

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