

The African American Veterans Group of Washington State, which Lee founded in 1984, is planning a community memorial service on May 28. I know there will be an outpouring of grief and appreciation for this soft-spoken hero. He touched so many lives with his healing skills and lessons of his great pain and sacrifice. Our country is a better place because of Lemanuel Jones.

Rest in peace.

THE NATIONAL DEBT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KINZINGER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, let me just read a quote here: "Leadership means that the buck stops here. Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better."

Some things never change. That was Senator Barack Obama in 2006 talking about the seriousness of the debt problem and the crisis that we find our Nation in. And today, we've spent over \$1.5 trillion of money that we don't have.

Republicans have put forward a budget, a proposal, a blueprint to begin to have the serious discussion that our country needs to have to make sure that the children and we are not left with an unrecoverable debt situation. Americans expect leadership. Even if you don't agree, Americans expect leadership from us, and what do they get? They get demonization. They get accusations. They get fear tactics.

You know, our senior citizens in many cases sit at their homes and wonder what's going to happen. They find themselves concerned with their financial situation. And people on the other side of the aisle sometimes get together and figure out how they can take that fear and use it to a political advantage. That's terrible. Has it been done on both sides? It has.

But today is the day that we get together, and we have to hit the reset button and say for the future of our country, we have got to have a real serious conversation about how to save this Nation for the generation to come after us. This country is the greatest country in the world, and we are not about to give that up. It will never happen. We are going to be the strongest country for the foreseeable future.

There are a lot of folks talking ourselves down thinking that we are going to be usurped by another country. No, we are not. But we do have to come together, and we do have to have the serious conversations if we are going to maintain our place as the world's superpower and as a shining example to other countries all around the world.

I fully believe in what this country is. I fully believe in what we represent, but the days of demonizing each other and not leading have got to end.

It has been 756 days since Senate Democrats have passed a budget. The most basic job of a legislator is to pass a budget, and we haven't done it. Instead, we bicker. Instead, we argue. Instead, we run 30-second television ads and try to scare people so that we can win a reelection again. It's happened on both sides.

But today, please, I implore my friends on the other side of the aisle, on both sides of the aisle, stop today and let's have adult conversations. America is too great, America is too important, and America is too excellent of an example for the rest of the world to be mired down and bickering and to be mired down in debt.

HONORING GARY WILLIAMS AND RALPH FRIEDGEN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Before I start, Mr. Speaker, let me say that I hope the words of my young friend, who is now leaving the floor, are adhered to by both of us. Too infrequently that is the case. The problems are serious. We must address them in a serious way.

Mr. Speaker, however, I raise a happier point of discussion now. I am a proud alumnus of the University of Maryland, and recent months, however, have brought some bittersweet news.

An era is coming to an end in the Terrapin athletic program as our successful coaches of basketball and football have left the school. I want to take this opportunity, therefore, to honor Coaches Gary Williams and Ralph Friedgen for all they have meant to the Maryland community, both on and off the court and field. Both of them are good friends of mine.

Gary Williams was my neighbor for a number of years. Gary retired as Maryland's basketball coach after 22 hard-working, successful college years in College Park and 33 years in college coaching ranks. At his retirement, Gary Williams ranked as the fifth winningest college basketball coach in America, with 668 wins stretching over his remarkable career. He is also the third winningest coach in Atlantic Coast Conference history behind two legends, Dean Smith and Mike Krzyzewski.

Gary Williams inherited a struggling program and turned it into a perennial national contender. Under his guidance, the Terrapins reached the NCAA tournament 14 times, 11 times consecutively, won three ACC regular season titles and an ACC tournament championship, made seven sweet sixteens, two elite eights, two final fours, and, in a memory that all Terrapins still treasure and I had the opportunity of attending in Atlanta, won the national championship in 2002. Coach Williams was honored as National Coach of the Year in 2002 and as ACC Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2010.

