

she is receiving is imminently well-deserved, and I know this is merely the first step of many bright years ahead.

BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 16, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4437) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, while there is much in this bill that concerns me, I will vote for it because its primary purpose is to make necessary improvements in securing our borders, which I think is needed as part—but only part—of immigration-reform legislation.

To be frank, however, if this bill represented our last word on immigration reform, I would vote against it. By focusing exclusively on the question of border security and immigration enforcement, the House Republican leadership is ignoring the most difficult and challenging aspect of immigration reform, namely the question of how to deal humanely and effectively with the estimated 8–11 million illegal immigrants currently living and working in this country.

Moreover, I am not in favor of making every man, woman and child who overstays a visa or resides in this country illegally a criminal. By making any violation of immigration rules a criminal rather than a civil offense we may only end up discouraging law enforcement from discovering real threats of terrorism or violent criminal conduct. Driving illegal immigrants deeper underground, even more than current law, which keeps them in the shadows, is a terrible tactic if our overarching goal is national security.

So, Mr. Chairman, there are some strong reasons for voting against this legislation. It offers no full solution to the problem of illegal immigration; it is unnecessarily punitive toward otherwise law-abiding individuals, and it unwisely commits this country to the construction of a costly border fence that many security experts believe will divert resources away from more important homeland security needs.

My readiness to support this bill was also reduced by the rhetoric of some who are most vocally in support of it. There is perhaps no more divisive issue in our country than immigration, and sadly, the tone and content of much of the debate in the House has only fueled the division. I discussed the tone and substance of this debate with a good friend and colleague from the Republican side of the aisle and found that we agreed that the House was missing an opportunity to unite the country and pass a sorely-needed comprehensive immigration reform bill.

Despite these concerns, I will vote in favor of this bill because we have to make necessary investments in border security and enforcement. The 9/11 Commission has rec-

ommended increased immigration enforcement personnel, stronger surveillance, tougher entry-and-exit procedures and the use of better technologies to enhance our border security. This bill addresses these concerns and I favor all of these provisions.

Finally, I am convinced that reassuring the American people that we have taken strong action to strengthen enforcement and secure our borders is a necessary predicate for the harder and more complicated task of addressing the problem of existing illegal and undocumented workers.

With stronger border security and enforcement established we can work with the Administration and our colleagues in the Senate to build a consensus for the harder task of clarifying the status of existing illegal immigrants, most of whom are hard-working and otherwise law-abiding people, in a humane and thoughtful way that will protect children, include guest-worker needs and establish a fairer process for legalized entry. If that effort succeeds—as I think it can and am convinced it must—the result not only will be better than the bill before us, it will be a measure that deserves to be sent to the President for signing into law.

HONORING NORTH METCALFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 6TH GRADE ACADEMIC TEAM

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the North Metcalfe Elementary School 6th Grade Academic Team for their participation and high achievement in the Kentucky Colonel academic competition on December 3, 2005. In this competition, students competed in written assessment categories of math, science, language arts, social studies and arts and humanities.

In these categories, team members placed first and second in math and second in language arts. Collectively, the team went home as first place Kentucky Colonels Quick Recall Champions and placed second in the overall competition, defeating six other teams. Together, they demonstrated great academic prowess, teamwork and sportsmanship before a regional audience, representing competitive values that make Kentucky proud.

I would like to commend Kristen Compton, Price Bell, Lindsey Coomer and Chandler Staggs for their accomplishment. I would also like to recognize their coaches, two fine educators, Angela Welsh and Rachel Dial. I am very proud to represent these students, teachers and their families.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the North Metcalfe Elementary School 6th Grade Academic Team for their achievement and wish them continued success in their promising future years.

IN HONOR OF CORPORAL ANTHONY THOMAS MCELVEEN

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a courageous young man who died while serving our country in the war in Iraq. Corporal Anthony Thomas McElveen, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, was killed by enemy action while conducting combat operations on December 1 in Fallujah, Iraq.

On behalf of the people of the 9th Congressional District of Georgia, I wish to extend condolences to Corporal McElveen's family and friends, and especially to his widow Carrie who resides in my district.

I also extend the thanks of our state and nation to a brave Marine and his family for their sacrifice in keeping the fight for our freedom on foreign soil. Corporal McElveen's courage, dedication to duty, and willingness to pay the ultimate price to preserve his country will never be forgotten.

