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WELCOME TO THE REVEREND DR. FRANK RICHARDSON

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

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce our guest chaplain, Dr. Frank Richardson.

Dr. Richardson currently holds positions as assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and staff psychologist, Outpatient Psychiatry Department at Baltimore's Kennedy Krieger Institute. In addition to his current responsibilities, he brings to us rich life experiences as a Methodist minister of 9 years in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, a board member of Baltimore's Hamden Family Center, work with the Catholic Charities Programs in San Diego, and as a chaplain intern for a number of schools and hospitals in Massachusetts.

This blend of experiences offers us a unique perspective of faith reflecting a wide variety of pastoral views, regional differences, all focused on the special care we must bring to each other and especially our children.

It is our honor to have Dr. Richardson and his family with us today.

RADIOACTIVE WATER

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, safe, clean drinking water is something that many people often take for granted. Unfortunately, Nevadans may not have the luxury of assuming that their drinking water is safe or clean anymore. Recently, groundwater tests near the Nevada test site showed levels of radioactivity that were 25 times higher than allowed under the Federal safe drinking water standard. EPA studies have confirmed that due to the high volcanic activity in Nevada, radioactivity from deep within the earth's surface has surfaced and entered the groundwater supply.

This is a real and serious environmental threat for Nevada, the Nation's

third most seismically active State. Yet, Madam Speaker, there are some who still support the development of a permanent nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, which is located right in the middle of this volcanic activity. I for one will not support risking the health of millions of people and millions of children who merely want a cold, nonradioactive glass of water to drink.

I yield back the dangerous and illogical plan to shift nuclear waste to Nevada.

PERMANENT TRADE RELATIONS FOR CHINA

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

Mr. ROEMER. Madam Speaker, today the President of the United States sends up the permanent normal trade relations bill to the United States Congress. This will be one of the most important trade and foreign policy votes not only of this Congress but maybe of our careers. I would hope there would be bipartisan support for this bill, bipartisan support for making sure that we change the status quo today.

Right now, China has access to our markets. We do not have fair access to the Chinese markets. Under this new bill, we give up nothing and we get new access in agriculture, telecommunications, industry across the board to the Chinese markets. If we are going to support in a bipartisan way constructive engagement with the Chinese as five previous Presidents, Democrats and Republicans, have done, we need to engage the Chinese when we disagree with them on human rights and the Catholic Church. We need to engage the Chinese on the trade deficit. But we must pass this permanent trade relations act in a bipartisan way.

HONORING CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER TEAMS FROM 16TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor two more championship soccer teams from my district, the Downingtown Whippets and the West Chester Henderson Warriors.

The Downingtown varsity boys triple A soccer team are the 1999 Pennsylvania State champions. These young athletes from a traditional sports powerhouse worked hard to build themselves into a trophy-winning team. I want to congratulate them on their success.

The Henderson varsity girls triple A soccer team holds the State girls

championship. These ladies have continued a tradition of winning for Henderson. They have been State champs 4 out of the last 5 years. Two years ago they not only won Pennsylvania but were ranked number one in the Nation.

I am proud to say that both of these outstanding teams are from Chester County, Pennsylvania. They will be here tomorrow to receive the congratulations of many.

So three teams, Octorara boys double A, Downingtown boys triple A and Henderson girls triple A, all from my congressional district, congratulations. You have made Chester County proud.

ABOLISH THE TAX CODE

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, the tax code accounts for 24 percent of the cost of an American-made automobile. Now, think about it. You buy a car made in America for \$20,000 and \$5,000 of it goes to satisfy the tax code. Beam me up. I say, let us throw the tax code out; let us abolish the IRS, pass a flat 15 percent savings tax. No more tax on education, savings, investment, corporations, capital gains. And one last thing. No more forms, no more IRS. Congress, let us handcuff the IRS to a chain link fence and flog them with the income tax code.

I yield back the millions of audits and gouging of the American taxpayers.

URGING PASSAGE OF AID PACKAGE TO COLOMBIA

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Madam Speaker, in a few weeks, the House will consider a supplemental appropriations bill that includes a much-needed comprehensive aid package to Colombia. The purpose of this package is to help that nation fight its war against the narco-terrorists that threaten its very survival.

We must help the Colombians fight the drug lords because in the process it will help us take Colombian drugs off our own streets. Right now, 80 percent of the cocaine and 75 percent of the heroin which enters this country this day comes from Colombia.

While I believe that we must do our part to reduce the demand here, helping the Colombians fight the narcoterrorists where they live will slow the flow of drugs which are poisoning our own communities. Choosing not to help, as we did last fall, will only embolden the drug lords, who, in the absence of a comprehensive aid package, could more openly and freely continue peddling death to the American children.