But numbers alone do not capture his impact on the lives of his players or on the life of the Maryland community where he stood out as a leader and as a philanthropist. Maryland's Athletic Director Kevin Anderson correctly summed it up best when he said "Gary Williams is a legend." That is true.

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Terrapins will also miss our football coach, Ralph Friedgen, who coached his last game with the program on December 29. Fittingly, it was a decisive win—a 51–20 victory in the Military Bowl in Washington, DC.

"The Fridge," as he is affectionately known, also took over a struggling program and led it to notable success. He guided Maryland to the ACC championship in his very first year as coach. And of the 10 years in his tenure, 7 of them ended with postseason appearances.

In both his first year as Maryland football coach and his last, he was named ACC Coach of the Year. Coach Friedgen won 74 games for the University of Maryland, brought new energy to our football program and left a lasting mark in College Park. He was respected by his players and looked to as a role model. I was proud to call him a friend as well. He, too, will be missed by all who love Maryland, who love football, who love basketball and who live the principles that sports teaches.

Both Gary Williams and Ralph Friedgen are good men and outstanding leaders. And while I know that the Maryland athletic program will build on the proud foundation they laid, their shoes will be tough to fill.

Good luck, thank you and Godspeed to Gary Williams and Ralph Friedgen.

THE DEBT CEILING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, decades of a spending party by both parties have led to the point where we are today. We're under crushing amounts of debt. Now we are borrowing about \$58,000 per second—\$58,000 per second.

As some of my colleagues have shared, I'm going to read this as well. It's a quote for those who can't see it: "Leadership means that 'the buck stops here.' Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem. America deserves better." Senator Barack Obama in 2006.

Now the President has asked those of us in this Chamber to vote to increase the debt limit without any structural spending reforms. Let me repeat that. He has now asked us to send a bill to him that has no structural spending reforms.

We are borrowing \$58,000 a second. Does that sound like a failure of leadership? I think it does. Here is what

that's like. It's like an irresponsible teenager taking out a credit card in your name. They fill it out. The bill will come to you. You get that bill and you see that your irresponsible teenager has run up that credit card, and now the bill is coming due. You have a couple of choices. You could pay that credit card and let it be. That's what the President is asking us to do, pay the credit card and then walk away. I don't think very many parents would say okay to that. Or you could not pay the credit card. That's going to impact your credit. Or you could pay that credit card and then cut it up.

Those are the choices before us.

I would agree with the 2006 Senator Barack Obama when he said that the buck has to stop here. The buck does stop here, which is why House Republicans have put forward over \$6 trillion worth of spending reform ideas. We actually don't need them to enact all \$6 trillion of those. We could enact \$2 trillion of those and avert a debt crisis. But the President and some of my friends on the other side of the aisle have said, no, no, no, that's irresponsible. Coming back to this quote, I would agree with the then-Senator Barack Obama that those bad choices are being shifted onto our children and our grandchildren, and the buck does have to stop here.

Since 1964, Congress has voted to raise the debt limit, the debt ceiling, 74 times—74 times. I suggest to you that unless we require a cut-up of the credit card, unless we require structural spending reforms, 20 years from now—if our economy can subsist that long—our children are going to be asking why did no one do something about this? Because we are under crushing, crushing debt burdens. And it's going to impact jobs not just today. We're talking about our future and our children's ability to grow, prosper, and thrive. In an America where we had those opportunities, they are not going to have those same opportunities.

I refuse to make it easier to allow our debt to get so crushing that economic recovery is permanently beyond our reach. It's time for a culture change in Washington, DC, and that starts with real spending cuts accompanying any debt limit negotiations.

