

gentleman from Texas (Mr. SANDLIN), and myself traveled to Bosnia with Senator HUTCHINSON to visit the Texas National Guard's 49th Division and observed Easter Sunrise Services with our Guard in Tuzla.

We had the opportunity to examine the operating situation of U.S. forces in Bosnia. We were accompanied by General Russell Davis, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, but also our General in Texas, Daniel James of the Texas National Guard, to observe the Commanding General Robert Halverson in the 49th Texas division.

I personally had the opportunity to visit with Colonel Tom Roman who, in his real life, is a lieutenant in the Houston Police Department, who is currently serving in the division. Frankly, we have three Houston police officers who, not only serve Houston during their regular jobs, but are now serving in Tuzla, Bosnia, serving our country with the 49th Division.

For the first time in history, we have a National Guard division who is in charge of a regular Army unit in Bosnia.

I am proud of the outstanding job our troops are doing in helping bring peace to this ravaged war-torn area. They have been successful in stopping the killing of women and children and trying to bring stability to that area.

They are serving our country with honor and are proving that the Guard is a reliable part of our Armed Forces.

Let me just show for national television the T-shirt that shows the Eagle Base with the 49th Lone Star Texas Division emblem on it. Thank you.

AMERICANS DESERVE MEANINGFUL TAX RELIEF

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

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, we return to Washington to be about the business of the American people. During our district work period, in the 6th Congressional District of Arizona, an area in square mileage almost the size of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, one of the largest districts in the country, not only geographically, but also now as we do the estimates on representing close to 1 million people, I was pleased that close to 1,000 people joined my family and me at a tax relief rally April 15.

Despite the talk of the pundits here on the banks of the Potomac, the American people understand, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON) alluded to it earlier, it is not the other people's money, it is not the government's money, the money belongs to the hard-working taxpayers of the United States.

We owe it to the people who work hard and play by the rules to make

sure that their money, our money is spent the right way. The best way to spend it is to put it back in the hands of people who earned it. Meaningful tax relief, we have offered it in terms of ending the earnings penalty for seniors. We hope that others will act on the marriage penalty as this body has done. The American people deserve more of their hard-earned money.

GOP BUDGET INVESTS IN EDUCATION TO HELP OUR KIDS LEARN

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

Mr. COOKSEY. Mr. Speaker, for America to remain competitive in the 21st Century, we must improve public schools and help children reach their full potential. I have a particular outstanding, I think many outstanding schools in my district, but today I have the Ruston Junior High School students in town.

That is why the Republican budget proposal increases our commitment to public education so that today's children will be tomorrow's leaders in America and around the world. Republicans are providing \$2.2 billion more in the elementary and secondary education funding over the last year's level. That is an increase of almost 10 percent, and more than \$20 billion over the next 25 years or over the next 5 years.

We need new solutions to help students learn, not just more money. That is why Republicans want to give parents and local teachers, not Washington bureaucrats, more control over Federal education dollars. That is why we need to expand education savings accounts to help students get out of failing schools. The Republican budget means more resources and a brighter future for millions of America's children and students.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OVER-POWERS IN ELIAN GONZALEZ SAGA

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, most people apparently felt Elian Gonzalez should have been returned to his father. However, regardless of what anyone felt about custody, the actions of the Justice Department were ridiculously excessive in busting into that home in Florida in the early morning hours several days ago.

To send in officers in full riot gear, brandishing submachine guns was something a Federal police state would do. It was something that we would have expected in some Communist dictatorship, but not here.

The picture of that officer pointing a gun at Elian and that fisherman is something that should have shocked and saddened everyone. Taking the law into its own hands just after it had been severely criticized by a U.S. Court of Appeals, not waiting for the next scheduled court hearing just a few days away, the Justice Department has shown once again that it has grown far too arrogant, far too abusive, far too big and really out of control.

Mr. Speaker, if we do not drastically decrease the size, power, and especially the funding of the Justice Department in the years ahead, the freedom of all Americans will be in jeopardy.

ENCOURAGING TRADE IN VIETNAM

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

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, last year I went to Vietnam with Hal Rogers, chairman, at the behest of Pete Peterson, who is the ambassador, and was asked to raise the American flag over Ho Chi Minh City for the first time for over 25 years.

On that trip, I met with the prime minister, Communist prime minister in Hanoi, and I asked the prime minister, "Why do you not get involved in trade?" In perfect English, the Communist prime minister said, "Congressman, we are Communist. If we get involved in trade, we will be out of power as Communists." At that moment, I said trade is good.

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If we take a look at whether there are problems with the trade with China, whether it is humanitarian or whether it is with national security issues, it is in our best interest. That is why Taiwan supports trade with China. They want China in 20 to 30 years to move in a direction of pro democracy, not back to a totalitarian Communist State.

Regardless of how one feels on the trade issue, both human rights and national security, it is in the United States' best interest to support the trade with China.

IRANIAN SHAM TRIAL

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to alert my colleagues to the ongoing sham trial of 13 Jews in Iran. Iran's judiciary said on Monday that suspect Hamid "Danny" Tefileen had confessed to passing classified information to Israel's Mossad, and Iranian state television broadcast an interview with Mr. Tefileen in which he stated he had been trained in Israel. It is obvious, Mr. Speaker, that his confession was coerced since the defendant's court-appointed attorney noted there was no