

First Officer Jeffrey B. Skiles, flight attendants Doreen Walsh, Donna Dent, and Sheila Dail, rescue boats, and private citizens for their quick thinking, and bravery amongst many other heroic actions demonstrated.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF DOVER

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the First United Methodist Church of Dover was founded in 1808 and is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year; and

Whereas, the congregation of First United Methodist Church of Dover began with humble roots, in a series of log cabins in Dover, Ohio, meeting for more than 25 years in the homes of William and Mary Butt, Jacob and Elizabeth Welty, and Christian and Marguerite Deardorff. The congregation slowly grew and in 1833, expanded to a series of community buildings, and

Whereas, the church will celebrate its 200th anniversary with a reenactment of the 1808 founding with present congregants playing the roles of Rev. James Watts, the congregation's first pastor who laid the groundwork for two centuries of faith and dedication to community service, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the First United Methodist Church of Dover for two centuries of dedication and service to the Dover community and recognize their faith in God and determination for worship.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH P.
ANSTAETT

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 2009

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kenneth P. Anstaett, a life-long resident of Clermont County who passed away on Wednesday, February 11th. Mr. Anstaett, known by many as Kenny was born on January 28, 1925 in the Ohio River community of Felicity. Kenny later moved and graduated from Owensville High School in 1942.

After the completion of high school, Mr. Anstaett went on to serve our Nation in the United States Army achieving the rank of captain. He served tours in World War II and the Korean War. But Kenny's civic service did not end after his military career. Kenny was later elected to the Batavia Local School Board of Education, twice serving as president. He also served as president of the Batavia Rotary. As a lifelong and active Republican, he founded the Clermont County Young Republican Club with his wife Virginia. He was also an active member in the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3954 and American Legion Post 237.

Kenny Anstaett also owned a small business for roughly 50 years, operating a farm

service equipment company, a Dodge automobile dealership, and a gasoline service station.

Madam Speaker, my thoughts and prayers go out to Kenneth's lovely wife Virginia, four children, and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO GATEWAY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Gateway Community and Technical College.

On December 9, 2008, Gateway Community and Technical College attained Full Regional Accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) as a Comprehensive Community and Technical College.

With this regional accreditation, Gateway Community and Technical College has attained a longstanding goal of becoming a comprehensive institution.

Over the years, Gateway has distinguished itself through its dedication to the education and workforce development needs of Northern Kentuckians. The institution has maintained a clear mission to higher education and offers the resources, programs and services to accomplish and sustain that mission. The students and faculty deserve recognition for their diligent multi-year efforts that have resulted in the school's recent accreditation.

I applaud Gateway's commitment to excellence in education and their contributions to Kentucky communities. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating this Kentucky institution on their recent SACS accreditation.

NEW CO-LEADERSHIP IN
ZIMBABWE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a new leadership body in Zimbabwe, and reaffirm the need for a global commitment to supporting this country on its long road to recovery and stability.

Yesterday, Zimbabwean President Joseph Mugabe swore in his longtime rival Morgan Tsvangirai as Prime Minister. This political marriage was not made in heaven, but in the midst of social unrest, corruption, fuel shortages and unprecedented levels of unemployment, some see this union as a symbol of long-awaited change. Others however, fear that this co-leadership is in name only, and that Mugabe's nearly three decades of oppressive rule have yet to come to an end.

Under the Mugabe regime, voter bribery and intimidation, violence, press censorship and skyrocketing inflation have become all too familiar. Once hailed as the bread basket of Africa, Zimbabwe is now a nation of impoverished millionaires where 10 million dollars buys a loaf of bread if you are lucky, and where the

vast majority are forced to make do with a few crumbs. Cholera, a disease that has not plagued the United States in nearly a century has spread to every area of Zimbabwe, and claimed thousands of lives because of contaminated food and water.

The Shona tribe of Zimbabwe has a famous proverb: water that can be spoiled can also be purified. Madame Speaker, yesterday also marked the 19th anniversary of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's release after 27 years of unjust imprisonment. His freedom signified the beginning stages of the Apartheid era's demise, and Mandela would spearhead reconciliation and equality as the first fully democratically elected President of South Africa.

