

But to the General's point, that in our struggle against the tyranny of the murderous regime of Saddam Hussein, I say the General was right. It is written that "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." And, therefore, in the struggle against tyranny in all of its forms, Mr. Speaker, God is not neutral in this cause in the struggle between freedom and tyranny, between dictatorship and human dignity. Let it be said that in this Congress, God is on our side. And may it ever be so.

PRIME MINISTER MUHAMMAD MAHATHIR OF MALAYSIA SHOULD NOT BE WELCOME IN THE U.S.

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, there comes a time in international diplomacy when we set aside diplomatic language and speak the truth from the heart.

Last week, Malaysia's Prime Minister Muhammad Mahathir took the coward's way out to blame his misrule on the Jews. He said, and I quote, "The Europeans killed 6 million Jews out of 12 million, but today the Jews rule this world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them. They survived 2,000 years of pogroms not by hitting back but by thinking. They invented and successfully promoted human rights and democracy so that persecuting them would appear to be wrong, so that they may enjoy equal rights with others."

Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister of Malaysia is an anti-Semite, a racist, and a bigot. He should not be welcome again in the United States. By following the path of Hitler and Stalin, the international community should work against Malaysian exports until this prime minister steps down.

COALITION REVITALIZING EDUCATION OF IRAQ'S CHILDREN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that after visiting Iraq, I saw that after a decade of neglect, the children of Iraq are benefitting from their Coalition Provisional Authority and the United States Agency for International Development's revitalization of the country's education system.

Under Saddam Hussein and the Ba'ath Socialist Party's rule, schools fell into disrepair and teaching materials were scarce, distorted as propaganda, and outdated. Today, after the American military's success in Operation Iraqi Freedom, schools are being renovated, textbooks have been updated and distributed, and teachers and principals are being introduced to the most current standards of education.

As an example of the real difference we are making in children's lives, I have here a sample of the bookbags that we have given out. It includes essential items for education, pens, pencils, calculators, and notebooks without propaganda. 1.5 million of these student kits will be given out during the school year.

We are making meaningful progress in the war on terror and making a real difference in the quality of life for Iraqis and their children in order to protect the American people.

In conclusion, God bless our troops.

FOUR OUTSTANDING SENIORS FROM PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Texas is home to great schools, great teachers, and great students, and today I want to highlight four outstanding seniors from the Plano Independent School District who made perfect scores on their college entrance exams; four of them.

Greg Bussell of Plano East, Jennifer Wu of Plano West, and Brian Young of Plano Senior High all scored 1600 on their SATs, while Jeffrey Lin of Plano West received a 36, the highest possible on the ACT.

In addition to smarts and savvy, they all shine outside the classroom. Both Jennifer and Jeffrey play the violin in the orchestra, Greg stars in a school play, and Brian is on the school's academic decathlon team.

These students are shining examples of the best and brightest in Texas and in America, and they deserve a Lone Star-size applause. I want to congratulate them and tell them that we are proud of them.

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CONSERVATIVES NOT WELCOME ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, in last Friday's New York Times, columnist Thomas Friedman quoted some advice Richard Brodhead, the dean of Yale College, recently gave to incoming freshmen:

"Above all," Dean Brodhead told the students, "do not limit your associations to people who agree with you."

Yet as David Brooks pointed out in the September issue of the Atlantic Monthly magazine, the place where there is the least diversity today is on college faculties. Conservatives simply are not welcome, except for a few tokens in some places. As Mr. Brooks wrote, "No group of people sings the diversity anthem more frequently than

administrators at our elite universities, but elite universities are amazingly undiverse in their values, politics, and mores. Professors, in particular, are drawn from a narrow segment of the population." Mr. Brooks pointed out that conservative students and professors may be one of the groups most discriminated in this country today.

Mr. Speaker, I hope our elite universities will strive for true diversity and academic freedom and allow at least a few conservatives to teach in their classrooms and speak on their campuses.

REMEMBERING GOVERNOR PRESTON SMITH

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and salute one of our fallen heroes in Texas, Governor Preston Smith, who lived a life of service from the 1940s into the 1950s when he served the State as Governor. I want to emphasize his commitment to education, as we battle in this House on the issue of Leave No Child Behind, as we find out that many of our educational leaders across the Nation are looking to us to give them and to provide them with a partnership to educate the Nation's children. I believe that his work in education helped the State of Texas reach its mission, or attempt to reach its mission, of lifting all boats.

One of the issues that he championed was the idea of teacher compensation and to ensure that the teachers in our classrooms were paid a respectable salary so they in fact could teach our children.

He loved the State and he served in the State senate. He was certainly someone who this State will miss because he loved us as we loved him. We say to his family our deepest sympathy; but more importantly, we are gratified for the opportunity he had to serve. And when he served, he promoted the people who needed him most, and those are the people whose voices could not be heard.

