

on their annual fund-raising event to benefit young people with drug addictions.

Proceeds from this year's event, Footy's All-American Wing-Ding, will also go to firefighter relief efforts for the September 11 tragedies. For the past 15 years, funds raised by the annual Wing-Ding go toward Here's Help, an organization headed by Steve Safron and John Kross, which provides drug abuse treatment programs.

Footy's Wing-Ding extravaganza has enabled Here's Help to offer hope to those who suffer from drug addiction, and has assisted in building a residential drug treatment facility in south Florida. Through his perseverance and charisma, Footy has made the annual Wing-Ding a popular and successful event.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be part of this worthwhile benefit, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Y-100 and the participants of Footy's All-American Wing-Ding for their assistance to our youth and our country's relief efforts.

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

(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, like many Americans, on Sunday, October 7, I left church to find that Operation Enduring Freedom was underway; that is, America's war on terrorism. The Taliban had their chance to cooperate. Instead, they chose to protect terrorists.

The United States had no choice but to serve justice for the nearly 7,000 lives lost on September 11. But this is not just about Osama bin Laden, this is about any regime that harbors terrorists, and they will suffer the same fate as the Taliban.

Mr. Speaker, as a veteran of two wars, no one knows better than I that on Sunday America started a different kind of war with a different kind of enemy. This war is going to take a long time, perhaps years. We must, we will, be patient.

This is not a war against Islam. That is why more than 40 countries in the Middle East, Africa and across Asia have offered to help the United States. They, too, are disgusted with the horrific images of September 11.

We are fortunate to call our great Nation the land of the free and the home of the brave, but freedom is not free. This is a war, a war against terrorism. That is why we will fight. That is why we will win. God bless our America.

DRUGS AND TERRORISM

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support President Bush's stellar leadership during these difficult times. His compassion, integrity, and sound judgment sound brightly as critical steps are taken to combat terrorism at home and abroad.

This is a different kind of a war and a different kind of enemy, but many of the problems have been with us for a long time. Drug-related income funds the Taliban regime by as much as \$50 million per year. Clearly, drugs fund terrorism. I chair the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, and am a member of the Speaker's Task Force for a Drug Free America. The relationship between drug traffic and terrorism is undeniable not only in the Middle East, but in South America. The war on terrorism must coincide with our efforts to end the illegal drug trade.

Mr. Speaker, drug use is not a victimless crime. It funds the murder of our own people.

RESPECT OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

(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, I was utterly speechless to read a news report from the San Diego Times dated September 29 that an unnamed Pentagon source had revealed that Secretary Rumsfeld was considering enacting an emergency provision to suspend the payment of \$100 a day to U.S. servicemen and women who have been deployed for more than 400 days in 2 years, a pay provision mandated by this Congress and one which this Congress has already refused to revoke.

Once again we are sending our young men and women into combat. They fly, fuel, arm and operate ships worth billions of dollars, and they risk their lives and the lives of others daily. Yet despite all of that, our Secretary of Defense does not apparently deem it appropriate to pay them what they are worth. We can give billions of dollars to the airlines, but not to young men and women in our military.

Sadly, our Nation does not have a good record with respect to the treatment of its men and women in the military. Many have returned from Vietnam poisoned by Agent Orange, and many Vietnam veterans now live on our city streets as beggars. The thanks of a grateful Nation to our young men should also acknowledge the fact that they and their families will be taken care of by our government.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members not to wear

communicative badges while engaging in debate on the floor of the House.

NEW TRIBES MISSIONARIES

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of three courageous, humble men, three missionaries with New Tribes Missions of Central America, who served God and the people around them in a truly heroic way: Mr. Mark Rich, Mr. David Mankins, and Mr. Richard Tenenoff worked in a small village in Panama along the Colombian border.

In January of 1993, armed guerillas from the FARC kidnapped these three men in front of their wives, young families and friends and held them hostage. Reliable reports now suggest that the men were shot a few years after being taken into captivity.

The service of Mark, Dave and Rich and their families in moving to a region of the world fraught with violence and difficulty in daily living when they could have stayed in the United States and lived a comfortable life is a great example to their children and to this Nation what it means to give of ourselves and take seriously the words "To whom much is given, much will be required."

This past weekend, a memorial service was held mourning the loss and celebrating the lives of these faithful men, indeed, men for whom the world is not worthy.

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VOICING SUPPORT FOR AIR STRIKES AGAINST TERRORISTS

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

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my voice to the chorus of support for President Bush's air strikes against those who are harboring terrorists in Afghanistan. Over the past month, the President has shown amazing leadership and moral fortitude in directing our Nation through this time of crisis. He has also shown extreme patience by gathering the necessary information and carefully setting up the framework and the foundation before launching strikes.

We have planned carefully and acted decisively. I think of the famous adage, "Beware the fury of a patient man."

Like President Bush, we must also exercise patience. We are in a new kind of war, both in scope and timing. We must be prepared to make sacrifices for the long haul if we hope to win the greater war on terrorism. We must be confident that action is being taken,