

first of many campaigns when she helped re-elect President Roosevelt.

While Martha built a remarkable professional career as a research scientist and educator, it is her relentless political activism that I wish to focus on today. That activism began in earnest in 1946 when Martha joined a local campaign to save San Francisco's landmark cable car system. In 1956, she worked to re-elect President Eisenhower. In 1959, she helped run her father's successful write-in campaign to become Mayor of her hometown.

In 1962 Martha moved to Monterey and hasn't stopped since. She soon worked on a variety of local races, including several of my father's, who was then serving in the California State Senate. In the late '60s, she worked on the coastal protection campaign that culminated in the voters 1972 adoption of the landmark Coastal Act. That same year Martha became a Democrat. As a young woman, she registered Republican on the advice of her mother who said that it was the Republicans who secured the vote for women. But she had become disenchanted with the direction that the Republican Party had taken, especially in civil rights, and followed Leon Panetta in making the switch.

In 1976, Martha worked as a precinct walker in Leon Panetta's successful race against Congressman Burt Talcott. She also worked on Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign, coordinating more than 100 volunteers from their teens into their 70s. In the '80s, she helped elect two pivotal Monterey County Supervisors, Sam Karas and Karin Strasser Kauffman. In 1996 she volunteered once again for Karin, in her primary race for the local state Assembly seat. While Karin lost the race, Martha felt that democrat Fred Keeley went on to be a great Assemblymember. And all along, Martha was instrumental in my own campaigns for local, state, and federal office.

Martha truly is the tireless volunteer. In addition to her campaign work, Martha has devoted countless hours to many different boards, commissions, and other community organizations, including the MPUSD school board, the Highway 68 committee, the Toxic Waste committee for Fort Ord, several League of Women Voters committees, and local Democratic committees and clubs. Martha also served several stints as the President of the Peninsula Women's Democratic Club. She has worked tirelessly over the years to register voters and encourage participation in the political process. And it is this grass roots commitment to making democracy work that deserves the attention of this House because it is the people like Martha across this country that keep our democracy alive and well.

CONGRATULATING MELISSA BROWN—SELECTED AS GRAND PRIZE WINNER IN OLIVE GARDEN'S NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a winning essay written by a very special constituent, 10th grade student

Melissa Brown, a resident of Broomall, Pennsylvania.

Melissa's essay was chosen from nearly 11,000 entries written by students in first through 12th grade who were asked to "describe how a person or experience has made an important impact on your life."

In her essay, Melissa describes the many lessons she has learned from her brother, Josh. Her words are not only inspirational, but powerful in a message we can all take to heart. This young writer captures what family means for so many of us—love, acceptance and learning from one another. The text of her essay follows:

When people are asked, who has influenced you most in your life, most have to think about it. For me, I could answer that question in less than a second. My little brother Josh, without a doubt, has influenced me more than anyone.

Josh has Down Syndrome, which is a genetic disorder. It makes him do some things a little slower than most kids his age. But Josh is an exceptional child. He is extremely smart. He knows every little detail about every single animal, ever. He loves collecting anything that is long and skinny and giving them names and personalities. His memory is amazing and he learned all his letters, and some words, by the time he was 2 years old. He also reads fluently and does well in school. He has overcome many obstacles to really be a success.

Josh is the most loving and open person you will ever meet. He greets you with a smile that lights up a room. Josh isn't like most people who look at your appearance and judge you by that. He looks straight into your heart and will open his arms to you.

Living with Josh has taught me numerous things. The main thing he's taught me is to not judge a book by its cover. I need to look inside a person and find out what they're like inside before I make assumptions. Josh has made me sensitive to people that are less fortunate than I am. I realize I've been blessed and need to share that with others who need it. He's taught me that when I see people who are different, I shouldn't stare but should smile at them. One little smile can make a person's day. I've also learned not take life so seriously. Josh is one of those people who finds pleasure in little things. So I need to be able to find the good things in life and take pleasure in little things.

When people first see Josh, they may think that he looks weird or that he's just a little brother. Well, he's neither of those. He is an adorable little 11-year-old who is bounding with energy and love. He also is the one who makes me laugh, gives me support and is my best friend. I tell people that he is the person who has inspired me most in my life.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA GROW

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Grow for her years of service as a high school teacher and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America advisor.

Patricia earned a Bachelor's Degree in Homemaking Education from Utah State University, and then a Master's in Occupational Administration at Northern Arizona University.

