

Nation. Just this week, we sent the President H.R. 1530, a Defense Authorization bill that restores a reasonable quality of life for our military, sustains basic military readiness, reinvigorates the Pentagon's efforts to modernize weapons, and makes a downpayment on our effort to make the Pentagon run more like a business.

The bill gets the Pentagon back into the business of defending our country, without a skyrocketing Defense budget.

Despite the fact that this bill includes a long overdue 2.4-percent pay raise, a 5.2-percent increase in housing allowance for our troops and their families, and \$35 million to educate children of military personnel, the newspapers now tell us that President Clinton will veto that bill.

Any sergeant, colonel, admiral, or general will tell you that their most important asset is a well-trained and dedicated man or woman. Unfortunately, because of a declining quality of military life and number of broken Government promises, the rank and file soldier and sailor is becoming an increasingly rare asset.

We have American soldiers and sailors trying to feed their families with food stamps. Some of the kids that the President is sending into harm's way in Bosnia are leaving their families behind in housing that is substandard. Clinton's historic 1993 tax hike not only forced more taxes on hard-working middle-income American families—despite a promise to actually cut taxes—it also delayed COLA's for military retirees by three-quarters of a year—breaking a promise that was made to many of those men and women while they served this country overseas and at war. The Defense Authorization bill fixes the Clinton COLA grab.

The veterans, retirees, and active military families that I talk to every day tell me that they don't trust the government anymore. Fully half of this country's new military enlistees come from military families, and those families are beginning to tell their kids that it just isn't worth it. As a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, I dedicated my life and service to this country in exchange for a few promises of pay and benefits. If the Government, led by President Clinton, continues to break those promises and deny a reasonable quality of life, our military families will find it even more difficult to dedicate themselves to military service.

Mr. Speaker, what the President is doing is wrong. I challenge him to change his ways and demonstrate a commitment to our men and women in uniform. At a time when he plans to send over 32,000 troops into war-torn Bosnia, enactment of the Defense Authorization bill is a good place to start.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 1995

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, on December 13, 1995, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 851, the adoption of House Resolution 297, a rule to permit the House to adopt, by a simple majority, rules for certain legislation on the same day that they are reported by the Rules Committee. Had I been present for vote No. 851, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM A. COBURN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 1995

Mr. COBURN. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, due to weather delays in my return from Oklahoma, I was unable to cast my vote on House Joint Resolution 132, the resolution supporting a balanced budget in 7 years. I have made clear since January that balancing the budget is our highest priority if we are to secure a bright future for our children and grandchildren. Therefore, had I been here, I would have voted "aye" on House Joint Resolution 132.

HONORING THE LUDLOW BOY'S SOCCER TEAM'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 1995

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Coach Tony Goncalves and his Ludlow High School Lions boy's soccer team for their outstanding 4 to 1 victory over Somerville High School to win the Massachusetts Boys Division I State Soccer Championship. The impressive performance by the Lions in the championship capped off a tremendous 17–2–3 campaign for Coach Goncalves and his team and earned them a spot in the top 25 of the Umbro Boys High School Soccer Poll. Over the years Ludlow High School has enjoyed a rich tradition of soccer excellence and this team will certainly be remembered as one of the best in Ludlow High School history.

I would also like to recognize Coach Goncalves' assistants Jack Vilaca, Greg Kolodziej, and Jon Cavallo for their outstanding efforts throughout this championship season. It is the unsung efforts of people like these that often make championships possible, and Ludlow was quite fortunate to be assisted by such able individuals.

Finally, I would like to recognize the players who delivered this spectacular victory: Seniors, Bob Nascimento, Eddie Pires, Rich Huff, John Summerlin, Aaron Majka, Carlos Gomes, Adriano Dos Santos, Wesley Manuel, Chris Goncalves, Mark Eusebio, Jeff Leandro, Juniors, Robe Gomes, Matthew Goncalves, Adriano Genovevo, Danny Elias, Jason Alves, Ryan Lemek, Sophomores, Alex Carvalho, Dave Garcia, Jon Haluch, and Justin Larame.

The achievements of these young men are a tremendous source of pride for not only the town of Ludlow but for the entire Second Congressional District. I am honored to represent such outstanding individuals and I join with the citizens of the Second Congressional District in offering a most heartfelt congratulations. I would also like to wish the returning players the best of luck as they embark on their title defense next season.

HONORING A McCREARY COUNTY LEADER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 1995

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my good friend Napoleon "Nip" Perkins who recently passed away just shy of his 90th birthday. My family and thousands of others throughout McCreary County and southern Kentucky are deeply saddened by this tragic loss.

Our area has lost a topnotch businessman, an inspiring civic and community volunteer, a political leader, and a good friend. He helped everyone he could and always was willing to sacrifice his time for others.

Nip Perkins was a retired land agent and an engineer for Stearns Coal and Lumber Co., where his high energy, friendly style is what always stood out most.

