

home with a broken arm and a broken leg. 'I saw hell right before my eyes last week,' she said. 'You can never imagine the sight of a huge man beating you to death.'"

It looks to me, Mr. Speaker, that these young students of Iran, these sons of liberty and daughters of democracy, have joined the few, the noble few who throughout history have stood and faced vicious tyrants.

A noted historian once said, "You see these dictators on their pedestals, surrounded by the bayonets of their soldiers. Yet in their hearts there is unspoken, unspeakable fear. They are afraid of words and thoughts, words spoken and thoughts stirring at home that are all the more powerful because they are forbidden to be spoken."

These young students are not alone, Mr. Speaker. We are kindred spirits. America has earned its freedom through struggle and shed its blood in many countries around the world in defense of freedom and liberty.

You see, Mr. Speaker, each of us throughout the ages of time are born with the unbroken spirit in our soul to be free, to desire liberty and freedom. Tyrants have always tried to enslave people in a brutal dark nightmare for the sake of their personal political power and financial gain. Indeed, the price of liberty is eternal vigilance.

The closing words written by this young Iranian student could have come right from the pages of America's own history books in the fight for our liberty.

He said, "One thing we know for certain. This isn't a fight that will end tomorrow or next month. It is not a fight that any group or party can fight alone. The path is uncertain, the road ahead is quite bleak. But my generation, born on the sidelines only to watch and to obey, has now been given the opportunity to write its own history, to tell its own story. And to the best of our ability, we will do that."

Americans should stand with these young people of Iran who have suffered much in their struggle for human rights and human dignity. Their courage in the face of overwhelming odds is an example to all who honor freedom. They have earned their own place of honor in the pages of history among those who have so valiantly fought and died for the cause of human dignity.

Sam Adams was one of America's sons of liberty, and he said, "It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in the minds of people."

May the students of Iran prevail in their holy cause of freedom.

And that's just the way it is.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### HONORING THE CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. DELAHUNT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in recognizing a special piece of Americana, the Cape Cod Baseball League of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

Widely renowned as the best summer collegiate league in the Nation, the Cape Cod Baseball League today consists of 10 franchises in two, five-team divisions. In its early years, during World War I and World War II, the league was largely populated by young GIs fresh from their service overseas. The modern era of the Cape Cod Baseball League commenced in 1963, when it was officially sanctioned by the NCAA.

Throughout its existence, the league has been responsible for several Cy Young and Most Valuable Player awards in the Bigs and many Hall of Famers and renowned scouts and managers, all of whom received their start in the Cape Cod Baseball League. Entering its 125th season, the league continues to offer the most talented baseball players from across the country the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in front of professional scouts.

As a pioneer among the Nation's summer leagues in many respects, including the use of wooden bats, the Cape Cod Baseball League is truly America's league. The young players learned the importance of sportsmanship and modesty, not only on the diamond and in the dugout, but also through the generosity of generations of Cape Cod families who open their homes to host them during the summer season.

At a time that has not always been conducive to preserving the integrity of the game, the Cape Cod Baseball League continues to embody the golden American tradition of our wholesome national pastime. That pastime has been kept alive in its pure and amateur state owing to the outstanding efforts of this volunteer organization, which enables fans to enjoy games at no expense where visions of Red Sox, Cracker Jack and lemonade evoke feelings of nostalgia for the bygone days of America's favorite sport, baseball.

The Cape Cod Baseball League stands out as a national treasure that can captivate any young man or woman through nine heart-pounding innings. On this historic occasion I am particularly proud to honor the Cape Cod Baseball League for 125 years of success and its well established, beloved reputation among Cape Cod residents and tourists alike.

Congratulations to the Cape Cod Baseball League, and may you forever be, as the saying goes, "Where the Stars of Tomorrow Shine Tonight."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### TAXPAYER-FUNDED SPENDING SPREE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, when Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act early this spring, the administration and congressional Democrats argued that a \$800 billion taxpayer-funded spending spree was necessary to create jobs and grow the struggling economy. It was rushed through with little time to review the policies that would implement this massive spending plan.

I opposed this unwise scheme for many reasons. It will put an unbearable burden of debt upon our children and our grandchildren. It was loaded down with pork-barrel projects to pay back liberal special interest groups.

But I also opposed it because I believe and continue to believe that it will not grow jobs in our economy. The government is not nor should it be an employment service that mandates private-sector hiring decisions. Predictably, we are now seeing that these reckless spending decisions are not growing our economy. The June unemployment numbers saw the unemployment rate rise to a 26-year high of 9.5 percent. This translates into 467,000 jobs lost in the month of June alone.

Before passage of the ARRA, the Obama administration predicted that unemployment would peak at 8 percent before decreasing this fall. But unemployment has already reached 9.5 percent, and the situation is not likely to improve until long after the White House predicted.

However, the administration hardly has cause to be surprised. In fact, after they sold this massive Federal spending spree as a job creation measure, it turns out that jobs don't seem to be a priority at all.

I would like to bring my colleagues' attention to the funding announcement for the Smart Grid Investment Grants, which received \$3.9 billion in the Recovery Act. The Vice President himself announced this grant in April when he said this is about jobs, jobs.

In the information provided to the applicants for this grant funding, one of the frequently asked questions is, Will DOE use a number of jobs estimated to be created and/or retained as

a criterion for rating a proposal for funding? The answer: "No."

