

carry him to safety, Corporal Harris tripped an explosive device, absorbing the blast. Though he died in the explosion, his effort saved the life of the wounded marine.

Corporal Harris is a shining example of the Marine Corps' service and sacrifice. As a Marine Corps veteran, my deepest sympathies go out to his family and to all who knew him.

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JOBS

(Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, day after day my Republican colleagues stand in the well of this Chamber blaming Democrats for failing to create jobs. As a Democrat who voted time and time again in this House of Representatives to create jobs for working families, I am shocked.

Right now, and today, Senate Republicans are blocking the passage of five critical bills that would create at least 1.5 million jobs for the American people, and House Republicans, after not having cast votes for these bills, have the audacity to accuse Democrats of not doing enough to create jobs? Shame on them.

I urge Republican Senators to vote for the America COMPETES Act, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act, the Jobs for Main Street Act, and the Small Business and Infrastructure Act to provide desperately needed jobs. If they're serious about creating jobs, then they will urge their Senate Republicans to take immediate action and pass these bills.

Senate Republicans, it's payday for the American workers. It's time to write a check to the American people and finish the job that the House started.

CONGRATULATING FORMER SHREVEPORT POLICE CHIEF HENRY WHITEHORN

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate former Shreveport Police Chief Henry Whitehorn on being sworn in as the United States marshal for the Western District of Louisiana. Prior to becoming the first African American police chief in Shreveport's history, Marshal Whitehorn served 29 years in the Louisiana State Police, eventually becoming appointed to the posts of deputy secretary for Public Safety Services and Louisiana State Police Superintendent by Governor Kathleen Blanco. Marshal Whitehorn also served 4 years as a sergeant in the United States Air Force.

I thank Marshal Whitehorn for his many years of public service and wish

him the best as he continues to serve the people of Louisiana in this new position.

WALL STREET REFORM

(Ms. KILROY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KILROY. Mr. Speaker, today our President signs the Frank-Dodd Act, the Wall Street reform bill. I was very proud to be able to serve on the Financial Services Committee and conference to help craft a bill and to stand with the people of Main Street, to stand with the regular people of our community against the special interests that have had too much power in Washington. We were able to put in place a bill that has a real watchdog with teeth, to protect our consumers and our country, to protect American savings and pensions and investments, and be on the lookout for those unscrupulous financial practices that can hurt our economy. It has a consumer protection bureau. It has an early warning system and a plan so that any future failing institution will not be bailed out at taxpayer expense. Taxpayers will no longer be on the hook or be forced to deal with something that's called too big to fail. It puts an end to TARP. It brings transparency to the market, and because of this bill Wall Street will no longer be able to act like a casino that will do such damage to our economy again.

STATE JOBS NUMBERS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the new State job numbers confirm that 47 States are suffering since the so-called stimulus bill passed while D.C. bureaucrats are benefiting from increasing jobs. The Politico reported on such a discrepancy in an article titled, "Reality gap: U.S. struggles, D.C. booms."

The article says, "America is struggling with a sputtering economy and high unemployment, but times are booming for Washington's governing class.

"The massive expansion of government under President Barack Obama has basically guaranteed a robust job market for policy professionals, regulators and contractors for years to come. The housing market, boosted by the large number of high-income earners in the area, many working in politics and government, is easily outpacing the markets in most of the country."

The American people want Congress to focus on small business job growth instead of spending more of the people's money to create more government jobs. Americans understand TEA, Taxed Enough Already.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the 75th anniversary of the Social Security program, two things are very clear. First, the program which keeps fully half of our seniors from living in poverty must be preserved and sustained for the long run. Second, preservation of Social Security must not, cannot mean increasing the risk that we ask our seniors to take.

Already, just a year or two after financial disaster obliterated \$17 trillion of American household wealth, we hear the proposals of privatization, of turning Social Security money over to the vagaries of the market. Mr. Speaker, could you imagine if that monthly Social Security check that 50 million Americans get was hammered the way retirement accounts have been hammered?

Every American who can should have private accounts that they fund with their savings. They shouldn't just rely on Social Security. But when things go wrong, they need to be able to rely on that Social Security with no risk that it disappears.

MARIJUANA ON PUBLIC LANDS

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government must do more to dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations operating marijuana plantations on our Nation's Federal lands. This is a severe and growing problem in the northern California congressional district I represent. These traffickers pose a threat to the visitors of the national parks and forests, and local law enforcement, and the Federal Government is fundamentally responsible for addressing it. I have introduced a resolution that I hope will garner sufficient support to focus more attention and begin a process of greater cooperation and coordination among the agencies responsible for protecting our Federal lands and the citizens who want to enjoy them.

Mr. Speaker, it's essential that we stay focused on addressing this important issue.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NICKY DANIEL BACON

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

Mr. SNYDER. With the death of Nick Bacon from cancer, Arkansas and