

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING DR. ROBERT BEICHNER ON BEING AWARDED THE 2011 HAROLD W. MCGRAW, JR. PRIZE IN EDUCATION

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Robert Beichner for receiving the prestigious 2011 Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education.

Dr. Beichner, an Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor in the Department of Physics at North Carolina State University, is well-known for his work to improve teaching and learning at all levels and for a variety of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, fields. Since 2007, he has been the Director of North Carolina State University's STEM Education Initiative, with a mission to study and improve STEM education from "K to Gray" in North Carolina and around the world. His contributions to science education—from co-authoring a top-selling physics textbook to promoting new ways to educate our students in the classroom—reach far beyond the boundaries of his home campus in Raleigh, North Carolina.

As a first-generation college graduate, Dr. Beichner recognizes the benefits of hands-on instruction that are not typically well represented in STEM fields. One of his major efforts is the Student-Centered Active Learning Environment for Undergraduate Programs, or the SCALE-UP program, which utilizes methodology and teaching efforts proven to be successful in small class settings—such as hands-on activities, simulations and roundtable discussions—and adapts them for use in larger classrooms. The program fosters 21st century skills such as communication, problem-solving, and teamwork, and has been shown to improve students' ability to solve problems; increase conceptual understanding of STEM material; improve attitudes; and reduce failure rates among all demographics.

Since it was launched in the late 1990's, SCALE-UP has been adopted by more than 100 universities across the country—including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Clemson, and Wake Technical Community College—and is now moving into high schools, as well. This innovative curriculum development, evaluation, and dissemination effort is supported by the U.S. Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, Hewlett-Packard, and Pasco Scientific.

Dr. Beichner gained visibility when he co-authored Physics for Scientists and Engineers, the leading college physics textbook, which is used by more than one-third of all STEM college majors. Several years ago he created the PER-CENTRAL website, establishing an electronic "home base" for the Physics Education Research community, and he also consults with education researchers and reformers in biology, engineering, chemistry and statistics.

In addition, he is the founding editor of Physical Review Special Topics: Physics Education Research, the leading journal for those studying ways to improve the learning of physics.

Long regarded not only as an expert in his field, but also as a teacher and a mentor who has greatly influenced the lives and careers of his students and colleagues, Dr. Beichner has received a number of accolades for his education reform efforts. In 2009, he was named the North Carolina Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and in 2010, he was recognized as the National Undergraduate Science Teacher of the Year from the Society of College Science Teachers and the National Science Teachers Association.

I am proud to see the list of honors continue with this year's awarding of the McGraw Prize in Education, which annually recognizes outstanding individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving education and who have demonstrated successes in doing so. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Beichner for his achievements in improving STEM education and fostering the next generation of leaders in STEM fields.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer congratulations to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions for its commitment to superior education and training. For the past 60 years, since the inception of the university's College of Nursing in 1951, its faculty and staff have been dedicated to educating and developing future healthcare employees of the highest caliber.

As a healthcare professional, I know the importance of a well-trained medical team. The faculty and staff of the UL Lafayette College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions work hard to provide their students with a first-rate education, making the college's graduates among the most coveted in the nation. Out-of-state hospitals seek UL Lafayette nursing graduates in hopes of gaining a staff member with superior skill and knowledge in the medical field.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at UL Lafayette is considered as one of the country's most prestigious healthcare degrees. UL Lafayette BSN graduates continually pass licensing exams at a higher rate than state and U.S. averages.

The college was named a 2005–2008 Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for On-going Faculty Development by the National

League for Nursing. UL Lafayette's program is one of only four in the United States to earn this title. The college was also recognized by the Louisiana State Nurses Association and the Louisiana Nurses Foundation, earning the 2008 Nursing School of the Year Nightingale Award.

Since 1989, healthcare students have also had the opportunity to earn a Graduate Degree at UL Lafayette. In 1996, the university began offering a Nurse Practitioner program, allowing students to continue utilizing the superior faculty and staff resources of the College of Nursing even after they have received their baccalaureate degree.

I commend the UL Lafayette College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions for their dedication and desire to grow and improve the medical community. I am honored to represent these brilliant and hard-working healthcare professionals in Congress.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND ROBERT H. WILSON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Reverend Dr. Robert H. Wilson, Sr., retired pastor and an executive of the National Baptist Convention of America, NBCA. Dr. Bob, as he was called, passed away on September 26.

Dr. Wilson was a beloved pastor of the church as much as he was the beloved father of two children, Roberta Nicholson and Robert H. Wilson, Jr. Dr. Wilson dedicated his entire life to his faith, having pastored his first congregation at the youthful age of 16 and then in various other congregations until he was 82 years old.

Gifted with the ability to effectively preach, Dr. Wilson would go on to pastor a number of churches throughout Texas, although his first experience as a pastor began in Columbia, South Carolina. Ultimately, his destiny led him back to Texas, reunited with his family.

Furthering his dedication to the church, Dr. Wilson founded his very own church in Dallas, the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Christ, where he pastored for 25 years.

Not surprisingly, Dr. Wilson made a number of contributions outside of his church as well, primarily with the NBCA. Dr. Wilson held a number of positions there, boasting 18 years of service as the first Congress Director for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Workers as well as being elected Secretary-Treasurer of the NBCA Foreign Mission Board. His wide range of contributions toward promoting his faith was diverse.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Wilson was loved and respected by all. He gave the ultimate sacrifice by dedicating his entire life to inspire and empower members of faith. His legacy will remain

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with the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Christ and its members. He will be dearly missed and I am honored today to pay a final tribute to this outstanding community leader, Dr. Robert H. Wilson, Sr.

RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT U.S.
ATTORNEY THOMAS B. THOMPSON

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Thomas B. Thompson for his distinguished service to, and retirement from, the United States Attorney's Office.

