mart product that's made in China. We are talking about outsourcing sensitive military equipment. Some things should always be made in America, by Americans, for Americans.

What's next? Is the Air Force going to outsource those airplane crews with the French as well?

And that's just the way it is.

AVOID MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH IRAN

(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, any voice of reason inside the current administration is a voice in the wilderness, a voice that will be silenced by the President, all of which should be a matter of grave urgency for the American people.

The administration has set its sights on military confrontation with Iran. Just like Iraq, any voice of reason will not be merely muffled; it will be silenced.

Remember Colin Powell? Where is he? Remember General Shinseki? He was drummed out for speaking truth to power about what it would really take to win in Iraq.

Now Admiral Fallon, the Secretary of Defense, wouldn't return phone calls until the Admiral got the message to turn in his resignation because he questioned the President's policy toward Iran.

The President's foreign policy is open hostility and a finger on the trigger looking for any provocation for a military strike against Iran. That's what the neocons want; that's what co-President DICK CHENEY wants.

Their thirst for oil is matched only by their thirst for war. They think the U.S. will dominate the world with military confrontation. They are the only ones who believe that. We must keep the pressure on to ensure the President does not launch another war. Four thousand have already died.

That's enough.

THE HIGH SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET

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

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the contributions of High Springs Farmers Market, which is in my congressional district.

It was established in 2001. The market provides local growers with an opportunity to sell their products directly to consumers and to provide area residents with high quality, fresh produce and other farm products at affordable prices.

This market then has encouraged and assisted local residents to grow fresh produce through a community garden program, and it provides training and entrepreneurial opportunities for the new growers. By promoting local Florida products, this market allows traditional farmers to sell in today's competitive market.

In addition, the High Spring Farmers Market is the first and only market in the State of Florida to accept food stamps, providing high-quality, fresh food to those who otherwise could not afford it.

I am grateful for the market's dedication to the entrepreneurial spirit and am proud to have it in my district. Congratulations to them and keep up the great work.

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS

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

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of access to colorectal cancer screening for all Americans. The month of March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Like far too many other Americans, my life has been touched by cancer. Nine years ago I lost my mother, Janna, to colon cancer. I understand too well the importance of catching this type of cancer early. Colorectal cancer is one of the leading killers in the United States that will this year unnecessarily take the lives of almost 50,000 of our constituents nationwide.

This is a tragedy because we have every tool necessary to prevent the suffering and death from this disease. Only 22 States and the District of Columbia have protections in place to provide access to screening and early detection procedures for colorectal cancer. This is unacceptable. Life-saving tests that are widely available and reliable should be accessible to each and every one of our constituents.

Please join me in recognizing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and the importance of making early detection of this disease a priority.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR IN IRAQ

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, on this fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq being commemorated in the Capitol today, the statistics tell the tale.

Because of the military surge and Sunni cooperation, we are making significant progress towards stability and freedom in Iraq. Violence is down nationwide by more than 60 percent in the last year.

But as the saying goes, seeing is believing, and thanks to the miracle of youtube.com, Americans can join me for a walk down the streets of Haditha, Iraq, in the heart of al Anbar province. On March 2, with a military security detail and our bipartisan delegation, we walked the streets of this war-torn city, and I posted 15 minutes of unedited interviews with local Iraqis on youtube.com.

The fight is far from over, but we are making significant progress in Iraq.

Thanks to youtube.com, the American people can hear and see that progress for themselves.

HONORING KAREN BASS

(Ms. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the newly elected Speaker of the California State Assembly, the Honorable Karen Bass. It is with great pleasure that I applaud her accomplishments and wish her future much success.

At the end of this legislative year, Karen Bass will break historic glass ceilings in California and across this Nation by becoming the first African American woman Speaker of the State legislative body.

Speaker-elect Karen Bass, who is respected on both sides of the aisle, received unanimous support. Throughout her career, her public service and social justice has been something that she commonly really used not only in her community but now in her service. In 1990, Speaker-elect Bass founded the Community Coalition for Substance Abuse, Prevention and Treatment. She served as its executive director for 14 years. After the 1992 civil unrest, her organization played a pivotal role in the success of South Los Angeles.

Speaker-elect Bass turned to politics when she concluded that the best way to implement change would be to be an elected official herself. At the time of her election, there were no other African American women serving in the California Legislature. She was immediately appointed majority whip, and now she serves as majority leader.

Please join me in congratulating her as we wish her tremendous success.

THE PRICE OF OIL

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, energy security is national security. When President Bush was sworn into office, a barrel of crude oil was approximately \$27 a barrel. When the Democrats took over the House, the price of a barrel of crude oil was \$58, a \$31 increase.

Since this Democrat-controlled House has been in power, the price of a barrel of crude oil has gone from \$35 to today \$110 a barrel of crude oil.

Now, what's the solution? The solution is more supply. Democrats continue to block Outer Continental Shelf exploration. They continue to block oil exploration. They continue to block coal-to-liquid technologies.

More supply brings lower prices. If you know basic economics supply and demand, you know that if you have a high demand you need more supply.

Until we bring more supply back into this debate, the only thing we could