

which they have had nothing but an anemic wage growth.

David Rosenberg, chief economist at Merrill Lynch, said, "The income from the recovery has been locked up in the corporate sector. We have had a redistribution of income to the corporate sector."

The concentration of wealth has been accelerated by the President's economic and tax policies. A study cited by New York Times found that Americans are being taxed more than twice as heavily from earnings from work as they are from investment income, even though more than half of all investment goes to the wealthiest 5 percent of taxpayers.

While this administration has been cutting taxes for the wealthy, the rest of America have been literally going from paycheck to paycheck. Health care costs have gone from \$6,500 for a family of four to \$9,000 in less than 2 and a half years. College tuition costs increased in the year 2001 by 10 percent; 2002 by another 11 percent; and last year, 14 percent, all the while Pell Grants and other assistance for college have been frozen. \$180 billion has been lost in 401(k) net worth and savings plans, and we are putting a squeeze on middle-class families.

What we face today is the end of the middle class as we know it. We ended welfare as we know it because it was a failed system. This administration has an economic policy that is ending the middle class as we know it. As President Bush seeks reelection, he can say he has kept his commitment to the wealthiest of America, and the other 99 percent has made out just as he planned.

This administration has two books, two sets of values, two sets of priorities, a single economic strategy that divides a country along class lines. If we want to live in a country without class divisions, we cannot deny middle-class families the same dreams of affordable health care, quality education, and a safe place to live that the most fortunate in this country have today. A government that pays no heed to that gap between the rich and the middle class does so at its own peril. To quote Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, "We can either have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we cannot have both."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FEENEY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to utilize this time for my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kansas?

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO HON. STAN W. CLARK OF OAKLEY, KANSAS

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to pay tribute to a man of principle and faith who nobly devoted his energies to the service of others. Today, we mourn the death of Kansas State Senator Stan Clark of Oakley, Kansas, who was tragically taken from us as a result of a vehicle accident this past Saturday.

I had the honor of serving alongside Stan Clark in the State Senate for 2 years of his decade of service. As I and many of his colleagues will attest, Senator Clark was unwavering in his pursuit of issues based upon principle. He deservedly earned a reputation for being a conscientious and dedicated legislator. As peers, we valued his thoroughness in considering each piece of legislation and his deliberate, detail-oriented analysis of policy affecting his constituents. He always knew more about pending legislation than any other member of the State Senate.

Stan dedicated himself to public service on behalf of Kansans, and especially those who call northwest Kansas home, and he did it with conviction and purpose. The fact that Senator Clark sought elective office is in itself unusual. He had to convince the leadership of the Dunkard Brethren Church that public service was an appropriate calling for a Christian, for his church firmly believed that a person must not be conformed to this world. I cannot imagine a congregation that can be more proud of a decision to allow a member of their church to pursue public office. Stan did not conform to the things of this world but worked to transform the world and to perfect the will of God.

A lifelong Kansan, Stan was always true to his roots. He lived a life guided by the morals and values we in Kansas hold dear. He was motivated to do the right thing in each and every circumstance. In today's partisan arena where there is too much Republican this and Democrat that, Stan put people above politics. Although Stan was not always able to convince everyone of the rightness of his position, nor was he always in the majority when the votes were cast, he treated every person with dignity and respect.

His humility and his warm, genuine grin, which originated deep within his heart, won him the love of friends and the respect of opponents. He lived his life striving to follow Paul's instructions in Romans 12:

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly to one another with

brotherly love, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer, given to hospitality. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no evil for evil. If it is possible, live peaceably with men. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

In a speech just a few days before his death, addressing those gathered at a Vietnam moving wall displayed in his hometown of Oakley, Kansas, Stan told his neighbors his thoughts about death and as a result his thoughts about life. These are his words.

"Thinking about death produces a true love for life. When we are familiar with death, we accept each day and each week as a gift. This acceptance helps us to see all human life as priceless. Only when we are able to accept life, bit by bit, does it become precious. Only this awareness of death creates true inward freedom from material things. When we look death in the face, we overcome ambition and greed and the love of power and the fear of losing material things. When we look at ourselves, we realize how weak and misguided we can be. If we have not had the thought of death, we cannot achieve an inward freedom to live. When we bury death's control over our own lives and experience freedom and peace of mind, life becomes a gift that we can share with others."

After his commitment to his faith, most important to Stan was his family. He devoted endless love and attention to his wife, Ruth, and their son, Will. Most common was Stan's dedication to balancing public responsibilities with a commitment to quality time shared with his family.

Today I join his many friends and admirers in extending my deepest sympathies to Ruthie and her family during this time of loss. Stan, you will be greatly missed by me, by my family, and by our many friends and your constituents, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

HOW COULD BUSH ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN SO WRONG ABOUT IRAQ?

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, a question that should be asked here in Congress but there is resounding silence from the majority because they do not want to embarrass the Bush administration is how could the Bush administration have been so wrong about Iraq? How could they have been so wrong about the nonexistent weapons of mass destruction, about the nonexistent mobile biological warfare laboratories, about the fantasy that American troops would be greeted with flowers and there would be an immediate transition to a robust democracy in Iraq,