

government's money we talk about and spend. It is the American people's money. We cannot afford to continue to run this government on a credit card. We are going to have to do more with less, and that means finding ways to cut government spending.

THE PASSING OF REV. MICHAEL "THE SOWER" GUIDO

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

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sadness to pay tribute to the life of a constituent of mine, Dr. Michael Guido. Rev. Guido, known to millions as "the Sower," died at the age of 94 last Saturday.

Michael Guido came to Metter, Georgia in 1943 for a preaching trip. After he met the woman who would later become his wife, he decided to stay. Sixty-six years later, he leaves behind his bride, Audrey, and a ministry that is broadcast on over 100 television stations and 400 radio stations around the world. He also wrote a column, "Seeds from the Sower," which was published in over 1,300 newspapers across our land.

Rev. Guido built an impressive ministry, but his goal was not fortune or fame; it was just to live his life like the sower in Christ's parable—sowing the word of God on sometimes stony ground and keeping faith in his God and with his fellow man. His brother, Larry, carries on Rev. Guido's work, and his memory will live on in the souls he helped lead to God during his long life.

The Bible says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver or gold." Michael Guido made a good name for himself, which lives on in the loving favor of literally millions of souls, which is worth more than all the silver and gold in all the world.

SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, Sierra Pacific Industries just announced the closure of its sawmill in the little town of Quincy, California, in my district, throwing another 150 families out of work. They made it very clear that the recession was not the cause; it was merely the catalyst. The real cause is that the regulatory costs and litigation, because of regulation, now exceed their profit margin. In fact, two-thirds of their timber harvest this year is tied up as a result of government actions.

Sierra Pacific constructed this small log mill when Congress passed legislation promoting tree thinning in the surrounding forests to prevent forest fires, but that law has not been implemented because of endless litigation by environmental groups who are using an impenetrable web of environmental laws.

In their press release, Sierra Pacific notes, "Nearly two-thirds of the current year's timber sale program is enjoined or withheld from sale pending the outcome of litigation."

So, Mr. Speaker, today, another 150 families in the little town of Quincy are out of work, direct casualties of this retrograde, Luddite ideology.

HONORING TANYA LOMBARDI

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

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of National Kidney Month and in honoring Tanya Lombardi, a courageous kidney donor.

Four years ago, Tanya joined a local book club in Danville, California. There she met Maxine Moir. Maxine needed a new kidney, but couldn't find a donor. In response, Tanya offered her kidney to Maxine, displaying great compassion and courage. This past December, Tanya provided Maxine with a miraculous holiday gift. Since the successful transplant, Tanya and Maxine take weekly walks and remain close friends, a friendship extending from a unique and incredible relationship that began at the book club.

Selfless donors like Tanya gave more than 13,000 kidneys in 2008, but many more people need help. Brave acts of kindness like those by Tanya Lombardi continue to bring hope to thousands of people and show that each of us can make a difference.

I urge my colleagues to join me during National Kidney Month in recognizing the selfless acts of kidney donors across America.

HONORING THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to express my appreciation for the great work the American Legion does for our Nation's veterans.

As a proud Legionnaire myself, this morning, I had the great honor of addressing the Commander's Call. This afternoon, I will meet with fellow Minnesotan Legionnaires Brad Lindsay, Bill Goede and Marie Goede, Floyd Kumerow, Robert Hirmer, and Chuck Kruger.

As a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I look to the American Legion for guidance on the priorities of our Nation's veterans. It is because, every day, the Legion is out there, working with our veterans. They understand what is needed.

I see it as this Congress' responsibility to work with the VA budgets that are not just sufficient but timely to make sure that they're predictable and that we serve our veterans the way we should. We have an absolute respon-

sibility to knock down the backlog of claims that our veterans are facing, and we need to ensure that the recently enacted GI Bill is put to use as it should be. In all of this, the American Legion is a crucial partner.

There is another side to the Legion that doesn't get mentioned that much. It is the daily activities serving our veterans and their communities. From their great civic education programs, Boys and Girls State, to youth baseball and other programs, this is the truly great work the Legion does, and I want to commend them. We are all better for it. Our Nation's veterans are better for the work the Legion does.

ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO

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

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, as chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, I rise today to join my colleagues in marking the 92nd anniversary of President Woodrow Wilson's signing of an Act of Congress, conferring United States citizenship upon the people of Puerto Rico. This act marked an important advancement in the United States-Puerto Rico relationship, and although it is still an unfinished journey, it brought our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico into the American family.

The people of Puerto Rico have a rich and a beautiful culture. Their work to preserve and to celebrate their culture and their contributions to our democracy and defense of our Nation are unmatched by any State.

Today, we recognize the act that conferred them citizenship, and we commemorate this event with them as we look forward to their continuing political progress. The people of Guam join our fellow Americans in congratulating Puerto Rico.

JOB CREATION

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, we are looking for job creation opportunities during these tough economic times.

This morning, I heard ideas from an unexpected source. I was at a bipartisan symposium with Senators, Governors, former Prime Minister Tony Blair, and business leaders. What I heard from the business leaders is that one of the best sources of job creation we have is in creating new green collar, clean energy jobs to respond to our climate crisis, which will also help us in our economic crisis.

Jeff Immelt of GE told us about the need for a smart grid so we can create green-collar jobs. Mr. Hayes from Florida Power and Light told us about the great technologies in solar power. We

heard from Vinod Khosla about ways to sequester carbon dioxide in building material.

