

and a resource for any number of doctors, thousands upon thousands of doctors of which he had the privilege of training.

Dr. DeBakey was a great researcher, a great scientist, a great physician, a great surgeon. He was a great teacher, and he founded the MASH unit that has helped us save so many lives. He loved veterans. He served in World War II. He was the father of the Veterans Administration Veterans Affairs Department. He created the concept of medicine for the veterans of this Nation.

We are so grateful that, among other things that he was named after, the Veterans Hospital in Houston, which I carried the legislation, his name was given to the Michael E. DeBakey High School that has helped train so many young people who have a desire for a medical profession.

Tomorrow he will be paid tribute to by so many in Houston. Mr. Speaker, today we honor him as we have been given a great gift—his life, his service, his ability to cure, his love of saving lives. May he rest in peace, Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, an icon, a giant, an American hero, and we will never forget him.

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CHINA

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, when Congressman CHRIS SMITH and I were in China 1½ weeks ago, all of the dissidents that we were to meet with were arrested, many before they even got to the meeting. And some of the dissidents were ones who had met with President Bush, and at the very time the Secretary of State was there in town, they arrested them.

I call on the President of the United States, if he is going to go to the Olympics, to give a major address the same way that Ronald Reagan gave a major address in the Soviet Union in the Danilov Monastery where he spoke out on behalf of religious freedom and human rights.

Thirty-five Catholic bishops in jail, hundreds of house church leaders in jail. They have plundered Tibet. They are persecuting the WEAGers. They are spying on this country.

I urge the President to give a major address the same way that Ronald Reagan did in the Danilov Monastery, and he should do it in a large church in China to speak out on behalf of those who are being persecuted for their faith, on human rights and religious freedom.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate having pro-

ceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 6331) "An Act to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes", returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House, in which it originated, and passed by the House on reconsideration of the same, it was

Resolved, That the said bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCNERNEY). 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.

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

(Mr. SKELTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HALL MONITORS

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, the Capitol Hill hall monitors have issued warning citations to Members of Congress. That's right; Republicans and Democrats all over the hill are getting busted. The dastardly offense was paying tribute to American warriors by placing a poster outside the office with photos of our troops killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. That's right. We're getting written up for honoring the memory of fallen soldiers from our home States and districts.

Here is my citation. I got busted for having a sign-in table and easel with a poster in the hallway. And this is the poster that I got written up for, Mr. Speaker. This letter says I have 30 days to comply with the new hallway policy or I will be in violation of this new edict.

You see, Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues and I choose to honor the men and women who have fought so bravely and given their lives in the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. So we display a poster like this one.

This poster represents the 26 men and women of the Second Congressional District area of Texas that have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. We post these displays outside our offices so that we, our staff, and visitors will be constantly reminded of the sacrifice of our troops.

Our type of government exists because real Americans go to war and some of them don't come back. And these photos are of some, 26, of those Americans. Now the hall monitors want us to take them down. They say they are an "obstacle."

I will now read from the edict from the sign police that stealthily roam our hallways looking for violators of this hall monitoring proclamation. It says:

"In an emergency evacuation, the many items placed in the hallways of House office buildings interfere with the safe exit of Members, staff, and visitors . . . This policy was developed in response to a complaint regarding the proliferation of items placed in the hallways and responsive recommendation by the Office of Compliance. Its adoption was further recommended by the Committee on House Administration and supported by the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; the Office of Emergency Planning, Preparedness, and Operations; the House Sergeant at Arms; the Inspector General; the Chief Administrative Officer; and the Office of Compliance." And, Mr. Speaker, I will introduce this edict and this warning letter into the RECORD.

NOTICE

JULY 3, 2008.

Room No. 1605.

The attached letter, dated May 2, 2008, announced the issuance of a Hallway Policy intended to reduce hallway obstacles. The Hallway Policy can be viewed at <http://housenet.house.gov> (search on "hallway policy") or <http://house.aoc.gov>. We are now entering the final 30 days of the transition period established by the Committee on House Administration. In accordance with our responsibility to administer and enforce this Policy we note the following violations of the Policy:

- (1) sign in table;
- (2) easel.

While we are still in the transition period we are bringing this issue to your attention in order to provide you with the opportunity to bring your office into compliance. The policy will be in full force and effect on August 2, 2008, and after that date all items that violate the Hallway Policy will be removed.

If you require assistance or have any questions, please contact First Call+ at 202-225-8000 or the House Superintendent's Service Center at 202-225-4141. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, May 2, 2008.

DEAR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, HOUSE OFFICERS, SUPPORT OFFICES, AND STAFF: In an emergency evacuation, the many items placed in the hallways of House Office Buildings can interfere with the safe exit of Members, staff, and visitors, as well as pose tripping hazards for disabled persons on a daily basis. In order to improve House compliance with the requirements of the Congressional Accountability Act, the Life Safety Code, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, the House Office Building Commission has adopted the attached policy relating to hallway obstacles.

This policy was developed in response to a complaint regarding the proliferation of items placed in the hallways and responsive recommendations by the Office of Compliance. Its adoption was further recommended