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Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the horrific murders that took place in Israel this past weekend. Late Friday night during the Jewish Sabbath, Palestinian terrorists murdered five members of a family, including two young children and an infant, by stabbing them to death in their beds while they slept in their village in the northern West Bank.

This grisly murder, that young children can be killed along with their parents for merely living in a place they are not wanted. The world community must stand together in rejecting such violence and state unequivocally that negotiations are the only acceptable way forward to resolve this conflict.

We must also reject the notion that the West Bank must be rid of all Israelis—Juden free, where have we heard that before?—before peace can be had in the Middle East. Palestinian leaders have perpetuated this dangerous myth while Israelis, by contrast, have embraced their Arab neighbors as complete and equal citizens since 1948.

Mr. Speaker, the Palestinians must not be allowed to cleanse the West Bank of all Jewish life before they will accept a peace agreement with Israel. The world community must call on them to condemn these horrific attacks and immediately return to the negotiating table, which they have avoided for far too long.

#### TRAGEDY IN VANSANT, VIRGINIA

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

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia and the law enforcement community suffered a terrible loss yesterday. I was deeply saddened to learn that two deputies of the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department were killed and two others were seriously injured in the line of duty in Vansant, Virginia.

My condolences go out to the families of Deputy William Ezra Stiltner and Deputy Cameron Neil Justus, who lost their lives yesterday. A 10-year veteran of the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Justus is survived by his wife, daughter, and stepson. A 7-year veteran, Deputy Stiltner is survived by his wife and his two children. My prayers are with their families.

Also, my continued thoughts and prayers are with Deputy Eric Dwayne Rasnake and Deputy Shane Earl Charles, as they recover from this horrific shooting, as well as the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department and the entire community.

This act of violence is a reminder of the dangers our law enforcement officials face daily. As our community grieves, we will not forget these offi-

cers' service, their selflessness, and their sacrifice.

#### CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

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

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for earning berths in both the men's and women's NCAA basketball tournament as champions of the Sun Belt Conference. UALR's sweep of the Sun Belt titles makes them the first school to do so since 2008.

For the Lady Trojans, this is their first Sun Belt championship and their second consecutive trip to the tournament. For the Trojans, this is also their first Sun Belt championship and their first visit to the NCAA tournament since 1990.

Congratulations to coaches Steve Shields and Joe Foley, as well as athletic director Chris Peterson, for their leadership this championship season. Congratulations, also, to the young men and women of UALR basketball. Thank you for representing your school, the City of Little Rock, and the State of Arkansas.

We are rooting for you.

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#### THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the days of merry old England, King James commissioned the translation of the Bible into English. He made it possible for the common man to have access to the Scriptures. This is the 400-year anniversary of the 1611 translation of the King James Version of the Bible. Explorers and then Christians seeking religious freedom carried the King James version to the New World. Millions of American school kids used the King James for decades as a basis for learning English. Pioneers carried it in covered wagons while taming the West. In some families, the only book they had was the King James Bible. U.S. military took pocket copies of the version in both World Wars. And hundreds of courtrooms use the Bible to swear in witnesses. Presidents still place their hand on a King James Bible at their inauguration. For 400 years, the King James Bible has made it possible for the Judeo-Christian beliefs of the Good Book to be read and studied in the English language.

And that's just the way it is.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO EDEN PRAIRIE HOCKEY

(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 today to congratulate the Eden Prairie High School boys' hockey team on winning the 2A State championship. It's the team's second State title in 3 years.

The Eden Prairie Eagles were well matched in the championship game against the Duluth East Greyhounds. With the game heading into triple overtime, the Eagles came out on top 3-2. This game would actually prove to be the longest championship game in the 67-year history of the Minnesota State hockey tournament.

I also want to recognize Eden Prairie senior Kyle Rau, who was named Minnesota's Mr. Hockey by a group of NCAA Division I coaches and NHL scouts. There's no doubt that Kyle's 41 season goals, including five in the State tournament, played a strong role in the Eagles' championship victory.

