

Environmental Protection Agency for the gutting that polluters long have lusted for? Why go after Social Security, which has never contributed a nickel to America's debt or deficit?

It just seems to me that until one, just one, corporate tax loophole is on the table; until one, just one, subsidy to big oil is on the table, one, just one, subsidy to big agribusiness; until we are even beginning to talk about billionaires contributing Federal revenue in the same share of their income as that hospital orderly; until our friends are not so casual about threatening 700,000 jobs and perhaps \$20 billion in related tax revenue; until the cuts and all those riders in H.R. 1 make it something other than a Republican Trojan horse of political favors and ideology, then count me a skeptic about their real priorities.

I have always found that you get a better read looking at what people actually do rather than just believing whatever they say. If you look at what H.R. 1 actually does, it is the same old Republican agenda—attacking programs that help the poor, attacking women's right to choose, attacking national voluntary service, helping polluters get around public health measures, reducing the share of revenues paid by corporations and very high income individuals. It is the same old song. And most important, if you go that road, it is just not adequate to meet the serious problems at hand. We need to look throughout the budget and across all of our opportunities to bring down our Nation's deficits and to bring down our Nation's debt.

I look forward in the months ahead to a serious, fair, and sensible discussion, a mature discussion of how to reduce our deficits and our debt.

I thank the Chair, and I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS.) Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:21 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 6:54 p.m. when called to order by the Acting President pro tempore.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BLUMENTHAL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### REMEMBERING RICK CURRY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of one of the Commonwealth's most outstanding citizens, Mr. Rick Curry, who passed away on November 17, 2010, at the age of 65. Rick made significant contributions to his hometown of Corbin, KY, as an active citizen, an entrepreneur and the coowner of one of Corbin's most popular nightspots and downtown attractions, The Depot on Main restaurant. I am honored to have called him my friend.

Originally from London, KY, Rick graduated from London High School and attended the University of Kentucky before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. After being stationed in Japan and completing his military service, he attended Cumberland College and later became the president of Curry Oil Company in London, and Petro Haulers Inc., a fuel hauling business. Not only was Rick a successful businessman, he was also involved in property development and owned key commercial properties.

Aside from his successful business endeavors, Rick had always dreamed of owning a restaurant. In 2004, he began to make that dream a reality when he purchased and renovated an old department store building in downtown Corbin. This once blighted and vacant building soon turned into a beautiful and thriving restaurant; The Depot on Main. It was Rick's pride and joy.

This renovation was not only significant to Rick personally, but also to the Corbin community. It came at a time when economic vitality was suffering and few people dared to make investments. But Rick did. His investment encouraged business development in downtown Corbin.

Many people who had the privilege of knowing Rick remember the remarkable recovery he made after suffering a stroke in 2007. He handled that crisis, as he did everything else, with such a positive attitude and indomitable spirit. Those qualities, as well as the bonds he forged with so many in the community through his work, through the restaurant and in his life will be what Rick Curry is remembered for.

My thoughts go out to his wife Holly, the citizens of Corbin, and many other beloved friends and family members for their loss. Rick was an upstanding gentleman and an irreplaceable citizen of the Commonwealth. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. President, the Corbin News Journal recently published an article honoring Rick and the legacy he left behind. I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### DEPOT ON MAIN OWNER DIES AT AGE 65

(By Trent Knuckles)

To those who knew him best, local businessman Rick Curry was the kind of guy who lived life to the fullest—destined to enjoy every moment he was given.

Curry, owner of The Depot on Main restaurant in Corbin, died in the early morning hours last Wednesday at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington after suffering a brain aneurysm. He was 65-years-old.

"I can't say enough about Rick and what a good person he was," said Bruce Carpenter, Director of Economic Development for Corbin and part owner, along with his wife Teresa, of The Depot on Main with Rick and his wife Holly. "He was a good-hearted person. He always wanted to have a good time and have fun. I feel so fortunate to have known him the last six years."

Curry was president of Curry Oil Company, in London, and Petro Haulers Inc., a fuel hauling business. He also was involved in property development and owned key potential commercial properties in London and Corbin.

Carpenter said he first met Rick and Holly in 2004, shortly after voters in the city of Corbin approved a measure that allowed that sale of alcoholic beverages at qualifying restaurants in the city limits.

Curry always had the dream of owning a nice restaurant and saw opportunity in Corbin.

He was one of the first entrepreneurs to take advantage of the new law.

