

CONGRATULATIONS TO LACROSSE PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

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

Mr. GOODE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the lacrosse program at the University of Virginia. The Virginia Cavaliers' women's lacrosse team recently won the 2004 national championship, following the 2003 national championship of the men's lacrosse team. Both programs are outstanding and their championships stand as a testament to the skill and hard work of the University of Virginia's athletes, coaches, trainers, and staff.

I know that the University of Virginia is honored by both its men and women's lacrosse teams. I am proud to say that the 2004 women's lacrosse championship belongs to the University of VA from the Fifth District of Virginia.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL ANDREW ZABIEREK, USMC

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

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a true hero, Marine Lance Corporal Andrew Zabierek, who gave his life in service to our country.

Lance Corporal Zabierek died tragically on May 21, 2004, while serving on duty with the 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Battalion, Third Platoon near Baghdad.

At the funeral service for Lance Corporal Zabierek on May 29 at Saint John's Church in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Mark Zabierek delivered an eloquent tribute to his brother that touched me and others who were present. He described the lifelong dedication that Andrew gave to his beloved family and friends and the supreme sacrifice he made in service to his country.

Mark Zabierek's touching eulogy to Andrew should be of interest to all of us here. I will read an excerpt and ask that the statement be included in the RECORD in its entirety:

"In an age where many people's idea of patriotism and civic responsibility are diminished by a sense of materialism, I was touched that my brother put his life on hold to join a service that most certainly would have brought him to the thick of the fighting overseas. He abandoned any other professional and personal designs to embrace a culture of service to his country and to our flag which now, tragically, drapes his coffin."

Mr. Speaker, I think we all should take a moment to recognize Lance Corporal Zabierek. Andrew died fighting for the country he loved, alongside his comrades he respected. Our Nation is humbled and grateful for his sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, the full eulogy given by Andrew Zabierek's brother Mark is as follows:

EULOGY FOR LANCE CORPORAL ANDREW ZABIEREK, USMC
(By Mark J. Zabierek)

I've always looked up to my bother, Andrew. From when we were young he was my role model, my hero, my friend. I wanted to be just like him, do everything he did. He had a rare sense of honesty and empathy that I could only try to emulate. Even in later years, if we fought, as brother's do, there was nothing said between us that could erode my love for him. I truly admired who he was as a person and the depth of his consideration for others.

In the wake of September 11th, as he pondered joining the military, my family sometimes didn't understand why a college graduate so gifted as my brother would want to enlist for a nominal wage and risk losing what would have been such a full life. Simply, my brother was special. He wanted to be a part of something bigger than himself. He wanted to serve and honor and protect the things that he held dear in life. His sense of justice didn't enable him to accept that others would go to war for him to fight and die in his stead.

I was indescribably proud of Andrew when he decided to serve in the Marine Corps. He had a brilliant intellect and talents too abundant to mention that he left to serve a higher calling. In an age where many people's idea of patriotism and civic responsibility are diminished by a sense of materialism, I was touched that my brother put his life on hold to join a service that would most certainly bring him to the thick of the fighting overseas. He abandoned any other professional and personal designs to embrace a culture of service, service to his country and to the flag which now, tragically, drapes his coffin.

For Andrew and me, all our lives our flag was a symbol of hope, freedom, and purity. Now this flag also will remind our family profoundly of the loss of Andrew and the sorrow that comes from realizing the cost of the ideals he and I grew up cherishing. Sadly, our family will forever feel the burden of the sacrifice that enables our flag to fly.

Andrew's desire to serve, as I've said, came from a sincere longing to better the lives of the people around him, but even he couldn't have imagined just how many lives he has touched. The support, kindness, and sympathy of family, friends, this congregation and this community would have shocked my brother who was humbly unaware of the extent of the loving spirit of the people among him now. My family and I can never truly express our thanks, nor repay your altruism.

Andrew is deeply mourned in his death, but was incredibly loved in his life. We come from a large family, all who cherish the memory of Andrew. He embodied the best qualities of my parents and grandparents who loved him perfectly and completely. He had my mother's tenderness and faith and my father's honesty and humor. He had an impeccable sense of right and wrong and a heart filled with immeasurable compassion.

He never met cruelty with hatred, never met sorrow without sympathy, and we know he met death with courage and dignity.

That was our Andrew, my brother. He was kind, noble, and he was loved. We know that love will lift him up to a better place at God's right hand, and his spirit and grace will be part of us for all our lives, never to be forgotten.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

A TALE OF TWO ECONOMIES

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, during the past 3 years, we have seen a tale of two economies and an unprecedented redistribution of wealth in this country resulting in one economy for the middle-class families and one for the special interests. While there have been profit booms for corporations and a compensation boom for CEOs, there is a growing wage and benefits recession for the middle class of this country.

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To those who say redistribution of wealth is wrong, I agree. Whether you redistribute wealth to the top 1 percent or the bottom 25 percent, that is wrong. Middle-class families are dealing with an economy that has a wage-and-benefit recession, all the while they have increasing health care costs, college costs, job insecurity, and retirement uncertainty associated with their savings.

While this administration creates tax loopholes for corporate jet use, leaving the taxpayers to pay for billions of dollars in corporate jet use, they have frozen college assistance to middle-class families. This is the essence of class warfare. As famed investor Warren Buffett once said, "If class warfare is being waged in America, my class is winning."

A report last month by Bloomberg in the Chicago Tribune showed U.S. corporate profits increased by 87 percent in the last 2 years. Average CEO pay got a big boost of 8.7 percent, while salaried employees saw the most anemic wage growth since World War II, 1.7 percent.