Congratulations to Coach Smith and Eden Prairie's student athletes. We're all very proud of you.

#### IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, in the classic movie by Frank Capra called "It's a Wonderful Life," the main character, the hero, played by Jimmy Stewart, contemplated the question of what would the world be like if you had not have lived. In his case, what would his town have been like. And I think that's the question we 435 Members of Congress have to answer: What would Congress be like if you were not serving? Would you go on spending money—right now, borrowing forty cents for every dollar we spend; a national debt of 96 percent of GDP; a deficit right now of \$1.6 trillion. What if you had not served? Would it make a difference? That's what the debate is about right now. Eighty-seven new Members who came to Congress to change this spending habit, to say "no," and Democrats and Republicans have their fingerprints on overspending, but it is now time for changing.

There's another popular movie called "The Blind Side" in which the main character was drafted by Ole Miss University to protect the quarterback on his blind side. That's what these Members need to do, Mr. Speaker, is protect the blind side of the taxpayers from absolute disaster.

#### IRRESPONSIBILITY

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Tomorrow, we're going to take up another short-term continuing resolution. In the meantime, today, tomorrow, the next day, we will be borrowing \$4 billion a day

that we don't have to pay the deficit that this administration is running. We're going to debate tomorrow about \$6 billion here. Well, that's a day and a half of deficit. We're going to bring in around \$2.1 trillion for this year, and we're going to spend \$3.6 trillion. It is irresponsible. It is reprehensible.

For years, we've heard: For the good of the children. It is for the good of the children that this body man up across the aisles and quit spending money that our children don't even have. Let's vote "no" until we can do some real saving.

#### CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. CARTER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to yield such time as he may consume to my good friend, Mr. KING, to talk about an American hero.

#### HONORING CORPORAL JOHN MICHAEL PECK

Mr. KING of Iowa. Thank you, Judge CARTER. It's with honor I take the floor tonight. I very much appreciate your yielding, and I understand your great respect for the troops and the pain that you suffered down at Fort Hood and the involvement that you have had in each and every engagement standing up for our military, standing up for our country, standing up for our national security.

Tonight, I step to the floor with your acknowledgment, Judge CARTER, to honor a real American hero. This American hero that we honor tonight here on the floor of the United States Congress is an American hero, Corporal John Michael Peck, who's with us here in the audience tonight up in the corner and watching the proceedings here in the House of Representatives. Corporal Peck is a United States Marine, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor this American hero who is from Rockford, Illinois. Corporal John Michael Peck is a member of, again, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. His mother, Lisa Peck, is here with us tonight. She was a single mother for 16 years. Michael was born in Daytona Beach, Florida, and grew up in Rockford, Illinois. After graduating from Antioch High School, he went into the Marine Corps. On August 23, 2007, in Iraq, he received his first Purple Heart after an explosion and he received a TBI injury. Then, on May 24, 2010, he was in Helmand province in Afghanistan, where he received his second Purple Heart after an IED explosion nearly cost Corporal Peck his life. John lost all four of his limbs.

Against all odds, and with the help of his mother, he climbed out into the light. His progress has been incredible. His fellow marines talk of his prowess in the weight room. He is truly a man possessed. His attitude and his courage

have made all the difference. Like all these young men and women, the ones who do the best are the ones whose loved ones are there with them each day. And Lisa has been there from day one. There should be a medal of honor for those who stand by their children and put their lives on hold to help them rebuild theirs.

John is one of three quads who are over at Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital. The other two are Brendon Marocco and Todd Nicely. Their heart and their souls are something of beauty to behold. I ask that this Nation continue to stand with and for those troops who stood up for us; those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, those heroes, such as Corporal John Michael Peck, who paid such a high price, and who rewards us with his indomitable spirit. And the strength of family and the love of a mother, all here in this story, however sad, however tragic, it lifts my heart to know that we have Americans that will serve us in this way, and Americans who inspire us with their spirit in the aftermath of such a service.