Politics was where Nip was most influential. Serving as a field representative for my two predecessors in Congress, Congressmen Eugene Siler and Tim Lee Carter, he has been a recognized leader for more than seven decades.

Nip was also a great confidant for me, always keeping his ear close to the ground and my best interests at heart. He was wise, informed, and always positive.

Nip served six terms as the McCreary County Republican chairman and was the first inductee of the Fifth Congressional District Lincoln Club Hall of Fame for his honorable and dedicated service.

I could not think of a better person to be our first Hall of Fame inductee.

In addition to his political service, Nip was a former McCreary County master commissioner and served on the County Selective Service Board. He was a 65-year member of the Orie S. Ware Lodge in Stearns and the 32d degree Mason in the Valley of Covington.

My heart goes out to Nip's wife of 62 years, Evelyn Anderson Perkins, and his wonderful family. He was a great friend and a good man, and he will be sorely missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOHN DINGELL ON HIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEECH OF

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 1995

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to a man who has provided 40 years of dedicated service to the people of Michigan's 16th Congressional District and the United States of America, my good friend and dean of this esteemed body, JOHN D. DINGELL. The fact that Mr. DINGELL is still recognized by many of his colleagues from both sides of the aisle as "Mr. Chairman" is one example of the high level of respect and appreciation we have for his service.

Like his father before him, JOHN DINGELL has worked diligently to serve his constituents in the State of Michigan. His tireless efforts to

spearhead economic development, solve local problems and meet community needs have led to an improved quality of life for his constituents.

Mr. Speaker, in serving this country, we can look to JOHN DINGELL as an example of an effective legislator who puts people before politics. He authored the original Clean Water Act, which markedly improved the quality of our Nation's rivers and lakes, including the State of Michigan's Great Lakes. As chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, he was the integral component in removing asbestos from our children's schools and passing the first ever Americans with Disabilities Act. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Congressman DINGELL vigorously investigated and exposed waste, fraud, and abuse resulting in saving billions of taxpayer dollars. Congressman DINGELL's father, John Dingell, Sr., authored this Nation's first comprehensive health reform legislation when he served in this body for 22 years. Following in his father's spirit, JOHN DINGELL, JR., has introduced similar legislation every year he has been in office that would provide health insurance for all Americans.

Let me say as cochairman of the Congressional Auto Caucus, there is no greater advocate for the auto industry in the history of the Congress than JOHN DINGELL.

Forty years after he was first sworn into the House of Representatives, Congressman DINGELL continues to fight for policies and values that will most benefit this country. It is because of his great wisdom and experience that I have often sought his counsel. The debt of gratitude this body owes JOHN DINGELL can never be repaid, but can and must be recognized. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor for me to have worked for so many years with my colleague and good friend, Chairman JOHN D. DINGELL.

Mr. Speaker, when I debate against term limits, I mention the service of Hubert Humphrey, Everett Dirksen, and JOHN DINGELL. I then rest my case.

ADDRESS BY CAPT. MARTY SMITH

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 20, 1995

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, On October 14, 1995, Capt. Marty Smith, commander of the U.S.S. *Jefferson City* addressed the annual Mid-Missouri Navy League Navy Birthday Ball in Jefferson City, MO. This speech is set forth herein:

SPEECH GIVEN AT THE 1995 MID-MISSOURI NAVY LEAGUE NAVY BIRTHDAY BALL HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 1995 IN JEFFERSON CITY, MO

Congressman and Mrs. Skelton, President Green, members of the mid-Missouri Navy League, and citizens of Jefferson City, it's a great honor and privilege for me to speak to you all tonight in the ship's namesake city. I, along with my eleven shipmates, have had a wonderful time since we arrived here Friday. Crew members who have been here before have told us of the friendliness and hospitality of the great state of "Missoura", and we are finding it all true. Everyone has been wonderful, starting with Herman Smith and Petty Officer Wall who picked us up in St. Louis early Friday morning, to the host fam-

ilies who have gone out of their way to make us feel like adopted sons.

Well, we missed you all last year, because as most of you know, last October, the ship was in the middle of a Western Pacific deployment, having all sorts of adventures in the Sea of Japan with the Kitty Hawk Battle Group. And yes, next year you'll have toast us in absentia because we'll once again be deployed, this time with the Karl Vinson Battle Group in the Arabian Gulf. Perhaps you'll be able to delay the festivities for awhile until we return in mid-November!

I don't get paid to make speeches, but if there's one thing about public speaking I do know, it's that the hardest audience in the world is a bunch of submariners and submariner supporters sitting around waiting for the speech to end so they can resume the party. So let me just fill you in briefly on what we've been up to in the past year, and what our future schedule holds.