At this moment of economic stress, we should not forget that responding to climate change is a potential way to get over our economic doldrums. Let's keep this clean energy ball rolling.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM SPOELHOF

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 91) honoring the life and service of Dr. William Spoelhof, president emeritus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 91

Whereas Dr. William Spoelhof was born on December 8, 1909, in Paterson, New Jersey, and passed away on December 3, 2008, at the age of 98;

Whereas in 1931, Dr. Spoelhof graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and began teaching social studies at the middle school level;

Whereas in 1937, Dr. Spoelhof received a Master of Arts degree and began his doctoral studies at the University of Michigan;

Whereas during World War II, Dr. Spoelhof served our country by joining the Office of Strategic Services in 1942 and enlisting in the Navy in 1943;

Whereas following the war, Dr. Spoelhof completed his doctoral work at the University of Michigan, and, in 1946, returned to Calvin College to teach history and political science;

Whereas in 1956, 5 years after becoming president of Calvin College, Dr. Spoelhof oversaw the process of moving Calvin College from its original Franklin Street campus located near downtown Grand Rapids to its current Knollcrest campus in southeast Grand Rapids;

Whereas Dr. Spoelhof carefully balanced Calvin College's vision for excellence in academics with its relationship with the Christian Reformed Church, as he effectively steered the College through church conflicts and the tumultuous, nationwide student protests of the 1960s;

Whereas in 1976, after 25 years of service as an administrator, Dr. Spoelhof became the longest-serving president in Calvin College's history to date and announced his retirement;

Whereas after his formal retirement, Dr. Spoelhof was named president emeritus and maintained an office and steady presence at the College, offering continued support and goodwill whenever needed;

Whereas Dr. Spoelhof was a Christian role model and mentor to many faculty members,

staff, and students, as he provided wisdom and counsel to thousands of individuals during his more than 6 decades of service to Calvin College;

Whereas Dr. Spoelhof is fondly remembered for his contributions to daily discussions with retired faculty and students at the "Emeritorium" and for his kind words to passersby around the campus;

Whereas on December 3, 2004, Calvin College physics and astronomy professor, Larry Molnar, discovered an asteroid, and named it Asteroid 129099 Spoelhof in honor of Dr. Spoelhof;

Whereas Dr. Spoelhof was a respected leader in the Christian Reformed Church denomination, an educator of generations of teachers and ministers through programs at Calvin College, a faithful presence at the denominational Synod meetings, and a loyal member of the Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church;

Whereas Dr. Spoelhof was awarded the Bronze Star Medal by the Navy for his service in World War II;

Whereas, for his contributions in liaison with the Dutch Resistance Movement, Dr. Spoelhof was honored by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands with the Order of Orange-Nassau with swords and a laurel wreath;

Whereas in 1935, Dr. Spoelhof married Miss Angeline Nydam, and they had three children, Robert Spoelhof, Elsa Scherphorn, and Peter Spoelhof;

Whereas Ange, as Dr. Spoelhof lovingly called his wife, passed away in 1994; and

Whereas Dr. Spoelhof lived a life of gratitude and desired to bring God's glory in all he did, and, on December 3, 2008, the Calvin College community lost a visionary leader and wise friend: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives honors the life of Dr. William Spoelhof and his outstanding devotion and service as a member of the military, teacher, and professor, president, and friend of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous materials into the RECORD on House Resolution 91.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. POLIS. I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 91, which honors the life and achievements of Dr. William Spoelhof, a long-time president of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Spoelhof, a decorated war hero, a dedicated member of the Christian Reformed Church and father of three, passed away at the age of 98 on December 3, 2008.

Born in Paterson, New Jersey in 1909, Dr. Spoelhof graduated from Calvin College in 1931 and began teaching social studies in a local middle school. He left to pursue a Master of Arts degree, first at Columbia University, then transferring to the University of Michi-

gan where he received his degree in 1937, beginning his doctoral studies immediately afterwards.

He deferred his studies during World War II, serving our Nation in the Office of Strategic Services, then enlisting in the Navy. The Navy recognized his service by awarding him a Bronze Star Medal, and for his efforts with the Dutch Resistance Movement, Dr. Spoelhof was honored by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands with the order of Orange-Nassau.

After receiving his doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1946, Spoelhof returned to Calvin College to begin his long and distinguished career there. He began teaching history and political science at the college, and became president in 1951. Dr. Spoelhof was a dedicated member of the Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church, which had a very close relationship with Calvin College. Dr. Spoelhof effectively led the college through church conflicts and student protests of the turbulent 1960s as well as oversaw Calvin College's move from its Franklin Street location to its current Knollcrest campus. Today, one of the principal buildings in this 400-acre campus is the William Spoelhof College Center.

After 25 years of service to Calvin College, Dr. Spoelhof retired in 1976 as the longest serving president in the college's history. After his formal retirement, Dr. Spoelhof was named president emeritus, maintaining an office and continuing to act as a mentor for countless faculty members, staff and students. He was also honored by a Calvin College professor, Larry Molnar, who discovered an asteroid in 2004 and named it "Spoelhof."

Dr. Spoelhof and his wife, Angeline Nydam, who passed away in 1994, had three children together: Robert, Peter and Elsa Scherphorn.

A committed servant and role model in his community, William Spoelhof's dedication to his college, his church and his country sets a prime example for our Nation to follow. I would like to have this opportunity to recognize his life and accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CASSIDY. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 91, offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS). This resolution honors the life and service of William Spoelhof, president emeritus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. Spoelhof was born in 1909 in Paterson, New Jersey, and passed away on December 3, 2008, at the age of 98. He graduated from Calvin College in 1931 and began teaching social studies at the middle school level. In 1937, he received his Master of Arts degree, and began his doctoral studies at the University of Michigan.

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