God bless you, Corporal.

I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell in honor of Corporal Peck be placed in the RECORD.

#### WHAT I GAVE

On battlefields of honor bright . . .  
There are but all of those Magnificent's, who  
so fight!  
Who but so bring their light . . .  
All in what they gave!  
Who now so lie in such cold soft quiet  
graves . . .  
Teaching us all how to behave!  
Whose family's pain, is something that only  
heaven can take!  
And then, there are all of those who are so  
left . . .  
So left with such pain, so close to death  
. . . living day by day!  
All because of what they gave!  
And the ones who live without arms and legs!  
Without eyes and ears, and strong faces  
. . . as they . . .  
All . . . for . . . what . . . they . . .  
gave!  
Whose, most brilliant valor no one can ever  
so take away!  
And all of those children, who now so live  
without moms and dads . . . who  
wake!  
And all of those parents who've so lost the  
greatest loves of all, as have they!  
As it's for them we now so weep, this very  
day!  
All because of what they gave!  
So in the night, as you lay your head down  
to rest . . .  
While, all of your loved ones you so  
caress . . .  
And you realize why you are so blessed, and  
what you have . . .  
Remember, all of America's very best!  
And what they gave!  
And John, on that morning after when you  
awoke . . .  
And somehow so tried to cope . . .  
And so saw, all what this war had  
invoked . . .  
As your great heart, to you so spoke!  
So spoke of what you gave!  
Quivering, so back then . . . oh how the  
tears you made!

As they rolled down your fine strong  
chin . . .  
And your brave heart so began to pound, yes  
back then!  
As somehow you so tried to comprehend!  
Wishing somehow that it would all so go  
away!  
All for what you gave!  
As you I had to so make a choice!  
Should, I live or should I die?  
As you who so heard that most inner  
voice . . .  
Telling you . . . telling you to somehow  
stay!  
As it so spoke to you, all about faith and  
courage!  
Telling you, to somehow not to be discour-  
aged!  
As you, United States Marine . . . so  
marched off all out on your way!  
While, your mother with tears in eyes . . .  
so began to pray!  
And she stood behind you John, each and  
every blessed day . . .  
All so you could have a fighting chance, and  
find your way . . .  
As you Marine, all in your magnificent  
shades of green . . . got up on that  
very day!  
As you took your very first steps, with your  
most courageous heart leading the  
way!  
The way to recovery!  
As you so chose life on that day!  
As your new war had just begun!  
As from out of the darkness, you so marched  
. . . our Father's Son!  
To so represent him, until your last and so  
dying days . . .  
To So Teach Us All!  
To So Reach Us All!  
To So Beseech Us All!  
So Each, and Every Day!  
With what you gave!  
For you were so surely put upon this  
earth . . .  
To so teach us all what comes first!  
All in your amazing grace!  
As our tears roll down our face!  
Because, each new morning as you  
awaken . . .  
One more step forward, yes dear John you so  
take!  
All out there upon your most magnificent  
ways . . .  
Because, you will walk . . . and you will  
run . . .  
And it's no over, and your are not done!  
You United States Marine, one of the best  
things this country has ever seen!  
Yes, arms and legs we all need!  
But, without a heart one can not so surely  
breathe!  
As with your heart you now so lead!  
Just moments are all we have!  
Just seconds, to so find the path! Our way!  
To crush hearts! To turn the good into the  
bad!  
All in our thoughts, and deeds!  
To win wars . . . all in our parts we  
play . . .  
To but give to this our world, but a better  
day!  
Don't cry for me!  
For I am the one who so made that choice!  
And so raised my hand, and with my voice!  
All for liberty . . .  
And for something far . . . far . . . greater  
than me . . .  
But, to be A United States Marine! Oooha!  
All to defend, my sweet Country Tis of Thee!  
And I'd do all again you see!  
For there are no regrets inside of me!  
For wearing those most magnificent, shades  
of green!