Mr. Speaker, we thank him for his service and know that his spirit will remain because he was truly a tall Texan, as he worked for all of us during the time he served the State of Texas; and we know that he will be considered a great Texan and a great American.

THREAT OF SADDAM HUSSEIN ELIMINATED

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, we have heard much in the press regarding weapons of mass destruction and the former Iraqi regime. I think it is important to note that both the Clinton

and Bush administrations realized the powerful capacity for terror that Saddam Hussein openly wielded.

In 1998, President Clinton said, "If Saddam rejects peace and we have to use force, our purpose is clear. We want to seriously diminish the threat posed by Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program." In this statement, it is clear that the Clinton administration acknowledged weapons of mass destruction and was prepared to end Saddam Hussein's control of them. Even former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright admitted an Iraq capable of using "nuclear, chemical or biological weapons against us or our allies is the greatest security threat we face." The threat of Saddam Hussein has been clear for decades. Finally, that threat has been eliminated.

STOP ARAB BASHING

(Mr. MCDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, some of these later speakers have talked about religious bigotry, and I think one of the things that if we care about what is going on in Iraq, they will stop the Arab bashing. The President was smart enough when he used the word "crusade" to realize that was a serious mistake because it raises issues from thousands of years ago.

On the one hand I agree with condemning Prime Minister Mahathir of Malaysia for his anti-Semitic remarks, but one has to use the same standard on the general who starts talking about "our God." In Ireland, where my family came from, God was on both sides. I do not know if the Catholics had him or the Protestants had him. Who is right?

When Members inject that into this debate, they simply inflame those people in the Shiite community and the Sunni community who see us as occupiers and destroyers of their religion. That means more people attack our people. That creates al Qaeda volunteers. Those are the people shooting our troops. Stop it.

HONORING FORMER GOVERNOR PRESTON SMITH

(Mr. NEUGEBAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a great American and a great man in Texas politics. Former Governor Preston Smith passed away Saturday at the age of 91. His impact on the State of Texas, especially in the area of education, is immeasurable. One of his many focuses during his years in politics was improving education in Texas. He was responsible for opening more colleges and universities than any other Governor in our State. Known as the people's

Governor, it was not surprising to call his office and have him answer his own phone.

Just a few of his accomplishments during his tenure include the creation of four new State schools, a new University of Texas Medical School in Houston, the Texas Tech Medical School in Lubbock, Texas, the University of Texas dental branch and a nurses training school in San Antonio, a new undergraduate nursing school in El Paso, and an expansion of the University of Texas medical branch at Galveston.

Governor Smith was married 63 years to his loving wife, Ima, also a Texas Tech graduate, who died in 1998. A kind, caring soul, as her health declined, the Governor would walk into her bedroom each morning with a fresh-cut flower and a note.

Thousands of Tech students each day walk past a 9-foot bronze statue of Smith that stands in front of the administration building. He will continue to watch over Texas and Texas Tech for years to come. Texas, West Texas, and Lubbock are better places today because of the distinguished service of Governor Preston Smith.

MORATORIUM ON DEHYDRATION CASES IN FLORIDA

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Terry Schiavo had her feeding tubes removed last Wednesday, and she may needlessly die. Last night, I spoke with Governor Jeb Bush about Terry, and he assured me that he and the Florida legislature are moving expeditiously to give him the powers to intervene to save her life and fulfill the wishes of Terry's parents. Terry's parents are in a last-minute battle to save her.

Governor Bush and the Florida legislature are taking the necessary steps. Three years ago, the circuit court ordered Terry's feeding tubes to be withdrawn; and despite the objections of Terry's parents and request to take custody and care for her, all court cases have failed. Terry is not unconscious. Terry is not on life support. She is not dying of an underlying disease, and she is responsive to human interaction.

This is a grave injustice. Yesterday, Governor Bush called for a special session to pass a moratorium on all dehydration cases in Florida. The Florida House passed this bill with Governor Bush's support, and the Florida senate will take it up today. Support the legislature and support Governor Bush in this effort to save this young lady's life.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 73, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 407 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 407

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 73) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the joint resolution equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LINDER) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. LINDER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 407 is a closed rule providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 73, which is a continuing resolution that makes further appropriations for fiscal year 2004. The rule provides for 1 hour of debate in the House, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution, and provides for one motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, this joint resolution provides an additional week of funding for government agencies because the fiscal year 2004 appropriations bills have not yet been enacted into law. Specifically, this resolution extends until November 7, 2003, the provisions of the previous continuing appropriations resolution that were to expire on October 31, 2003. In addition, this resolution conjoins the six fiscal year 2004 appropriations bills that have passed the House, but have not yet been considered by the other body.

Mr. Speaker, we are approaching the completion of the first session of this 108th Congress, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this rule so we may proceed to the consideration of the underlying continuing resolution. While the House has passed each of the appropriations bills, it is clear that there are issues left to resolve in the other body that will require additional time to complete the