

WELCOMING THE REVEREND DR.
PAUL W. POWELL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, our guest chaplain today has been Reverend Dr. Paul W. Powell. He is retired dean of Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary and is a distinguished graduate of both Baylor and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also been the president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board and Baptist General Convention of Texas, along with a vast array of offices with many charitable institutions too numerous to mention.

He is an author of 36 books and has been pastor of churches all over Texas and spanned two decades as pastor of Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas, leading our church from about 700 members to over 7,000, where it fed and clothed the poor through founding the Good Samaritan Outreach Center and People Attempting to Help. Under his direction, our church began Hispanic church ministries, a Korean church ministry, dental and medical outreach ministries, as well as churches in Mexico, Belize, and many other places. Green Acres became the largest single donor to missions in the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

He and his wife, Cathy, have three children: Kent, Mike, and Lori; and three grandchildren: Jordan, Katie, and Matthew.

He is now the interim pastor of First Baptist Church in Tyler. He brings wisdom, accountability, growth, life, and light wherever he serves and truly has a heart after God's own. Seeking always to serve, he has been pastor, dean, president, chairman, director, officer, trustee of so many entities, but of most importance to me, he has been a friend, mentor, confidant, encourager, and inspiration.

May God bless Paul Powell and his family.

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JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, we continue to see a growing sign of economic recovery resulting from the economic policies of the Democratic Congress and the Obama administration responding to the Bush recession and the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. More must be done to create jobs and save jobs, but the latest signs of recovery include: Industrial production has increased a cumulative 8.1 percent during the last 11 months, the largest 11-month gain since 1997.

Total industrial production rose 1.2 percent in May. The increase, slightly

above market expectations, was led by a strong .9 percent growth in manufacturing output. Industrial production has grown at a rate of 7.4 percent annually for this past quarter, on the heels of 7.6 percent annualized growth in the first quarter.

Madam Speaker, we are on our way in the right direction.

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, when I'm home in the Fifth District of North Carolina, folks tell me they're concerned about the debt, the deficit, and job loss.

What's the reaction of those in charge of Congress?

Well, they canceled the adoption of the budget. House Democrats have failed in their responsibility to lead by not proposing or passing a 2011 budget resolution. The House has never failed to pass an annual budget resolution since the current budget rules were put in place in 1974.

In 2006, then House Whip, Steny Hoyer, now House majority leader, said the most basic responsibility of governing is enacting a budget. Where's that responsibility now?

They plan a deeming resolution later in the week. That is not a substitute for a budget.

Democrat jobs bills have failed to create jobs. Democrats continue to spend at a near record pace. Through the first 8 months of the current fiscal year, the Federal Government amassed \$935 billion in deficit spending on track to an annual deficit approaching last year's record \$1.4 trillion.

PUTTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

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

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to talk about the emergency that our country is in. Over 15 million Americans are unemployed, unemployed presently and unemployed in the last three years. Many more are long-term unemployed. We need an emergency bill that will put people back to work.

In the 1970s and 1980s, President Reagan, President Carter started what was called the Comprehensive Employment Training Act, or CETA, put \$50 million in it, and hired 20 million Americans across the country. We need such a jobs bill today.

This Congress has done some things. The President has worked with us, and we've passed legislation and bills that helped small businesses to hire and to get tax incentives. But what America needs is to address the emergency now.

Home sales are down. Foreclosures are up. Americans want to work. It's our responsibility that we help them do so.

Today, let's pass a real jobs bill similar to the CETA Comprehensive Employment Training Act.

Is it an emergency? Yes, it is. Should it be offset? Are the American people an emergency? I believe that they are.

USC COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

(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. Madam Speaker, congratulations to the University of South Carolina's baseball team for a spectacular showing in the College World Series at Omaha, Nebraska.

The journey to this point hasn't been the easiest for the Gamecocks. The team overcame an opening loss and then won four consecutive games for the finals. Gamecocks proved persistent. The USA Today headline says "South Carolina in command after Game 1 victory."

I'm very proud of the way these student athletes are representing the University of South Carolina on the national stage. Whit Merrifield, first cousin of congressional staffer Melissa Hite of Irmo, withstood a hard collision in South Carolina's victory on Saturday and stayed in the game, ultimately bumping his average to .300 in the College World Series.

And talk about stats. Lead-off hitter Evan Marzilli has an impressive .378 batting average, to always start things off right. Second District resident Blake Cooper last night was MVP, with an outstanding defeat over UCLA in championship game one.

Congratulations to USC Coach Ray Tanner for his leadership and determination.

HONORING WEST MESA HIGH SCHOOL IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

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

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of West Mesa High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which was recently selected as one of America's best high schools by Newsweek magazine.

Since 1966, West Mesa High School has been the heart of Albuquerque's west side. Recently the school was a great partner when they hosted one of my job fairs, as well as my service academy nomination information night.

Last year the school had an outstanding 75 percent of its students enrolled in at least one advanced placement course, the kind of rigorous classes that push students to achieve their potential and lead our Nation in the 21st century.

