

3336, Special Operations Task Force-33, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His personal courage and commitment to mission accomplishment are a testament to his bravery under fire. His heroic efforts to mark insurgent fighting positions with his grenade launcher was crucial for the delivery of on target ordinance that destroyed insurgent fighting positions and made possible the withdrawal of his element. His bravery, poise under fire, determination against a numerically superior force, and concern for his fallen comrades, were integral to the successful medical evacuation and movement of the rest of the force to the extraction point. Sergeant Sanders' actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself. Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force—Afghanistan, Special Operations Command Central, and the United States Army.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (WITH VALOR) TO ROBERT GUTIERREZ, JR.

Staff Sergeant Robert Gutierrez, Jr., distinguished himself by heroism as a Special Tactics Combat Controller, 21st Expeditionary Special Tactics Squadron, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component while engaged in ground combat against an enemy of the United States in Afghanistan on 6 April 2008. On that day, Sergeant Gutierrez was attached to Army Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha 3312 as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller, in support of Operation COMMANDO WRATH. He provided critical Airmanship skills during a violent 6 and a half hour battle against heavily armed and entrenched enemy fighters. While approaching the objective, while climbing near-vertical terrain, the assault force was ambushed by anti-Coalition forces which pinned down the lead team on a 60-foot high rock cliff and produced several friendly casualties. Sergeant Gutierrez coordinated with the engaged element and directed lethal gun, missile, and bomb attacks from AH-64s and F-15Es. Despite these strikes, the attack intensified onto his team's position. Despite being struck twice by 7.62 millimeter bullets in the helmet, Sergeant Gutierrez maintained his calm demeanor and continued to prosecute targets. As the fight continued, the insurgents shifted their efforts toward arriving helicopters and engaged them with heavy fire. Sergeant Gutierrez coordinated with the ground force commander to delay friendly force extraction until the enemy positions could be suppressed. Enabled his systematic control of air power during the fight, all 17 friendly casualties were safely evacuated and 40 enemy fighters were killed. By his heroic actions and unselfish dedication to duty, Sergeant Gutierrez has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

#### REMEMBERING JACK KEMP

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I wish to pay tribute to a great American and friend, former Congressman Jack Kemp. I was deeply saddened to learn of his passing and offer my sincerest condolences to his sweet wife Joanne; their four children, Jeffrey, Jennifer, Judith, and James; and 17 grandchildren. Jack has left a lasting impression and legacy that will be honored and long remembered by a grateful nation.

Jack came to Congress after 13 years as a professional football quarterback. His career in professional football dem-

onstrates the value of persistence, self-confidence, and courage. Jack began his football career slowly and without much success. However, he was fiercely competitive and eventually led the Buffalo Bills to 33 victories and 2 league championships. He was selected All-League quarterback, AFL Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player, and appeared in five AFL championship games and seven AFL All-Star games. Jack was also recognized by *Sporting News* as one of the top 50 quarterbacks of all time. Sports taught him that the only real failure is not trying again and that out of adversity comes strength, determination, and ultimate victory.

When asked if being a football star helped him get elected to Congress, Jack responded, "Yes, to the extent that I had name recognition and people knew who I was. That kind of identification cuts two ways. On the one hand, it was harmful because some people consider professional football to be anti-intellectual and an inadequate training ground for political leadership. To the contrary, I believe pro football is great training for leadership. In fact, I hope more athletes choose politics as a profession so that we don't leave the field to attorneys."

Jack made the transition from athlete to politician in 1971, when he was elected to represent the 31st Congressional District of New York. He was an enthusiastic speaker, especially when the topic was tax revision, and was once told he talks "as though somebody had pulled the trigger of a machine gun." I can certainly attest to that. However, it wasn't the way Jack talked that had everyone's attention; it was what he was saying. I would dare argue that much of what he was fighting for in the seventies and eighties still holds true today. For example, Jack argued that the U.S. Government should shoulder the burden of international leadership by becoming "an active exporter of the American idea." In his view, the "greatest weapon in our arsenal is the prospect of general well-being that results from the embrace of American ideas about opportunity, initiative, and enterprise."

During his time as Congressman, Jack was probably best known as a champion of tax cuts. He became a fervent supply-side evangelist who believed that tax cuts would not only spur economic growth but also bring in more revenue for the Government. Jack coauthored the Kemp-Roth tax bill, which became the blueprint for what became known as "Reaganomics." Jack referred to his comprehensive Federal tax-cut package as "the number one offensive play in the country." Reagan biographer Lou Cannon said Jack, as much as anybody, helped persuade Reagan to embrace an economic policy of supply-side economics, stimulating economic growth through reducing taxes.

"Generally speaking," Jack said, "if you tax something, you get less of it. If

you subsidize something, you get more of it. In America, we tax work, growth, investment, employment, savings, and productivity. We subsidize nonworking, consumption, welfare, and debt." How true that is.