Let me repeat that again. Will jobs be used as a criteria to determine whether or not this project will be funded? The answer from the DOE is no.

In fact, the guidance goes on to say that DOE removed the criterion on the extent of jobs creation and now will require applicants to report quarterly on the number of jobs created and retained. Job creation was supposed to be the primary requisite for receiving recovery funds, and yet now has been changed to simply a reporting requirement. This is typical Washington. Instead of creating more jobs, we are creating more paperwork.

The Vice President now says they misread the economy, but the truth is they misread the solution. The stimulus bill was a grab bag of Democrat spending priorities, not a timely, targeted and temporary stimulus package. Government spending does not, does not, create jobs or wealth. It consumes it and destroys it.

We are throwing money at a problem that is not increasing consumer confidence, financial certainty or provide a business environment that will encourage job growth. Democrat policies are clearly, clearly, not creating jobs. I cannot, I cannot in good conscience justify throwing good money after bad. That only leaves a legacy of debt for our children and our grandchildren to pay.

I will continue to oppose policies that I believe hurt the American people and the people I represent, and I will gladly, gladly work with my colleagues across the aisle whenever there is an opportunity to do so because good policies that help Texans and help Americans aren't Republican, and they aren't Democrat; they are the right thing to do.

#### HEALTH CARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to take a few minutes today and talk about health care, because that is really the most pressing issue that's facing our country right now. It's inextricably tied to the economic situation of millions of Americans. So even as we struggle to deal with this difficult economy, we can't lose sight of the importance of health care reform.

Now, we have in this country a real paradox with our health care system, because on the one hand America has the best doctors, it has the best nurses, it has highly, highly trained professionals. And I believe, having worked with caregivers for almost 20 years representing providers in Maryland, I think we have the most compassionate caregivers you can find any place.

We have wonderful, fine institutions in my district—the University of Mary-

land medical system, Johns Hopkins health system. These are some of the finest institutions in the world, year after year being identified at the top of their class.

And we have amazing technology. Every year the advances in technology make it easier for us to address some of the most persistent health care problems in our country. So that's on the one side of the equation.

On the other side we have the highest health care costs in the developed world, we have tremendous shortages of our caregivers, shortages of physicians, shortages of nurses and many other categories of those who provide care.

We have millions of people, millions of people who have no health insurance, and we argue over the number. Some say it's 47 million, some say it's less. But we're talking about tens of millions of people who don't have health insurance coverage in this country. Means we have got a problem.

There are millions more who are underinsured. What does that mean? That means that they have health coverage, but they are one serious health crisis away from pitching over the edge in terms of their families and themselves.

And then those who do have coverage, adequate coverage, are paying premiums that go up by 15, 20, 25 percent a year. So we are all in it together. We all understand at some level that the current system is broken. This is our chance, this is our time. This is the moment to fix it. The American people have been clamoring for this for decades.

So we have to take up the charge. We are not going to borrow anybody's model. We are not going to import a model from England or Canada or France. We are going to design our own brand of American health care, and we are going to fix this system. We can do that.

There are two parts of the discussion. There is a coverage discussion. How do we get to where everybody has decent access to care? I think we ought to pursue this public plan option, because it will keep costs down. It will compete with the private health insurance plans who had kind of a stranglehold on the system, and Americans understand this.

They have moved past this in the discussion. They know we need the public option, because it will create a more level playing field. And, in the words of the President, it will keep the insurance companies honest.

But on the other side of the equation, in addition to the coverage issue, is the delivery of care. And we have got to look at investing in our workforce, and I am glad to say I have introduced legislation that attempts to do that, the health care Workforce Investment Act of 2009, which would create a national workforce advisory board to do just this, look at this question of filling in the workforce.

We have got to focus more on primary and preventive care so we can keep people healthy on the front end instead of just looking after them after they get sick on the back end. We need to change our system and move in that direction.

I like the idea of play space health care. What is that? Instead of expecting people to come to the health system let's figure out how we can take the health care system to people where they are already gathered. Let's go to our schools, where 98 percent of the people between the ages of 5 and 16 can be found 5 days a week, and let's intervene there.

Let's go to senior centers and provide care to our seniors where they are already gathering. And let's go to workplaces and incentivize with tax breaks and tax incentives large employers to put clinics in place to serve working adults right there where they are in the workplace.

These are all things we can do to improve the delivery system.

So let me just close with this: As this health care reform leaves the station, there are three things that need to be on that train so that it's a train to somewhere, not a train to nowhere.

Those three things are universal access to coverage, and I think this public plan option is a wonderful way to go. Second, investment in our workforce, and, third, focusing on primary and preventive care. If we do that, we are going to fix this health care system for millions of Americans across this country.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### IN MEMORY OF LANCE CORPORAL SETH SHARP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, the residents of Adairsville, Georgia, in my district, the 11th, are saying good-bye to a local hero who died while bravely serving his Nation in Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Seth Sharp was killed in action on July 2, 2009, from a gunshot wound to his neck during one of the biggest United States military operations in Afghanistan since the global war on terror began back in 2001.

Later this week, I will join Seth's family, his friends and supporters at his funeral in honor of the life of this brave soldier, a life given as the ultimate sacrifice, a sacrifice of duty and love. For, as it is written in John, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."