The late educator, Jaime Escalante, associated with the film "Stand and Deliver," told his students, You do not enter the future; you create the future.

I want to thank the West Mesa Mustangs for pushing themselves and for creating a bright future for themselves and for our community. Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

HEALTHCARE AT THREE MONTHS

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, you may remember that the American people were told that Congress had to pass the health care bill so they could find out what was in it.

After 3 months, the American people have found out what was in the new law, and they still don't like it. The latest Rasmussen poll from just this week shows that 55 percent oppose the law. And they have good reasons to be upset.

New HHS rules published just a few weeks ago will mean that many companies and individuals will be forced to change to plans that meet the government's new standards. So much for "if you like your plan you can keep it," as the President said.

For seniors, CBO reports that half of all Medicare Advantage plans will end in the coming years. Seniors who were receiving vision and dental coverage on these plans will now be forced to buy costly supplemental coverage. The more layers we peel away, the less there is to like about ObamaCare.

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

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

Mr. CARDOZA. Congressional Republicans threaten to take us back to the failed policies that created the economic crisis, siding with special interests, i.e., the Wall Street investment banks. These economic and fiscal policies created the Bush recession, the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, with job losses of nearly 800,000 a month and nearly doubling our national debt.

Democrats in Congress will continue to take America in a new direction, creating good American jobs, lowering taxes for the middle class and for small business, and building a strong new foundation for the economy and for Main Street instead of Wall Street.

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CONGRATULATING NEW JOURNEYS TRANSITIONAL HOME

(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. I would like to recognize an outstanding south Florida organization, New Journeys Transitional Home. This home is committed

to decreasing the rate of homelessness among young women in south Florida. It provides an immediate, safe, affordable, and nurturing housing environment that promotes independence and self-sufficiency.

New Journeys Transitional Home serves those who have a desire to achieve educational and employment goals, as well as those with a motivation to progress through the program. This wonderful organization provides young women with workshops to help strengthen their educational and employment goals, their interviewing skills, and improve their self-esteem.

Due to its generosity and dedication, New Journeys Transitional Home has helped so many young women in my community in south Florida. I would like to commend all the individuals involved in the organization. Through their service and support, they help our community and they help so many young women in our Nation.

Thank you for your devotion; thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of south Floridians in need.

PASS THE HOME STAR ENERGY RETROFIT BILL

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

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, America needs jobs. The unemployment is too high, and there are concrete things that we can do to create jobs. One is to pass the Home Star Energy Retrofit bill into law. The Senate has to act. The House passed it on a bipartisan basis last year.

It's a partnership between homeowners, the private sector, and government. It will create 170,000 jobs where we need them the most: in manufacturing; in retail, by getting customers to the local hardware stores; and in construction, by putting out-of-work home builders to work retrofitting homes.

This is a triple play. It will allow us to save \$10 billion in energy bills, it will put 170,000 out of work folks to work, and it will help homeowners save on their energy bills.

MCDONALD V. CITY OF CHICAGO

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, yesterday the United States Supreme Court upheld a Federal appeals court ruling overturning a law prohibiting private citizens from possessing handguns in the City of Chicago. This is a momentous decision, and I commend the justices for protecting our right to gun ownership.

The Second Amendment guarantees an individual's right to keep and bear arms. However, for too long this right has been denied to some Americans

simply because of where they reside. This 5-4 decision was the right one, though the close margin underscores the necessity to remain vigilant to future attempts to curtail our right to bear arms.

Residents across this country should be able to exercise their constitutional rights to protect themselves and their families. I am committed to protecting the constitutional rights of all law-abiding, freedom-loving Americans, and I invite my colleagues to join me.

PUT FORWARD CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, as we work to resolve our Nation's fiscal crisis, we must have bipartisan cooperation to best find ways to balance economic recovery and job creation with long-term deficit reduction. Americans clearly understand the danger of debt and the need for a serious long-term plan. What they don't understand is sound bites and political rhetoric.

And so to my Republican colleagues, as you come to the well today, put your ideas on the table. It doesn't help to demagogue this issue. The fact is, and it remains, President Obama inherited a \$11 trillion debt on day one, and we are trying to recover. The American people need your constructive ideas.

FAILURE TO PASS A BUDGET

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

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, for the first time since 1974, the House has failed to pass a budget resolution. Instead of making tough decisions, congressional Democrats have chosen to keep their heads in the sand. A problem won't go away just by ignoring it. It will require real leadership and a commitment to fiscal discipline to tackle the out-of-control spending and debt that threatens our economic prosperity. Failure to even propose a budget fundamentally means that congressional Democrats have no plan and are content to ignore our skyrocketing debt.

Madam Speaker, the American people know it's a failure of leadership to ignore the massive tax increases and the crushing burden of debt Washington is leaving our children and grandchildren.

HONORING RUBY BATT'S ARCHIE

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

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, southern Virginia lost a legend, a lion, and a beloved leader.