

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 2009*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, the House and Senate began final work on the Budget Resolution, and the Budget is more than numbers on a page—it is a statement of the priorities, values and goals of our President, this Congress and our nation.

The House Budget embraces the President's goals of rebuilding the economy and creating new jobs, restoring fiscal integrity, and making investments for our future prosperity and security.

Simply put, we will only be prepared, we will only be economically competitive, if we tackle the immediate economic and fiscal challenges before us, make essential investments that enable us to meet future challenges, and do so in a way that is fiscally responsible.

As the Budget Committee Vice Chair, I know that the President's Budget, modified by Congress, meets these goals.

The House Budget is an honest budget. It anticipates expenditures and it restores fiscal balance by committing to cut the deficit in half in five years.

And, most significantly, the budget makes smart investments that will contain costs and expand access to health care, build energy independence, and improve educational achievement, all critical if we are to grow the economy and be economically competitive in a global marketplace.

We should pass the Budget Resolution and begin the task ahead.

## RECOGNIZING SERGEANT ROBERT BARTLETT FOR HIS HEROIC SERVICE IN COMBAT AND WORK ON VETERANS HEALTH CARE REFORM

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 23, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the military service of one of Arizona's finest sons, Robert Bartlett.

Sergeant Bartlett enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2003 and was severely wounded by a roadside bomb in May 2005 while on patrol in Iraq.

In the aftermath of the explosion, Sergeant Bartlett twice suffered cardiac and respiratory failure and underwent dozens of surgeries. He has become a vocal supporter of mental health care for veterans returning from combat, and he serves as an example of courage and patriotism to his comrades in arms and civilians alike.

The following poem was penned by U.S. Capitol guide Albert Carey Caswell in honor of Sergeant Bartlett and his heroic service in combat and afterward.

ONE SHOT

One  
One shot . . .  
Is all we have!  
All in our lives to give . . .  
All in how we've got!  
All in our choices . . .  
All through our inner voices . . .  
Taking sight . . . our scope . . .  
As from our souls, comes hope . . .  
One shot . . .  
Taking aim with our hearts . . .  
All in what we've invoked . . .  
As our sights becoming clear . . .  
As our targets in life appear . . .  
As from these ashes, rose . . .  
This is a Real American Hero . . .  
As oneself forsaken . . .  
But, for The Greater Good . . .  
To stand tall in all you would . . .  
In that battle of evil versus good . . .  
To wear the uniform, with hearts of courage  
warm . . .  
With all you could . . .  
As into that valley of death . . .  
As Robert, you marched on so until none was  
left!  
While, there on a battlefield of honor dying  
. . .  
As your face is almost gone, as you lay lying  
. . .  
As a mother awakes crying . . .  
As somehow she knows her son is dying . . .  
But, beauty is but skin deep . . .  
And our Lord, shall hold in his arms all of  
those whose faith so keeps!  
Now, digging . . . digging in deep . . .  
As your will to live keeps, is found in each  
and every heart beat!  
Dying, three times . . . fighting to stay alive  
. . .

All in your beliefs . . .  
As Robert cheats death, America's Best . . .  
As with his story, and courage and faith . . .  
An American tale our world will bless . . .  
A messenger from God, exploding . . .  
As he looks into a mirror, his darkest fears  
are realized . . .  
Reloading, his new battle begins!  
He cries . . .  
As half his face is gone, has died . . .  
In this face of courage we see . . .  
The true definition of beauty . . .  
Countless operations, courage's full measure  
. . .

All in faith's affirmation . . .  
Both Beauty and The Beast . . .  
As his shot is heard around the world . . .  
As his courage is unfurled . . . beyond belief  
. . .

A Beautiful Man . . .  
With every step, reloading . . .  
With the Height of Courage exploding . . .  
He takes command!  
This Army Man . . . a real Hero, a fine  
American!

Who against all odds, now stands . . .  
Out on point, as a lone centurion . . .  
Of faith and courage . . .  
To teach us all, and all our souls to nourish  
. . .

With his even greater weapon, he now fights  
. . .

As from his heart of courage, comes the light  
. . .  
All in God's glory, his being . . . his soul . . .  
his very story . . .  
For he will not miss, that One Shot!

Madam Speaker, Sergeant Bartlett remains on active duty, stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending him for his continued service, even after great personal tragedy, and in wishing him success throughout the rest of his military career.

## DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL PROJECT FUNDING

**HON. CHARLES W. DENT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 27, 2009*

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I supported the following national projects that received funding through H.R. 1105, The Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

National Writing Project for activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act—The National Writing Project focuses on the teaching of writing and the professional development of writer instructors to ensure elementary and secondary students become successful writers and learners.

Reading is Fundamental authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act—RIF promotes youth literacy by providing underserved children access to free and new books in every state and territory across the country.

Center for Civic Education for two programs—We the People and Cooperative Education Exchange—that are authorized in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education program—The Education for Democracy Act supports civic programs, such as We the People and the Cooperative Education Exchange Program, to educate American students about the fundamental ideals of the United States.

National Council on Economic Education for the Cooperative Education Exchange program, which is authorized in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education Program—The Education for Democracy Act supports civic programs, such as We the People and the Cooperative Education Exchange Program, to educate American students about the fundamental ideals of the United States.

