

passing legislation that will pressure China to stop their unfair monetary policy. China's manipulation of their currency has cost us jobs in Connecticut and around the country. Our workers and businesses deserve a level playing field, and this bill will help ensure that.

Since China joined the WTO, our trade deficit from China has risen from \$84 billion to \$270 billion. In that same period of time, Connecticut, my home State, has lost 31,000 jobs, and our country has lost 2.8 million jobs, 1.9 million of them in manufacturing.

Companies throughout Connecticut, like HABCO, Incorporated, are demanding that we finally do something about these unfair practices that subsidize Chinese exports. Everyone from the manufacturers that I have surveyed to the people I run into at grocery stores understands that China is cheating on their currency.

With more than 160,000 people in Connecticut out of work, it is long past time for the leadership of this House to allow a vote on this floor on legislation to take China to task for their unfair practices and to strengthen American workers and businesses.

Let's pass this jobs-creating legislation now.

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#### LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT BARRACLOUGH

(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, today I rise to honor Lieutenant Colonel Robert Barraclough.

Retired from the United States Air Force in 1968, Colonel Barraclough's record of service is impressive. During World War II, Barraclough was a bomber pilot flying missions over German-occupied territory. These dangerous bombing missions had high casualty rates.

Between mechanical problems, lack of fuel, enemy fighters and enemy ground fire, nearly 26,000 airmen lost their lives in the "Mighty 8th" Air Force during the war. However, after switching out of the B-24 Liberators and into the B-17 Flying Fortresses, Barraclough flew 32 missions in the 490th Bomb Group in the 8th Air Force and was made group commander.

Perhaps one of his greatest accomplishments was that his leadership resulted in the lowest casualty rates of all the squadrons and groups in the 8th Air Force during the entire war. Keeping his group's pilots rotated and rested, flying in tight formations to concentrate firepower, German observation planes could not find an easy plan of assault on the formation.

Today I honor Lieutenant Colonel Barraclough, and I thank him again for his dedicated service to our country.

#### DETROIT

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

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I am very honored to say that I was born and raised in the city of Detroit, and I currently represent the great city of Detroit and its suburbs as a representative in Congress.

I also represent the Detroit Tigers. This "D" stands for the Detroit Tigers, and, you know, they may have had all the odds against them, but they kept on fighting. You know, they represent our city's spirit.

I'll tell you also what this "D" represents. It represents democracy, as in the arsenal that Detroit built in World War II that saved this country, and it saved this world from fascism.

You know, our city is going through some tough times right now, but we're not going to give up. We can actually create jobs again for this country. We just ask this Congress, allow this city to keep its Federal tax revenue, place it in a protected trust fund, invest it in the city for 5 years.

We can create jobs not only for Detroiters but for millions of Americans. If you want to create jobs in this country, invest in Detroit.

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. RIVERA. Mr. Speaker, this week, in commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month, over 100 distinguished Hispanic American civic, business, and community leaders from south Florida traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive Congressional Distinguished Service Awards from myself, Senator MARCO RUBIO, Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, and Congressman MARIO DIAZ-BALART.

These hardworking and patriotic Americans of Hispanic descent represent the positive contributions the Hispanic community has made to this great Nation. Whether serving in the military, creating jobs with small businesses, or simply pursuing the American Dream, Hispanic Americans like my constituents are deserving of recognition for their accomplishments.

Two of those honorees who came to the Capitol this week, Ms. Nelis Morales and Mr. Gustavo Garagorry, prepared statements for the occasion. I would like to submit their statements for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### PRESIDIO POLITICO CUBANO

I am grateful for this recognition that us an honor and fills me with pride.

As a Cuban political prisoner, I represent the International Coordinator of Cuban political prisoners, through the years I have had the opportunity to help both prisoners and ex-prisoners as well as their families, both inside and outside of Cuba, and also to

plead for liberty and democracy for the Cuban people.

The Cuban political prisoner organizations, without exception, support the project to re-adjust the Cuban Adjustment Act that has been presented to the U.S. Congress by our congressmen for the state of Florida, David Rivera, Mario Diaz-Balart, and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.

