his efforts in the fight against HIV and AIDS, I can tell you that you can see the results of his loving and his spirit-filled ministry in my district. Pastor Smith has been described as a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness, and he has been a source of strength and inspiration for me and for thousands in our community and throughout the world.

So as Congress reconvenes, I want to thank Pastor Smith for his powerful words of wisdom and of guidance, and for a lifetime of service to God and to humankind, and to my Allen Temple family, several of whom have joined us this afternoon in the House gallery. Thank you, Pastor Smith.

NATIONAL SECURITY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the single most important function of the Federal Government: national security and the protection of our citizens. The United States is in an ongoing war on terror. While we have achieved many successes, such as the recent apprehension of Hamid al-Su'aydi, al Qaeda's second-highest ranking member in Iraq, we must not relent in the apprehension and destruction of global terrorist cells.

We are making progress in the global war on terror, but there is still more to be done. The August 31 deadline for Iran to stop producing nuclear fuel has been ignored. And although the United States, along with three European allies, is assembling a list of sanctions to present to the United Nations, it is no surprise that many of the U.N. sanctions and resolutions go ignored.

It is time the United States made clear that Iran's nuclear ambitions must not go unchecked. A well-known philosopher once said that a nation never falls but by suicide. If we ignore the current threat of terrorism, the nuclear ambitions of rogue nations, we are certainly setting our Nation on a path to suicide.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to relentlessly pursue and eliminate the global terrorist network, as well as ensure that the nuclear ambitions of Iran are eradicated. Not only will this aid in the stabilization of the Middle East, but in the security of all Americans.

SENATE MUST PASS THE SECOND CHANCE ACT

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I too want to welcome the Reverend Smith and the Allen Temple Church and especially commend them for their work with ex-offenders and ex-offender reentry.

We were very fortunate to get passed out of Judiciary before the recess the Second Chance Act; and I would hope that before we adjourn this year, that both the House and the Senate will have passed that legislation, sent it to the President's desk, and he will have signed it, because it is one of the most important things we can do.

REAL COMMITMENT—NOT RHETORIC—NEEDED TO WIN WAR ON TERROR

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, we have been hearing a great deal lately from the Democrats about their ideas on how to fight and how to win the war on terror. But yesterday I was listening to the White House press secretary, Tony Snow, give his daily briefing. I thought he summed up the Democrats' position on the war on terror very clearly.

He said: ''There have been some in the Democratic Party who have argued against the PATRIOT Act, against the terrorist surveillance program, against Guantanamo. In other words, there are some who say that we should not fight the war, we should not apprehend al Qaeda, we should not detain al Qaeda, we should not question al Qaeda, we should not listen to al Qaeda. In other words, they are all for winning the war on terror, but they are against providing the tools for winning that war.''

Mr. Speaker, now those same people want America to entrust them with power, to set national policy in the war on terror. And this month we will be addressing many issues important to the security of our Nation: defending against terror, prosecuting terrorists, securing our borders. I urge every American to watch how each Representative and each party votes on these very important issues, and they will each know which party truly stands for security from terror.

AMERICA'S STRONG ECONOMY

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, while traveling by bus through the 10 counties of South Carolina's Second Congressional District last month, I visited with chambers of commerce, schools, and booming local businesses. During these visits, I saw the effects of Republican tax reductions and pro-growth initiatives at work.

Due to the Republicans' fiscal policies, workers are keeping more of their own money. In turn, they are investing more money in their local economies. Last month, the unemployment rate dipped to 4.7 percent, one of the lowest points since 2001. Yet just last week, House Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI stated: ''Our economy is moving in the wrong direction.''

I am grateful that American workers can celebrate 36 consecutive months of job growth, creating nearly 6 million new jobs. Homeownership is at a record high of nearly 70 percent, and more persons than ever in history are fulfilling the American Dream.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

HONORING ANDRE AGASSI

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

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to recognize a great Nevadan whose name is Andre Agassi for his 20 years of success as an athlete. His professional career goes from eight Grand Slam titles, 60 singles titles, Olympic gold medal and number one in the world in tennis.

But I am here to share with you that his success is far greater than that on the court. Off the court, Mr. Agassi has raised close to $50 million to help abused and neglected children in the State of Nevada, has created a Boys and Girls Club, a K–12 charter school, cottages for medically fragile children and is certainly a loving father and husband.

History will show that he is one of the greatest athletes in modern times, but I truly believe that his charitable, humanitarian approach to our community will overshadow his athletic success. He told his fans that he was inspired by his fans.

He truly has been an inspiration for our community in Nevada and for our country. I rise today recognizing Andre Agassi as a great American hero.

