

D.C., with the Navy flag, recognizing that Michael Bitz gave his life for this country and that Michael Bitz was a Marine, a proud Marine.

Mr. Speaker, what we are trying to do in this House of Representatives, in a bipartisan way, is to say that this is a partnership and has been for the history of the Navy and Marine Corps, and that both should be recognized equally as a team.

And I bring to the floor again to show you what could happen, and would happen if Michael Bitz's family had received this citation of his bravery in Iraq, and that we had a Department of Navy and Marine Corps, what you would have, Mr. Speaker, and what it says here is, the Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps, and it has the Navy flag and it has the Marine flag. That is what we are trying to do in this House of Representatives is to pay respect to the team. The team is a Navy and Marine Corps team. And I hope that the Senate this year, after 3 years will accept the House position.

Mr. Speaker, with that, before I yield back my time, I want to please ask God to bless our men and women in uniform, to please bless the families of our men and women in uniform, and to ask God to continue to bless America.

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

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

#### COST OF THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUHLMAN of New York). Without objection, the gentleman from California is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight because in a moment, we are going to have a historical presentation here on the House floor. It is the 165th time that there has been a consistent voice about getting our troops out of Iraq and ending the war in Iraq. And I know that the voice of the distinguished colleague from California, LYNN WOOLSEY, is being listened to because, eventually, we are going to follow her advice. It is just a question of when. I hope it is not going to take another 165 days.

I would like it yield the remainder of my time to the distinguished Congresswoman representing Marin and Sonoma Counties in California for her 165th presentation on the House floor on this issue.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleague. Thank you, Congressman FARR, for those nice words and for standing here with me this evening.

Mr. Speaker, tonight I come to the floor again, for the 165th time, to discuss the costs of the occupation of Iraq. Unfortunately, we all know too well the human cost of the occupation. More than 2,550 of our brave fighting men and women have died. Nearly 100 Iraqi civilians are killed every day.

One might be able to justify these losses if the cause were justified, if Americans were safer because of our action in Iraq. Instead, the architect of the September 11 attacks, Osama Bin Laden, is still at large. The Middle East is literally going up in flames. Terrorism is increasing throughout the world.

And when we turn our eyes home to America, we see so many squandered opportunities as a result of the Iraq occupation. If we hadn't been spending nearly \$5 trillion in Iraq, just think of what we could have done to strengthen our economy and our very own people. Think of the investments we could have made in our future right here at home.

Think about the unmet needs of our children. For the cost of 15 days of the Iraq occupation, we could immunize every child in the United States against serious childhood diseases with all recommended vaccines for the cost of \$4 billion.

For the cost of almost 2 months of the occupation in Iraq, we could hire 460,000 teachers across America to lower average class sizes to 18 students, at the cost of \$15 billion.

For the cost of just over 2 months of the occupation of Iraq, we could provide basic health insurance to every American child currently making due without coverage. That cost would be \$17 billion.

For the cost of little more than 2 months of the occupation of Iraq, we could pay 1 year of tuition and fees at a 4-year public university for the 3 million high school seniors who graduated this spring.

For the cost of just over 5 months of the occupation of Iraq, this could provide a 20 percent pay raise to 3 million public school teachers.

Mr. Speaker, when will we learn?

Congress, over my objections and those of many of my colleagues, gave the President the authorization to go to war. We did not give him permission to occupy Iraq, nor did we give him permission to neglect American children and jeopardize their future.

It is time to bring our troops home from Iraq. It is time to focus on the education and health care of our Nation's children. The Congress can do this by passing my legislation, H.R. 5875, a bill to repeal the President's Iraq war powers. Tonight, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation. And I urge the leadership to consider this bill before we head home for the August break, before one more penny is wasted on occupying Iraq.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### RECOGNIZING MR. JONATHAN STRICKLAND

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from California is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an intelligent, gifted and courageous young man, Jonathan Strickland, who is a 14-year-old African American California resident who began his training to fly airplanes and helicopters at the age of 10 at Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum. This museum is located in my district at the Compton Woodley Airport in Compton, California, and is a nonprofit organization that strives to give adolescents the opportunity to reach their goal of flight. All program participants are able to receive free training, as long as they perform local community service. The museum director and an accomplished flight instructor, Robin Petgrave, saw fit to create this program that would serve youth in poverty stricken neighborhoods and provide them with a positive alternative away from the streets.

