

construction bill that cuts funding for desperately needed facilities by \$1.5 billion from last year's bill.

It is an outrage that, as young men and women in uniform are fighting and dying every day in Iraq, we are voting on a bill that will not provide needed funds for housing for their families; for dormitories or young airmen, sailors, soldiers, and marines; and for safe facilities in which to work.

The bill we are voting on today represents a sad example of a policy that the majority seems to be pursuing of paying lip-service to the men and women who risk their lives in defense of our country—while cutting funds for family housing, for needed pay raises, for health care for veterans.

The young people who are fighting for us now in Iraq and around the world have been shut out of the child tax credit, and now it seems that we are yet again going after programs that help these brave men and women and the families they have left behind.

Mr. Speaker, this is wrong, and I urge my colleagues to vote against this rule.

TRIBUTE TO RAY WAH-NYEP QUAN

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and passing of Ray Wah-Nyep Quan, an outstanding citizen from my district. Ray was an active member of the Grand Junction community, and he will be remembered as a respected businessman and dedicated family man. Ray passed away recently at the age of 81, leaving a legacy of leadership for his community to follow.

Ray owned and operated the Far East Restaurant in Grand Junction, providing the community with excellent food and quality service. His hard work and dedication helped make the Far East one of the most popular restaurants in town, attracting customers to its unique atmosphere, authentic decor, and quality food. The restaurant became so popular that Ray

was able to expand the building twice, turning the Far East into a luxurious three-level eatery.

Ray loved his life in the United States and became an example of the American dream. Ray was a self made man whose diligence and determination aided his success. He called the United States "gold mountain" in appreciation of the opportunities he found here, and helped several Chinese immigrants move to this country to experience those same opportunities from which he has benefited. With Ray's assistance, many of these new Americans have seen their lives improve and their children go on to college.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the life of Ray Wah-Nyep Quan today. Ray loved the United States, embracing it as his own. His drive and dedication helped him become a model citizen, one who cares about the country that has helped provide him with so much. I am saddened by his passing, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.