

Committee or a subcommittee thereof and the respondent shall not be included in any report of the subcommittee or the Committee or otherwise publicly disclosed without the consent of the respondent.

(j) Whenever a motion to establish an investigative subcommittee does not prevail, the Committee shall promptly send a letter to the respondent informing him of such vote.

(k) Witnesses shall be afforded a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Committee or subcommittee, to prepare for an appearance before an investigative subcommittee or for an adjudicatory hearing and to obtain counsel.

(l) Prior to their testimony, witnesses shall be furnished a printed copy of the Committee's Rules of Procedure and the provisions of the Rules of the House of Representatives applicable to the rights of witnesses.

(m) Witnesses may be accompanied by their own counsel for the purpose of advising them concerning their constitutional rights. The Chairman may punish breaches of order and decorum, and of professional responsibility on the part of counsel, by censure and exclusion from the hearings; and the Committee may cite the offender to the House of Representatives for contempt.

(n) Each witness subpoenaed to provide testimony or other evidence shall be provided the same per diem rate as established, authorized, and regulated by the Committee on House Administration for Members, officers and employees of the House, and as the Chairman considers appropriate, actual expenses of travel to or from the place of examination. No compensation shall be authorized for attorney's fees or for a witness' lost earnings. Such per diem may not be paid if a witness had been summoned at the place of examination.

(o) With the approval of the Committee, a witness, upon request, may be provided with a transcript of his or her deposition or other testimony taken in executive session, or, with the approval of the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, may be permitted to examine such transcript in the office of the Committee. Any such request shall be in writing and shall include a statement that the witness, and counsel, agree to maintain the confidentiality of all executive session proceedings covered by such transcript.

RULE 27. FRIVOLOUS FILINGS

If a complaint or information offered as a complaint is deemed frivolous by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Committee, the Committee may take such action as it, by an affirmative vote of its members, deems appropriate in the circumstances.

RULE 28. REFERRALS TO FEDERAL OR STATE AUTHORITIES

Referrals made under clause 3(a)(3) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives may be made by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Committee.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR H.R. 3, TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

(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 see that the staff of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the minority side, is still in place, and I see that they are representing the gentleman from Min-

nesota (Mr. OBERSTAR) and all of the very fine members of that committee. I see the gentleman from Alaska still remaining on the floor. I just simply wanted to add my appreciation for the elements of this transportation bill.

I think it is important for those who are listening to understand that although we swiftly moved through the debate this morning, we will be better for the passage of this bill. Children will be encouraged to bike and walk to school, creating a healthier climate for Americans. A children's museum in Houston will now have a parking facility to allow the guests to come and children to play. Our neighborhoods will have better gradation and more access to hike and bike trails. We will be fixing the main street line in Houston, Texas. But, most importantly, we have made a commitment to jobs in America, creating some 45,000 jobs per increment of money in this transportation bill.

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This is the kind of message we want to send to America in a bipartisan manner, that the Transportation Committee in its bipartisanship, both the House and the Senate, has worked through a commitment to the mobility of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, more environmental support could have been there, but we continued to work toward making America safer, making its transportation system better.

Let me thank the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CORRINE BROWN) for the addition, through other vehicles of dollars for Amtrak; but we must continue to support the safety of our transportation system, bus, train, airplane and, yes, walking, for America is safer and stronger when we are mobile.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

(Mr. GUTKNECHT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING THE MEBANE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor and recognize the important work being done by the Mebane Charitable Foundation, headquartered in Mocksville, North Carolina.

The foundation, which was established by former UNIFI CEO G. Allen Mebane IV, works to promote high-quality early childhood education opportunities for children in North Carolina and supports several nonprofit initiatives in Davie and Yadkin counties.

The foundation awards private grants ranging from \$500 to \$1 million to a number of organizations such as communities and schools in Wilkey County, Davie County Partnership for Children, Davie County Schools, Big Brother Big Sister services, Habitat for Humanity, the Yadkin 4-H, Salem College, and many, many more.

The foundation's founder, Allen Mebane, was inspired to become involved in strengthening education while he was operating a textile plant in the late 1960s. When the time came to hire the plant's workforce, he realized that many applicants were illiterate and unable to run the plant's machinery properly.

Mr. Mebane knew something had to be done. Therefore, he encouraged his staff to improve their literacy by attending day or night classes at the plant. And as an added incentive, he paid them for doing so. Mr. Mebane has long understood that a strong education is vital in today's changing economy, especially as northwest North Carolina is evolving from an agricultural and manufacturing center to a high-tech area.

We are not simply competing with our neighbors in Iredell or Forsyth counties, he explained to the Davie County Enterprise Record. We are competing with other countries. In Japan, children attend school year round. They are required to take algebra in the 9th grade, calculus in the 10th grade. That is our competition, he said.

Mr. Mebane argues that we must strengthen technical education programs in order to remain competitive in today's economy. Alan Mebane started the Mebane Charitable Foundation because he wanted northwest North Carolina to remain well educated. "An educated workforce is the biggest drawing card we have for bringing industry to Davie County, and we have to develop industry to grow the tax base and keep Davie students employed here," he said.

