

would call a press conference at marine headquarters in Washington, D.C. and you would invite the families of John Brow and Brooks Gruber, you would present the two wives, Connie and Trish, on your stationery, exactly, Mr. Speaker, what I just read, this would bring a tragedy to a close.

I'm going to continue to beat this drum, Mr. Speaker, for as long as I can because the dead cannot speak for themselves. If we the living do not speak for the dead and tell the truth, how can you ever correct a mistake if we don't take this upon ourselves?

Mr. Speaker, the last point before I close, I want to read this. This is from the attorneys Brian Alexander and Francis Young. These two attorneys went to an administrative judge, and the lawyers for Bell-Boeing were there, and they made this point on April 8, 2000:

There was no emergency procedure or recovery technique for asymmetric VRS. The pilot manual lacked adequate content, accuracy and clarity. Because of incomplete development testing there was insufficient explanatory or emphatic test to warn pilots of the hazards of operating in this area. The pilot manual was plagued with inaccuracies that degraded flight operations and contained performance charts provided by the developers which did not reflect actual conditions.

Mr. Speaker, Bell-Boeing, after the lawsuit, had an experimental pilot named Tom McDonald who spent 700 hours in the air trying to figure out how you respond to vortex ring state. He figured it out. He won the Kincheloe Award, which is only given to one experimental pilot in this country per year, because he solved the problem of vortex ring state—VRS—what pilots are supposed to do when they hit that VRS state.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that the commandant of the Marine Corps, who I have great respect for, will do what is right for John Brow, Brooks Gruber, and actually the 17 marines in the back of the plane that crashed and issue the letter that I just read for the record to the two wives, do it in a public setting, bring the press in and say that the Marine Corps does not forget its dead.

It is so simple, Mr. Speaker, that you will never believe how many people have said to me in this 10-year journey: Why doesn't the Marine Corps do it? I can't explain it. The lawsuits are over. The plane is safe. The V-22 is safe. Nobody's trying to take it out of the program. But for the families of John Brow and Brooks Gruber, this is the right thing to do. In my humble opinion, the Marine Corps is so well respected and thought of in this Nation that they would be even revered more if they would say to Colonel John Brow, to Major Brooks Gruber and their families, you did your job, you did it to the best of your ability. We regret that you were not prepared, but it was not your fault that you were not prepared. It was a rush to get this thing completed by Bell-Boeing and the United States Marine Corps.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the staff for staying later tonight. I knew that I could convey my heart in about 25 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to be on the floor from time to time with the photographs of these two young marine officers. I wish I had the 17 that were in the back of the plane, but I don't.

With that, Mr. Speaker, as I always do when I think about our troops over in Afghanistan and Iraq, I close by asking God to please bless the families of our men and women in uniform. I ask God to please bless those who have given a child dying for freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq. And I'm going to ask God tonight to please bless this effort to clear the names of John Brow and Brooks Gruber. I'm going to ask God to please bless the House and Senate, that we will do what is right in the eyes of God for his people in America. I ask God to please bless Mr. Obama, that he will do what is right in the eyes of God for the American people. And three times I will ask God, please, God, please, God, please continue to bless America.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BURTON of Indiana (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today and the balance of the week on account of family health problems.

Mr. FORTENBERRY (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today and the balance of the week on account of official business.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of a death in the family.

Mr. HEINRICH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of family illness.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 5740. An act to extend the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 18, 2012, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 4045. To modify the Department of Defense Program Guidance relating to the award of Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence administrative absence days to members of the reserve components to exempt any member whose qualified mobiliza-

tion commenced before October 1, 2011, and continued on or after that date, from the changes to the program guidance that took effect on that date.

H.R. 4967. To prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 31, 2012, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6174. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket No: FEMA-2012-0003] [Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8223] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6175. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2012-0003] received April 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6176. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — World Trade Center Health Program Requirements for the Addition of New WTC-Related Health Conditions (RIN: 0920-AA45) received April 25, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6177. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2011-0577; FRL-9343-4] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6178. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Underground Storage Tank Program: Approved State Program for the State of Oregon [EPA-R10-UST-2011-0097; FRL-9615-4] received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6179. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2012-0182; FRL-9345-4] received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6180. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR 3) for Public Water Systems [Docket No.: EPA-HQ-OW-2009-0090; FRL-9660-4] (RIN: 2040-AF10) received April 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.