After graduating, she moved to Overton, Nevada, and began her teaching career as a substitute. She continued substitute teaching for eight years until she became the full-time Home Economics teacher at Moapa Valley High School.

For the past thirty years, Patricia has educated high school students and advised her chapter of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, FCCLA. Patricia followed the growth of the community from the old high school to the new one, and, upon the expansion of the Home Economics program, she became the instructor for the Independent Living and Child Development and the Fashion and Quilting courses. Her hard work has been instrumental in bringing the program's courses to full enrollment.

Patricia has won a number of awards for her service to students, including Outstanding Service to Vocational Education in 1986, Outstanding Faculty for 1992–1993, the Nevada Vocational Association Award of Service in 1996, and Educator of the Year for 1999–2000. She is retiring this year after three decades of teaching.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Patricia Grow for her years of service as an educator in Nevada. Education is truly an admirable career, and I commend her dedication to Nevada's youth. I wish her all the best in her retirement.

CLIMATE CHANGE: UNDERSTANDING THE DEGREE OF THE PROBLEM?

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I made the attached statement in the House Government Reform Committee regarding global warming on July 20, 2006.

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS J. KUCINICH, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, GOVERNMENT REFORM COMMITTEE

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for calling this important hearing on Climate Change, the first such substantive hearing in the House in recent memory. If we are to successfully deal with global warming, it cannot be a partisan issue. It will require our full attention and an inestimable share of our resources, which requires united leadership. This hearing, therefore, is a major step in the right direction. However, I was disappointed to hear the Administration's testimony today which is decidedly partisan. Indeed it continues to try to put a happy face on bad policies and take credit for work it has not done.

A good place to start is the Administration's claim to have reduced greenhouse gas "intensity" during its tenure. Efficiency gains make the "intensity" go down anyway. Moreover, this deceptive rhetorical device diverts attention from its failure to set a goal for greenhouse gas emissions reductions that is consistent with that which is justified by the current science. California has done so, calling for an 80 percent reduction. Holland is now cutting emissions by 80 percent in 40 years. Tony Blair has committed the UK to cutting emissions by 60 percent in 50 years. Germany has obligated itself to cuts of 50 percent in 50 years. Several months ago, French President Chirac called on the entire industrial world to cut emissions 75 percent by 2050.

In fact, this is only one of the instances in which this Administration has thumbed its nose at the international community. There is not only an unwillingness to move forward with substantive action on global warming, there is active resistance, and, in fact, bullying of other countries. The Administration started by walking away from the Kyoto protocol. I was in Johannesburg for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002. Nothing of significance from the U.S. I went to Buenos Aires for the Conference of the Parties in 2004. Nothing of significance from the U.S. In Montreal, Harlan Watson walked out of negotiations in what was perceived in international media as a tantrum when the Administration didn't get its way. There was an agreement in the G8 that the U.S. re-engage on the issue. It did not happen.

Instead, we see not only rhetorical red herrings, but we see Enron accounting techniques being used to create the illusion that something is being done. The GAO released a report in August 2005 called *Climate Change; Federal Reports on Climate Change Funding Should Be Clearer and More Complete*. This report listed suspect activities claimed by the OMB as spending on global warming, including such efforts as the "Andean Counterdrug Initiative."

Making matters worse, the Administration advocates for dealing with global warming by advocating for nuclear power. Nuclear power has been shown to be greenhouse gas intensive, it is far less cost effective than renewables, far less polluting than renewables, and facilitates further proliferation of nuclear weapons materials. We are trading our addiction to oil and all the problems that go with it, for nuclear power and a whole new set of equally pernicious problems that go with it, when common sense alternatives are readily available or within our reach.

In the meantime, it is becoming increasingly clear that the effects of global warming are already being felt. The United Nations has declared that at least 5 million cases of illness and more than 150,000 deaths every year are attributable to global warming. The 2003 European heat wave killed over 20,000 people. The 10 hottest years on record have occurred in the last 15 years. Two consecutive record-breaking hurricane seasons.

Exactly how bad does it have to get?

IN MEMORY OF ARMY CAPTAIN
BLAKE H. RUSSELL

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a young hero from my district. On July 22, 2006, the Department of Defense declared that Army Captain Blake H. Russell (United States Army, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division) died from injuries that he suffered from an explosion while investigating a possible weapons cache in Baghdad, Iraq. Russell enlisted in the Navy in 1989 after graduating from Fort Worth Boswell High School. After completing his Navy obligations, Russell enrolled at Texas A&M University and upon graduation, he joined the Army.

