budget rejects the draconian cuts to Medicare and Medicaid proposed by the Bush administration and provides for an expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program to insure millions more children.

This budget recognizes that those who need tax relief in this country are not corporations and the very wealthiest. This proposal includes relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax for millions of middle-income taxpayers and extends other middle-income tax cuts like the child tax credit, marriage penalty relief and State and local deductions.

The budget resolution is a statement of priorities. Chairman SPRATT has proposed a common-sense, fiscally responsible budget that puts families first and grows our economy. I am proud to support H. Con. Res. 99 and urge all my colleagues to join me.

I also congratulate the Progressive Caucus and the Congressional Black Caucus for the budget ideas they put forward. I have supported both of these amendments today largely because of the increased attention to diplomacy, peace, and investment in the global community. These issues must continue to be a part of the appropriations debate.

RECOGNIZING THE BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 648 FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joseph Cameron Morgan, Evan Carlin O'Rourke, Christopher Anthony Piemonte, William E. Pierce, and Joshua Paul St. Louis of Alexandria, Virginia, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. As members of Troop 648 in the Chain Bridge District of the National Capital Area Council, these Scouts have exemplified the finest qualities of leadership and citizenship in earning Boy Scouts' most prestigious award.

At Troop 648, these Scouts have provided leadership in a variety of positions. They have led as Senior Patrol Leaders, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, and as Troop Representatives to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society. They have also served as Junior Assistant Scoutmasters to Troop 648 supervising and supporting the other Boy Scouts.

Together and collectively, these Scouts have trekked through the mountains of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, explored underground caves, sailed the Chesapeake Bay and gone on numerous camping trips. They have earned dozens of merit badges and many service awards, including the President's Volunteer Service Award (Gold) for providing over 250 hours of service to the community in a twelve month period. They have earned numerous environmental awards including the World Conservation Award and the William T. Hornaday Award. These young men are truly exemplary Scouts.

For their Eagle Scout Leadership Service Projects, these young men have organized and managed dozens of volunteers. They have led conservation projects, trail construction and park restoration involving hundreds of hours of work. Our communities are truly a better place to live because of their efforts.

Madam Speaker and fellow members of Congress, I ask you to join me in commending these present and future leaders for their accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for achieving the distinction of Eagle Scout.

A TRIBUTE ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE DENNIS MALONEY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and an exceptional community leader who tragically passed away in February of this year, Mr. Dennis ''Denny'' Maloney. Today Denny's friends, family and colleagues gather in Deschutes County, Oregon to celebrate his life with the dedication of the new ''Dennis Maloney Community Justice Center.'' This is a fitting tribute to a man who gave so generously of his time and his talents throughout a distinguished career in service to others.

My colleagues, Denny Maloney was born on March 20, 1951 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, to Patrick and Carol Maloney. Denny graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin, where he studied humanities. It was in Minnesota where Denny would acknowledge his most significant achievement occurred. It is there that he met and married his lovely wife, Nancy. Together, they raised five outstanding daughters, Tracy, Shannon, Caitlin, Kelly and Molly. Those who knew Denny knew not only a man with a strong sense of civic commitment, but a father and husband with tremendous devotion and commitment to his family.

Madam Speaker, those of us in Oregon, especially communities in central Oregon, are so fortunate that Denny's upbringing and education instilled in him the drive and desire to make the world a better place. He led by example, and remarkable results followed. Denny was a longtime advocate for troubled youth and was a nationally recognized expert and innovator on the subject of juvenile rehabilitation. Madam Speaker, Denny didn't believe in giving up on someone. He saw the inherent good in humanity and in the people he met, and he devoted his life to giving people a second chance. Denny worked to ensure that troubled youth received mentoring and counseling, while demonstrating the significant value of being an upstanding member of society and a real contributor within one's community. Simply put, Denny Maloney positively changed the lives of many of his fellow citizens.

During his lifetime, Denny amassed over 30 years of experience in the field of community corrections. For 16 years, he served as the Director of the Deschutes County Department of Community Justice in my home state of Oregon. There, he initiated a variety of juvenile and adult corrections programs that are globally renowned.

He wrote extensively about the methods he developed and the positive impact of his programs is evident not only across our nation but in the international community as well. Nearly 30 states restructured their entire juvenile justice systems based on Denny's presentation on restorative justice. Additionally, the U.S. Department of State has distributed information based on Denny's juvenile justice research to over 250 countries and his methods are being used worldwide as a foundation for justice system reform.

Madam Speaker, during his phenomenal career of contributions, Denny Maloney generously shared his experience and his expertise with others. The work that he did improved the lives of countless people across our country, and I'm grateful to have known him.

While his services and accomplishments speak volumes, perhaps most importantly, Denny Maloney inspired all who knew him to do more to help those in need and to improve the quality of life for all citizens. He always wore an infectious smile, and he encouraged us to keep a positive attitude in our work and throughout our daily lives. He was a good friend and trusted counselor to me and to many others. We will all miss his wisdom, wit, enthusiasm and ability, and we will never forget the mark he left in our communities and in our hearts.

TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANK BUCKLES

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the long life and continuing achievements of Mr. Frank Buckles. One of four known surviving veterans of the WWI, Frank recently celebrated his 106th birthday.

Frank was born in Missouri in 1901 and was only 16 when the United States entered the First World War. Frank's age, however, did not prevent him from serving his country. After being turned away by the Navy and Marines, he convinced an Army recruiter he was old enough to enlist.

Frank served in England and France during the war; first as a car and ambulance driver and later as an escort for returning German POWs. After the war, he returned to America and worked for the White Star Line Steamship Company and the Banker's Trust Company.

In 1941 Frank became entangled in the Second World War. The Japanese Army invaded while Frank was working in the Philippines and he spent three years as a prisoner in Japanese war camps.

These remarkable experiences could easily fill two full lives, but for Frank it was only the first half. He came home from the war and settled down to start a family, moving to West Virginia in 1954 and managing Gap View Farm.

Frank has been there ever since. At 106, he is still active on his 330 acre cattle farm.

Madam Speaker, in a time when America faces a grave external threat, we can find comfort and strength in our Nation's history. During the 106 years since Frank Buckles' birth, the United States has grown into the greatest Nation on earth. The service, determination, patriotism and love that Frank has shown throughout his life represents the very best of this great country. West Virginians are honored to call Frank one of our own.