Semper Fidelis.

HONORING MR. TERRY R. ADAMS FROM ASHLAND, OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight and commend the service of Mr. Terry R. Adams, a resident of Oregon's Second Congressional District, for his service to his community and the nation as a member of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents. Mr. Adams recently completed his term as the president of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents and had previously served in many positions of responsibility in the Association for more than 18 years. Mr. Adams has also served the insurance industry in many positions at the state level, including as president of the Oregon/Idaho state affiliate.

Mr. Adams has been recognized by his peers for his service in the industry, having twice been honored as the Professional Agent of the Year by the Professional Insurance Agents of Oregon/Idaho, first in 1996 and again in 2001. Terry is a principal of Reinholdt & O'Harra Insurance in Ashland, Oregon, where he has spent his professional career advising consumers about how to obtain the best insurance coverage for their needs.

Mr. Adams' dedication to the highest standards of professionalism as a professional insurance agent has earned him the respect of friends, colleagues and the insurance industry as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to rise today to share with my colleagues the good work that Mr. Adams has done throughout his career as a member of the insurance community, and again congratulate him on the completion of his term as the president of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents.

STEVE BELICHICK (1919–2005): AN AUTHENTIC COACH AND FATHER

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Steve Belichick (1919–2005): an Authentic Coach and Father.

There have been many great images from the New England Patriots dynasty. Tom Brady embracing his teammates after yet another fourth-quarter touchdown. Adam Vinatieri raising his hands after yet another game-winning kick. The Krafts hugging one another after yet another Super Bowl victory.

But the image that might stand out the most is the Gatorade-dousing of Bill and Steve Belichick moments before the Patriots would defeat the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX. For many New Englanders, it was the first time they had seen Steve Belichick—the man who every New Englander would like to thank for fathering and mentoring the best coach in football.

And like in his 33-year career as an assistant coach at the U.S. Naval Academy, Steve Belichick would need someone else to draw our attention to him, even at a moment of extraordinary personal success. He was his son's role model, and his son was on the verge of coaching the Patriots to an unprecedented third Super Bowl victory in 4 years. It was a moment that any father would savor, and likely in a way that others would detect.

But Steve Belichick never sought public attention recognition of his work, be it his innovative game-plans, exceptional scouting reports, or the invaluable lessons he taught his accomplished son. Instead, he craved the background, the behind-the-scenes world unseen to fans and media, and the world where he would consistently win the high praise of those "in the know." And like any truly substantive professional, Steve Belichick would take enormous personal satisfaction in obtaining the respect of his peers—the very respect that would often elude more celebrated coaches.

Doubtless for that reason, Steve Belichick had remained out of our sight until the camera caught others showering him and son in victory. It is much the same reason why Bill Belichick often deflects praise and attention. It is simply not the Belichick way of doing things.

When Steve Belichick passed away on November 19, 2005 at the age of 86, it was fitting that we remember him as reluctantly tasting success. And it was fitting that he be with his son.

It can be said that a father always dreams of being less accomplished than his own child, because there is no greater accomplishment for any father.

It is a lesson that Steve Belichick has taught us well.

HONORING JENNIFER INMAN

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jennifer (Stelmach) Inman,

an exemplary community leader and citizen from my district, who was recently named Alumna of the Year at Western Kentucky University.

A 1994 graduate, Jennifer was active in Alpha Gamma Delta, Spirit, and numerous other campus organizations while earning her BS in Agri-Business. Jennifer returned to her hometown of Owensboro shortly after graduation, where she has remained active in WKU alumni relations. She has played an integral role in revitalizing the Owensboro alumni chapter, first as Vice President and now as President. She is currently employed as a marketing consultant and commodities broker with Hayden-Hunt Agri-Marketing.

In addition to her career and work on behalf of WKU alumni, Jennifer Inman is a very active member of the Owensboro community serving as the Vice Chair of the WKU-Owensboro Advisory Council, President of the Daviess County Extension Council, Secretary of the 4-H council, Vice President of the Kentucky Women in Agriculture, and Chair of the Chamber of Commerce Agri-Business Committee. Jennifer is also a member of the Junior League of Owensboro, YMCA Board of Directors, Owensboro Daviess County Tourism Commission and the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center Advisory Board.

