

over the last couple of years. The reformists we now all see are in retreat and internal political changes have shifted power and shifted power dramatically to a cadre of clerical hardliners who are committed to revitalizing and even expanding the Islamic revolution. . . . Iran in short, constitutes a mounting strategic challenge to the United States and also to U.S. objectives and the broader Middle East and the war on terror. Unfortunately, and I use the same caviar and the Dr. Katzman did, that these are my views alone, the White House seems to have failed to articulate a comprehensive strategy towards addressing, not only the nuclear program but also the broader strategic threat from the Iranian regime and I think I'd like to conclude by saying that this is a high time in a good benchmark for us to urge to change that policy and to actually adopt a proactive approach.

Question from VOA: I'm wondering what the future relations between Iran and the United States and I see it as stage that there is a divergence between the European in the U.S. concerns. The EU is welcoming the elections and the Americans are denouncing the elections. What do you see as the future of Iran, U.S. EU relations and negotiations on the nuclear issue?

Congressman Tom Tancredo: I think we will have quite a tussle over the possibility of sanctions we mentioned earlier that if they do have an effect and I would imagine that will be arguing with our friends in Europe about things like that. Is not surprising to me that we see this divergence of opinion between Europe and the United States with regard to Iran but I have to admit myself that I have a hard time understanding the opinions that are being expressed about the president. I think to some degree our State Department is a reflection of Europe. We're going to be very pragmatic about this, we may not like it but that's the way it is and we'll make the best of it. That's the pragmatic view and I think that Europe takes that and I would say the more realistic view is that we have to change the situation. The status quo is not acceptable, it's far too dangerous. But I don't know that my opinion will be the one taken by the administration.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EDEN
LODGE NO. 46

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and enthusiasm that I congratulate the Eden Lodge No. 46 as they join together to celebrate their 110th birthday along with their sister chapter King Solomon Chapter No. 42 celebrating their 103rd anniversary.

Located in the city of Marietta, the Eden Lodge and King Solomon Chapter have a rich heritage and continue to serve the Cobb Community and beyond.

The Eden Lodge began in 1894 and the lodge proceeded to grow in the years that followed. After the Great Depression and the hard times that followed during World War II the Eden Lodge was reactivated and grew its strength when in 1961 Eden Lodge built its Masonic Hall.

I would especially like to commend the following members for their leadership and active

participation in the Eden Lodge: Emanuel Wil-son, Charles Ferguson, Sr., Charles E. Bartlett, Sr., Reginald H. Kemp, Joseph L. Collins, and Mario L. Eury.

With pride, I recognize the Eden Lodge for its 110 years and the King Solomon Chapter for its 103 years of offering a place of fellowship and friendship to the people of Marietta, Georgia and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members to join me in honoring and congratulating the membership for their remarkable achievements.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOM-
PLISHMENTS OF PUBLISHING
PIONEER JOHN H. JOHNSON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of innovator and publishing pioneer John H. Johnson. After living a remarkably accomplished life that spanned 87 years, John H. Johnson passed on Monday, August 8, 2005.

By embracing positive portrayals of African-Americans, John Johnson's vision and innovation forever shaped the way African-Americans are portrayed in the media and advertising. At a time when media representations of blacks were mostly damaging and stereotypical, Mr. Johnson produced publications that highlighted African-American accomplishments and success.

This innovation and foresight brought together the African-American community. By giving African-Americans something to rally around, he instilled a sense of unity among the black community and created a positive identity. In addition, John Johnson successfully guided the mainstream media and corporations to expand outreach to blacks.

It has been said that the ultimate measure of a person's life is the extent to which they made the world a better place. John H. Johnson's work has forever shaped the African-American community. His contributions will always be remembered. We were all greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John H. Johnson.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
WALTER ZALESNY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Walter Zalesny; and

Whereas, Walter Zalesny will be remembered by his son Barry, his daughters Sharon and Fran, his four grandchildren and seven great granddaughters; and

Whereas, Walter Zalesny was born in Wegee, OH, and resided in Bellaire, OH; and

Whereas, Walter Zalesny served in the Belmont County Engineer's Office and was a

loyal member of the VFW and American Legion and a devout Presbyterian; and

Whereas, Walter Zalesny will be remembered for his service in the U.S. Navy and for his ability to touch so many lives;

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Walter Zalesny.

NATIONAL BACKPACK AWARENESS
DAY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, as September 21, 2005 is National School Backpack Awareness Day, I would like to recognize the many occupational therapists that live and work in my district. Each September, the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) members, students, and other health professionals join forces to alert the public, particularly teachers, parents, and children about the dangers of overweight backpacks and improper use.

Occupational therapy is a health, wellness, and rehabilitation service provided by qualified professionals whose expertise includes anatomy, physiology, psychology and other disciplines. Thousands of occupational therapists work with children in school systems, pediatric hospitals, and other health care facilities everyday to improve skills that will help them perform daily tasks at home, at school, and at play.

The AOTA is sponsoring its fourth annual National School Backpack Awareness Day to promote healthy backpack use among students. The goal of the National School Backpack Awareness Day is to reduce the load being carried to fifteen percent or less of a child's weight, to educate them on the risks of carrying too much weight and the proper ways to pack and wear their backpacks.

Over 700 participants in schools, stores, health fairs, and other areas from all fifty states will take part to "weigh-in" over 200,000 children and ensure their backpacks are fifteen percent or less of their weight. As part of the 2005 Healthy Families Community Fair in Clinton, MI in October, children and their families will be able to learn about the importance of loading and wearing backpacks the right way to avoid back and shoulder pain or strain, stooped posture, musculoskeletal pain, and aching heads.

In schools, occupational therapists use their unique expertise to help children to be prepared for and perform important learning and school-related activities and to fulfill their role as students. Additionally, they play a critical role in training parents, other staff members, and caregivers regarding the education, health, and success of students with diverse learning needs.

Please join me in support of all the school children, occupational therapists, and participants of the 2005 National School Backpack Awareness Day.