

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to in honor the dedicated employees of Park Tool in celebration of 50 years of commitment to providing high quality tools and equipment for cyclists around the world.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,802,515,751,907.61. We've added \$6,175,638,702,994.53 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

ON SONJA NESBIT MOVING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize one of the finest committee staff members to have worked for me, the Ways and Means Committee and the U.S. House of Representatives. Sonja Nesbit joined the House staff over 11 years ago and has made an enormous difference for millions of Americans since the day she arrived. Now she is moving on to the Department of Health and Human Services to continue her work on behalf of the nation's poor, and I want to thank her for her accomplishments, her ongoing dedication to this institution, and for her service to the American people.

In Congress Sonja was at the center of our efforts to restructure the national foster care system, a reform that has helped innumerable young people get a better shot at finding a good family and personal and professional success. Sonja also worked tirelessly on the creation of the home visitation program in the Affordable Care Act that promotes home visits for at-risk children.

Sonja is a leading expert in her field and is, really, the ideal public servant. She gave thoughtful advice and counsel, helping myself and other members do the right thing for the poor and needy in this country. She was patient, helpful, and always looking for policy that would reflect the values of justice and equality. This is what the American people need in a public servant and in congressional staff.

Now Sonja is moving on to work in the Department of Health and Human Services where she'll continue her work on making the country's social safety net just and strong.

We will all miss her. I congratulate Sonja on her new position, thank her for her good work, and wish her the best of luck at HHS.

EMMA BLOSENCO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emma Bloenco for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emma Bloenco is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Emma Bloenco is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Emma Bloenco for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, during the week of March 18th, I missed roll Nos. 76 through 89 due to cataract surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll Nos. 76, 79, 80, 81, 82, 88, and 89. I would have voted "yea" on roll Nos. 77, 78, 83, 84, 85, and 87. I would have voted "present" on roll No. 86.

FEAR THE RAVEN, SOMETHING TO RAVE ABOUT!

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit this poem on behalf of a constituent in my district honoring the Baltimore Ravens for their Super Bowl XLVII win.

FEAR THE RAVEN, SOMETHING TO RAVE ABOUT!

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

The . . . The Fire . . . The Unforgettable Fire!

When, hearts and souls, and bodies and minds, so meet for but one desire!

But, for one goal to so take them all higher! For no other team sport, has such passion and such fire!

Or so depends upon their Band of Brothers, to so fashion victory from within themselves to be so inspired!

Well, maybe when a great leader says he's going to retire!

Feel The Fire!

As a child a time ago, stepping out upon those fields of green as so . . .

As a dream few of us will know!

To play in The Super Bowl!

And to stand on that National stage, as all around you this war is waged!

Is but Something To Rave About!

For it was in those long hot days of summer, that this great bond was so formed as they encumbered!

As against all odds they fought on, young and old, the rookies and Pros . . .

As all around them, the smell of fear in the air stood close!

For only a few on opening day, in that uniform shall so be clothed!

As its competition at its very height, that which so makes their great hearts shine so bright!

And now as it all so comes down to this, 60 minutes, either heartache or bliss!

To wear that Super Bowl ring, and hold that Lombardi Trophy up high and sing!

"And shine bright like a diamond, shine bright like a diamond in the sky," with but tears in your eyes . . .

And to be one of football's aluminate, one of its highest of all society!

Is But Something To Rave About, as down upon you the confetti flies . . .

As you want to "scream and shout," and "let it all out," singing "oh we oh" we are Super Bowl Champs, now That's Something To Rave About!

For this is HARBAUGH, and this is WAR!

As it's Brother VS Brother as so for sure!

Going Coastal, East meets West!

Who Will Be The Best?

As it was but only a year ago, when in that end zone our dreams died so!

But, The Ravens took that memory . . . and built upon it and would not let go!

Something like "remember The Alamo"! UNFINISHED BUSINESS, YO . . . HUNT IT . . . HUNT IT!!!

But, the word on the street, was that Baltimore could not so compete!

Surely, Peyton would have his way . . . and Brady in the Super Bowl was meant to play!

And how could Baltimore stake a claim, and beat the 'Niners on this day?

But, this is a team of destiny and faith, whether it's Ray Ray or General Brigrance leading the way!

Or a guy up in Heaven named Art who was with them on every play . . .

And the Big "B" Bisciotti, because excellence is his way!

FEAR THE RAVENS . . .

IT'S JUDGEMENT DAY!

