

made scientific conclusions that there was not climate change. Many Republicans seemed to suggest Vice President Gore come back and build an igloo on the White House.

Well, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has released information that says we had the warmest January to April ever, the warmest January to April ever since they started collecting data in 1880. And what do we get from our Republican colleagues? More drilling, more drilling. Not safeguards, but more drilling.

They go out and hold a press conference and ask for more offshore drilling. Rather than that, they should call for more solar investment, rebates for Americans to have solar technology, and get us away from fossil fuels that are ruining the gulf and causing the greatest disaster we have known in the Gulf of Mexico and ecological disaster we have known on this Earth.

While it's unclear what caused this tragic spill, what we can do to prevent future catastrophes is clear: We need to get away from fossil fuels. But Republicans are only interested in lining the pockets of oil companies and making sure that they have the opportunity to drill, drill, drill; spill, spill, spill. We need to stop it, and we need to get a policy that works.

CONGRATULATING ISAAC BEHAR ON HIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM MIAMI JEWISH HEALTH NETWORKS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district in south Florida, Isaac Behar, a longtime humanitarian, philanthropist, and businessman. Ike will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Miami Jewish Health Networks.

Ike's American journey embodies the American Dream. At the age of 20, Isaac left Havana for the United States with only \$50 and the dream of building a new life and helping others. He proudly served our country, the United States, in the Army in the Korean War.

Upon completion of his service, he started his own clothing business, the Ike Behar Company, with over 400 employees. After seeing the great care that his mother-in-law received from the Miami Health Networks, Isaac decided to make sure that others would be able to take advantage of their great services. Due to his generosity and commitment, the Miami Health Networks have been able to continue to serve all south Floridians.

Ike, I would like to commend you for your service, for your support for our community and our Nation. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving the lives of all south Floridians. Thank you.

FIREFIGHTERS

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, we are entering the heart of wildfire season in Arizona. Over the coming months, folks in my district will be faced with serious threats to their lives and property time and again; and time and again, these threats will be contained thanks to our firefighters.

As much as anyone, we in District One know the risk firefighters take to protect our communities. We remember how hard they worked to keep us safe when the Rodeo-Chediski fire forced thousands of Arizonans to evacuate their homes. We saw them heading into the forest to battle the Boggy fire, which they successfully contained 18 miles from Alpine just yesterday.

These brave men and women face incredible danger as a basic part of their jobs. So far this year, 34 firefighters have lost their lives in the line of duty. We must honor their service and sacrifice and renew our commitment to providing them with the support they need to fulfill their duties. It is the least we can do.

MORE DEBT

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, last week the President's chief budget adviser, Peter Orszag, said that the administration was unwilling to send a package of deficit-reducing budget cuts to Capitol Hill. Even though the President's party is in control of both Houses, Orszag didn't think administration budget recommendations would be considered.

Just a few days later, however, the President announced that he wants Congress to pass a \$50 billion bill to bail out States, regardless of whether that spending increases the deficit. So the administration is perfectly willing to dictate to Congress that we should increase our already burdensome national debt, but wholly unwilling to recommend sensible cuts to existing government programs. We just can't go on like this.

This week, Greece just had another debt rating agency slash their bond rating to junk. Now Europe is putting together a bailout package for Spain, Italy, Ireland, and Portugal may not be far behind. The warnings are numerous, but I fear that they are being ignored. We have to get control of our Federal budget or there is not going to be anyone big enough to bail us out.

PUTTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, listening to my friend from Pennsylvania, I remind him as well as others that the last month of George Bush this country lost 780,000 jobs in 1 month. Okay? Fourteen months later, 15 months later we gained some 400,000 jobs in this country, a swing of 1,100,000 jobs per month.

But in the process, down here in the recession after the Bush administration, we lost 8 million jobs. We have a long way to go to put those people back to work. But for Democrats, that's job number one, to continue to add jobs and put people back to work.

When President Bush left it was a \$1.3 trillion deficit. We know that we have to rein in spending, and we can begin with Iraq, by drawing down those troops and saving this country some real money.

Our first job is to put people back to work, and that's what Democrats are going to do.

MARINE CORPS LEGEND SERGEANT CHUCK TALIANO

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a Marine Corps legend and Beaufort, South Carolina, resident, passed away on Friday, leaving behind many touched lives, an iconic image, and a legacy of service to our great country.

This is a copy of the iconic Marine Corps recruit photo of Sergeant Chuck Taliano. The story of how Sergeant Chuck Taliano ended up on this famous poster is best reported by Patrick Donahue in the Beaufort Gazette. The article explains that:

"Sergeant Chuck Taliano was awaiting an honorable discharge at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in 1968 when a reservist writing a book about boot camp snapped a photo of him giving a recruit an 'attitude readjustment.'"

"That cemented Taliano's place in Corps legend."

"The photo captured his snarling mug inches from a fresh-faced recruit with the caption, 'We don't promise you a rose garden.' It was on thousands of Marine Corps recruiting posters printed during the 1970s and 1980s."

