

To all the citizens of Israel, I wish you a great happy birthday. I look forward to the continued growth and strengthening of our relationship with you, our ally and our friend.

HONORING ROBERT RACLIN

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

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Robert Raclin. Bob's service to his country and his family's service to South Bend are unparalleled. His family is well known for their business leadership and philanthropy through our community.

Bob joined the Marines in 1940 and served our country during World War II. His dedication to country and community continued long after he completed his military commitment.

Bob showed leadership in all his work, serving as a director, chairman, or president with a number of organizations. Bob also served the Federal Government as Deputy Undersecretary of Health and Human Services during the Reagan administration.

Bob Raclin was a devoted husband, a loving father, and an invaluable citizen of this country. On behalf of all the citizens of the Second District of Indiana, I want to thank Bob Raclin for his many years of service to our region and our country.

It is my honor to rise and recognize Bob's achievements during his long and faithful life. May God bless Robert and all those that he loved.

NEWSWEEK: "THE COOLING WORLD"

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, I am alarmed by news in Newsweek magazine. I quote: "There are ominous signs that the Earth's weather patterns have begun to change dramatically, and these changes may cause a drastic decline in food production.

"The evidence has begun to accumulate so massively that meteorologists are hard pressed to keep up with it. The changes in temperature have taken the planet a sixth of the way toward the Ice Age average."

That's right, Mr. Speaker, this article from April 1975 predicts the next ice age. It even suggests melting the polar cap and stockpiling food.

I believed these scientists and thought we were going to all freeze in the dark. Now meteorologists are claiming we're all doomed because of global warming. These meteorologists can't even predict tomorrow's weather, but claim to know as fact about global warming in the future.

The climate is changing, but is it man's fault? Is it getting too cold or too hot? Can we control the weather? Scientists even today disagree.

Before Congress continues to practice the religion of global warming and passing expensive legislation that takes away our personal liberty, we'd better come back to Earth and deal with the truth.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING BESS MITSAKOS

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

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to congratulate a teacher in my district who has been recognized for her excellence in teaching. Bess Mitsakos from the Wallace School in Hoboken, New Jersey, received the International Technology Educators Association Program Excellence Award for elementary schools in New Jersey on February 22, 2008.

Ms. Mitsakos began her teaching career 9 years ago and has spent the last 7 years as a kindergarten through fifth grade science teacher. In that short time, she has become a highly decorated teacher, with a number of awards to her name.

Ms. Mitsakos is committed to increasing student interest, engagement, and learning through the use of computer-based educational tools as well as engineering and technological design activities.

I have no doubt that her students will have a strong science, math and engineering foundation that will help them succeed in life. I am proud to recognize her and her accomplishments, and I wish her continued success.

LET'S USE AMERICA'S OWN RESOURCES

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Well, last week the House and Senate adopted a policy that admits that supply does matter. We voted to stop putting 70,000 barrels of oil each day in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the world's consumption of oil. Then Iran announced it was going to slow down production.

In the meantime, the U.S. has massive supplies of oil that we're saying "no" to, and Congress continues to say we're not going to drill. Well, "no" is not an energy policy. Begging the Saudis for oil is not an energy policy. Just yelling in cathartic sessions at oil executives is not an energy policy.

America's families know, America's truckers know, let's drill for our own oil. Let's use America's own resources. Let's lower the price of gasoline and make this affordable.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

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

Mr. CHILDERS. This month marks the 75th anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

On May 18, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into the law the TVA Act as part of his New Deal to help lift this Nation out of the Great Depression. Soon thereafter, the city of Tupelo, Mississippi, which is part of the First Congressional District that I now am proud to represent, became the first city to receive power service under the initial TVA wholesale power contract. Furthermore, Tupelo, Mississippi also serves as the home of the Honorable Glen McCullough, the only TVA chairman ever from Mississippi.

In 1933, the Tennessee River Valley faced many challenges and lagged behind this country in almost every indicator, including schools, health and jobs. From the beginning, TVA addressed problems in the valley through providing necessary employment and aspirations of hope to the citizens of Mississippi. TVA has a long and proud history of serving north Mississippi, providing reliable, affordable electricity, supporting a thriving river system, and stimulating economic growth.

