

modernization and renovation of family quarters and of course bachelor or single person quarters.

Also on the hardware side, we funded eight C-17's for the next fiscal year. I am pleased to hear that the Air Force has decided to request a total buy of 120 C-17's over the next several years. That is important because of the threat we face. It is important because we have brought many of our military people home from overseas. And when regional conflicts occur, it is important to be able to get back there. So this additional capability is something which I believe is much needed.

In addition to that, we continually send carrier groups to sea. The protection, the defense for those carrier groups is a system known as the Aegis system which is incorporated on our destroyers built here in this country, and in the gentleman's district from Mississippi, I might add. And these destroyers, which will be funded this year, will provide for three new Aegis destroyers which I might again say are state-of-the-art ships.

We have also provided for an additional 20 fighter and attack aircraft, 20 new Army helicopters, and we propose to spend \$110 million to modernize the M-1 tanks.

I might just say on this last point that it is especially important inasmuch as we saw what tank technology did for the American soldier during the last war in the Middle East. The new threat for tanks comes not from the front of the tank, not from the rear of the tank but from new weapons that have been developed to kill tanks from overhead. So it is of vital importance that this goes into place as well.

So, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to bring these items to the attention of the Members, and hopefully within the next few weeks we will be in a position to vote finally for this defense authorization bill.

EDUCATION FUNDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina [Mrs. CLAYTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, if young people are the gateway to the future—and they are—education is the key to gaining access through those gates.

Many young people in America have made a choice—a choice to get an education, to get a job, and to pursue a career—a choice that gives them a chance.

The Republican Party now wants to take that chance from them—to take their choice.

Last year, millions of students held jobs under work study, got low interest loans, did not have the burden of paying interest on their loans while in school, and received grants.

Many will not have those opportunities next year.

In total, over the next 7 years, more than \$10 billion will be taken from col-

lege students and given to the wealthiest Americans. They call these cuts a savings.

I call it a tragic loss for America's future.

What is education? Education is knowledge. Education is development. Education is knowledge and development acquired through a process.

The process is one that takes time, and it takes a commitment of resources. Since the process of education is a necessary path to good citizenship, then it is clear why, here in Washington, in the Congress, we are making the fight to preserve education.

However, rather than promoting education some have an extreme agenda—obstructing education.

They go too far in cutting Head Start by \$137 million—abandoning 180,000 children nationwide and almost 4,000 in North Carolina.

Healthy Start is being cut by 52 percent—exposing infants and children, in the very dawn of their lives, to the perils of infant mortality and other threats.

Children can not learn if they are hungry—yet the Republicans are cutting \$10 billion from nutrition programs, including the school lunch program. This is not promoting education.

Title I is being cut by \$1.1 billion—denying critical basic and advanced skills assistance to 1.1 million students nationwide and 20,500 students in North Carolina. Twenty-two million dollars of title I funds will be cut from North Carolina next year.

They go too far in cutting Drug Free School funding by 59 percent—this program is currently used by 129 of the 129 school districts—and almost a million children in North Carolina.

The program is designed to keep crime, violence, and drugs away from students and out of our schools. And, the Republican majority wants to gut the program.

The Goals 2000 Program is completely eliminated—381 schools in North Carolina will be denied this vital program.

And, more than 40 States have already signed onto Goals 2000, seeking higher standards for our schools.

Despite the Republicans, we have a chance through education and training to build a better and brighter future through our young people.

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TRIBUTE TO GREEN CHIMNEYS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. AL-LARD). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. KELLY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time to acknowledge the ongoing commitment of an organization in my community called Green Chimneys.

Green Chimneys is a nonprofit agency that successfully adheres to its mission to provide care and concern for all living things. This center, located on 150 acres of farm land in Brewster, NY, is a treatment center and special education school for emotionally disturbed and learning disabled children. The rural setting provides a therapeutic environment which helps children learn to work out their problems. By incorporating the rehabilitation of orphaned or injured animals into their daily regiment each child can learn to feel needed and gain a sense of purpose and responsibility. As a result, Green Chimneys is teaching both the children and the animals how to survive in their natural habitat.

This fine organization has found a way to reach troubled youths without dipping into the pockets of the taxpayers. Their innovative solutions to address problems in the Hudson River Valley is not only admirable but is extremely commendable.

A perfect example of Green Chimneys' work is Eddie Lugo. Eddie, 14, was sent to Green Chimneys by the Manhattan Family Court because of his threatening and abusive behavior toward his family. Three and a half years later, he is leaving Green Chimneys with the desire to become a police officer or veterinarian because he doesn't like people who mistreat other people or animals. Eddie is only one of hundreds of children who have been helped by Green Chimneys. What better legacy could an organization like this hope for?

At this time I would like to thank all of those involved in Green Chimneys, whether it is a donation of time or money, for ensuring that the future of this country is in good hands. However, I would like to especially single out their director, Dr. Samuel Ross, whose tireless support has been invaluable to our community. It was Dr. Ross who sent me this hat. And I would urge all my colleagues to give Green Chimneys a big tip of the hat to this extremely worthy organization. They are truly the epitome of America civic-mindedness and compassion, and for this I say, "Thank you" not only as your Representative but also as your neighbor.

THE TERRIBLE RESULTS OF REPUBLICANS' WELFARE REFORM PACKAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, today the Executive Office of the President, the Office of Management and Budget, released a report describing the impacts of both the House-passed welfare bill and the Senate-passed welfare bill and, most importantly, its impact upon the children of this Nation. This report notes that those two pieces of legislation can have a very severe