Although Zimbabwe's fate under the new Administration is uncertain at best, the fact that Mugabe—a man who said that only God could remove him from office—swore in Morgan Tsvangirai as Prime Minister should not go without notice. Whatever the future brings, two things are clear. Years of mismanagement under the Mugabe regime have spoiled Zimbabwe's economy, markets and the everyday livelihoods of its people. And, years of international cooperation will be needed to purge the corruption and violence from Zimbabwe's government, military and industries.

Madam Speaker, Zimbabwe, other African countries and the rest of the world must work to create the incentives and frameworks that are needed to place and keep Zimbabwe on a path to peace, and sustainable development.

THE HISTORY OF SAYING "NO" TO
ECONOMIC RESCUE EFFORTS
HAS BEEN A DISASTER FOR OUR
COUNTRY. JUST ASK HERBERT
HOOVER.

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 2009

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, in response to the gravest economic crisis to face our country in generations, Congress is on the verge of approving President Obama's economic recovery package to save or create between three and four million jobs and put our country on a path toward economic growth. That is a good thing. And it is happening despite the opposition of every one of my Republican colleagues in the House. Their opposition is rooted in the history of saying no to government intervention in times of crisis; they were wrong during the Great Depression and they are wrong today.

The public is being told by critics of this plan, which invests in education, renewable energy, transportation, and health care, that it spends too much money and is not the answer to what ails our economy. The critics say that we would be better off relying on the private sector and tax cuts—the same strategy that got us into this mess in the first place. It was this very same Republican strategy that turned a record budget surplus into a record budget deficit and sent the economy into a nose dive.

When the House approved president Obama's plan last week, not a single Republican in the House of Representatives voted

for it. When the Senate approved it this past weekend, only three Republicans there voted for it.

For months now, economists from across the political spectrum have warned Congress and the President that we had to act in a bold and swift manner to rescue the economy. The economy, they said, was literally shutting down.

The housing and banking crises froze the credit markets, sent our economy into a tailspin, and wiped out trillions in personal wealth. Nearly 600,000 Americans lost their jobs in January of this year alone, and 3.6 million Americans have lost their jobs since December of 2007. These numbers are staggering, and they are only going to get worse.

In the face of this crisis, the President called on the nation to heed the advice of the economists and pass his economic recovery plan. It is true, this is a very expensive plan that we will vote on again tomorrow, costing nearly \$800 billion over the next two years.

But the economy will lose far more value than that over the same period of time if we do not act. President Obama has said, and I agree, that doing nothing is not an option. Similarly, he has been honest by saying that he cannot promise that this plan alone will turn our economy around.

The plan we will approve tomorrow over the objections of my Republican colleagues is not a silver bullet. Alone, it will not right the wrecked ship that is our economy. However, along with a strong plan to unfreeze the credit markets and help homeowners afford their mortgages, this plan will help rescue the economy and put people back to work.

Unemployment will continue to rise in the near future no matter what we do. That is always the case in a recession. But if we enact this plan, the unemployment rate will not rise as fast. Fewer people will lose their jobs if we act now, and many more people will have economic opportunity ahead when the economy does recover.

Madam Speaker, it is regrettable that despite the evidence of the need to act, the other party has chosen as their response to America's problems to stay the course and just say "No." They are saying in effect, we will not help you. You are on your own.

They do this much like their predecessors did when they faced the Great Depression. The Republicans were wrong then and they are dead wrong now. And the American people should not for a minute be fooled into thinking otherwise.

If people will remember back to the days before President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a Democrat, rescued the economy from the grips of the Great Depression, President Herbert Hoover looked into the economic abyss and said, don't worry.

For 75 years, Republicans have carried the sad mantle of Hooverism because of their obliviousness to the severity of the coming Depression of the 1930s and the need for government action.

Today, as in the 1920s, Republicans are trying to frame Democrats as wasteful spending interventionists and themselves as guardians of the U.S. Treasury and the private sector.

Not only are they misleading the public and hiding their own record of deficit spending, they are severely misreading the public mood for bold action.

My Republican colleagues, for reasons of antiquated ideology and partisan opportunism,

have failed to appreciate the urgency of the situation.

