unheard of, and was elected at large, one of the first African Americans elected at large to the Memphis City Council.

He was also a postal service employee and had a career there and rose through the ranks to director of personnel. For that reason, this House, and this week with the President's action, the post office at Third Street in Memphis, Tennessee, will be named the Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr., Postal Building. That is a tribute to his work and all postal employees.

He had a family of which the City of Memphis is proud. His son Kenneth, Jr., is a pastor and a member of the school board. His son Kirk Whalum is a world-renowned saxophonist, and his other son Kevin is a musician with a contract and a poet.

There have been many great families in the City of Memphis to get involved in politics, but none greater than the Whalums. The hair of the hypocrite never was upon this family, and the idea of discrimination and bigotry or intolerance never disgraced them either. He was a leader in biracial politics and activities in the City of Memphis. He was a leader in being bipartisan as well.

There have been few people like Kenneth Whalum, Sr., in the City of Memphis. There will be few to come. I share his loss greatly. He was a supporter of mine who, although he had a stroke and had difficulty walking, came down and did a political ad for me when he could hardly get up the stairs, and on television it was like an angel speaking. When JOHN CONYERS came to Memphis in February, he made it up a whole flight of stairs to see JOHN CONYERS, and a happier man I have not seen. He knew the post office was being named for him before he passed. I am happy he knew that and I am happy I knew him. We have lost a great leader.

NEW DIALOGUE NEEDED TO BRING TROOPS HOME

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

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, it is clear that President Bush has no intention of changing the course in Iraq in any way before he leaves office in January 2009. In fact, both the President and the Pentagon have recently said that they expect American combat troops to be in Iraq for another 10 years; and just yesterday the President requested an additional $196 billion to fund the war in Iraq for the upcoming year.

The Democratic Congress rejects the notion that our troops are needed in Iraq for the next decade. If the Iraqi Government knows that we are going to be there for 10 years, they have absolutely no reason to make any of the tough political compromises that they promised they would make when the troop escalation began earlier this year. Instead, we support a responsible redeployment out of Iraq so that the Iraqis can finally take control of their own fate and so that we are no longer sending more than $2 billion there every week.

Madam Speaker, House Democrats are committed to bringing our troops home, but we can't do it alone. I hope this outrageous funding request serves as a wake-up call to my Republican friends and starts a new dialogue to bring our troops home.

DISCLOSE SALARIES OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

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

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, when will it end with Blackwater? Probably not soon enough. Just yesterday, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform released findings that show that Blackwater has potentially misclassified hundreds of workers in Iraq and Afghanistan, evading taxes and costing the taxpayers in the United States at least $30 million. This comes a few weeks after the same committee discovered that Blackwater is raking in potentially $100 million in profit off of their government contracts. We have got to get this situation under control.

That is why I, along with Mr. WELCH and Chairman WAXMAN, have introduced legislation to require that private government contractors receiving more than 80 percent of their revenue from Federal contracts, like Blackwater, must disclose the salaries of their most highly compensated employees.

It just isn't right for executives at Blackwater or anywhere else to make their fortune off of war profiteering. It is our money, and we deserve to know how it is being used.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this commonsense legislation.

QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 767) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 767

Whereas, United States soldiers and personnel in Iraq are fighting to protect innocent Americans from being attacked by al-Qaeda and radical jihadists who are determined to kill the American people.

Whereas, on October 18, 2007, in debate on H.R. 976, Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, the Member from California, Mr. Stark, stated: ''You don't have money to fund the war or children. But you're going to spend it to blow up innocent people if we can get enough kids to grow old enough for you to send to Iraq to get their heads blown off for the President' amusement.''

Whereas, on October 18, 2007, in a press release, Rep. Pete Stark is quoted as saying: ''I respect neither the Commander-in-Chief who keep them in harms way nor the chickenhawks in Congress.''

Whereas, the Member from California, Mr. Stark, engaged in personally abusive language toward the President and Members of the House, including the use of language that impugns their motives.

Whereas, the Member from California, Mr. Stark dishonors not only the Commander-in-Chief, but the thousands of courageous men and women of America's armed forces who believe in their mission and are putting their lives on the line for our freedom and security.

Whereas, the Member from California, Mr. Stark, has failed to retract his statement and apologize to the Members of the House, our Commander-in-Chief, and the families of our soldiers and commanders fighting terror overseas.

Resolved, That the Member from California, Mr. Stark, by his despicable conduct, has dishonored himself and brought discredit to the House and merits the censure of the House for the same.

Resolved, The Member from California, Mr. Stark, is hereby so censured.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER). The resolution presents a question of privilege.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I move to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 196, nays 173, answered ''present'' 8, not voting 55, as follows:

[Roll No. 986]

YEAS—196

Abercrombie	Conyers	Hall (NY)
Ackerman	Cooper	Hare
Allen	Costa	Harman
Andrews	Costello	Hastings (FL)
Arcuri	Courtney	Herseth Sandlin
Baca	Cramer	Higgins
Baird	Crowley	Hinchey
Baldwin	Cuellar	Hirono
Barrow	Davis (AL)	Hodes
Bean	Davis (CA)	Holt
Becerra	Davis (IL)	Honda
Berkley	DeFazio	Hooley
Berman	DeGette	Hoyer
Berry	Delahunt	Inslee
Bishop (GA)	DeLauro	Israel
Bishop (NY)	Dicks	Jackson (IL)
Blumenauer	Dingell	Jackson-Lee (TX)
Boswell	Doggett	Jefferson
Boucher	Doyle	Johnson (GA)
Boyd (FL)	Ellison	Jones (OH)
Brady (PA)	Emanuel	Kagen
Braley (IA)	Eshoo	Kanjorski
Brown, Corrine	Etheridge	Kaptur
Capps	Farr	Kennedy
Capuano	Filner	Kildee
Cardoza	Frank (MA)	Kilpatrick
Carnahan	Giffords	Klein (FL)
Castor	Gillibrand	Kucinich
Chandler	Gonzalez	Lampson
Clarke	Gordon	Langevin
Clay	Green, Al	Lantos
Clyburn	Grijalva	Larsen (WA)
Cohen	Gutierrez	