Jennifer has previously been nominated for the Athenia Award, recognizing outstanding women leaders in the Owensboro community. She has also served on the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and as Co-Chairperson for the Chamber Young Professionals.

It is my great privilege to recognize Jennifer Inman today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for her lifelong example of leadership and service. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for being named Western Kentucky University Alumna of the Year. Her unique achievements and continued dedication to her community make her an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and respect.

CONGRATULATIONS TO UMS-WRIGHT PREPARATORY SCHOOL ON THEIR 2005 4A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor UMS-Wright Preparatory School on their 2005 4A Alabama State Football Championship.

In 1893, Dr. Julius T. Wright founded University Military School and Girls Preparatory School in Mobile, AL. In the fall of 1988, both schools merged and began the school year as one. UMS-Wright Preparatory School is a K–12 school with roughly 1250 students enrolled.

Terry Curtis, head football coach and athletic director, lead UMS-Wright to their third Class 4A State championship in the past 5 years. UMS-Wright's record throughout that time has been an incredible 68 wins and only 4 losses, which translates to a winning percentage of .944. In addition, Coach Curtis has been selected as a member of the 2005 Mobile Sports Hall of Fame. Like Coach Curtis, I

am so proud of his players, and I know they worked hard for this great honor.

The UMS-Wright Bulldogs proved they are a team of champions in their victory on December 1, 2005, at Legion Field in Birmingham. They defeated Deshler 42–16 and made UMS-Wright the winners for the night and year.

Both teams had strong support from their families and fans. They traveled to Birmingham to support and cheer on their team. The fan support is a strong symbol of encouragement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating UMS-Wright Preparatory School on their perfect season and State championship. This school deserves public recognition for this great honor.

I extend my congratulations to each member of the team and coaching staff:

UMS-WRIGHT ROSTER

Tom Leatherbury, Senior; Terrell Edwards, Junior; William Harvey, Sophomore; Bobby Jones, Senior; Louis Maisel, Senior; Park Parker, Senior; Chris Carpenter, Junior; Taylor Morrisette, Senior; Brandon Gibson, Junior; Joey Bacon, Senior.

Colin Sigler, Junior; Preston Dial, Senior; Hayes Harris, Senior; Michael Scott, Junior; Taylor White, Senior; Elliott Pennington, Sophomore; Austin Hilyer, Sophomore; Edward Williams, Senior; Miller Wright, Junior; Erling Riis, Junior.

Bill Davis, Sophomore; Drew Allen, Junior; Charles Jackson, Senior; Henry Shields, Junior; Ley Bell, Junior; Blake McMullen, Sophomore; Wyatt Ison, Junior; Rashod Bumpers, Senior; Joe Grady, Junior; Brent Pettie, Sophomore.

Heath McGrew, Sophomore; Tyler Baxter, Sophomore; Robert Williams, Sophomore; Charles Munderloh, Senior; Lee Peters, Sophomore; Conrad Blunck, Junior; Cooper Perdue, Senior; Chris Ramanauskas, Junior; Crain Rogers, Sophomore; Philip Ison, Senior; Chase Cutrell, Sophomore; Howard Walker, Senior.

George Oswalt, Junior; Nelson Argueta, Sophomore; Paul Bouler, Senior; J.J. Gotlieb, Junior; Kyle Rehm, Senior; Anthony Jelercic, Senior; Walker Plash, Senior; Steven Jones, Sophomore.

Raymond Faircloth, Junior; Brooks Hieronymus, Senior; McLeod Chunn, Sophomore; Richard Wilkins, Sophomore; Cameron Gunter, Sophomore; Greg Ziemann, Senior; Kyle Ellis, Junior; and Morgan Kennedy, Sophomore.

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach, Terry Curtis; Assistant Coaches, Brett Boutwell, Rick Cleveland, Brandon Dean, Stacy Harrelson, Gerald Jones, Phil Lazenby, Eddie Roberts, Jerry Simons, Jim Sudeiha, and Don Urquhart.

A TRIBUTE TO ALAN REICH

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, December 17, 2005

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to reflect upon the public service of my friend, Alan Reich, who passed away on November 8, 2005.

In 1962, Mr. Reich was 32 years old, a former athlete and Army officer. That year, a swimming accident left him a quadriplegic. Despite this life-changing event and the challenges that quadriplegia brings, he returned to