I encourage my colleagues to dust off the book, *Crisis of the Old Order*, historian Arthur Schlesinger's study of the failures of Hoover leading up to the election of 1932. It is instructive of the mistakes Hoover made then and points to the grave errors the Republicans are making today.

When the country called out for action, the President Obama answered, the Republicans said "No," as reflected by Minority JOHN BOEHNER's instructions to his colleagues to oppose the bill, even as President Obama came to the Capitol to extend his hand and urge their cooperation.

The Minority Whip, ERIC CANTOR of Virginia, said the "no" was going to be the Republicans' strategy to the economic crisis. The Republican national spokesman of late, radio host Rush Limbaugh, added to the "No" strategy by asserting on air that he wanted President Obama to "fail."

From Schlesinger's book, we see that in 1931–32, as the economic crisis was worsening, President Hoover similarly was clueless. "Nobody is actually starving," he said. "The hoboes are better fed than they have ever been. One hobo in New York got 10 meals in one day."

Hoover shunned the idea of strong government action, as Obama is calling for today. "What the country needs is a big laugh," he said in 1932. "If someone could get off a good joke every 10 days, I think our troubles would be over."

In 1932, Hoover asked Will Rogers to think up a joke that would stop hoarding. He told Rudy Vallee, "If you can sing a song that would make people forget the Depression, I'll give you a medal."

And he told Christopher Morley, "Perhaps what this country needs is a good poem . . . Sometimes a great poem can do more than legislation."

Compare those comments to what Roosevelt said. "We need to correct, by drastic means if necessary, the faults in our economic system from which we now suffer . . . The country needs . . . and demands bold, persistent experimentation . . . Above all, try something."

Hoover declared he wanted "to solve great problems outside of Government action." For the federal government to act would undermine "the very basis of self-government."

The Depression, Hoover declared, cannot be solved "by legislative or executive pronouncement. Economic wounds must be healed by the action of the cells of the economic body." Again, suggesting the private sector in all circumstances needs to solve economic crises.

Republicans for generations have stood on the sidelines, and they are doing it again, when the country is calling for their assistance. Tragically, they are deaf to the needs of the American people, they remain locked in ideological indifference and partisan politics, taking as their model the failed Hooverism of the 1930s which let the nation slide into Depression while waiting for poems and songs instead of taking bold action.

They brought nothing but negativism and political posturing to the table when President Obama offered an opportunity to join in a bipartisan effort to rescue the nation.

Their actions are a tragedy. Fortunately, however, my Democratic colleagues in the

House and Senate, and a small number of courageous Senate Republicans, have joined President Obama's call to action and will this week answer the pleas from average Americans for help. We will act now, and we will continue to act until we have turned the economy around for the benefit of every American and our nation.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CHALFONT METHODIST CHURCH

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the Chalfont Methodist Church was founded in 1808 and is celebrating its 200th anniversary in Washington Township, Ohio; and

Whereas, the congregation was started by Mordecai Chalfant, a member of the society in Methodism in 1808 but did not have a church until 1811, and

Whereas, in June of 1970, when the East Ohio Conference of the Methodist Church decided to close the parish due to dwindling membership, the building was turned over to another congregation and scheduled to be demolished, the community came together to form the Chalfant Society, raising money to purchase the building and have it named to the National Register of Historic Buildings; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Chalfont Methodist Church for two centuries of dedication and service to the Washington township community and their determination to save the church building and continue the good works of the parish.

HONORING BROTHERHOOD OF THE
BADGE, INTERNATIONAL

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 12, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the accomplishments of Brotherhood of the Badge, International based out of Fresno, California. In the organization's short history, its members have successfully completed two trips to Iraq and Afghanistan to deliver law enforcement equipment to the Iraqi Police Officers.

In November 2003, Mike Harris discovered a cause well worth his time and energy. After hearing about Iraqi civilian police and military forces who were without proper gear and equipment, protecting the American soldiers, Mr. Harris came to the realization that he had to find a way to help. He has been in law enforcement for over thirty years and was well aware of surplus and outdated equipment that every law enforcement agency had acquired over the years. This non-serviceable equipment is a burden to the agencies because it cannot be thrown away. To destroy it is extremely costly, and in previous years the old equipment has been found with criminals after the agencies had donated it to Mexican police.