AMERICAN ENERGY POLICIES

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, since this Chamber last met, there has been some good news regarding American energy. Over the past 2 weeks, gas prices have been dropping, providing some relief for Labor Day travelers.

Just this week a group of oil companies announced a discovery of a petroleum reserve that could increase America's proven reserves by as much as 50 percent. This is good news, Mr. Speaker. But more can be done.

This year alone, the House has passed several meaningful bills aimed at boosting our domestic energy supply. In May we authorized environmentally responsible energy exploration in Alaska. In June we passed legislation to streamline the process for building new refineries in our country. We also authorized access to the enormous reserves known to exist off our coast on the Outer Continental Shelf.

Mr. Speaker, the House has a strong record on energy independence. But there are only a limited number of

days left on the calendar. Now it is time for the Senate to take action on these bills and keep the good energy news coming for the American consumer.

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HONORING THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS FROM COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

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

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Little Leaguers from Columbus, Georgia, who on August 28 defeated their worthy opponents from Japan to win the Little League World Series.

Mr. Speaker, this is a truly remarkable accomplishment. It is the ultimate achievement in Little League sports. Performing so well under pressure in front of the massive Williamsport crowds, as well as millions watching on national television, it is a testament to the tremendous talent, character and fortitude of these boys from Columbus.

Mr. Speaker, in 1983, another team from Georgia bested the Dominican Republic to win the Little League World Series. By now, these boys are grown men, and some pursued a future in professional baseball. Adam Olmstead, the starting third baseman and son of my nurse, Lynn, when I practiced medicine, is now a prominent radiologist in Florida.

Mr. Speaker, this shows us that many of our best and brightest student athletes pass through Williamsport in this character-building experience on their way to excellence in a variety of professional fields. These boys from Columbus are no exception. They made their community and their country very proud, Mr. Speaker, and are a great example of the future leaders our Nation needs.

Again, I offer my congratulations on a job well done.

THANK GOD FOR GEORGE BUSH AND DON RUMSFELD

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, we have heard recently from our friends across the aisle that supposedly George Bush and Don Rumsfeld are responsible for the terrorist attacks that have been going on. If you believe George Bush and Don Rumsfeld are responsible for the terrorist attacks that are occurring, then you have to absolutely believe that Bill Clinton caused 9/11. There is no other choice, because we know unequivocally that the planning for 9/11 occurred during the 1990s when Bill Clinton was President. Though Bill Clinton may have been guilty of many things, he was not guilty of bringing about this kind of horror. Yet, they plotted and planned while he was President.

If you look at the areas and causes for which Bill Clinton committed troops, it was generally to help Muslims. He was the most friendly President to Palestinians in history. He did nothing to deserve 9/11 being plotted during his presidency. Yet it was.

So, the current President understands that we are in a war for our survival and we cannot walk away from it. The terrorists want to take us back to the Dark Ages. This is a fight we cannot walk away from unless we are prepared to go to the Dark Ages.

Thank God for George Bush and Don Rumsfeld. They understand that since our first attack in 1979, we are in a war for survival.

CREATIVE FEDERALISM—HEALTH COVERAGE INNOVATION

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, is it not time that we in Congress take real steps forward to increase the number of Americans with health insurance? The latest Census Bureau report shows us that there are over 46 million Americans without health insurance coverage. To resolve this problem and relieve the burden this places on our health care system, we need an innovative and new approach.

The bipartisan Health Partnership Through Creative Federalism Act, H.R. 5864, offers that inventive path. Creative Federalism provides for innovation in health care through State initiatives that expand health care coverage. It empowers States and other regions to tailor health programs to their specific needs, thereby increasing access to health care all across this Nation.

Members from both sides of the aisle realize that to solve a problem of such significance, we need fresh thinking and new ideas. States should be encouraged to consider a variety of reforms, tax credits, pooling programs, health savings accounts or a combination of other options.

Mr. Speaker, the status quo is unacceptable. The Health Partnership Through Creative Federalism Act, H.R. 5864, can lead us to a new period of greater health coverage and more insured Americans, and Mr. Speaker, that is a good thing.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 3, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 3, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2555.

That the Senate passed S. 3613.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 399.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4646.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4811.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4962.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5104.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5107.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5169.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5540.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 4, 2006.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 4, 2006, at 11:45 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3508.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker pro tempore Tom Davis signed the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, August 9, 2006:

H.R. 4, to provide economic security for all Americans, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4646, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the ''Coach John Wooden Post Office Building'';

H.R. 4811, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, as the ''John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building'';