

the Senate, and she condemned people for criticizing him for what he said about the war being lost. But I haven't heard anybody over there say anything good about the President, who is trying to protect us against terrorism around the world, which is emanating from the Middle East and al Qaeda. Al Qaeda are the ones that are running the opposition to the United States troops over there right now.

We were attacked by al Qaeda. We were going to go to war to stop terrorism against al Qaeda. And nobody is saying anything good about the President, who is trying to protect this country, and if we say one thing about the majority leader on the other side we are supposed to be condemned. I don't understand it. I just don't understand it.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SARBANES). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, under the hot summer-like sun of today, several thousand peace officers dressed in their bright uniforms, along with citizens, paid tribute to the 147 peace officers killed in service to America in 2006. Also honored were the families, the spouses, the children, the parents of these peace officers. This service today was held on the West side of the Capitol. It was attended by some of us in Congress and the President of the United States spoke.

The wind blew the flags of the 50 States. They were held by peace officers, and the bagpipes played a solemn tribute in the background to these 147 peace officers. It was a fitting event sponsored for the 26th year of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Mr. Speaker, I have known a lot of police officers for the last 30 years. I was a prosecutor for 8 years in Texas, and then a criminal court judge for 22 years. I came to know a lot of them. Those rare and noble breed that wear the badge of a peace officer are remarkable people. I have even known some that have given their lives in the line of duty for the rest of us.

Peace officers that patrol the small towns or the big cities or the vastness of our counties, whether they are local, State or Federal officers, are America's first line of defense against the lawless, the criminals, the outlaws that live to steal, murder, rob and assault America. Keeping the peace this last year cost 147 men and women from across the Nation their lives. I will submit the names of these 147 names for the record.

Peace officers are all that stand between the law and the lawless. They stand between the good and the evil. They stand between the people and the criminals. When they wear the badge, they are the protector of America's people and the public servant of all communities.

They are on patrol 24 hours a day, so that the rest of us can go about our lives in peace. When we are fearful, they are fearless, and when we flee from terror, they run to terror. They are a cut above the rest of us. They are a true example of the public hero.

So we do not forget the fallen and forget what they have done with this solemn reference today, we remember the 147.

And that's just the way it is.

Mr. Speaker, I include the names of the peace officers killed in the line of duty in 2006 for the RECORD.

PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN 2006

ALABAMA

Anthony Maurice Andrews, Micah Joe Burks, Keith Edwin Houts, Mary Freeman Smith.

ARIZONA

Robert Daniel Targosz, Kevin Louis Weeks.

ARKANSAS

Stacy Edward McMurrrough, James Walter Sell.

CALIFORNIA

G. John Bailey, Pierre Walter Bain, Kyle Russell Ballard, Daniel S. Bessant, Nich Tomasito Birco, Brent William Clearman, Landon Michael Dorris, Scott Anthony Hanson, William Joseph Hudnall Jr., Richard Allen May Jr., Jeffrey Vaughn Mitchell, David Stan Piquette, Maria Cecilia Rosa, Earl Harwood Scott, Darryl Takeo Tsujimoto, Bryan D. Tuvera.

COLORADO

Jared Scott Jensen, Kenneth C. Jordan, Michael Del Thomas.

CONNECTICUT

Daniel Patrick Picagli.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Gerard Walter Burke Jr.

FLORIDA

Phoenix Montana Braithwaite, Michael Anthony Callin, Christopher Cooper Daniels Sr., Margena Silvia Nunez, John Michael Piskator, Ryan Christopher Seguin, Juan A. Serrano, Brian Keith Tephford, Vernon Matthew Williams.

GEORGIA

Peter William Faatz, Michael William Larson, John William McKinney, Dennis Carmen Stepnowski, Joseph Tim Whitehead Jr., Dennis Christian Wright Sr., Michael Douglas Young.

HAWAII

Steve Bastidas Favela.

ILLINOIS

Jeremy Chambers, Thomas Alan Cook, Elizabeth Mazella Edwards, Brian Keith Gibbons, James F. Knapp, Rodney Todd Miller, Eric Solorio, Thomas T. Wood.

INDIANA

Gary E. Dudley, Gary L. Martin, Scott Lee Severns.

KANSAS

James Leroy Johnson, Cory Allen Ricks.

KENTUCKY

Elmer Kiser, Jonathan Kyle Leonard, David George Whitson.

LOUISIANA

Herman Wayne Brooks, Christopher John Doyle III, Octavio Rafael Gonzalez, Christopher Michael Metternich, Jeremy Paul Newchurch.

MAINE

David Jerome Rancourt.

MARYLAND

William H. Beebe Jr., Anthony A. Bryd, Robert Thomas Krauss, David Warren McGuinn, Jeffery Alan Wroten.

MASSACHUSETTS

Paul Francis Barry.

MICHIGAN

Kenneth Lee Daniels Jr., Jason Anthony Makowski, Riley Scott Sumner, Matthew J. Tuttle.

MISSISSIPPI

T. Michael Byrd, Robert Michael Langley.

MONTANA

David Leroy Briese Jr., Patrick Roy Kramer.

NEVADA

Henry Prendes.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Michael Leland Briggs.

NEW JERSEY

Wayne Robert Clark, Matthew J. Melchionda, Kieran Tyon Shields.

NEW MEXICO

James Archuleta, James Francis McGrane Jr.

NEW YORK

John Robert Allen, Joseph Daniel Corr, Francis J. Hennessy, Kevin M. Lee, Joseph Anthony Longobardo, Andrew J. Sperr, Craig J. Todeschini, Kenneth P. Wilcox.

OHIO

Lawrence M. Barnes Sr., Ethan G. Collins, Dale Rodney Holcomb, Joshua Patrick Risner, Jonathan James Schroeder.

OKLAHOMA

William Lloyd McClendon, Steven Roy Smith.

PENNSYLVANIA

David Michael Petzold, Gary S. Skerski, Scott Alan Wertz.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Jason Lannes Sheppard.

TENNESSEE

William Birl Jones, L. Keith Lyon, Jeremy Victor Reynolds.

TEXAS

Eduardo Chavez, Dwayne N. Freeto, Dale David Geddie, Rodney Joseph Johnson, Matthew DeWayne Myrick, Gregory Dean Stewart, James Lee Sunderland Sr., Donald Ellis Wass, Billy Jack Zachary.

UTAH

Kevin Shumway Orr.

VIRGINIA

Vicky O. Armel, Gary Jonathan Buro, Seneca Bailey Darden, Charles Aubrey Fisher, Michael E. Garbarino, Robert Earl Green, Robert A. Hill Sr., Kevin Carder Manion, Eric E. Sutphin, William Henry Tiedeman Jr.

WASHINGTON

Joselito Alvarez Barber, Steve E. Cox, Edwanton Allen Thomas.

WEST VIRGINIA

Charles Eugene Smith.

WISCONSIN

Stephen Joseph Hahn, Jackie Davis Ryden.

WYOMING

Dennis Merwin Shuck.