

THANKS TO THE TROOPS

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as we prepare for the Christmas holiday, it is important that we remember those who will not be home for Christmas, our men and women in the armed services. Next week is Thank the Troops Week. While we celebrate the holiday, our troops all over the world defend our freedom.

Since 9/11, much support and concern has been shown, with yellow ribbons and clothing drives and helping families and sending care packages. Just recently, I posted a thank you letter to our troops on my Web site and shared it on TownHall.com.

A creative program that caught my eye is based in my own district in Georgia. It is called Armor 4 Troops Foundation, which is doing great things for our soldiers. Founded in December 2004 by marine officers, it provides state-of-the-art antiballistic glasses and other critical equipment directly to our troops in the field, and it also provides financial assistance to families of our soldiers who have been admitted to Walter Reed or Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent a district that will not forget those who serve, and we are all blessed to live in a Nation of heroes like the men and women in our military who fight every single day.

WE MUST DO MORE

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, back in Indiana, when a tree falls on your house, first you tend to the wounded, then you start the clean-up, then you sit down and figure out how to pay for it.

Well, the Congress of the United States in the wake of the worst national catastrophe in our Nation's history responded to the need of the wounded and the clean-up, appropriating more than \$60 billion in 6 days. But this week, in conjunction with the Senate, this Congress will come together to figure out how we are going to pay for it.

After passing the Deficit Reduction Act, which found more than \$50 billion in savings in entitlement spending over the next 5 years, Congress this week will come together on that measure as well as, it is our fondest hope, an across-the-board cut in this year's Federal budget. It is absolutely imperative that this Congress demonstrate the ability to make tough choices even during tough times to put our fiscal house in order.

President John F. Kennedy said it best when he said, To lead is to choose. In this week perhaps at some late hour into the weekend or early next week,

we will see who is willing to come to the floor and make the hard choices to put our fiscal house in order. We must do more, Mr. Speaker, but we dare not do less.

BREAK THE MEDICARE BARRIERS

(Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, would you work for an employer who told you he was going to cut your pay next year 4½ percent? Would you work for an employer who told you he was going to cut your pay every year for the next 6 years 4½ percent? Would you work for an employer who told you he was going to cut your pay every year for the next 6 years 4½ percent and your costs were going up 21 percent? Of course you would not.

Our seniors are already finding it hard to find a doctor who will take a new Medicare patient. What a hollow promise Medicare is if you cannot choose your own doctor. Only you, Mr. President, can require bureaucratic minds to take the actions necessary, fair and appropriate to break through the barriers to a destructive, unworkable, and outdated law. Only you, Mr. President, can give the order for administrative actions to allow budget-neutral repeal of the old SGR law and adoption of a modern pay-for-performance bill so you can fulfill the progressive vision that you have had that we all share of a Medicare program that can control costs by improving the quality of health care delivered to our seniors. I call on you to act, Mr. President.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 487) supporting the goals and ideals of Korean American Day.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 487

Whereas the influence of Korean Americans may be observed in all facets of American life, including entrepreneurship, the arts, and education;

Whereas on January 13, 1903, 102 pioneer Korean immigrants arrived in the United States initiating the first chapter of Korean immigration to America;

Whereas the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the history of Korean immigration;

Whereas Korean Americans, like other groups of immigrants that came to the United States before them, have settled and thrived in the United States through strong family ties, community support, and hard work;

Whereas Korean Americans have made significant contributions to the economic vitality of the United States and the global marketplace;

Whereas Korean Americans have invigorated businesses, churches, and academic communities in the United States;

Whereas Korean Americans have made enormous contributions to the military strength of the United States;

Whereas today, at least 4,000 Korean Americans serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, with approximately 25 percent of them currently serving in Iraq; and

Whereas the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13 of each year as "Korean American Day" to commemorate the first step of the long and prosperous journey of Korean Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of a Korean American Day;

(2) urges all Americans to observe Korean American Day so as to have a greater appreciation of the invaluable contributions Korean Americans have made to United States; and

(3) honors and recognizes the 103rd anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CANNON) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 487.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 487, which supports the goals and ideals of a Korean American Day and recognizes the 103rd anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States.

Korean Americans have played an important part in American society since January 13, 1903, when over 100 pioneer Korean immigrants arrived in America.

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I am proud to say this last century is chock-full of significant, creative Korean-American accomplishments from Jam Kim, the first Korean-American to serve in the United States House of Representatives, to Eugene Chung, first Korean-American to be selected in