Bill McDonough, former chairman of the New York Fed and now chairman of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, describes the gap between CEO and worker pay as "grotesquely immoral." I think we can all agree that the former chairman of the New York Fed is not exactly a flaming socialist or liberal. He also noted that, in 1980, CEO pay was 40 times higher than the average worker's. Today, it is 400 times higher. I think he sums it up best, "I know a lot of CEOs from the 1980s, and I know a lot of CEOs from 2000, and they are not 10 times better than the CEOs of 1980."

At every turn, this administration tells us the economy is humming along. That may be true in the executive suites and the boardrooms, but the other economy has created the largest income disparity since the turn of the century, and today middle-class families are facing a harder time to pay for college costs, health care costs, and retirement security at the very time in

which they have had nothing but an anemic wage growth.

David Rosenberg, chief economist at Merrill Lynch, said, "The income from the recovery has been locked up in the corporate sector. We have had a redistribution of income to the corporate sector."

The concentration of wealth has been accelerated by the President's economic and tax policies. A study cited by New York Times found that Americans are being taxed more than twice as heavily from earnings from work as they are from investment income, even though more than half of all investment goes to the wealthiest 5 percent of taxpayers.

While this administration has been cutting taxes for the wealthy, the rest of America have been literally going from paycheck to paycheck. Health care costs have gone from \$6,500 for a family of four to \$9,000 in less than 2 and a half years. College tuition costs increased in the year 2001 by 10 percent; 2002 by another 11 percent; and last year, 14 percent, all the while Pell Grants and other assistance for college have been frozen. \$180 billion has been lost in 401(k) net worth and savings plans, and we are putting a squeeze on middle-class families.

What we face today is the end of the middle class as we know it. We ended welfare as we know it because it was a failed system. This administration has an economic policy that is ending the middle class as we know it. As President Bush seeks reelection, he can say he has kept his commitment to the wealthiest of America, and the other 99 percent has made out just as he planned.

This administration has two books, two sets of values, two sets of priorities, a single economic strategy that divides a country along class lines. If we want to live in a country without class divisions, we cannot deny middle-class families the same dreams of affordable health care, quality education, and a safe place to live that the most fortunate in this country have today. A government that pays no heed to that gap between the rich and the middle class does so at its own peril. To quote Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, "We can either have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we cannot have both."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FEENEY). 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.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to utilize this time for my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kansas?

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO HON. STAN W. CLARK OF OAKLEY, KANSAS

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. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay tribute to a man of principle and faith who nobly devoted his energies to the service of others. Today, we mourn the death of Kansas State Senator Stan Clark of Oakley, Kansas, who was tragically taken from us as a result of a vehicle accident this past Saturday.

I had the honor of serving alongside Stan Clark in the State Senate for 2 years of his decade of service. As I and many of his colleagues will attest, Senator Clark was unwavering in his pursuit of issues based upon principle. He deservedly earned a reputation for being a conscientious and dedicated legislator. As peers, we valued his thoroughness in considering each piece of legislation and his deliberate, detail-oriented analysis of policy affecting his constituents. He always knew more about pending legislation than any other member of the State Senate.

Stan dedicated himself to public service on behalf of Kansans, and especially those who call northwest Kansas home, and he did it with conviction and purpose. The fact that Senator Clark sought elective office is in itself unusual. He had to convince the leadership of the Dunkard Brethren Church that public service was an appropriate calling for a Christian, for his church firmly believed that a person must not be conformed to this world. I cannot imagine a congregation that can be more proud of a decision to allow a member of their church to pursue public office. Stan did not conform to the things of this world but worked to transform the world and to perfect the will of God.

A lifelong Kansan, Stan was always true to his roots. He lived a life guided by the morals and values we in Kansas hold dear. He was motivated to do the right thing in each and every circumstance. In today's partisan arena where there is too much Republican this and Democrat that, Stan put people above politics. Although Stan was not always able to convince everyone of the rightness of his position, nor was he always in the majority when the votes were cast, he treated every person with dignity and respect.

His humility and his warm, genuine grin, which originated deep within his heart, won him the love of friends and the respect of opponents. He lived his life striving to follow Paul's instructions in Romans 12:

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly to one another with

brotherly love, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer, given to hospitality. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no evil for evil. If it is possible, live peaceably with men. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

In a speech just a few days before his death, addressing those gathered at a Vietnam moving wall displayed in his hometown of Oakley, Kansas, Stan told his neighbors his thoughts about death and as a result his thoughts about life. These are his words.

"Thinking about death produces a true love for life. When we are familiar with death, we accept each day and each week as a gift. This acceptance helps us to see all human life as priceless. Only when we are able to accept life, bit by bit, does it become precious. Only this awareness of death creates true inward freedom from material things. When we look death in the face, we overcome ambition and greed and the love of power and the fear of losing material things. When we look at ourselves, we realize how weak and misguided we can be. If we have not had the thought of death, we cannot achieve an inward freedom to live. When we bury death's control over our own lives and experience freedom and peace of mind, life becomes a gift that we can share with others."

After his commitment to his faith, most important to Stan was his family. He devoted endless love and attention to his wife, Ruth, and their son, Will. Most common was Stan's dedication to balancing public responsibilities with a commitment to quality time shared with his family.

Today I join his many friends and admirers in extending my deepest sympathies to Ruthie and her family during this time of loss. Stan, you will be greatly missed by me, by my family, and by our many friends and your constituents, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

HOW COULD BUSH ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN SO WRONG ABOUT IRAQ?

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, a question that should be asked here in Congress but there is resounding silence from the majority because they do not want to embarrass the Bush administration is how could the Bush administration have been so wrong about Iraq? How could they have been so wrong about the nonexistent weapons of mass destruction, about the nonexistent mobile biological warfare laboratories, about the fantasy that American troops would be greeted with flowers and there would be an immediate transition to a robust democracy in Iraq,