## HONORING AMELIA LEVER FOR RECEIVING NATIONAL "LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE" AWARD

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 27, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Miss Amelia Lever of

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Albertville, Minnesota, for being chosen as a national winner in the Letters about Literature Reading Contest.

Miss Lever, a senior at St. Michael-Albertville High School, was chosen as one of six winners in a national competition with 55,000 students for her letter to poet Linda Paston. After studying the piece, "Caroline," Miss Lever chose to write a letter to the author expressing the positive impact the poem provided as she dealt with the tragedy of losing her sister in an accident.

"I personally attribute a great deal of that peace to your poem, 'Caroline,'" Miss Lever wrote. "I realize we can endure this pain only because of small miracles we experience every day. 'Caroline' is one of those miracles."

The panel of judges gave Miss Lever a perfect score for her "original, emotional, genuine, and inspiring response," and Target donated a \$10,000 grant to St. Michael Catholic Library on her behalf.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Sixth District of Minnesota, I want to congratulate Amelia Lever for her talent and national achievement. I wish her the very best as she graduates high school and pursues what are sure to be bright endeavors in her future.

#### CELEBRATING ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

#### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 27, 2009*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Abington Township, a community in my district that has been recognized with three distinct national honors. Abington Township is a three-time winner of America's Promise "100 Best Communities for Young People" in the United States, and in fact, the township is the only three-time winner in Pennsylvania. Money Magazine named Abington Township as one of the "100 Best Places to Live in America" and most recently, US News & World Report awarded Abington Senior High School a bronze medal as one of America's best high schools.

I have had the privilege of representing Abington in the Pennsylvania State Senate and now as a member of Congress. I am also proud to be an Abington resident. Over the years, I have seen first-hand Abington's demonstrated commitment to building a strong community dedicated to the advancement of the lives of its young people.

Abington Township's "Triple Crown Awards" are the result of a concerted collaborative effort among the school district, police department, community organizations, businesses, and residents who have worked tirelessly to create a responsible, caring, and safe community. They've established the Abington Community Taskforce, comprised of parents, police, religious and civic leaders and over thirty civic groups, dedicated to the mission of teaching tolerance, promoting neighborhood safety, and building strong families.

The Abington Police Department has established strong community partnerships with innovative programs like D.A.R.E., the Police Athletic League, Citizens and Police Together, Kids in Safety Seats, and Town Watch. Abing-

ton Township adopted the state-sponsored Communities That Care Initiative to advance their collaborative efforts based on an annual needs assessment to best direct their long-term community building initiatives. They've established joint initiatives between the school district and police department, including an anti-drug program and the Community Partnership of Youth and Adults to encourage community spirit and participation.

Abington Township is the recipient of repeated national recognition because, as a community, the people of Abington represent values that are at the very core of the American spirit—duty, respect, selfless service, honor, and integrity.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the incredible accomplishments of Abington Township and wishing the residents of the township success in their endeavors to better their community. Abington Township sets an example for all of us to follow. I couldn't be prouder of Abington for its outstanding efforts.

#### HONORING DARRELL WAYNE VANZANDT II

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 27, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Darrell Wayne VanZandt II a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 145, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Darrell has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Darrell has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Darrell Wayne VanZandt II for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MAYOR NORM GRIMSLEY

#### HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 27, 2009*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Norm Grimsley for his twenty-seven years of service as Mayor of Aroma Park and dedication to his family.

Under Mayor Grimsley's tenure, the Village of Aroma Park added a sewer system, which has greatly improved the quality of life of village residents. He worked to encourage the growth of new businesses, which brought Aroma Park thousands of dollars in additional revenue each year. Mayor Grimsley showed strong leadership on transportation issues, as evident in Aroma Park's early support and participation in the River Valley Metro Bus System.

Mayor Grimsley has enjoyed a forty-five year marriage to his wife Pam. He raised two successful children: Mike, a health manager and Carrie Grimsley-Jones, a professor of anatomy and physiology. He also has four grandchildren.

Mayor Grimsley has performed decades of superb service for the residents of Aroma Park. I am confident that Aroma Park will continue to prosper under his leadership. He is an excellent role-model in many capacities including, community leader, spouse, father, and grandfather.

#### NATIONAL WATER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 23, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 1145) to implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative, and for other purposes:

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Chairman, Chairman OBERSTAR and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee staff have worked with us very constructively on this legislation, and I'd like to insert an exchange of letters into the RECORD between Mr. OBERSTAR and myself.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

*Washington, DC, April 17, 2009.*

Hon. BART GORDON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN GORDON: I write to you regarding H.R. 1145, the "National Water Research and Development Initiative Act of 2009". This legislation directs the President to implement a National Water Research and Development Initiative.

H.R. 1145 contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. I recognize and appreciate your desire to bring this legislation before the House in an expeditious manner and, accordingly, I will not seek a sequential referral of the bill. However, I agree to waive consideration of this bill with the mutual understanding that my decision to forgo a sequential referral of the bill does not waive, reduce, or otherwise affect the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure over H.R. 1145.

Further, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure reserves the right to seek the appointment of conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation on provisions of the bill that are within the Committee's jurisdiction. I ask for your commitment to support any request by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the appointment of conferees on H.R. 1145 or similar legislation.

Please place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's jurisdictional interest in the Committee Report on H.R. 1145 and in the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House Floor.