

smelly gym on a weekend winter night for practice before a big game and having Coach Manchester check on our personal lives and get us prepared for the next contest.

His wife, Jan, must have been very understanding to allow him leave from his family to spend as much time as he did with us kids. But we were not always alone. His young son Paul was the classic gym rat, dribbling and shooting off in another corner while the rest of us were practicing. Paul would later grow up to enjoy a spectacular high school career playing for his father at Logan, and then a terrific collegiate career at the University of Platteville and then the University of La Crosse. I cannot imagine the pride Coach Manchester must have felt coaching his son and watching him grow up to be the person he is today.

It has been said that great teachers enjoy a form of immortality because their influence never stops radiating. If true, then Coach Manchester is immortal. That influence can be seen today in so many of us kids who had the pleasure to play for and learn from one of the finest coaches in the State of Wisconsin. I am glad the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association is recognizing that by inducting him into their Hall of Fame.

I just hope Coach Manchester realizes the impact he has made on so many of our lives. Young kids need guidance. They need role models, people in their lives to teach them right and wrong and how to be good citizens. They also need from time to time a hero to look up to. I found one of mine, and whether it is silly or not, I do not mind saying that it is Coach Tom Manchester of Logan High School.

I congratulate the coach and thank him for all he has done.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the Special Order time of the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN).

There was no objection.

MILITARY DEATH GRATUITY TAX REPEAL

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

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, tonight I am on the floor again. I am asking the House leadership and also the Democratic leader-

ship to please bring to the floor H.R. 693, the Military Death Gratuity Tax Repeal.

Mr. Speaker, let me explain to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle that in the early 1990s, the Congress increased from \$3,000 to \$6,000 a death gratuity that is given to the family of a loved one who has died in uniform for this country. The Committee on Ways and Means, and it was not their fault, but the bill, the increase, was not sent to their committee so they could eliminate the tax. So since the early 1990s, anyone who has died in uniform for this country, their families have received a death gratuity of \$6,000 and also the next year receive a tax bill from Uncle Sam.

Mr. Speaker, now that we are fighting for freedom for the Iraqi people, our troops in Afghanistan and also in Iraq have been killed, and God bless and rest their souls and bless their families, but, Mr. Speaker, the reason I am on the floor tonight is I am asking the House leadership, both Democrat and Republican, to please, before we leave here in early November, to bring this bill to the floor and let us pass it in a bipartisan way and send it to the other body.

In fairness to the gentleman from New York (Mr. RANGEL), ranking member, and the gentleman from California (Chairman THOMAS), they have included this language for 2 years in a larger bill to help our families in the military. But the other body, Mr. Speaker, has not passed the legislation.

So I hope that the Congress, the House, will join me in asking the leadership, both majority and minority, to bring this bill to the floor and let us send it to the other body and ask them to please pass this as a stand-alone bill.

Mr. Speaker, behind me are the photographs of those who have died for freedom. There are a lot more than these photographs, quite frankly. I have these photographs outside of my office in 422 Cannon because I do not want anybody to ever walk by my office and not understand the cost of freedom. We can see that it says, "Let us never forget," faces of fallen heroes. These are young men and one woman from across this Nation who have given their lives for freedom, and yet Uncle Sam next year will send a tax bill to those families.

We are talking about, Mr. Speaker, that in the year of September 11, 2001, there were over 292 families that had to pay this tax. In 2002, there were 1,007 families that had to pay this tax. It is important that we pass this legislation this year. It should have passed 2 years ago, but that is not the House's fault. It is the other body's.

Mr. Speaker, let me also read part of an e-mail I received recently. It happens to be from a constituent of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT), Speaker of the House. It says: "Dear Representative JONES, thank you for your support of H.R. 693. Our son, Sergeant Jacob Frazier, was killed in ac-

tion on March 29, 2003, in Afghanistan. Upon being told we would be taxed on a portion of the \$6,000 benefit, I was shocked and insulted. My son was not married, but I am sure that there are numerous young widows that do not need another complication in their lives. Our country should not add to their burden with additional taxation."

Mr. Speaker, that is why I will continue to come to the floor of the House until the House leadership, both Republican and Democrat, bring this bill to the floor. Yes, we are doing a lot of important things on the floor of the House, but yet there is time to bring this bill to the floor. And let us in a bipartisan way, as we have done before, pass this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to share with the Members on the floor of the House, this is a young man whose name is Tyler Jordan. He is 6 years old. He has under his arm the flag that was draped upon his daddy's casket. His father was a gunnery sergeant in the United States Marine Corps named Phillip Jordan, who was killed in Iraq. We are looking at this photograph of this young man who is hurting very badly because his father has died for this country. But should we not in Congress, who are not being fired at with bullets, say to those who are dying for freedom not only for the Iraqi people, but for the American citizens that to this young man Tyler Jordan we are not going to send a bill from Uncle Sam asking him to pay a tax on the measly \$6,000?

That is not enough, Mr. Speaker, but that is not the issue tonight. The issue tonight is we need to remove this tax.

I ask God to please bless our men and women in uniform. I ask God to please bless America. Let us pass this legislation.

PAKISTAN

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to highlight the Pakistani Government's continued activities with regard to nuclear proliferation and cross-border terrorism in Kashmir. I am particularly concerned because Pakistan's leader, President Musharraf, continues to deny these activities and most recently in a New York Times interview this last weekend.

Mr. Speaker, with regard to exchange of nuclear equipment, it is abundantly evident that Pakistan has clandestinely provided rogue nations such as North Korea and Iran with necessary equipment for bolstering their nuclear weapons program. In fact, the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency, recently reported that Iran has admittedly received support from Pakistan in obtaining centrifuges and other equipment that was used as a catalyst