And now they were ready to make the 'Niners pay, and show em how the west was lost this day!

Prospecting for more Super Bowl gold, The Forty-Niners came into town looking for number 6 to hold, but the Steelers said wooooee!

Armed with a Pistol O so profound, making even Dirty Harry say WOW!

And the Ravens, These Mighty Birds of Prey, with their Beastie Boys on defense leading the way!

That would even make Edgar Allen Poe, so shuttle and whence in his grave!

Led by their leader T4 Ray Ray with his Tell Tale Heart, instilling such fire and faith his work of art!

As Mr. Bisciotti said,

"'Niners you're going to Fear The Raven today!"

Just look at what my coaches, and front office put together, THEY!

The Wizard of Ozzie Neusome, he's real who's whosome!

Because, he knows how to choose 'em!

And Pollard who will put the collar on you every play!

And Suggs who likes you to mugs, and sizzles any one in his way!

And Ayanbadejo, who acts so crazed so!

And Ellerbe, watch out for me I'll sting U on D!

And the Kruger . . . rants, who is worth his weight in gold!

And Corey Upshaw, who will turn you into cole slaw!

And Kemoeatu who will give you, The Kemo Treatment to ALL!

And Corey who will Graham cracker YOU! And Haloti,

You No Gota a chance to stoppa me!

And then these two young guns, were ready to put a clinic on, one by one!

And show how a Super Bowl is won!

That Baltimore Bomber, Joe "Cool" Flacco! In the high archy of deep spirals, he owns the show, as he heaves rainbows!

In fact NASA in the off season wants him, to launch a few satellites . . . THOSE!

And if you're a D back, well you better be wearing a flacco jacket, against Big Joe!

He's shades of Johnny U, you know . . .

With a chip on his shoulder, he's looking bolder, making them spell elite, making them eat crow!

Then, the new gun . . . just a babe starting his 10th game, how did he learn so quickly how to behave?

That's why on the West Coast he's called Special K!

Shades of The Young Man so!

He can beat you in the air or on the ground, and gun you down!

His Pythons are so huge now!

Now it's JUDGEMENT DAY, down on the bayou it's time to play!

Dis Dat Fat Sunday Super Bowl today!

Someone's going to crawl daddy, and someone with Dat Da Saints Are Going To Do Dat Come Marching In Hooray!

"BRING THE ACTION"!

When, the Ravens got the ball,

Joe Cool made the call, driving down the field as he would not so yield!

With his flock of Ravens, as it was touch-downs he and they were craving!

A real true tour de force, with the likes of Torrey Smith with all his gifts . . .

Proudly in heaven your brother watching this!

And Ray Rice, he can beat you twice . . . in the air or on the ground!

So many weapons like Boldin and Jones, who leave the D backs standing all alone . . .

As Anquan so Em-Boldined his Ravens, with a 13yd TD he soon owned!

As Joe Cool began to rule, taking them all to school!

As Baltimore's D hung tough, after the 1st quarter only one Aker they'd give up!

And Reed em and Weep, when on a catch he smashed mouth Big Vernon D!

Sent him to the sidelines in pain and misery! And he said, "you better keep an eye on me" . . .

Fear The Turtle, but also Fear The Reed!

In the 2nd quarter, the 49ers were looking to be slaughtered!

Pondering weak and weary upon a midnight dreary,

Baltimore's D made it look scary "casting their monte ago's" all over these!

As the strategy of Control and Contain, was working on their hearts and brains . . .

As helmets they were cracking, as there came this rapping, a rapping at the 49ers door!

Tis the Ravens D "never more", as they pondered so weak and weary, over some lost to be forgotten turnovers for sure!

As Mr. Jones recovered a fumble, and Joe Cool said boys let's rumble!

With a drive and a TD pass, to I PITTA the fool who ever tries to cover me last!

While, Dickson gave the defense a bath!

As Reed intercepted Kaepernick, as you could feel the 49ers starting to bleed!

Two thirds of the world is covered by water, and the rest by Reed!

Then John played Harbaugh, faking a field goal, a gutsy call and gave Tucker the ball!

It's better to stand for something, then fall for nothing at all!

As The D . . . those birds of prey, on a feeding frenzy once again so had their way!

Control and Contain, not worrying about who hears their name!

Then, Joe the Coolest of Cool . . . as him and MR. Jones had a thing going on too!

Throwing a 56 TD, as he got up off of that turf with a burst, and made the DB look like Papa Smurf!

