Mr. Speaker, Congress should be of the people, not its permanent representative. Mason knew that this Nation would be best served by having individuals who have lived as private citizens representing them in Congress. I urge my colleagues to vote for term limits.

EDUCATION IS PART OF THE AMERICAN DREAM

(Mr. WATT of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, getting an education is part of the American dream. For generations, the Federal Government has helped average, everyday, working-class, and middle-class Americans secure this American dream through financial aid programs for college.

Well, this key component of the American dream is on the chopping block also. Let us be absolutely clear: This is not welfare we are talking about; we are talking about Federal financial aid that goes to working-class and middle-class kids. We are talking about programs that average, everyday working, and middle-class Americans help to finance through their tax dollars. We are even talking about work study, that is, work for money to pay for education.

But make no mistake about it, we are talking about programs that the wealthy string pullers who control the Republican Party do not care one iota about. They can pay for their kids' education. Can you?

EIGHTY PERCENT OF AMERICANS SUPPORT TERM LIMITS

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, polls estimate, as everybody knows, that 80 percent of Americans support term limits. Yet I know there are some Republicans who do not, but there are some Democrats who, frankly, oppose, and have actively done so, for some time. Frustrated by 40 years of Democratic inaction and blatant obstruction to term limits, the American people were forced to take this battle to the ballot box, State by State, in a grassroots effort to circumvent an arrogant Congress that thought it knew better than those people it represented.

The makeup of today's Congress is very different, in large part because of the term-limit movement. The new majority believes the people have a right to be heard, and that is why this GOP-led Congress is bringing a historic first ever vote on term limits to the floor of the House today.

For those Democrats sitting on the fence on term limits, just talking about those on the fence, look back at last year's election. Many of your colleagues who fought against the will of the people, about 35 of them, are not here. They are now watching this debate as observers instead of Members of Congress.

The way I see it, we either get your vote on term limits today or we will get your seat in 1996. Think about it.

A TRIBUTE TO THE UCONN HUSKIES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mrs. KENNELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, this weekend I was lucky enough to be one of 8,000 people at Gampel Pavilion cheering the UCONN Huskies Women's Basketball Team on to their latest victory. We in Connecticut are thrilled that this dream season continues as this dream team advances to the final four.

Rebecca Lobo, the Naismith player of the year and Husky coach, Geno Auriemma, Naismith coach of the year, led this team to an almost unbelievable undefeated season. Although their most recent victory was not quite the 35-point average margin of victory that they were used to, the proved to themselves and to us that through their composure, grit, and drive, they were able to overcome the nerves and the pressure that come with the final big games.

This performance showed us just what a world-class team looks like. On behalf of myself and the entire State of Connecticut best of luck to the UCONN women as they follow their dream to Minneapolis. Go Huskies.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SHOULD RETURN HOME AND MIX WITH THE PEOPLE

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

Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, another world-class women's team is the University of Tennessee. Go Vols.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in favor of term limits as a freshman Congressman who has been here 2 months and who has pledged to my district that I will limit my stay to 12 years. I have taken voluntary term limits.

Mr. Speaker, the case for term limits is a simple one. As one of the Founding Fathers, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, put it, members of the legislature, ''ought to return home and mix with the people.'' He warned that if they did not, ''they would acquire the habits of the place, which might differ from those of their constituents.''

How right he was. Once in office a survival instinct takes hold and nothing becomes as important as winning the next election. Members forget why they were sent to Washington.

Mr. Speaker, term limits have been bottled up for years by the Democratic leadership, but it will finally come to the House floor today. But it will not pass unless we convince about half of the Democrats to vote with the over 80 percent of the Republicans to support term limits.

I would hate to see term limits fail because of a lack of support from my colleagues on the Democratic side. We need only 50 percent of them to vote with us on this. Let us not let term limits fall victim to a lack of bipartisan effort. Let us seize the moment. Let us pass term limits.

GOLDEN GRAB AWARD TO BE ANNOUNCED TODAY

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

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, some days back I announced an award which I give from time to time. It is entitled ''The Golden Grab,'' a hand extended outward with palm up. This is an award which I will be giving to people in the defense business who are unfaithful to their contracts, who charge too much, who fail to be responsible in terms of meeting their deadlines; to Government officials who fail to properly carry out their responsibilities.

This is an award dedicated to those who disregard their responsibilities to the people of the United States.

I will give the first award on April 1, on April Fools Day. I will give it to a class of persons who are particularly deserving of this award. I will be shortly announcing the first honoree of honorees.

I urge my colleagues to be present to note who will be receiving the Golden Grab Award, a golden hand, palm up, hand outstretched to receive things to which the individual is not entitled at the expense of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TORKILDSEN). All time for 1-minute remarks has expired.

TERM LIMITS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 116 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the House Joint Resolution, House Joint Resolution 73.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of joint resolution (H.J. Res. 73) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of