

Jake Swihart, Brad Nauman, Jamie Swihart, and Dakota Wenzel; sophomores Garret Gehringer, Trent Verwers, Chris Darr, and Gage Gavin; and freshmen Eddy Kraber, Luke Ancil, and Travis Seymour. These young players have been expertly coached by Justin Dehmer, Sean Smith and Steve Westphal and have undoubtedly made them very proud.

Mr. Speaker, the pride and excitement that this team has brought to their community and to the state of Iowa cannot be overstated. Their unrelenting commitment to their coaches and teammates speaks volumes of the Iowa work ethic and the rewards of working together. It is truly an honor to represent the players, coaches and families of this team in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these state champions and wish them continued success on and off the field in the future.

PROCLAMATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Bishop Miles and First Lady Helen Fowler are celebrating fifty years (50) in marriage today in Lithonia, Georgia; and

Whereas, on June 18, 1961 because of their union then, our community today has been blessed with a family that has enhanced our district, Bishop Fowler as Pastor of Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church and Mrs. Fowler as First Lady, they both are instruments in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical, economic and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God and this phenomenal and virtuous Proverbs 31 woman have given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and are beacons of light to those in need, they both have been blessed with their family, their church and the DeKalb County community; and

Whereas, Bishop and First Lady Fowler are distinguished citizens of our district, they are spiritual warriors, persons of compassion, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their family, but with our District their passion to improve the lives of others; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Bishop Miles and First Lady Fowler as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary, fifty (50) years in marital bliss;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 18, 2011 as Bishop Miles and First Lady Helen Fowler Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of June, 2011.

BUDGET CONTROL ACT OF 2011

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Budget Control Act of 2011, S. 365.

First, with all the conflict and frustration surrounding this vote, I'm reverting to basic principles. One of which is, "don't negotiate with thugs." It's been long obvious that we have no partner with whom to negotiate; only a party that started as our comrades in government, then our colleagues, who evolved into our opponents, declared themselves our enemies and now demand that we be their enablers. I refuse to play.

Thugs are in the game to destroy, not build. They would destroy the government, and especially this presidency. They take hostages, and there is much work at stake that would be their next targets. It will be endless. The president has given into all of their demands, and they remain insatiable. It's time we starved the beast. Then . . .

They came to Washington they say committed not to do business as usual. Then they demanded that we protect every loophole, every billionaire and every greedy element in our society except those who need some help.

They set-up something that is their fail safe. I call it the "Kevorkian Commission" that will deliver the poison if in November, we don't volunteer to do it ourselves.

We Democrats in the House were not at the table, and we wind up on the menu.

There are arguments that are valid and good for voting "aye." But I didn't come to this place to forget the homeless, the hapless and the hungry.

The most vulnerable in our society don't watch their 401K plan, the Dow Jones Industrial Average or the futures market. Their future is getting through till tomorrow. They are more concerned about having a roof than they are the national debt ceiling. They need jobs, nutrition, education and encouragement. The time we've spent on this debate would indicate that we've bought into the trickle-down theory.

Here's what I know: the people I came here to help need real help. Their lives and future are really endangered. What happens to us people with portfolios, and Wall Street watchers is scary, but conjecture.

Sounds hokey, but I'm voting for what I came here to do.

PROCLAMATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Mr. Hank Stewart, a tenacious and poetic man from Jacksonville, Florida utilizes his gifts, talents and wisdom everyday to ensure that citizens are inspired and lives are touched; and

Whereas, Mr. Stewart is a renowned poet, motivator and community leader in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, he founded the Hank Stewart Foundation based on strengthening the whole child—mind, body and soul; and

Whereas, this model citizen has shared his time and talents for the betterment of his community and his Nation through his tireless works, words of encouragement and inspiration that continue to be a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this

day to honor and recognize Hank Stewart for his outstanding leadership and service to the citizens in the state of Georgia and on the 20th anniversary of becoming a poet and the 10th anniversary of his White Linen Affair;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 30, 2011 as Hank Stewart Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, This 30th day of July, 2011.

HONORING LACY AND DOROTHY HARBER

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful couple from Denison, Texas, and outstanding community leaders—Lacy and Dorothy Harber. I have known Lacy and Dorothy Harber for many years and they are beloved and respected for their outstanding philanthropic work, generous spirit, and many contributions to their community. Knowing people like Lacy and Dorothy—and gratitude for their close friendship—is a great part of the benefits I receive as a Member of Congress.

This year the Harbers were awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, presented by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations. Each year, NECO honors "remarkable Americans who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage . . . creating a better world for all of us in the future by the work they do today."

The Harbers are in good company, joining past winners of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, including Presidents George H.W. Bush and Gerald Ford, Rosa Parks, and Bob Hope.

The couple's desire to help others springs from Lacy's humble beginnings. His father was a city bus driver and his mother cooked in a school lunch room. With four children in the family, Lacy, at the age of seven, began selling popcorn at baseball games.

From an early age, Lacy also suffered from severe scoliosis which, left untreated, would have likely prevented him from walking as an adult. At the time, the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas was developing new treatments for physically challenged children without charging for service. The hospital provided treatment for Lacy for nine years, and when he reached high school he was able to take his back brace off and compete on the track team.

Lacy learned from any early age the value of hard work and the understanding of what it means to do without. Through hard work, Lacy has become one of America's most successful entrepreneurs, and the couple has used their good fortune to improve the lives of those around them.

Lacy and Dorothy, who have been married over fifty years, wholly own the American Bank of Texas, but take no profits from the business. Rather, the profits go to charities and to those less fortunate. They have been known to pick up restaurant tabs for fellow patrons, hand out \$100 bills, provide fishing and