I am proud to be the newest serving Member of Congress to represent the First District of Mississippi and our fellow members of the Tennessee Valley.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF ED AND JAN SLEVIN

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

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, my colleague KEN CALVERT and I want to express our love and admiration for Jan and Ed Slevin.

The congressional schedule may not allow our attendance at their 50th anniversary, a celebration that is taking place on June 20.

Both KEN and I want our colleagues to know much more about this outstanding couple and their decades of public service. So together, we are asking consent to include remarks in the RECORD reflecting their lives together and their contribution to our Nation.

CONGRATULATING AMERICAN IDOL WINNER DAVID COOK

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

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to congratulate a fellow Missourian, David Cook, winner of American Idol: Season 7.

Here are some pertinent facts:

Native of Blue Springs, Missouri;

While attending Blue Springs High School performed in The Music Man, West Side Story, and Singin' in the Rain;

Cook formed the band, Axium, his junior year of high school, for which he was the lead singer and guitarist. In 2004, Axium, was chosen the best band in Kansas City and was

recognized nationally as one of the top 15 independent bands;

He was a 2006 graduate of the University of Central Missouri with a degree in graphic design;

Upon completion of college, he released his first solo independent album, *Analog Heart*, which was chosen the fourth-best CD released in 2006;

It is worth noting that David Cook did not originally plan to audition for *American Idol*; he traveled to Omaha, Nebraska to support his younger brother Andrew;

Cook was often seen playing his electric guitar while performing on *American Idol*;

He received 56 percent of the vote; 97 million votes were cast.

NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH

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

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, today I stand in recognition of National Drug Court Month and the important work done by drug courts in my district and around the country.

Drug courts combine intense judicial supervision and comprehensive treatment in community-wide approaches to rehabilitation. They bring together teams of judges, attorneys, treatment providers, child advocates and law enforcement officers. Their tireless work gives nonviolent offenders a second chance to get clean and take back their lives.

In my district, drug court programs have enhanced public safety, saved taxpayer dollars and, most importantly, saved lives. Since 1999, the Snohomish County Drug Court in Everett, Washington, has graduated over 300 participants, of whom 94 percent have remained clean.

Drug courts are widely recognized as the most effective solution for reducing crime and recidivism among drug-addicted offenders. They come at a fraction of the cost of standard incarceration, and they work. It is our responsibility at the Federal level to provide the funds necessary to ensure that their services are available to people that need them.

So congratulations to dedicated drug court professionals and graduates from Washington State and around the country on a job well done. Thank you for your hard work and your dedication.

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CALLING ON CONGRESS TO GIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MORE ACCESS TO AMERICAN OIL

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, this morning in my hometown of Columbus, Indiana, gasoline hit \$3.99 a gallon, one-tenth of 1 cent just shy of \$4 a gallon.

So I rise this morning to ask my colleagues, what's it going to take? What's it going to take to get this Congress to take action to lessen our dependence on foreign oil?

Now Democrats think we can tax our way to lower gas prices or, this week, sue our way to lower gas prices. But the American people know the only way to lessen our dependence on foreign oil is to lessen our dependence on foreign oil. Only by drilling in an environmentally responsible way on American soil and off American shores can the American people increase global supply and reduce the price of oil.

As Memorial Day weekend approaches and Hoosiers headed to the lake see gasoline prices blow past \$4 a gallon, I urge my fellow Americans, after \$4 a gallon, after years of inaction, ask this Congress, what's it going to take to give the American people more access to American oil?

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5658, DUNCAN HUNTER NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1218 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1218

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5658) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes. No further general debate shall be in order.

SEC. 2. (a) It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

(b) Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution.

(c) Each amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report (except as specified in section 4 of this resolution), may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(d) All points of order against amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The original proponent of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc.

SEC. 4. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution out of the order printed, but not sooner than 30 minutes after the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect.

SEC. 5. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 6. During consideration in the House of H.R. 5658 pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to such time as may be designated by the Speaker.

SEC. 7. In the engrossment of H.R. 5658, the Clerk shall—

(a) add the text of H.R. 6048, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 5658;

(b) conform the title of H.R. 5658 to reflect the addition to the engrossment of H.R. 6048;

(c) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and

(d) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

SEC. 8. It shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of Thursday, May 22, 2008, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to any measure pertaining to agricultural programs.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 1218.