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Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, as coalition forces enter the fourth week of military action to disarm Iraq and liberate its people, we have seen daily reminders of heroic actions. These men and women answering the call to duty have served with distinction as they continue to advance, freeing those long oppressed and removing once and for all the threat posed by Saddam Hussein and his weapons of mass destruction.

While I stand here to salute the service of all those now serving, among those is one man whom I had the honor of nominating, along with my former colleague Carlos Moorehead, to the Air Force Academy in 1992. Captain Chris Wachter, who graduated in 1997, currently serves as a pilot aboard a B-1B Lancer, the backbone of America's long-range bomber force.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, following the intelligence reports that indicated a possible sighting of Saddam Hussein, Chris piloted his B-1B to a location where four satellite-guided bombs were dropped on target. It serves as one example of the tireless dedication, determination and professionalism of our men and women in uniform.

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Mr. Speaker, the price of freedom is never free and there are more days and dangers ahead. I stand with the American people united in support of our troops and in remembrance of those who paid the ultimate price in this fight.

A CLEAR SIGN OF DESPERATION

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, our Republican friends are desperate. House and Senate Republicans are so far apart on their tax proposals that GOP leaders are actually considering writing two reconciliation tax numbers into the budget resolution. That is an outrage. It is unprecedented, and it is a farce; and GOP leaders have no one to blame but themselves.

Senator GRASSLEY, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, is quoted as saying: "It's a pipe dream to think you can get above 350 (billion dollars) without dramatic changes of position." In response, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), majority leader, warns that House Republicans may reject the budget resolution that fails to include the President's tax proposal, and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) added: "It probably would not be the worst thing in the world to not have a budget resolution." Imagine that. One year after hammering, hammering Senate Democrats for failing to pass a budget, congressional Republicans say that is not such a bad idea after all. Situational ethics. My, oh,

my, how Republicans have changed their tune.

THE 88TH OBSERVANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, between 1915 and 1923, the Ottoman Empire systematically murdered more than 1.5 million innocent Armenian men, women, and children; and 500,000 Armenians were compelled to flee their homes and escape into exile. This crime constituted a heinous milestone in modern evil. It was the 20th century's first recorded instance of genocide. This tragedy, this crime against humanity, must be remembered by all people of good conscience, lest only evil men remember and be tempted to repeat this horrific lesson of history. For in fact, while most of the civilized world resisted acknowledging this mass murder, one barbarian at the gate did not; and that is why on the eve of his own paroxysm of mass murder, Adolph Hitler blithely remarked: "Who today remembers the annihilation of the Armenians?"

Mr. Speaker, on the 88th observance of one of human history's greatest tragedies and most savage crimes, we have the vile Herr Hitler's answer. We remember the murdered Armenians. Today. Tomorrow. Forever.

BUDGET IMPACT ON HEALTH CARE

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my dismay at the budget. It is being pushed through this House by Members on the other side of the aisle. The Republican budget resolution cuts over \$90 billion from Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program, the S-CHIP program, better known as Healthy Families in the State of California. This provides 30 million children with coverage in their health care. The cuts will put health care coverage in jeopardy for one in five children under the age of 18.

In California, we already are experiencing a disaster in terms of health care at the fringes. We need to do more to restore that assistance for low-income families, for seniors, for children, especially for services like dental care, physical therapy and diabetes management. None of us would want to go without these services. So why should we force the most vulnerable populations to go through this? The Democratic budget provides \$10 billion in fiscal relief for Medicaid, programs for low-income seniors and children.

I urge my colleagues to pass a real budget before we leave for our break.

UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT OF DR. SALAI TUN THAN BY THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on a matter of great importance to my constituents in Athens, Georgia, the unlawful imprisonment of Dr. Salai Tun Than. Dr. Tun Than is a graduate of the University of Georgia and is being held as a political prisoner by the Burmese Government for making a pro-democracy speech. He is 74 years old, in poor health, and may not live through the ordeal of imprisonment. The Burmese Government is a military dictatorship. It does not respect the individual freedoms that we as Americans hold dear. Matthew Daley, the State Department chief for the Bureau of East Asia and the Pacific testified on the conditions in Burma before the House Committee on International Relations last month. He said: "The military dictatorship in Burma severely abuses the human rights of its citizens. There is no real freedom of speech, press, assembly, association, or travel. Patterns of abuse are even worse in ethnic minority areas."

Mr. Speaker, the situation in Burma is unacceptable. We must work to stop this regime from imprisoning political dissidents and work toward a freer nation for all Burmese citizens. I call on the Burmese Government for the immediate release of Dr. Salai Tun Than.

CONGRATULATIONS TO UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of women's basketball and to specifically congratulate the national champion University of Connecticut Huskies for the outstanding job they did last night in defeating the University of Tennessee, an equally great program. This victory underscores the importance of title IX and what it means to women's sports. And on the way, the University of Connecticut has distinguished itself. Coaches Auriemma and Dailey, athletic director Perkins, and the entire program along with the Lady Huskies deserve our admiration for the inspiration that they have provided each and every one of us. They make us so proud in the State of Connecticut.

And by the way, I am happy to collect my wager from the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FORD), a soon-to-be someday President of the United States who I will be able to say at some point lost his wager on Tennessee and had to pay up because of the University of Connecticut.