

get this benefit. It is what a grateful Nation should do and has always done. We do not owe these returning veterans a favor but must repay one.

#### FAIRCHILD INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, it takes determination, ingenuity and hard work to succeed in the global economy. In the Fifth District of North Carolina, I have recently seen how a growing manufacturing firm, Fairchild Industrial Products Company, is sustaining high-skilled jobs, creating new products and increasing American exports.

Fairchild has about 100 employees, and it manufactures highly engineered pneumatic controls for industrial processes. About 45 percent of its products are shipped to overseas markets. Fairchild achieves world class quality because its management really listens to the employees on the front lines through discussions on continuous quality improvement. At every company, it is crucial for managers to listen to the ideas from those who know the manufacturing process best, the employees, who day in and day out work on the assembly lines and on the shop floor.

Fairchild had suffered some setbacks in recent years, but now, with support from Allied Capital Corporation, it is growing again, paced by double-digit growth in exports. Every Fairchild product that is shipped overseas helps reduce America's trade deficit abroad and sustains high-quality jobs here at home.

Madam Speaker, the success of Fairchild shows how American manufacturing can get back on to the path toward growth. I am proud this strong North Carolina company is showing how American manufacturing can compete and win in the global economy.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY PRIVATIZATION

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

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, President Bush has invented an immediate Social Security crisis, but his privatization proposal does nothing to solve his invented crisis.

Why would President Bush propose a Social Security privatization plan that leaves the program worse off after he is done with it? Madam Speaker, the President does not want to fix the Social Security program we have had in place for the past 70 years. Instead, he wants to privatize it. He talks about creating an ownership society, but his proposal creates an on-your-own society.

Madam Speaker, for 70 years, Social Security has improved the lives of millions of Americans. Without it today, two-thirds of America's seniors would be living in poverty. Social Security gave our parents and grandparents independence. Democrats are willing to work with the President in a bipartisan fashion to address Social Security's future, but we simply refuse to support the President's privatization proposal that dismantles the independence Social Security affords our senior citizens today and our children when they retire in the future.

We will work with the Republicans on trying to deal with the Social Security problems that exist in the future, but we cannot support privatization.

#### RECOGNIZING STRENGTH OF IRAQI AND AFGHAN WOMEN IN DEVELOPING DEMOCRACIES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as a member of the Congressional Iraqi Women's Caucus, I am honored to recognize the bravery and strength of Iraqi and Afghan women today in developing democracies. In the face of great danger, the women of Iraq and Afghanistan are displaying tremendous courage.

In January, Iraqi women risked their lives to participate in Iraq's first free elections in over 50 years. After the votes were tallied, their bravery was rewarded, as over one-third of Iraq's newly elected legislators are women.

The liberation of Iraq delivered hope and a future to Iraqi women, and they are helping to turn the promises of democracy into realities for their children and grandchildren. Today, a group of Iraqi and Afghan women are visiting the halls of Congress. I am pleased to celebrate their accomplishments and encourage them to continue their work for freedom and democracy.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

#### LIFETIME STOP THE VIOLENCE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lifetime Stop the Violence Week. One-third of American women report being physically or sexually abused by a husband at some point in their lives.

One critical step we can take in Congress is to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act this year, which will add very important services for immigrant, rural, disabled and older women.

As we celebrate International Women's Day, I would like to share my concern for the violence against women worldwide, including those women in Ciudad Juarez. Approximately 400 women over the past 10 years have been murdered and sexually assaulted there. It is time for both our governments to come together and find a resolution to these heinous crimes.

Today, also, I am reintroducing a bipartisan resolution focusing on the murders of these young women in Ciudad Juarez. I hope my colleagues will join me this week in wearing their Lifetime scarves and their ties and speak out against the violence against all women throughout the world.

Yes, indeed, we are going to have visitors today from Afghanistan and Iraq, women who have been elected to office. We need to support them and ensure that freedom and democracy reign throughout the world.

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY IS NOT BROKEN

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, a large number of people are on the Hill this week from ACORN, one of the most effective grass-roots community organizations in America. The group I just met with told me one thing. They said, Tell the President if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Add to it, but do not fix it. Of course they were talking about Social Security that has been the lifeline for millions of seniors in our country since its inception.

Madam Speaker, I will just repeat what ACORN told me: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

#### TEN COMMANDMENTS EMBODY AMERICA'S RULE OF LAW

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, the Supreme Court cases, *Van Orden v. Perry* and *McCreary County, Kentucky v. ACLU* seek to remove the Ten Commandments from government property. These cases represent a concerted effort to ignore the central role and contributions of religion in American history and culture.

In 1854, Congress studied the assertions that America is a Christian Nation. They concluded, "The Founding Fathers had no fear or jealousy of religion itself nor did they wish to see us an irreligious Nation."

The Ten Commandments are a historical and cultural embodiment of America's commitment to a government based upon the rule of law. The