His family describes Russell as a soldier who professed that he chose the military profession so "he could fight the bad guys over there so (his son) could be safe here."

Russell served with distinction during his military career which included two tours in

Iraq. In the Navy, Russell served as an anti-submarine warfare specialist as well as a Navy search and rescue team member. He joined the Army after graduating from Texas A&M in 1998. Prior to the Iraq war, he was an aide to an Army general. During his initial tour in Iraq, Russell served with the 4th Infantry Division in the Al Anbar Province. He joined the 101st Airborne Division, based in Fort Campbell, KY, in March 2005. He was serving as a field artillery officer during his last tour in Iraq and was actively involved in military operations in the Baghdad area. He earned the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart during his military career.

The American people know the sacrifices Russell made to his country and his service will not be in vain. I am proud to honor Captain Russell's service to the United States of America. He will not be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO PFC. KRISTIAN
MENCHACA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, of the 101st Airborne of the United States Army, who was kidnapped and murdered by Iraqi insurgents on June 16th in Yusufiyah, Iraq.

Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca was born on May 29th, 1983, in Houston, TX, and moved to Brownsville with his mother, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, when he was a young boy. He attended Gary Job Corps center in San Marcos, TX, where he completed the correctional officers training program in six months and earned a certificate. He married his wife, Christina, three weeks before he joined the United States Army with the goal of using his military experience to become a Border Patrol agent. Pfc. Menchaca will be forever remembered for his service in protecting the freedoms and ideals of our country and I extend my condolences to his family, and to his wife, Christina.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the service of Pfc. Kristian Menchaca in the United States Army.

HONORING JACKIE DOLLAR HARRISON, DIRECTOR OF CHILD START, INC.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Jackie Dollar Harrison on the occasion of her retirement as Director of Child Start, Inc., a Head Start program for Napa and Solano counties. Over the last 25 years, Jackie Harrison's commitment to broadening service and reaching out to communities has developed the program into one of the most respected early childhood educational programs in the country.

Mrs. Harrison was born in St. Louis, MO, but grew up in Los Angeles, where she

earned a Bachelors degree from Mt. Saint Mary's College and then her Masters from the University of Southern California. The Watts riots in 1965 devastated chronically impoverished areas in southern Los Angeles; these riots were blamed on a lack of education and opportunity. Mrs. Harrison's first job in a long career of serving the under-served was as a pre-school teacher and curriculum specialist in the areas most impacted by rioting. Her work with marginalized and under-represented groups continued as a special education teacher serving children with autism and other learning disabilities in central Los Angeles.

Mr. Speaker, when Jackie Harrison arrived in the Napa Valley to direct the child care program, things began to change. The development of a Head Start program, new pre- and post-natal care efforts, and expansion into Solano County were direct results of Jackie's aggressive leadership. In 2000, Jackie led the innovative conversion of Napa-Solano Head Start into an independent non-profit corporation, which now operates as a nationally recognized model for others to follow. Jackie has emphasized kids' education not only through the programs, but has worked with parents and other community organizations to ensure that learning continues in the home.

Mrs. Harrison once said, "Anything about me, I want to be about the program." Mr. Speaker, by that measure, 2005 was an extraordinarily good year. Child Start, Inc. was recognized as one of the 40 top programs of its kind in the nation, it was the "Distinguished Program" recipient for California, it received a national "Program of Achievement Award", and Jackie herself was recognized with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the National Head Start foundation. These testimonials to the success of her program are a well-deserved acknowledgement of Jackie's vision in transforming children's education and opportunities in the Napa Valley.

Mrs. Harrison has been an active leader for the Napa Valley and the State of California, sitting on boards and helping direct the development of organizations that support the welfare of those whose voices are so often drowned out in our society.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Jackie Dollar Harrison for her remarkable achievements in a career distinguished by visionary and aggressive leadership for the welfare of our nation's children.

TRIBUTE TO THE D.J. JACOBETTI
HOME FOR VETERANS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an institution in my district that serves those who have served the rest of us. The D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, MI, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary Rededication next month. My district is home to more veterans than any other Congressional District in Michigan. As such, the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans has been indispensable to many of my constituents.

The D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans was rededicated in 1981 and was named after Dominic J. Jacobetti, the longstanding Chair of