

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take issue with the United States Mint's misguided decision to denigrate our Founding Father in their current advertisements promoting their new \$1 coin.

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A current television advertisement campaign has an image of George Washington dancing in a night club. And here is an ad from last Sunday's Washington Post which shows George Washington with two drinking women. Here is one from last Thursday in the same newspaper, the Washington Post, which shows George Washington with the phrase, "Change Happens."

Now, we all know the origin of this phrase, blank happens, and it is disgusting. I can say with complete certainty that our first President would not approve of this portrayal of himself.

And it gets worse. The Mint has initiated a \$45 million advertising campaign of which this is a part. That is the taxpayers' money. These funds come directly out of the Treasury Department's budget. I am quite sure this money could be spent on more productive activities.

Mr. Speaker, it is no wonder many of today's youth have little or no knowledge of our Founding Father and first President, George Washington. This type of treatment by our own Government agencies only goes to further denigrate the image of one of our greatest citizens, and this advertising campaign should be halted immediately.

SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS LIMIT

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues have heard of eliminating the Social Security earnings penalty. Well, we are finally doing it today.

It has been a long fight for our seniors, but today we are going to vote to end the Social Security earnings penalty.

The gentleman from Texas (Chairman ARCHER) has been working on that issue since 1973, and I have been working on it since I got in the Congress in 1991.

Our seniors deserve the right to work without being penalized by the Federal Government. Senior Americans are diligent, experienced, productive; and they want to work without the fear of losing their Social Security benefits.

This country was built by Americans of all ages who labored to realize their dreams. We have always rewarded work in America; and it is high time we rewarded, not penalized, our seniors for their hard work.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

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

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the University of Wisconsin's men's basketball team on their first Final Four appearance in 59 years. The Badgers got to the Final Four by winning the Western Regional in the NCAA Tournament over the past 2 weeks.

Led by head coach Dick Bennett, the Badgers pulled off three upsets in a row to make it to the Final Four. The Badgers' style of play proves that defense wins basketball games.

Wisconsin may not be known for having the best athletes in the tournament, but they advanced with a patient and disciplined offense, a tenacious man-to-man defense, and a great deal of heart and perseverance.

The Wisconsin Badgers have exceeded many people's expectations in getting to the Final Four this year. In fact, along with the North Carolina Tar Heels, they are the lowest seed to reach the Final Four since 1986.

Wisconsin's tournament wins can be credited in part to the defensive pressure of Mike Kelley, the three-point sharp shooting of Jon Bryant, and the great front court offensive play of Andy Kowske.

Wisconsin faces a tough assignment on Saturday when we go up against the Michigan State Spartans. I wish the Wisconsin Badgers the best of luck in Indianapolis this weekend in their quest to bring Wisconsin its first championship since 1941.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, March 21, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed are copies of resolutions adopted on March 16, 2000 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Copies of the resolutions are being transmitted to the Department of the Army.

With kind personal regards, I am,
Sincerely,

BUD SHUSTER,
Chairman.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 27, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on March 27, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits a semiannual report on payments to Cuba related to telecommunications services.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

PERIODIC REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO UNITA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) that was declared in Executive Order 12865 of September 26, 1993.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 27, 2000.

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on March 27, 2000 at 4:29 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to UNITA/Angola.