

that's like. It's like an irresponsible teenager taking out a credit card in your name. They fill it out. The bill will come to you. You get that bill and you see that your irresponsible teenager has run up that credit card, and now the bill is coming due. You have a couple of choices. You could pay that credit card and let it be. That's what the President is asking us to do, pay the credit card and then walk away. I don't think very many parents would say okay to that. Or you could not pay the credit card. That's going to impact your credit. Or you could pay that credit card and then cut it up.

Those are the choices before us.

I would agree with the 2006 Senator Barack Obama when he said that the buck has to stop here. The buck does stop here, which is why House Republicans have put forward over \$6 trillion worth of spending reform ideas. We actually don't need them to enact all \$6 trillion of those. We could enact \$2 trillion of those and avert a debt crisis. But the President and some of my friends on the other side of the aisle have said, no, no, no, that's irresponsible. Coming back to this quote, I would agree with the then-Senator Barack Obama that those bad choices are being shifted onto our children and our grandchildren, and the buck does have to stop here.

Since 1964, Congress has voted to raise the debt limit, the debt ceiling, 74 times—74 times. I suggest to you that unless we require a cut-up of the credit card, unless we require structural spending reforms, 20 years from now—if our economy can subsist that long—our children are going to be asking why did no one do something about this? Because we are under crushing, crushing debt burdens. And it's going to impact jobs not just today. We're talking about our future and our children's ability to grow, prosper, and thrive. In an America where we had those opportunities, they are not going to have those same opportunities.

I refuse to make it easier to allow our debt to get so crushing that economic recovery is permanently beyond our reach. It's time for a culture change in Washington, DC, and that starts with real spending cuts accompanying any debt limit negotiations.

COMMEMORATING THE FALLEN SONS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF INDIANA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, as Memorial Day approaches, I rise to commemorate the men and women in the Armed Forces of the United States who have died in the line of duty to our country. This past year, three sons from the Second District of Indiana lost their lives to preserve and protect the American ideals that have made this country great. To honor the legacies of these men, I would like to

share with this body and with the American people a little bit about our Hoosiers.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth McAninch, of Logansport, Indiana, a proud member of the United States Army, died on October 21, 2010, in Afghanistan from injuries sustained when his unit was attacked by small arms fire. Kenneth attended Lewis Cass High School and enlisted in the United States Army in 2003. He was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. For his service, Kenneth was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal and Joint Service Achievement Medal in addition to many other commendations.

His loved ones remember Kenneth as a hardworking man and dedicated son, husband, father, and friend. Kenneth was an avid artist and also enjoyed fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Shawanna; four sons, Jeremiah, Braxton, Brayden and Colby; one daughter, Shyanne; his mom, Cheryl, and her husband Richard; his dad, Marvin, and his wife Regina; his three sisters, Kayla Ann, Katie Lee and Brianna; two brothers, Jason and Briar; and his extended family and friends.

He is missed by all.

Sergeant Marvin Calhoun, Jr., of Elkhart, Indiana, a proud member of the United States Army, died on September 21, 2010, in Qalat, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when his Black Hawk helicopter crashed during combat operations. Marvin died alongside eight fellow soldiers who were also his brothers.

Marvin attended Elkhart Central High School where he played football and enlisted in the Army in 2006. He was assigned to B Company, 5th Battalion, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was on his second tour of duty as a gunner on the Black Hawk helicopter. Marvin's awards include the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal in addition to many other commendations.

Marvin's English teacher told folks that he exhibited leadership qualities in the classroom, and if any of his peers needed help, he would jump right in for them. He was a happy man who always wanted everyone else around him to be happy.

He leaves behind his wife, Yamili; his daughter, Yohani; his dad and stepmom, Marvin and Susan Calhoun; his mom and stepdad, Shirin and Michael Reum; his sister Shanon; his brothers, Travis, Marcus, Sydney, Jermael and Zachary; and his extended family and friends.

He is missed by all.

Specialist Justin Shoecraft of Elkhart, Indiana, a proud member of the U.S. Army, died on August 24, 2010, in Kakarak, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his Stryker vehicle was hit by a roadside improvised explosive

device. Justin was only 5 weeks into his first deployment.

Justin graduated from Elkhart Memorial High School in 2001 and worked for UPS for 7 years before enlisting in the Army. He was assigned to B Troop, 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment out of Vilseck, Germany. His regiment had assumed control of Tarin Kowt in July of 2010.

Posthumously, Justin was promoted to the rank of Specialist. His awards include the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and many other commendations. He enjoyed working on old cars and motorcycles, and stock car racing. He had always wanted to drive tanks for the U.S. Army.

Justin will be remembered by his friends, family and fellow soldiers for his generosity, work ethic, and sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, Jessica, whom he married the day before he left for basic training; his parents, Carroll "Blue" and Donna; his brother, Michael, and sister, Sherry; and extended family and friends.

He is missed by all.

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We owe a debt of gratitude to these three great Hoosiers and to all the sons, daughters, moms, and fathers who have fallen while serving our country. It is our duty to honor and remember their sacrifice, patriotism, and virtue. Let us also remember those brave Americans who are serving right now both here and at home.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, we want to thank our three heroes and all of the people who serve our country.

God bless Indiana, and God bless the United States of America.

AMERICANS DESERVE BETTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. REED) for 5 minutes.

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues this morning to deliver a simple message, and that message can be summed up by reading a quote from our President when he was a former Senator dealing with the issue that we will face in the upcoming months when it comes to raising our debt ceiling. As then-Senator Barack Obama stated on the floor of the Senate: "Leadership means that the buck stops here. Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better."

Mr. Speaker, I stand firmly here today to tell you that I do believe over the next 90 days that this will be the critical moment of this Congress, that this will be the critical moment in our Nation's history when we either succeed or we fail. And I will heed Senator Obama's words because the buck will stop here in this Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, the question we face with raising the debt ceiling is a very