Curry purchased the old Daniel's Department Store building and began renovations on what would eventually become The Depot on Main.

At the time, Carpenter was beginning a push to create a Main Street Program in Corbin dedicated to revitalizing the city's central business district.

"When I found out what he was doing, I got very excited about it. He was taking an older building and totally renovating it and making it something beautiful. I thought it was a great opportunity to jumpstart downtown," Carpenter said. "It was a tremendous amount of work. He made a big investment in our community. That is what always excited me about Rick was his investment and belief in our downtown."

Corbin Mayor Willard McBurney said news of Curry's death was sad and that the city had lost a valuable advocate and ally.

"He sure took a void on Main Street and turned it into one of the nicest restaurants in this area," McBurney said. "It was a blighted building and he made it something to be proud of. He invested a lot of money into our Main Street. He will be missed."

Curry told the News Journal that construction of The Depot on Main cost about \$800,000. Carpenter said his family and the Curry's became close over the years. In 2007, Curry suffered a serious stroke, but made a remarkable recovery.

"He always had such a positive attitude and a good support system around him. Once he was on the road to recover, I think he just fed off that. He will be greatly missed," Carpenter said.

According to his obituary, Curry was a London native who attended grade school at Saint William Catholic Church. He graduated from London High School and was a member of the school's football team.

While a student at the University of Kentucky he joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Japan. After leaving military service had attended Cumberland College.

Funeral arrangements for Curry were handled by House-Rawlings Funeral Home.

A celebration of Curry's life was held Saturday at St. William Catholic Church in London.

# TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD STOLTZFUS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career accomplishments of one of the Commonwealth's most talented and devoted medical professionals. Dr. Richard Stoltzfus, who has provided thousands of Kentuckians with his medical expertise as an internal medicine physician at the Daniel Boone Clinic in Harlan, KY, will retire at the end of April after 35 years of dedicated service.

Although born and raised in Pennsylvania, Dr. Stoltzfus always knew life held something different in the cards for him. After completing his medical degree at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, practicing internal medicine in Darby, PA, completing his residency training at Mercy Catholic Medical Center in Philadelphia, and volunteering at Hospital Grande Riviere du Nord in Haiti for 6 years, Dr. Stoltzfus decided to pursue his goal of providing medical care to residents in rural towns where he believed it was needed most. This belief is what led him to Harlan, KY, where he began work for the Daniel Boone Clinic in August 1976. Along with being a practicing physician, he also served as medical director of the Mountain Heritage Hospice since its beginning in 1980 to 2000, and was chief of medical staff at the Harlan Appalachian Regional Healthcare Hospital during his 35-year tenure.

Dr. Stoltzfus's long career shows his passion for helping others not only by ridding them of illness, but also by promoting overall wellness and health. His definition of health is not just the absence of disease, but the presence of physical, social, emotional and spiritual well being. Dr. Stoltzfus forms lasting bonds with his patients because they can see how much he truly cares.

Dr. Stoltzfus has said that the years he has spent in Harlan County have been the best years of his life. This may be true, but it is also safe to say that the contributions of dedicated and special people such as him are what make communities like it such wonderful and hospitable places to both work and live. I send my best wishes to Dr. Stoltzfus and his wife as they move on to the next phase of life: Dr. Stoltzfus has said they plan to move to Virginia to be closer to their children. I am sure their children will be glad to have more of their father around—just as I am sure the whole family is very proud of him and his life of accomplishment. I offer my sincerest congratulations to Dr. Stoltzfus on an exceptional career.

Mr. President, the Harlan Daily Enterprise recently published an article honoring the career of Dr. Stoltzfus. I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Harlan Daily Enterprise, Feb. 26, 2011]

## DANIEL BOONE CLINIC PHYSICIAN TO RETIRE IN APRIL

(By Nola Sizemore)

After 35 years of service as an internal medicine physician at the Daniel Boone Clinic, Dr. Richard Stoltzfus will retire at the end of April.

"I'd like Harlan County people to know how much I appreciate them making the last 35 years living and working here in Harlan County the best years of my life," said Stoltzfus. "I know I've been able to serve people here and, in turn, I have been blessed by people here in many ways by the show of affection and appreciation my wife and I have received."

Stoltzfus said after he finished his residency training in Philadelphia, Pa. he wanted to practice medicine in a place where he felt there was a real medical need—not in an urban area, but a rural area. He said he learned about a job opening in Harlan County from a friend, Dr. J.D. Miller, who was a physician at the Cloverfork Clinic during that time.

