PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KUYENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained attending my son's high school graduation and missed rolcall votes 302–310. If I had been here, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roclcall 303: No (delaying implementation of Department of Veterans' Affairs VERA system).
Roclcall 304: No (striking prohibition against dredging until National Academy of Sciences study complete).
Roclcall 305: No (prohibiting designation of ozone non-attainment areas).
Roclcall 306: No (prohibiting administration of Communities for Safer Gun Coalition).
Roclcall 307: No (shifting funding from space station program to increase the number of new low income housing vouchers).
Roclcall 308: No (prohibiting Department of Housing and Urban Affairs from implementing settlement agreement with Smith and Wesson).
Roclcall 309: Yes (final passage).
Roclcall 310: No (withdrawal from World Trade Organization).

PRAYER AT FOOTBALL GAMES

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, June 16, 2000, in order to fulfill official commitments in my district on Friday, I took the last plane from Washington to my California district. I missed the following record votes and would like to place in the Record my position on these issues:

- Roclcall number 285, present; rolcall number 286, yes; rolcall number 287, yes; rolcall number 288, no; rolcall number 289, no; rolcall number 290, yes; and rolcall number 291, no.

GARY GRAHAM

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, in the bicentennial year, we celebrate the Constitution, which thoughtlessly neglects individuality. "The First Amendment to the Constitution prohibits the Federal government from creating any law prohibiting the free exercise of religion. Yet the Supreme Court ruled on Monday when it ruled against free voluntary speech. Rather than preserving our rights, the court eroded them, and they ensured years of costly litigation for lawyers."

But I hope, yes I pray, if I am allowed to do so, that one day this decision will be overturned also.

GARY GRAHAM

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, in the Bible, justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream. But in Texas, it is just a trickle. Is it not ironic that, in the State of Texas, a juvenile is tried as an adult, but in Connecticut, an adult is tried as a juvenile?

Texas has executed more juvenile offenders than any other State in America. Another 26 juvenile offenders now sit on Texas' death row. George Bush boasts of his international experience. Well, his death row experience has put Texas right in line with Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Democrat Republic of Congo as executionists of juvenile offenders.

A Federal court has already stated that there is significant evidence to support Gary Graham's claim of innocence.

Why not let the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles review the new evidence? Should George Bush kill Gary Graham? He could very well be killing an innocent man. Or does George Bush want to follow in the footsteps of his "Willie Horton" father to win brownie points in a close election?

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TOOMEY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

RESPONSIBILITY OF HIGH GAS PRICES FALLS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, many Americans are becoming very upset about the great and tremendous rise in gas prices around the country, and certainly they should be upset about this. Let me just point out a few things though.