Jack served as a Congressman for 18 years, until 1989 when he became the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President George H.W. Bush. Jack was the author of the Enterprise Zones legislation to encourage entrepreneurship and job creation in urban America and continued to advocate the expansion of home ownership among the poor through resident management and ownership of public and subsidized housing.

Jack received the Republican Party's nomination for Vice President in August of 1996 and afterward continued a career of public service by campaigning nationally to reform the tax system, Social Security, and education.

Jack was always uplifting and optimistic. He consistently distinguished himself by exhibiting the rare ability to see real opportunity in the seemingly mundane. He seized those opportunities to demonstrate qualities of judgment, character, and commitment. Jack once said, "I do not believe there is any future for the Republican Party in trying to defeat Democrats. You don't run to fight opponents. You run to promote ideas. Ideas are what rule the world. We, the Republicans, haven't been offering an alternative. We need more positive ideas."

When asked about his political ideals, Jack was quick to reply: "After going into the highly competitive business of pro football, I gained an even deeper appreciation of the competitive free-enterprise system to which this country owes its past, present, and future progress and freedom. I believe competition breeds the best, and the system of free enterprise has brought about the greatest society ever known." He also praised the American political system as "the greatest experience in human dignity and human freedom that mankind has ever known."

In a sweet and endearing letter to his grandchildren, Jack talked about the future of America. The letter was written days after Barack Obama secured the Presidency. Jack wrote, "My advice for you all is to understand that unity for our nation doesn't require uniformity or unanimity; it does require putting the good of our people ahead of what's good for mere political or personal advantage. You see, real leadership is not just seeing the realities of what we are temporarily faced with, but seeing the possibilities and potential that can be realized by lifting up peoples' vision of what they can be."

I would suggest that Jack is one of the greatest political leaders the world has ever seen. We all appreciate his efforts and service but none so more than me. My dear friend, you will be sorely missed. May God bless you and keep you.

# IDAHOANS SPEAK OUT ON HIGH ENERGY PRICES

Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, in mid-June, I asked Idahoans to share with me how high energy prices are affecting their lives, and they responded by the hundreds. The stories, numbering well over 1,200, are heart-breaking and touching. While energy prices have dropped in recent weeks, the concerns expressed remain very relevant. To respect the efforts of those who took the opportunity to share their thoughts, I am submitting every e-mail sent to me through an address set up specifically for this purpose to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. This is not an issue that will be easily resolved, but it is one that deserves immediate and serious attention, and Idahoans deserve to be heard. Their stories not only detail their struggles to meet everyday expenses, but also have suggestions and recommendations as to what Congress can do now to tackle this problem and find solutions that last beyond today. I ask unanimous consent to have today's letters printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

My husband and I live in Grand View on a cowboy's wages plus my disability. We were having a hard time just making it because of my medical bills. Now, with the cost of fuel, I have had to cut back on how many visits I make to doctors. It is a huge drain on our budget just getting to Mountain Home to buy the few groceries that we can afford, let alone go to Boise every month. We have horses to feed so our hay costs have more than doubled and the idea of just letting them loose on the desert is abhorrent to us. There are lots of people doing that because they cannot feed their animals anymore.

You know what is really sad? It is sad that all of these prices are based upon what might happen. A hurricane might hit the Gulf. I watch the stock market and wonder how they sleep at night when most of the decisions are based upon what might be or could happen. I understand paying more when there is a shortage or cost is high but why is it that in July/Aug we are being punished for what might happen in November? Maybe these people need to spend a year living off a cowboy's wage before they are allowed to make decisions that affect people they have nothing in common with?

KIM and LISA.

My husband and I are on fixed incomes and are having a very hard time making ends meet. My husband is 69 years old and is still having to work as I had to take a disability from my job with [the local] school district. I have worked in the special needs program for 22 of those years and have just worn my body out. I am on Social Security, but with them taking out almost \$95 a month for medical which does not cover vision or dental. I had to have a hip replaced besides all the other things that are wrong. If they keep up trying to take away or just quit having Social Security, what are we supposed to do? I have tried to get my disability from PERSI and they keep telling me if I can help my daughter with her kids two weeks out of the month, then I should be able to continue my job. I told them that there is quite a difference in lifting a 20-pound child who can help you to helping lift kids that weigh from

90 to 150 pounds and cannot help you. I dropped my granddaughter when she was six months old on her head because of my shoulders. I cannot afford to hurt a child at school or one of the other aides and be sued.

