

Miller, Gary	Rodriguez	Snyder
Minnick	Roe (TN)	Space
Mitchell	Rogers (AL)	Spratt
Mollohan	Rogers (KY)	Stark
Moore (KS)	Rogers (MI)	Stearns
Moran (VA)	Rohrabacher	Stupak
Murphy (CT)	Rooney	Sullivan
Murphy (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen	Sutton
Murphy, Patrick	Roskam	Tanner
Murphy, Tim	Ross	Taylor
Myrick	Rothman (NJ)	Teague
Napolitano	Roybal-Allard	Terry
Neal (MA)	Royce	Thompson (CA)
Neugebauer	Ruppersberger	Thompson (MS)
Nunes	Ryan (OH)	Thompson (PA)
Nye	Ryan (WI)	Thornberry
Oberstar	Salazar	Tiahrt
Obey	Sánchez, Linda	Tiberi
Olson	T.	Titus
Olver	Sanchez, Loretta	Tonko
Ortiz	Sarbanes	Turner
Owens	Scalise	Upton
Pallone	Schakowsky	Van Hollen
Pascarella	Schauer	Velázquez
Pastor (AZ)	Schiff	Visclosky
Paul	Schmidt	Walden
Paulsen	Schock	Walz
Payne	Schrader	Wamp
Pence	Schwartz	Wasserman
Perlmutter	Scott (GA)	Schultz
Perriello	Scott (VA)	Waters
Peters	Sensenbrenner	Watson
Peterson	Sessions	Watt
Petri	Sestak	Waxman
Pingree (ME)	Shadegg	Weiner
Pitts	Sherman	Welch
Platts	Shimkus	Westmoreland
Poe (TX)	Shuler	Whitfield
Polis (CO)	Shuster	Wilson (OH)
Pomeroy	Simpson	Wilson (SC)
Posey	Sires	Wittman
Price (NC)	Skelton	Wolf
Quigley	Slaughter	Woolsey
Rahall	Smith (NE)	Wu
Reichert	Smith (NJ)	Yarmuth
Reyes	Smith (TX)	Young (AK)
Richardson	Smith (WA)	

## NOT VOTING—54

Ackerman	Fallin	Miller, George
Blackburn	Filner	Moore (WI)
Boehner	Fleming	Moran (KS)
Bonner	Gordon (TN)	Nadler (NY)
Boozman	Grijalva	Price (GA)
Brown-Waite,	Hall (NY)	Putnam
Ginny	Higgins	Radanovich
Buyer	Hodes	Rangel
Cantor	Hoekstra	Rehberg
Carney	Kilroy	Rush
Castle	Kirk	Serrano
Clarke	Langevin	Shea-Porter
Crowley	Lee (CA)	Speier
Culberson	Lynch	Tierney
DeFazio	Maloney	Towns
Delahunt	McCarthy (CA)	Tsongas
Edwards (TX)	Meek (FL)	Young (FL)
Ellsworth	Meeks (NY)	
Engel	Melancon	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 520, I was away from the Capitol due to a constituent commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote No. 519 on H. Res. 1052, and rollcall vote No. 520 on H. Res. 1571.

Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on both resolutions.

## JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT

(Mr. BISHOP of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, Americans came together in our hometowns and cities this past Saturday to honor nearly 3,000 lives lost in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Next week, we have the opportunity to honor the first responders and rescue workers who rushed to Ground Zero to help in the rescue and recovery efforts when we vote on the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. The bill will provide necessary medical and monitoring treatment to the first responders and survivors of 9/11 who were exposed to the debris and to the dangerous toxins emitted from the fall of the Twin Towers.

New York's courageous firefighters, police officers, EMTs, cleanup workers, and the thousands who came from other States to lend New York a hand have been waiting for Congress to act. I thank the House leadership for agreeing to bring this important legislation up for consideration under regular order, and I commend Representatives MALONEY and NADLER for their unwavering commitment to the 9/11 first responders.

We must always fulfill our solemn promise to remember September 11 and those who died, and it is imperative we care for those brave men and women who are still affected by its aftermath. I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 847.

## AMERICANS DON'T BELIEVE THE MEDIA'S REPORTING

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, most Americans don't believe the national media's reporting, according to a new survey by the Pew Research Center.

Only about 2 in 10 say they “believe all or most information” from news outlets such as the New York Times, ABC, CBS, and NBC. For the television networks, this marks a 10-point drop from a decade ago.

Americans have good reason to be skeptical of the media. A total of 17 journalists have left a national media outlet to join either the Obama administration or another liberal organization, according to the Media Research Center. It is no wonder that, by a margin of 3 to 1, Americans describe the average reporter as more liberal than they are rather than more conservative, according to a public opinion poll.

If the national media want the public to believe their reporting, they should

give Americans the facts and not tell them what to think.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO PENN STATE

(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, on Monday, the members of the Penn State women's volleyball and the men's and women's fencing national championship teams were honored by the White House. They were two of the more than 30 National Collegiate Athletic Association national championship teams invited to the White House celebration by the President.

Last season, the Penn State women's volleyball team won their unprecedented third straight NCAA National Championship. They have won a record 109 matches in a row. The Nittany Lions were a perfect 38-0 for the second consecutive season, and this was their seventh Big Ten title in a row. The Penn State fencers won their fifth national title in the last decade on March 28 and their second consecutive NCAA championship.

These teams carried the mantle of Penn State from the court and the strip to the White House, and I could not be prouder of my alma mater and its sensational teams.

I commend the President for his efforts to recognize the various championship teams and individual student athletes for their contributions to their communities and to their schools.

## GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Greenwood Elementary School in Plymouth, Minnesota, for being designated as a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School. Greenwood earned this great distinction under the direction of now retired principal Ginny Clark, and is now being led by Brad Gustafson.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program acknowledges public and private elementary, middle and high schools whose students have excelled or have made great progress academically. This program is highly effective in promoting and identifying strong leadership and teaching practices.

Though, it is truly the dedicated students, teachers, faculty, and parents who make Greenwood the great learning community that it is, and I am proud to represent such wonderful people here in Congress. We must continue to support such programs like this and recognize our great schools.

Congratulations, Greenwood Elementary. You truly are a Blue Ribbon School.

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## THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, we just returned from, I think, the longest August recess that I have ever experienced; and I come back refreshed, refreshed from listening to my constituents back home. And they wanted me to deliver a message when I got back here. They said, Stop the spending; raising taxes on us in the midst of this economic downturn makes no sense whatsoever, get control of the budget—at least adopt a budget and follow it as we are required to do in our homes and in our businesses. And, yes, Mr. Speaker, they asked me to deliver this message: stop picking on the employers of America. If you want employees, you need employers. And stop making it more difficult for the small business men and women in my district to continue to operate. Get government out of the way.

The people back home are willing to take the lead if we will just let them do it. Let's return to old-fashioned American principles. That's the way we march to the future.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

## MIAMI LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise tonight to recognize and encourage continued support for the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind.

Founded in 1931 in Little Havana in my congressional district, the Miami Lighthouse is invaluable to my south Florida community. Most of us take our vision for granted; but for the millions of vision-impaired Americans, even performing everyday tasks can become a challenge. The Miami Lighthouse is a resource for the visually impaired of south Florida, providing not only the tools and the training that they need, but also a loving and supportive community.

I have recently had the privilege of visiting the Miami Lighthouse for the

Blind and participating in their children's summer camp program. As I toured this state-of-the-art facility, I saw firsthand the wonderful impact this organization has had in the lives of the children, adults, and seniors that it serves.

Miami Lighthouse is truly helping people of all ages regain their independence. Their innovative programs cover everything from employment training to computer usage to daily skills like cooking and grocery shopping. Miami Lighthouse also offers programs to build a supportive community where awareness and support are always available. They offer play dates for blind babies, summer camps for children, and social groups for seniors. Every child at the Miami Lighthouse summer camp showed me that the work Miami Lighthouse is doing has a significant impact on their future and on their quality of life.

Miami Lighthouse truly goes beyond treatment and rehabilitation; they bring the visually impaired closer to our community. But as those at Miami Lighthouse will tell you, incidences of vision loss are on the rise. Over the past 5 years, Mr. Speaker, the number of program participants at the Miami Lighthouse has risen dramatically, and this is a trend that extends across the country.

We as a Nation must dedicate the time and the resources to prevent blindness and its related conditions. Early detection is the key to fighting vision loss; and effective, accessible screening programs must be the cornerstone. Centers like the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind are leading the way. Its Heiken Children's Vision Program provides school children in Miami with eye exams and prescription glasses at no cost to families. Thanks to this program, hundreds of students now have an easier time reading and seeing the blackboard in class and have a chance for a brighter future.

I thank each and every one of the caring staff and the many volunteers at Miami Lighthouse. It is through your commitment that so many vision-impaired individuals in our community can live happy, active lives. I look forward to again visiting the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind in the future and learning of all of its latest successes.

## WITHDRAWING COMBAT TROOPS FROM IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, beginning in January 2005, speaking from this very spot just about every single night that I could on the House floor, I've declared again and again my conviction that we must bring our troops home from Iraq. I was actually the first Member of Congress to bring legislation to the House floor to end the

war in Iraq, and now at long last it is finally happening. Eighty-eight months after President Bush declared "Mission Accomplished," President Obama has kept his promise to redeploy our fighting forces out of Iraq.

To be sure, however, there is still a long way to go before we can declare that this war is over. There are still Americans in harm's way in Iraq—50,000 servicemen and -women as well as countless contractors, but they are remaining behind to train Iraqi Security Forces, and it is expected they will leave by the end of next year.

Every single American, Mr. Speaker, has sacrificed for this policy of invading a sovereign nation without provocation and under false pretenses. The Iraq war has drained the American people of nearly three-quarters of \$1 trillion. This is money, much of it borrowed from foreign creditors, which we are essentially taking from our children and grandchildren.

And then there are the things you can't quantify—the moral authority we have squandered; the national credibility we have lost; the trust of our global neighbors that we won't soon recover. Of course no sacrifice was greater than the one borne by our men and women in uniform and their families; 4,400 Americans died unnecessarily, upwards of 30,000 are wounded, and tens of thousands more are suffering from post-traumatic stress. The men and women deployed to Iraq, Mr. Speaker, have served with courage, they have served with honor, and we owe them our never-ending gratitude, and we owe them our concern and our support.

Now that the occupation is drawing to a close in Iraq, however, the Iraqi people have a chance to build the brighter future that they deserve. To help them in that endeavor, even as we phase out the military campaign, we must step up our commitment on other fronts.

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We must embrace the smart security platform I have spoken of so often in these chambers. That means a civilian surge of aid workers, diplomats and other experts who can help the Iraqi people rebuild their country, strengthen democratic institutions, and empower their citizens with education and economic opportunity.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, let me say this: We are still a Nation at war. The conflict in Afghanistan, often forgotten when Iraq was at its worst, lingers on hopelessly and disastrously. There are some who believe more time is needed in Afghanistan to turn the corner. But if we've learned one lesson from Iraq, it's that prolonging the war only emboldens the very forces we're trying to defeat.

Just as President Obama kept his word to end combat operations by a date certain in Iraq, he must do the same in Afghanistan. I strongly urge the President to stick to his own deadline of next July, and I, for one, will