Since 1984, AUSA Thompson has devoted his expertise to the United States Attorney's Office (USAO), serving in both the criminal and civil divisions of the USAO in the Western District of Louisiana. AUSA Thompson specializes in U.S. bankruptcy law, and has worked as senior litigation council and chief of the civil division of the USAO.

AUSA Thompson is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and is authorized to practice in certain federal courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

Before entering the United States Attorney's Office, from 1980 to 1984, AUSA Thompson worked for the late Honorable Richard J. Putnam, Senior District Judge, United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana.

AUSA Thompson earned his baccalaureate degree from McNeese State University and his Juris Doctorate from Louisiana State University. He also served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1969 to 1975, receiving an Honorable Discharge. During his time with the Corps he was stationed in the Former Republic of Vietnam, obtaining the position of squad leader for two infantry companies.

AUSA Thompson has had a highly distinguished career, and I commend him for his service to our nation, not only on the battlefield, but also as an officer of justice. I am proud to be his representative in Congress and wish him well in his retirement.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTH KOREA:
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is known to be the world's most isolated country, as its citizens are prohibited from traveling either internally or internationally without permission. Communications with the outside world also are tightly regulated in attempts by the dictatorship regime to filter all information accessible by the North Korean people.

Therefore, the testimony provided last week by our distinguished panel, and in particular our two defector witnesses, was particularly welcome and appreciated. Mrs. Kim Young Soon and Mrs. Kim Hye Sook, who both have

survived the extreme deprivations of the North Korean prison camps, travelled all the way from South Korea to share their experiences with us. On behalf of the subcommittee, I wish to convey to them our sincere gratitude.

They spoke on behalf of the estimated 150,000 to 200,000 prisoners currently held in North Korea's penal-labor camps. It is our hope that their testimony will help to galvanize the international community to take action to secure the freedom of those who are needlessly suffering and dying under truly horrific conditions.

Those living in the prison camps are not the only ones suffering in North Korea. As one of our witnesses, Suzanne Scholte, testified, in North Korea every single human right enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is violated. North Korea is listed by the State Department as a "Tier 3" country with respect to human trafficking. It was just redesignated this month as one of eight "Countries of Particular Concern" for its egregious violations of religious freedom.

But not all the testimony during the hearing was bleak. We heard about new potential for communication to and with the North Korean people, and explored possibilities for peaceful change given upcoming political events in North Korea and changes in other countries in the region. We look forward to discussing this potential to improve the lives of all North Koreans.

Once again, I would like to thank our witnesses for joining us last week.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as we today approve a continuing resolution at a non-emergency spending level equivalent to \$1.043 trillion, and additional War Funding at an annualized rate of \$119 billion, our national debt is \$14,707,406,820,591.87 trillion.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10.63 trillion.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4.07 trillion since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

CHINA'S ONE-CHILD POLICY: THE
GOVERNMENT'S MASSIVE CRIME
AGAINST WOMEN AND UNBORN
BABIES

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, last week I held an extremely important hearing that examined the consequences of thirty-three years of China's implementation of its one child per couple policy.

China's one child policy is state sponsored cruelty and constitutes massive crimes against

humanity. The Nuremberg Nazi war crimes tribunal properly construed forced abortion as a crime against humanity—nothing in human history compares to the magnitude of China's 33 year assault on women and children.

Today in China, rather than being given maternal care, pregnant women without birth allowed permits are hunted down and forcibly aborted. They are mocked, belittled and humiliated. There are no single moms in China—except those who somehow evade the family planning cadres and conceal their pregnancy. For over three decades, brothers and sisters have been illegal; a mother has absolutely no right to protect her unborn baby from state sponsored violence.

Over the years I have chaired 29 congressional human rights hearings focused in whole or in part on China's one child policy. At one, the principal witness, Wuijan, a Chinese student attending a U.S. university, testified about how her child was forcibly murdered by the government. She said, "[T]he room was full of moms who had just gone through a forced abortion. Some moms were crying. Some moms were mourning. Some moms were screaming. And one mom was rolling on the floor with unbearable pain." Then Wuijan said it was her turn, and through her tears she described what she called her "journey in hell."

Last week we heard the testimony of other victims of forced abortion, and we are extremely grateful that they joined us. Not only did it take a great deal of courage to share what must be some of the most painful experiences of their lives, but they are also spoke truth to power, a Chinese Government that may well retaliate not only against them, if given the opportunity, but also family members who may still be in China. Again, I thank them for sharing their stories.

Women bare the major brunt of the one child policy not only as mothers. Due to the male preference in China's society and the limitation of the family size to one child, the policy has directly contributed to what is accurately described as gendercide—the deliberate extermination of a girl—born or unborn—simply because she happens to be female.

As a result of the Chinese government's barbaric attack on mothers and their children, there are some 100 million more males than females in China today. It has been noted that the three most dangerous words in China today are: "it's a girl!"

In July, I offered an amendment demanding the release and an end of the torture of Chinese defense attorney Chen Guangcheng, who bravely defended forced abortion victims in China. Both Chen and his wife Yuan Weijing are at risk of dying from repeated beatings by the Chinese secret police and refused access to critically-needed medical care.

In the latter part of August when Vice President JOE BIDEN was visiting China, he stated that he "fully understood" the one child policy, and that he's not "second guessing." Can you imagine what the public reaction would be if the Vice President had said that he "fully understands" and is not "second guessing" copyright infringement and gross violations of intellectual property rights?

The one child per couple policy is the most egregious systematic attack on mothers ever. For my Vice President to publicly state that he fully understands the one child policy and then say he won't second guess it is unconscionable, and sells out every mom in the PRC who