Jonathan Strickland has clearly benefited from Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum. I am proud to recognize his incredible achievements. He broke four world records in June, including being the youngest person to solo both a plane and a helicopter on the same day, being the youngest African American to solo a helicopter, and to fly a helicopter internationally. He also flew a helicopter round trip internationally.

On July 1, 2006, Jonathan successfully landed back at Compton Woodley Airport and was greeted by his family, friends, the Compton Mayor Perrodin, well wishers, the media, as well as the original members of the Tuskegee Airmen. He was also presented with an application for future employment with the Los Angeles County Fire Department Operations Division.

Ambitious and brave, Jonathan Strickland was able to live his dream because of Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum. I am proud that this wonderful program is in my Congressional district, and that it is changing young people's lives and creating ways for them to reach their potential and excel.

Jonathan's future goals include becoming a test pilot, attending the Air Force Academy, and eventually becoming a commercial pilot. And as already a world record setter, I am confident that he will surpass every goal he sets for himself.

He has recently graduated from St. Francis Cabrini School, and will enter

Cleveland High School as a freshman in September of 2006. I am anxious to see what records he will set and break as a high school student.

I join with his family, friends, his community, his supporters, and the Nation who are rightfully very proud of his accomplishments and have recognized him for his outstanding achievements.

The President has also received a letter outlining those achievements. We are extremely proud of this young man.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

May 12, 2006:

H.R. 3351. An Act to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

May 17, 2006:

H.R. 4297. An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

May 18, 2006:

H.J. Res. 83. A joint resolution to memorialize and honor the contribution of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

May 29, 2006:

H.R. 1499. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow members of

the Armed Forces serving in a combat zone to make contributions to their individual retirement plans even if the compensation on which such contribution is based is excluded from gross income.

H.R. 5037. An Act to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

June 15, 2006:

H.R. 1953. An Act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", and for other purposes.

H.R. 3829. An Act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

H.R. 4939. An Act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5401. An Act to amend section 308 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act to make certain clarifying and technical amendments.

June 30, 2006:

H.R. 5603. An Act to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

July 3, 2006:

H.R. 5403. An Act to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the safe and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes.

July 10, 2006:

H.R. 4912. An Act to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act to extend the exemption for critical access hospitals under the FHA program for mortgage insurance for hospitals.

July 11, 2006:

H.R. 889. An Act to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

July 24, 2006:

H.R. 42. An Act to ensure that the right of an individual to display the flag of the United States on residential property not be abridged.

#### SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

May 5, 2006:

S. 592. An Act to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska.

S.J. Res. 28. A joint resolution approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

May 12, 2006:

S. 584. An Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park.

May 18, 2006:

S. 1382. An Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to accept the conveyance of cer-

tain land, to be held in trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Indian tribe.

May 25, 2006:

S. 1165. An Act to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii.

S. 1869. An Act to reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, and for other purposes.

May 31, 2006:

S. 1736. An Act to provide for the participation of employees in the judicial branch in the Federal leave transfer program for disasters and emergencies.

June 15, 2006:

S. 193. An Act to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language.

S. 1235. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and extend housing, insurance, outreach, and benefits programs provided under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to improve and extend employment programs for veterans under laws administered by the Secretary of Labor, and for other purposes.

S. 2803. An Act to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to improve the safety of mines and mining.

June 23, 2006:

S. 1445. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the "William H. Emery Post Office".

July 19, 2006:

S. 3504. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the solicitation or acceptance of tissue from fetuses gestated for research purposes, and for other purposes.

July 25, 2006:

S.J. Res. 40. A joint resolution authorizing the printing and binding of a supplement to, and revised edition of, Senate Procedure.

July 26, 2006:

S. 655. An Act to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CROWLEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after noon and the balance of the week.

Mr. SALAZAR (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 4:00 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of attending a funeral.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.