

**PRAISING THE EFFORTS OF
TEXAS DOCTORS AND NURSES**

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

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, over the past couple of weeks, we have certainly seen our share of bad news.

One little bit of good news, though, has come out of the State of Texas. Texans, always known for their friendliness, have opened their arms and their hearts to their neighbors to the east.

Madam Speaker, this hurricane was unlike any of us have ever seen before and I pray that none of us will ever see again: 90,000 square miles of devastation along the Gulf Coast, over 1 million people displaced from their homes. Now, a quarter of that population, 250,000, are in the State of Texas.

Madam Speaker, I am proud of Texas, and I am especially proud of Texas doctors and Texas medicine. Spending time in the shelters in my district last week, I was so impressed with the doctors and the nurses who are volunteering, giving of themselves, to attend to those who are less fortunate. Texas doctors and nurses indeed stepped up to the challenge, whether it was the residents of John Peter Smith Hospital, the faculty at the University of North Texas at Fort Worth, or in the city of Dallas, itself, where they received 17,000 individuals in the space of one Saturday afternoon.

Many of these were people who suffered from chronic illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension, who had been off their meds for several days; but of that 17,000, only 200 required hospitalization, truly a remarkable feat.

**HURRICANE KATRINA MENTAL
HEALTH RELIEF ACT**

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, as a former psychiatric nurse, I rise to express concern for the mental health needs of the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The State of Texas reported last week that 9.2 percent of the Katrina evacuees in Texas need mental health assistance. Approximately 5 percent have serious mental illness. At least 11 percent of the children suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Last week, I introduced H.R. 3708, the Hurricane Katrina Mental Health Relief Act. This bill would dedicate 10 percent of the disaster relief funds for mental health services to victims and first responders. It is supported by the National Mental Health Association, the National Alliance of Mental Health, American Psychological Association, American Public Health Association, American Psychiatric Nurses Association, American Association of Social Workers, the National Council

for Community Behavioral Health Care, and the Mental Health Care Association of Dallas.

I invite my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

**KUDOS FOR MEDICAL LEADER DR.
NEIL WARD**

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Neil Ward on the occasion of his upcoming retirement from the American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery.

Dr. Ward has been a caring and passionate practitioner of medicine for over 30 years, holding every leadership position in the 12,000 member international organization which specializes in treating patients with problems of the ears, nose, and throat.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona, Tucson, in 1956, Dr. Ward served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force; and following discharge in 1959, he decided to devote his life to helping and healing others. He came to Washington, D.C. to attend the George Washington School of Medicine with the goal of becoming a physician and making a difference in people's lives.

Not only has Dr. Ward made a lasting mark on his community as a doctor; he has also inspired a new generation of physicians as a lecturer and teacher and has advanced science and medicine through his published papers. It is my privilege to salute a fellow physician and respected colleague and join in congratulating him on his retirement.

**CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
PREVENTION ACT OF 2005**

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, tomorrow the House will consider a very important bill to safeguard the children of this Nation from sexual predators and sexual violence: the Children's Safety Act of 2005.

Yesterday, I introduced the Child Pornography Prevention Act of 2005, with its intention to protect children from pornographers who seek to exploit both their youth and vulnerability.

The purpose of my legislation, the Child Pornography Prevention Act, is to ensure that children are not exploited in the production and distribution of pornography. Additionally, the bill provides increased protection to the victims of child pornography and strengthens the hand of law enforcement in investigating and bringing charges of obscenity in child pornography cases.

We specifically in my bill close a loophole that exists in Federal law

today that allows pornographers who produce child pornography at home with digital cameras, Polaroid cameras, or video cameras downloaded on their home computers to actually escape prosecution. The Pence legislation makes clear that these activities are within the purview of Federal law enforcement so that prosecutions of these so-called home child pornographers may move forward in district courts.

It is time to protect the kids. It is time to move the Children's Safety Act, and it is time to pass the Child Pornography Prevention Act as part of it tomorrow.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CAPITO). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

**SPORTFISHING AND RECREATIONAL
BOATING SAFETY
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2005**

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3649) to ensure funding for sportfishing and boating safety programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund through the end of fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3649

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Amendments Act of 2005".

TITLE I—CORRECTIONS TO THE SPORTFISHING AND RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY ACT OF 2005

SEC. 101. EFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-59) is amended—

- (1) by striking section 10112(b)(2); and
- (2) by inserting after section 10101 the following:

"SEC. 10102. EFFECTIVE DATE.

"The amendments made by this subtitle shall take effect October 1, 2005."

(b) TEMPORARY PRESERVATION OF EXISTING LAW.—Except as provided by the amendments made by title II of this Act, during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2005, and ending upon the expiration of fiscal year 2005, the provisions of law amended by the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2005 (as amended by this Act) shall be considered to read as such laws read immediately before the enactment of that Act.