And right at the half, 1 more Aker through the uprights would so pass!

Should the 49ers have stayed home and watched the game on TV?

Maybe they were using the wrong caliber of Pistol, you see?

As they put a Kap on nick, and it was all looking pretty sick!

As The Ravens' D was reacting so quickly, control and contain while inflicting such pain!

By halftime it looked like the Ravens, were ready to tell the 'Niners to board their plane!

And to the families of Sandy Hook, all of our hearts so shook as were heard your children singing!

Our prayers to you we are bringing!

Then, Beyonce and Destiny's Child, oh what a half time show as they went wild!

Then, at the opening kick off it was lights out . . . as Mr. Jones sped by at light speed as the coverage he ran out!

A 108yd TD, Super Bowl history!

And then as "Be" . . . "Yonce" would say, "ut oh, ut oh, ut oh, . . . got me going crazy like this!"

"Got me feeling crazy like this" As the lights went out!

Was it Beyounce and Destiny's Child style, or the speed at which Mr. Jones flew by all the while?

Don't worry Commissioner Goodell is on it like a crocodile!

28 to 6, as the 'Niners pondered so weak and weary, so deep upon a Super Bowl dreary!

But, when the lights went out . . . in the dark,

The Ravens mo was all sucked out!

Black magic no doubt!

Turning on the switch,

"BRING THE ACTION" This!

As soon the '49ers struck gold, a 31 yd TD to Crabtree he'd hold.

The only kind of crabs in Baltimore we will serve cold!

And the Gorey details, as Frank another TD he soon nailed.

And the 3rd Acker of the day, with the 'Niners on their way!

As it was 28 to 23, as things were looking scary, as the Ravens lost the very heart of their D . . .

A mountain of a man,

Super Samoan Haloti Ngata he stands . . .

As the Heart of Texas,

Tucker's field goal gave us a chance, a chance to so breathe!

As the 'Niners got back, as Kaepernick ran it for a 105 yd TD, the longest in Super Bowl history!

Again, the Bomber of Baltimore led his men burning out the clock, leaving them so little time to victory unlock!

As the eyes of Baltimore were upon him, as Just in Time Tucker tucked em in!

With a field goal then!

As it was now do or die, as the 'Niners started to drive . . .

As Gore and Moss looked like they would not be denied!

As there they stood at the goal line, it was first and goal and it was crunch time!

As the 'Niners could now so take command, but Ray Ray's and his birds of prey had other plans!

Control and contain, with Super Bowl gold only 4 plays away!

As these men of might would not so break, as history they were so ready to make!

Kaptalizing on Colin as his last pass, floated out of the end zone as you could hear him hollering!

As the Ravens got it back and we watched Koch safety dance, don't worry Ray Ray he can't compete with you, no chance!

And then one last play, as all the way from Baltimore you could hear the fans say . . .

"WE WANT TO SCREAM AND SHOUT"

"AND LET IT ALL OUT"

singing "OH WE OH, OH WE OH"

ARE SUPER BOWL CHAMPS NO DOUBT!

As the Greatest Ali in Phoenix also cried out,

"Now, We've Got Something To Rave About!"

Because, what that incredible D did was so unreal!

As the D backs and LBs put the wood on em, and with stealth technology their receivers were concealed!

Control and contain, as somehow they so shrunk the field!

And that aerial show, that was put on so, by Big Joe brought them to their knees!

As the offensive line really shined, giving Joe the time to glow!

I guess you could say they Blind Sided the D!

As it was one heck of a game, and one heck of a fight!

As they served Rice to the 'Niners, all night!

And Piece was looking fierce, as Leach began to teach, how to open up holes and knock the man down!

But, we knew sadly . . . one brother would win, and one brother would lose!

Like Father Like Sons, they all turned out to be such great ones!

But, only one team would Destiny's Child so choose, and hold that trophy way up high and be a Who's Who!

"AND SCREAM AND SHOUT"

"AND LET IT ALL OUT"

singing "OH WE OH . . . OH WE OH" ARE SUPER BOWLS CHAMPS!

NOW THAT'S SOMETHING TO RAVE ABOUT!

And in Baltimore, one more thing is true!

Ravens, Johnny U would be so proud of U!

And Chuck Thompson would have said, "ain't the beer cold, from the beginning we've led"!

AND BEING WORLD CHAMPIONS,

WELL THAT'S SOMETHING TO RAVE ABOUT!

EMMA EAKER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Emma Eaker for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Emma Eaker is a 10th grader at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.