As a Cuban ex-political prisoner and as a woman, I beg, in front of you who represent the most powerful country in the world in terms of human rights, freedom, and democracy, your help for the poor Cuban nation for whom I will never tire using my voice to support.

No more economic help to the Castro-Communist tyranny. No to the cultural interchange.

No more aggressions against the Cuban heroines such as Sara Martha Fonseca who represents the Cuban prisoners house in Havana, and Laura Pollan from the heroic "Damas de Blanco" or "Ladies in White".

No to the aggressions against the internal opposition.

I beg your help in order to put an end to the slavery of the Cuban people, because after 53 years. . . for Cuba . . . the time has come!

NELIS ROJAS MORALES.

Thanks USA, I am very proud to be here with all of you, of living in this wonderful country where the people main reason is to live in democracy and freedom. Specially thanks to our Florida senators and congressmen for granting me this great honor and all the friends that this land has given me. God bless America. Viva la Libertad.

GUSTAVO GARAGORRY.

#### DR. EDWARD B. MCLEAN

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

Mr. ROKITA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to recognize and salute an exceptional Hoosier, Dr. Edward B. McLean. Sadly, we lost Dr. McLean on September 12. I wish to express my condolences, thoughts and prayers to his family.

He was an inspiration on my path to serving the people of Indiana, and his teachings have become my primary motivation for seeking to reduce the size and scope of government here in Washington. He was my college professor, my counselor, and my friend. More importantly, Mr. Speaker, he was exactly the same person to countless men who associate with Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

As a man of faith, I believe we were put on this Earth to love one another and to make the best of the gifts our Lord has provided. We are all blessed to live in a country that allows us to experience liberty, the opportunity to learn, and the chance to succeed. Not every nation, Mr. Speaker, can say that.

As a professor of political science since 1968, Dr. McLean challenged Wabash College students, faculty, and alumni to think critically and encouraged all to be lifelong learners. He gave us that chance to succeed.

Moreover, he taught me the critical role of the individual in a free republic if, indeed, the republic is to remain free, and how such a system is philosophically and practically superior to the elitist and collectivist systems that have been tried throughout history but which, of course, as we all should know, have failed. They collapsed, ultimately, under the weight of their own tyranny, a point Dr. McLean repeatedly made.

And at every turn, he taught young Wabash men that our rights are derived from our Creator—not Democrats, not Republicans, not any President or any Congressman, but they came from God himself. And as a result, our rights are inalienable, as our Declaration reminds us and as men like Cicero and St. Augustine discovered for us. In a secular sense, our rights are part of natural law, as McLean always taught.

Perhaps most importantly, he taught Wabash men, professors, and others all over the world about the worthy ideal of a society of free and responsible individuals and how it might practically be achieved.

Mr. Speaker, for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, I would submit the following facts:

A masterful scholar, teacher, and lawyer, McLean demonstrate his rigor for teaching and pursuing his own level of education by earning his juris doctorate from Indiana University in 1975. He managed to be an effective teacher, attorney, and deputy prosecuting attorney in Montgomery County. In 1972, he received the McLain—no relation—McTurnan-Arnold Excellence in Teaching Award. Since 1980, Dr. McLean was most closely associated in administering the Goodrich lecture series. He was active in local and State politics. He demanded that students think critically in his constitutional law and political philosophy classes.

Dr. McLean was both loved and feared as a man who challenged students to hone their critical thinking skills. He used the Socratic method to assist students in recognizing and correcting flaws in their arguments, and somewhere along the line, he earned the nickname “Fast Eddie.”

Dr. McLean was elected to the board of directors of Liberty Fund, an Indiana institution that has a global outreach. He served there until his death. Founded by Pierre Goodrich, the son of one of Indiana’s great Governors, the Liberty Fund is a private educational foundation with the mission of encouraging a deeper understanding of the requisites of restoring and preserving a society of free and responsible individuals.

Just this morning, Mr. Speaker, I pulled up a series of emails that Ed and I exchanged once. They spanned the time in which I was running for the seat I now hold until shortly after the election to this seat. You see, I was asking in the emails if there has “ever been a nation or civilization that re-

versed its slide into collectivism or socialism, thereby rescuing itself from the ultimate loss of economic and political liberty?”