COMMEMORATING THE FALLEN SONS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF INDIANA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, as Memorial Day approaches, I rise to commemorate the men and women in the Armed Forces of the United States who have died in the line of duty to our country. This past year, three sons from the Second District of Indiana lost their lives to preserve and protect the American ideals that have made this country great. To honor the legacies of these men, I would like to

share with this body and with the American people a little bit about our Hoosiers.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth McAninch, of Logansport, Indiana, a proud member of the United States Army, died on October 21, 2010, in Afghanistan from injuries sustained when his unit was attacked by small arms fire. Kenneth attended Lewis Cass High School and enlisted in the United States Army in 2003. He was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. For his service, Kenneth was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal and Joint Service Achievement Medal in addition to many other commendations.

His loved ones remember Kenneth as a hardworking man and dedicated son, husband, father, and friend. Kenneth was an avid artist and also enjoyed fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Shawanna; four sons, Jeremiah, Braxton, Brayden and Colby; one daughter, Shyanne; his mom, Cheryl, and her husband Richard; his dad, Marvin, and his wife Regina; his three sisters, Kayla Ann, Katie Lee and Brianna; two brothers, Jason and Briar; and his extended family and friends.

He is missed by all.

Sergeant Marvin Calhoun, Jr., of Elkhart, Indiana, a proud member of the United States Army, died on September 21, 2010, in Qalat, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when his Black Hawk helicopter crashed during combat operations. Marvin died alongside eight fellow soldiers who were also his brothers.

Marvin attended Elkhart Central High School where he played football and enlisted in the Army in 2006. He was assigned to B Company, 5th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was on his second tour of duty as a gunner on the Black Hawk helicopter. Marvin's awards include the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal in addition to many other commendations.

Marvin's English teacher told folks that he exhibited leadership qualities in the classroom, and if any of his peers needed help, he would jump right in for them. He was a happy man who always wanted everyone else around him to be happy.

He leaves behind his wife, Yamili; his daughter, Yohani; his dad and stepmom, Marvin and Susan Calhoun; his mom and stepdad, Shirin and Michael Reum; his sister Shanon; his brothers, Travis, Marcus, Sydney, Jermael and Zachary; and his extended family and friends.

He is missed by all.

Specialist Justin Shoecraft of Elkhart, Indiana, a proud member of the U.S. Army, died on August 24, 2010, in Kakarak, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his Stryker vehicle was hit by a roadside improvised explosive

device. Justin was only 5 weeks into his first deployment.

Justin graduated from Elkhart Memorial High School in 2001 and worked for UPS for 7 years before enlisting in the Army. He was assigned to B Troop, 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment out of Vilseck, Germany. His regiment had assumed control of Tarin Kowt in July of 2010.

Posthumously, Justin was promoted to the rank of Specialist. His awards include the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and many other commendations. He enjoyed working on old cars and motorcycles, and stock car racing. He had always wanted to drive tanks for the U.S. Army.

Justin will be remembered by his friends, family and fellow soldiers for his generosity, work ethic, and sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, Jessica, whom he married the day before he left for basic training; his parents, Carroll "Blue" and Donna; his brother, Michael, and sister, Sherry; and extended family and friends.

He is missed by all.

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We owe a debt of gratitude to these three great Hoosiers and to all the sons, daughters, moms, and fathers who have fallen while serving our country. It is our duty to honor and remember their sacrifice, patriotism, and virtue. Let us also remember those brave Americans who are serving right now both here and at home.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, we want to thank our three heroes and all of the people who serve our country.

God bless Indiana, and God bless the United States of America.

AMERICANS DESERVE BETTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. REED) for 5 minutes.

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues this morning to deliver a simple message, and that message can be summed up by reading a quote from our President when he was a former Senator dealing with the issue that we will face in the upcoming months when it comes to raising our debt ceiling. As then-Senator Barack Obama stated on the floor of the Senate: "Leadership means that the buck stops here. Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better."

Mr. Speaker, I stand firmly here today to tell you that I do believe over the next 90 days that this will be the critical moment of this Congress, that this will be the critical moment in our Nation's history when we either succeed or we fail. And I will heed Senator Obama's words because the buck will stop here in this Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, the question we face with raising the debt ceiling is a very