I want to thank Sergeant Taliano and his family for his commitment to America and the Marine Corps. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism. God bless the U.S. Marine Corps.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5297

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5297, the Small

Business Lending Fund Act. This legislation will help the small businesses in my district, such as Al & Joe's Deli, a family-owned business in Franklin Park with sub sandwiches to die for, that is looking to expand. It will also save businesses such as National Plumbing & Heating Supply Company in Illinois, which had to shut down after 60 years because banks ended its line of credit.

To respond to these problems, I will vote to create a new \$30 billion loan program to boost lending to small businesses so they can expand and create jobs.

I also cosponsored an amendment that will include commercial real estate lending as small business lending. This will complement regular lending efforts and help businesses like Al & Joe's capitalize on existing property to expand and create new jobs.

I urge my colleagues to pass this critical legislation.

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HONORING ELAINE KANG

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the young talent of Elaine Kang, a 16-year-old violinist from Port Matilda, PA.

This coming September, she will make her radio debut on NPR's "From the Top," a critically acclaimed radio show that reaches 700,000 listeners each week. "From the Top" serves to honor the passion and tenacity of classical musicians under the mission of allowing young people to make a difference by showing who they are and what they can accomplish.

Elaine should be highly commended for developing this wonderful talent. With only 16 years behind her and many more ahead, she is well on her way to a fruitful career. She is a role model for many other young musicians, as well as her peers. The lessons of hard work and discipline are universal, and Elaine certainly promotes them. She has exhibited wonderful skill and her example shows the benefit of pursuing one's passions.

I wish Elaine the best of luck on her upcoming taping at the Majestic Theatre in Gettysburg, and I look forward to hearing her play.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. BACA. I agree with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that America's borders must be secured. Border security is an important part of comprehensive reform, but we simply cannot ignore the 12 million in-

dividuals who are forced to live in the shadows of our society. Our broken immigration system is tearing families apart, thousands of families, every year.

The Department of Homeland Security reports that over the last 10 years, more than 100,000 immigrant parents of U.S. citizen children have been deported. Misguided laws like Arizona's SB1070 don't help keep families together.

Immigration is a Federal problem that can only be solved with a comprehensive approach that is both sensitive to families and ensures border security.

I urge my colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans, to cosponsor H.R. 4321.

Last, but not least, I would like to wish the women good luck tonight in their softball game.

CONGRESS MUST BUDGET

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

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, the national debt just surpassed \$13 trillion. Since 2000, the national debt and government spending have doubled, and in simple terms, every American citizen now owes \$42,000 toward this debt.

To govern is to choose, Mr. Speaker, and choices must be made within our budget to resolve this dire situation. Yes, the choices before us are hard, and restoring economic strength will be very difficult. But tightening the belt, making hard choices and relieving the massive debt burden that will otherwise be left to our children and grandchildren, this is the charge of Congress. This is our duty. This is what the American people deserve.

Government spending and overreach are eroding economic confidence, yet there is neither a political will or a mechanism in Washington right now for addressing this spiraling debt and deficit/right now there isn't even a budget, and this is unconscionable and unsustainable. Our constituents deserve a Nation with its fiscal house in order, and this starts with a responsible budget plan.

REMEMBERING BLOODY SUNDAY

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

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, we had an opportunity yesterday to witness another it-will-never-happen moment. Thirty-eight years after 13 unarmed men and women were shot dead on the streets of Derry in the north of Ireland, on a day now known as Bloody Sunday, the families and relatives of the victims have found the justice they've been seeking for decades. They learned the truth yesterday about what hap-

pened during a peaceful civil rights march in the Bogside community in January of 1972. And they heard the British Prime Minister David Cameron say that their loved ones were innocent and that the actions of the parachute regimen on that day were unjustified and wrong.

If Bloody Sunday was a defining day in the history of the troubles, let us hope the publication of the Saville Report will be transformative and cathartic moment for the people in the north of Ireland.

Today we remember those who lost their lives marching near Free Derry and Rossville Flats. We remember Bloody Sunday and those who were wounded. The innocent people have now been exonerated.

For those of us who stood up with those families over the course of almost four decades—and I was a staunch supporter of those families—this is a moment of satisfaction. And at the Guildhall yesterday in Derry, people cheered the vindication of their loved ones who died on that tragic, tragic day.

GIRLS ROCK THE HOUSE WINNER

(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elli Rassbach, an eighth grade student from Walla Walla, Washington, the winner of the first "Girls Rock the House" contest in my home State of Washington State.

At a time when only 17 percent of Congress is made up of women, we need to be doing a better job of making young ladies aware of the opportunities and encouraging more young women to become involved in public service.

That's why I'm a strong supporter of "Girls Rock the House," and I'm very proud of this year's winner. The bill Elli wrote and submitted to "Girls Rock the House" is well-researched and well-written. It's an idea to promote healthy living, and I'm proud to stand before my colleagues and ask them to join me in recognizing her achievement.

On behalf of the United States Congress, congratulations, Elli. Well done.

NO MORE FREE RIDES COURTESY OF THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, author Michael Kinsley once observed that "a gaffe is when a politician tells the truth."

The Republican leader, Mr. BOEHNER, proved this point the other day when he was asked point blank whether he agrees with the Chamber of Commerce that the government should pitch in to