Sadly, and months later, he replied, as he was in and out of hospitals at the time, that he could not identify historically the type of reversal that I had described and went on to remind me, perhaps obviously, that the “desire for more power motivates agents of the state.”

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Many men today are responsible for individuals thriving in a free society because of Dr. Edward McLean. Unfortunately, it is now society that is stepping away from liberty due to the irresponsibility of the individual, aided by a nanny state willing to do things for the individual which are rightly his alone to do, and the endless quest, as he said, for expanded power by government and its agents.

So I use today not only to give this tribute to a great Hoosier, but also to, as part of that tribute, profess my continued and renewed commitment to reverse the current and hopefully temporary course of this great Nation, as it really is the last, best hope on Earth for man. For once, I want to prove Ed McLean wrong. We can reverse this course, and by so doing, show the world yet again how exceptional America is. We can and must halt the march of statism for our children and grandchildren and for the idea of liberty in the world. In this case, Ed himself would hope to be proved otherwise.

Everything Ed McLean did, he did for the men of Wabash College, his community, and his country. I would like to thank his wife, Marie, and son, Ian, for sharing Dr. McLean with us. For all he provided this world, he will be truly missed.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### GREEN JOBS AND CRONY CAPITALISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for the remainder of the hour as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There’s so much going on today, this week. We’ve been, for one thing, trying to take up trade agreements that should end up creating new jobs in America. I know there have been concerns by some—gee, don’t we give away sovereignty each time we enter a free trade agreement. Well, I read these free trade agreements. I wasn’t here when NAFTA passed. I’m not sure that I would have voted for it because it seems like we did give away too much of the autonomous nature of this country. But with regard to the Colombia free trade agreement, the free trade agreements with South Korea, and

Panama, it doesn’t appear from my reading that we are giving away any autonomy, we are giving away any of our powers to govern ourselves.

In fact, the U.N. is far more of a threat with the concessions, particularly this administration is giving to the U.N., as far as us controlling our own destiny. Since the U.N. has become so incredibly anti-Israel, I think it’s time to look seriously about getting out. We should not be accessories to the kind of anti-Semitism and the anti-Israeli feelings, the hostility from those members of the U.N. that have so much more control, it appears, than we do, who encourage, basically, the wiping out of Israel and of the Jewish population.

In the meantime, on the homefront, we have people still claiming that the President’s tried and failed methods of helping the economy should be tried yet again. There’s the old story about a guy beating his head with a hammer, and somebody came up and asked, “Why do you keep hitting yourself in the head with a hammer?”

He said, “Because it feels so good when I stop.”

For heaven’s sake, it is time to stop hitting ourselves and hurting our own country, hurting our own economy with the crony capitalism that has come to bear here in this country. And it does not serve as a defense that Paulson started it under George W. Bush. That’s not a defense. It was wrong for Paulson, and it’s wrong now, and especially, the longer this country struggles to get back on its economic feet. And any time you engage in crony capitalism where those closest to an administration reap the biggest benefits, you hurt the economy. So when you have a company like General Electric that is so close to this administration, the head of GE certainly has the President’s ear as the trusted adviser, and that adviser has caused thousands and thousands of jobs to be sent overseas, then you can anticipate that with him advising the President, we’re going to have more and more jobs sent overseas.

And then we keep being told yes, the true answer is in green jobs. Green jobs are our future. How long is it going to take for us to stop hurting this country in the name of green jobs? We have sent thousands and thousands of great union jobs overseas in the name of greenery. And yet it shouldn’t take anybody past an elementary education to realize when you send manufacturing jobs from this country to China, South America, Latin America, where they pollute so many more times doing the same job than what the output was here, that the world would be better off with those jobs here. Pure and simple.

And then, of course, we’ve been treated to the fiasco which is Solyndra. And as a former judge who saw cases where people acted against the interests that they were hired and sworn to protect, we call that fraud. And so it sure sounds like we’re having the beginning