We do not have much as it is but we cannot start over again trying to if someone sued us because they will not settle for what the union would pay; they would want everything we owned. Most of us are in this desperate kind of situation and need the people back in Washington to understand that we do not have a retirement system like they do and need to be able to keep as much of what we have as we can. Please help us to at least keep what we are getting, it is not great but it is better than nothing which is what they seem to want for the working people. God bless you in your efforts to help all of us that are struggling and have worked all our lives to get nothing much and have those who get it all want to take it away from us. Thank you.

NANCY.

## My view

No thanks to all of the Oil Companies.

1. The oil and housing speculators have impaired the logical pricing soundness of gasoline and diesel oil, now causing all wholesale and retail price of goods and services to rise, offsetting this rising cost in the national economy used in the economic activity through the business establishments as energy in and for mobility.

2. This mobility for the time and motion factor to create productivity and profitability through transportation and distribution in the gathering and production and supply within the GNP.

3. This use correlated to the employment of money capital and mankind capital used in the profit and loss sheets to generate business revenue through sales that maintains the national economy, and provides the base for the ultimate consumer for all of the desires and demands put upon it and is the base for private side revenue.

4. Private side revenue from money capital labor and mankind labor to be taxed by direct and indirect taxes for the revenue to maintain government for all desires and demands put upon it.

5. The government sector through the private sector depends upon maximum investment, maximum employment, maximum income, maximum spending thus maximum sales through all the profit and loss sheets to generate maximum revenue for governments operation to tax and for cost and expenses, profit, earnings and income.

6. [This will all combine to] destroy the United States of America, [simply] by consuming the very thing that gives the people the wherewithal by working the nation's capital to produce a viable national economy to support the nation's needs through business in the private sector and the government sector.

7. We the people have given you trillions of dollars in money, subsidies, and [yet Congress has not acted to resolve the problem].

A. This has put the economy in disarray, and capital through instability is not now productive enough to generate economic activity through all of the profit and loss sheets, to generate revenue to be taxed to [provide tax breaks for oil companies], along with all of the government operations (federal, city, county, states) for things the people cannot afford individually, only collectively through tax revenue. Then we also cannot afford for FEMA, the military, flood, fire protection, police protection, education, weather, all and any government agency to operate as they derive tax revenue, due to the inefficacy, lack of productivity within thru GNP through the economic system.

B. The people are not addicted to fuel as energy (gasoline and diesel); the people are dependent upon fuel (gasoline and diesel) to maximize productivity through mobility of and in the use of asset money as money capital and asset labor as labor capital invested and risked within all of the profit and loss sheets.

C. Gasoline and diesel creating a more efficient source in supply, manufacturing, and in use and consumption to maximize productivity through mobility are separate sources of energy, used in a completely different function within the GNP by the economic system for the purpose of and function from wind power, coal, oil for electrical power generators, yet dependent upon mobility.

D. The oil companies will destroy this nation's economic system and the nation itself by their glut pricing for profits as the use of oil in the economic system is for mobility to create productivity for money capital, mankind labor capital for revenue from sales to create and maximize income and profits.

E. The use of oil in plant and equipment and mobility for production and supply are two separate entities but dependent upon each other as sales always leads production.

The national economy depends upon stability and responsibility and is relative to geographical location, environment, resources, man and money as capital invested in the domestic economy. (One P&L sheet to generate taxes will not pay government debt, it takes a collective million and more through the GNP.)

"1929" "The Starvation, the silent factories, the goods thrown away, the men standing idle, were the result of irresponsible human financial and economic activities."

"The whole class of people living on investments with fixed interest and annuities were pauperized and driven to the most abject expedients to live, all scientific, literary and educational activities endowments stopped. Officials, teachers, professional men and such-like living on fixed salaries or fixed fees were never able to increase stipends in proportion to the rise in prices. There was in fact a massacre of the poor educated."

A nation that cannot feed itself, maintain physical health and mental health and strength through the labor of capital and mankind for its survival of its people, maintain the viability, continuity of the economic system through all of the collective profit and loss sheets of Private enterprise is at a great disadvantage in social and economic stability in the international power field.

JOHN, Emmett.

[P.S.] Sales create revenue.

The national economy is what pays the nation's way, its government's way and debt through and by the people in the private sector through the collective profit and loss sheets of the Entrepreneurial interest. GNP is not a Perpetual Motion Machine: one has to work in order to have work done: thus motion.

1. The GNP is what the people produce as durables, non durables and service. (PRIME): The left-hand side is the supply side WORK; (+y -x -y), dependent upon mobility for productivity: This creating employment and income in the process of production, producing the Economic Goods or Service to satisfy human wants creating the demand object. When you put people to work one automatically puts money to work.

2. The GNP: (PUMP) to buy, durables, non durables and service, dependent upon mobility for productivity is the right-hand side and is the consumption side WORK DONE; (+y +x -y):

3. The left side and right-hand side reciprocating within the GNP through all of the collective Profit and Loss sheets from the -X