"I met Dr. Miller in Haiti where I was a volunteer for six years prior to coming to Harlan," said Stoltzfus. "I applied for the position and began work at the Daniel Boone Clinic in August, 1976."

Along with being a practicing physician at the Daniel Boone Clinic, Stoltzfus has also served as medical director of Hospice since its beginning. He said in the last few years he had worked as assistant medical director.

Stoltzfus also served as chief of medical staff at the Harlan ARH Hospital during his tenure.

"Hospice is a wonderful organization, and I really believe in it," said Stoltzfus. "A lot of people placed in Hospice have a certain life expectancy and most of the time they exceed that. I believe it's because of the care they receive from the wonderful staff."

Stoltzfus said one of his guiding principals, while practicing medicine in Harlan County, had been promoting wellness. He said the definition of health is not just the absence of disease, but it's the presence of physical, social, emotional and spiritual well being.

"I can cure a person of pneumonia, but that person can still be sick," said Stoltzfus. "I may refer them to pastors or counselors or help them work on relationships—to promote a wholesome life. I believe in spending time with patients. I've always seen myself on an equal playing field with my patients. As a physician, of course, I have knowledge to share, but I involved my patients in decision making."

Stoltzfus said there were many points in the last 35 years of living in Harlan County, and two that stood out in memory were his trip to Washington D.C. with the Harlan Boys Choir when they sang at the inauguration of President George Bush. He said he was proud to be a part of those representing Harlan County to the world.

"My family was flooded in 1977," said Stoltzfus. "We lived in Rio Vista and had four feet of water in our house. I remember I had a patient, who had just had a heart attack, that wanted to help me and my wife clean the mud from our home. He wasn't physically able to help, so he sent his wife to help us—that's what Harlan County people do—care about their neighbors. The whole community supported us during that time. Things like that touch your heart. The way the people of Harlan County watch out for each other has always touched me. I love the small town atmosphere evident here in Harlan County."

Stoltzfus said after his retirement, he and his wife would be relocating to Virginia to be

near their two children. He said he planned to always keep in touch with his friends here in Harlan County.

"My coworkers are like family to me," said Stoltzfus. "Harlan County is a wonderful place to raise families. It has values of community and caring which I think some communities have lost. Harlan has been put down by a lot of people; but I've always been proud of Harlan because of what they have to offer here. Our children are well educated and very prepared for their future. I'm very proud of our educators here in the county and the job they're doing. Harlan has a lot to offer and I'd recommend it to everyone. I'm going to miss living and working here."

## HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

LIEUTENANT MIROSLAV "STEVE" ZILBERMAN

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the life and military service of Navy LT Miroslav "Steve" Zilberman, who died 1 year ago today, while serving his adopted country with distinction and representing his family with honor as a devoted son, husband, and father.

Lieutenant Zilberman immigrated to the United States from the Ukraine with his parents when he was 11 years old. The family settled in the suburbs of Columbus, OH, where he would graduate from Bexley High School and soon thereafter enlist in the U.S. Navy. The grandson of a Russian World War II pilot, Lieutenant Zilberman lived and breathed naval aviation. While serving in the Navy, Lieutenant Zilberman received a world class education, travelled across continents, and flew with the most elite fleet in the world.

After excelling as a naval electronics technician for 2 years, Lieutenant Zilberman was selected to become an officer through the Navy's Seaman to Admiral Program. His commanding officer and fellow sailors recognized the strength of Lieutenant Zilberman's character, his officer potential, and his unquestionable loyalty to the United States.

As a naval pilot, Lieutenant Zilberman was chosen to fly the E-2C Hawkeye, a crucial component of all U.S. Navy Carrier Air Wings and one of two propeller airplanes that operate from aircraft carriers. Always embracing new challenges with determination, Lieutenant Zilberman understood the requisite hard work and skill needed to become a top-notch E-2C pilot.

He studied his aircraft inside and out, and was particularly proud of the nighttime landings he successfully completed. He once landed his E-2C Hawkeye at night with only one engine functioning—a significant feat of balancing skill over nerves, displaying an implicit trust in his hours of training and studying. Commander Dave Mundy of the Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 121—the VAW-121, also known as the "Bluetails"—attests that Lieutenant Zilberman was one of the best pilots he had ever flown with.

On March 31, 2010, Lieutenant Zilberman had been forward deployed for nearly 3 months. While returning to