The Mebane Charitable Foundation is taking a number of steps to improve educational opportunities for students in Davie and surrounding counties. Beginning in January 2003, it focused its grant-making on three projects.

The first, an early childhood development program, is working to develop social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of all children, especially those through the third grade. This program seeks to lay a strong educational foundation early on so that children continue to be successful throughout their school years.

The second project, a program for teacher-training and professional development, is establishing accountability goals for teachers and enhances

their teaching skills in areas such as reading and phonics.

Finally, the Davie and Yadkin County program teams with nonprofit organizations to strengthen the organization and other local operations. The Mebane Foundation's grant-making aims to increase the nonprofit community's presence in Davie and Yadkin counties.

But the Mebane Foundation does not simply focus on the award of money through grant-making. It also serves as a leader in the community. The most visible example of this is the work they are doing with the Davie County schools.

Eighty-five percent of North Carolina is rural with limited economic development opportunities and within 50 miles of larger urban hubs where most people migrate to work every day. Yet the Mebane Foundation realizes that even rural America can have public-private partnerships developed in support of pre-K to 12th grade education.

The private sector has historically supported hospitals, colleges, and universities; and the Mebane Foundation is encouraging the private sector to support pre-K through 12 education as well.

Michelle Speas, CEO of the Mebane Foundation, stated: "The public schools belong to all of us and help educate over the generations the leaders of the richest and most diverse populace in the world. Whether you are a corporation, private foundation, community foundation or community leader, every rural county has at least one major player that can make a difference in the local public schools."

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Allen Mebane and the Mebane Charitable Foundation for working to improve education through the private sector and wish them continued success for many years to come.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

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

(Mr. OTTER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. OSBORNE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

MEMORIALIZING STAFF SERGEANT MARVIN "REX" YOUNG

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to memorialize a friend and a true hero of our country. Americans honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom through a variety of methods.

Most of the times we talk about this sacrifice in terms of all of those brave men and women as a group. While this is entirely appropriate, I encourage everyone to make the issue personal by thinking about a specific individual.

Every soldier has their own important story, and every American should have one story that pulls at their heartstrings and personifies the ideals of our young men and women in uniform. For me that story is Rex Young. Rex graduated from Odessa Permian High School in 1965 and attended Odessa College for 1 year before joining the Army on September 15, 1966.

He took basic training at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, and he had been serving in Vietnam for 10 months when he was killed. Rex's mother, Marilyn, said Rex planned to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock following his service.

I would like to read from the citation that describes Rex's heroism: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Staff Sergeant Rex Young distinguished himself at the cost of his life while serving as a squad leader with Company C. While conducting a reconnaissance mission in the vicinity of Ben Cui, Company C was suddenly engaged by an estimated regimental-sized force of the North Vietnamese Army.

"During the initial volley of fire, the point element of 1st Platoon was pinned down, sustaining several casualties and the acting platoon leader was killed. Staff Sergeant Young unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon and immediately began to organize and deploy his men into a defensive position in order to repel the attacking force.

"As a human wave attack advanced on Staff Sergeant Young's platoon, he moved from position to position encouraging and directing fire on the hostile insurgents while exposing himself to the hail of enemy bullets.

"After receiving orders to withdraw to a better defensive position, he remained behind to provide covering fire for the withdrawal. Observing that a small element of the point squad was unable to extract itself from its position, and completely disregarding his personal safety, Staff Sergeant Young

began moving toward their position, firing as he maneuvered. When half way to their position, he sustained a critical head injury, yet he continued his mission and ordered the element to withdraw.

"Remaining with the squad as it fought its way to the rear, he was twice seriously wounded in the arm and leg. Although his leg was badly shattered, Staff Sergeant Young refused assistance that would have slowed the retreat of his comrades, and he ordered them to continue their withdrawal while he provided protective covering fire.

"With indomitable courage and heroic self-sacrifice, he continued his self-assigned mission until the enemy force engulfed his position. His gallantry, at the cost of his life, is in the highest traditions of the military service. Staff Sergeant Young has reflected great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army."

For his service to his country and tremendous valor displayed in battle, Rex was awarded the Medal of Honor, and I believe he is the first individual to receive that honor from Odessa, Texas.

Like so many of the bravest men and women that our Nation has to offer, Rex Young lived the life unfinished. But he provided an outstanding example of service beyond self and brought credit and honor upon the United States Army and our country.

As the 37th anniversary of Rex's death arrives on August 21, I would like to thank Staff Sergeant Young and his family for their sacrifice to our great Nation.

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

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order for 5 minutes.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING JOHN RHODES AND JOSEPH KARTH

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, as the calendar gives way to August, and 435 Representatives of our great country return to their respective districts to catch up with constituents, to spend time with family, to, yes, enjoy a portion of the summer, it gives us a chance, in what has been a hectic and