We got back from our maiden deployment last year a couple of days before Christmas, and what a deployment it was * * * So unique, with so many challenges, for such a relatively inexperienced crew. I can't possibly convey to you how proud I was of the crew as they put in 110 percent every single day for six months away from their friends and loved ones. They did such a good job, as a matter of fact, that as Congressman Skelton can tell you, I was asked to give a debrief of the deployment to the top admiral of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Boorda. This kind of recognition, by the way, only happens to a very few ships every year. In addition, the crew was awarded a total of 4 Navy Commendation Medals, 25 Navy Achievement Medals, and over 50 Flag Officer Letters of Commendation. I can't give you the details of our deployment, obviously, for security reasons, but JFC, as we're known in message traffic shorthand, accomplished many unique firsts, achieved innovative and significant tactical breakthroughs across the spectrum of submarine operations, including anti-diesel ASW, tomahawk strike warfare, and very shallow water operations. We visited Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong for Thanksgiving, and Pearl Harbor on the way home. The crew was underway, underwater, for over 78 percent of the six months, enjoyed great liberty visits, and even found time for a humanitarian project at an orphanage in Singapore. The ship steamed more than 40,000 miles on nuclear power with no major equipment problems, which was especially notable since we had only a single ten-day maintenance period over the entire six months. The contributions Jefferson City made to the Kitty Hawk battle group were real and played a major role in helping Admiral Blair, the Battle Group Commander, to complete his assigned mission—to provide a stabilizing and influential presence in the Western Pacific after the dictator of North Korea, Kim il Sung, died in early July 1994, with no apparent successor. As you may remember, there was more than a little concern because of the leadership void and the vast military forces which North Korea has poised just north of the 39th parallel. So Jefferson City and the rest of the Battle Group remained tethered to the South Korean peninsula, instead of going to the beautiful Arabian gulf, and we followed the traditions of several famous WWII submarines, such as CDR Mush Morton and Electrician's Mate Herman Smith seated in the back there, in seeing just how yellow the yellow sea can be. In recognition of our efforts, Jefferson City received the first of many unit commendations she will undoubtedly receive during her 30-year career, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, which is represented by a ribbon you see on our chests tonight and a pennant which we fly proudly from our sail inport.

Anyway, I or any of the crew here tonight will be glad to answer your questions about the ship or the deployment. We also brought the ship's photo album here, which you're welcome to take a look at. It's too bad that the old COB, Master Chief Harden, isn't here to explain a couple of those pictures!

Since the deployment, Jefferson City has been tasked with several local operations in the Southern California area with other ships and submarines, some torpedo testing in the Pacific Northwest on a couple of trips, a major tactical inspection which we did very well on, and had the distinct pleasure of hosting some of you for a VIP cruise last June. In August we started a 3-month shipyard modernization period in San Diego. Right now the boat is in drydock, getting many improvements, which will make us quieter, faster, and deadlier to our potential adversaries. When Jefferson City returns to sea in late-November, we will head up to Alaska for sound trials and then return to port just before Christmas following a big engineering inspection. In February and March we conduct training exercises with our new boss, the Karl Vinson Battle Group, and then start our second six month deployment in mid-May. And for those of you waiting to visit the ship until we move to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, that date has been firmed up and is now November of 1997.

You may have also heard about another VIP cruise we hosted, this one for Mr. George Will, the national political columnist who writes in Newsweek and over 250 news papers nationwide. After his cruise he wrote a very impressive essay for Newsweek magazine which resulted in several nice accolades for the ship. I'd like to quote the beginning paragraph from Mr. Will's essay for those of you who didn't get a chance to read it. The back cover page of the Sept 3 issue of Newsweek begins thusly: "Aboard the USS Jefferson City (SSN 759) underway off San Diego—Submariners say there are just two kinds of ships: submarines and targets. Feel free to disagree, but smile when you do, because the 140-man crew of this fast attack nuclear submarine is armed. It carries torpedoes, Harpoon anti-ship missiles for distances torpedoes cannot travel—far over the horizon—and Tomahawk land-attack cruise missiles. (Two submarines of this class, one in the Red Sea and one in the Mediterranean, launched a total of 12 tomahawks during the gulf War). The Jefferson City can cruise quietly at above 25 kts submerged and its acoustic detection systems can find quiet adversaries. The psalmist didn't know the half of it when he wrote that they who go down to the sea in ships see "wonders in the deep." This ship is a wonder of tightly packed technology. End quote. Mr. Will then goes on with an insightful and accurate discussion of the contribution of the nuclear submarine to modern warfare and why the United States needs to keep on the leading edge of undersea warfare, in front of the Russian submarine force and other countries with modern submarines.

What Mr. Will doesn't discuss is the sailor or officer, the Petty Officer Campbell's and the LT Smiths, standing watch, day and night, 6 hrs on and a quick 12 hrs off, for weeks on end away from his friends and loved ones, deep under the ocean's surface. These men and women are something that no country can buy from a Russian army-navy surplus store, and is, and will always be, the difference between the United States Navy and all other navies. These people are why we are here, celebrating the 220th birthday of the greatest navy in the world. Our top boss of the Pacific Fleet, Admiral Zlatoper, who toured our ship last summer in Japan, sent out the following message this past week: quote "The Navy's 220th birthday finds the