

In fact, this is only one of the instances in which this Administration has thumbed its nose at the international community. There is not only an unwillingness to move forward with substantive action on global warming, there is active resistance, and, in fact, bullying of other countries. The Administration started by walking away from the Kyoto protocol. I was in Johannesburg for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002. Nothing of significance from the U.S. I went to Buenos Aires for the Conference of the Parties in 2004. Nothing of significance from the U.S. In Montreal, Harlan Watson walked out of negotiations in what was perceived in international media as a tantrum when the Administration didn't get its way. There was an agreement in the G8 that the U.S. re-engage on the issue. It did not happen.

Instead, we see not only rhetorical red herrings, but we see Enron accounting techniques being used to create the illusion that something is being done. The GAO released a report in August 2005 called *Climate Change; Federal Reports on Climate Change Funding Should Be Clearer and More Complete*. This report listed suspect activities claimed by the OMB as spending on global warming, including such efforts as the "Andean Counterdrug Initiative."

Making matters worse, the Administration advocates for dealing with global warming by advocating for nuclear power. Nuclear power has been shown to be greenhouse gas intensive, it is far less cost effective than renewables, far less polluting than renewables, and facilitates further proliferation of nuclear weapons materials. We are trading our addiction to oil and all the problems that go with it, for nuclear power and a whole new set of equally pernicious problems that go with it, when common sense alternatives are readily available or within our reach.

In the meantime, it is becoming increasingly clear that the effects of global warming are already being felt. The United Nations has declared that at least 5 million cases of illness and more than 150,000 deaths every year are attributable to global warming. The 2003 European heat wave killed over 20,000 people. The 10 hottest years on record have occurred in the last 15 years. Two consecutive record-breaking hurricane seasons.

Exactly how bad does it have to get?

IN MEMORY OF ARMY CAPTAIN
BLAKE H. RUSSELL

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a young hero from my district. On July 22, 2006, the Department of Defense declared that Army Captain Blake H. Russell (United States Army, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division) died from injuries that he suffered from an explosion while investigating a possible weapons cache in Baghdad, Iraq. Russell enlisted in the Navy in 1989 after graduating from Fort Worth Boswell High School. After completing his Navy obligations, Russell enrolled at Texas A&M University and upon graduation, he joined the Army.

His family describes Russell as a soldier who professed that he chose the military profession so "he could fight the bad guys over there so (his son) could be safe here."

Russell served with distinction during his military career which included two tours in

Iraq. In the Navy, Russell served as an anti-submarine warfare specialist as well as a Navy search and rescue team member. He joined the Army after graduating from Texas A&M in 1998. Prior to the Iraq war, he was an aide to an Army general. During his initial tour in Iraq, Russell served with the 4th Infantry Division in the Al Anbar Province. He joined the 101st Airborne Division, based in Fort Campbell, KY, in March 2005. He was serving as a field artillery officer during his last tour in Iraq and was actively involved in military operations in the Baghdad area. He earned the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart during his military career.

The American people know the sacrifices Russell made to his country and his service will not be in vain. I am proud to honor Captain Russell's service to the United States of America. He will not be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO PFC. KRISTIAN
MENCHACA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, of the 101st Airborne of the United States Army, who was kidnapped and murdered by Iraqi insurgents on June 16th in Yusufiyah, Iraq.

Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca was born on May 29th, 1983, in Houston, TX, and moved to Brownsville with his mother, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, when he was a young boy. He attended Gary Job Corps center in San Marcos, TX, where he completed the correctional officers training program in six months and earned a certificate. He married his wife, Christina, three weeks before he joined the United States Army with the goal of using his military experience to become a Border Patrol agent. Pfc. Menchaca will be forever remembered for his service in protecting the freedoms and ideals of our country and I extend my condolences to his family, and to his wife, Christina.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the service of Pfc. Kristian Menchaca in the United States Army.

HONORING JACKIE DOLLAR HARRISON, DIRECTOR OF CHILD START, INC.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Jackie Dollar Harrison on the occasion of her retirement as Director of Child Start, Inc., a Head Start program for Napa and Solano counties. Over the last 25 years, Jackie Harrison's commitment to broadening service and reaching out to communities has developed the program into one of the most respected early childhood educational programs in the country.

Mrs. Harrison was born in St. Louis, MO, but grew up in Los Angeles, where she

earned a Bachelors degree from Mt. Saint Mary's College and then her Masters from the University of Southern California. The Watts riots in 1965 devastated chronically impoverished areas in southern Los Angeles; these riots were blamed on a lack of education and opportunity. Mrs. Harrison's first job in a long career of serving the under-served was as a pre-school teacher and curriculum specialist in the areas most impacted by rioting. Her work with marginalized and under-represented groups continued as a special education teacher serving children with autism and other learning disabilities in central Los Angeles.

Mr. Speaker, when Jackie Harrison arrived in the Napa Valley to direct the child care program, things began to change. The development of a Head Start program, new pre- and post-natal care efforts, and expansion into Solano County were direct results of Jackie's aggressive leadership. In 2000, Jackie led the innovative conversion of Napa-Solano Head Start into an independent non-profit corporation, which now operates as a nationally recognized model for others to follow. Jackie has emphasized kids' education not only through the programs, but has worked with parents and other community organizations to ensure that learning continues in the home.

Mrs. Harrison once said, "Anything about me, I want to be about the program." Mr. Speaker, by that measure, 2005 was an extraordinarily good year. Child Start, Inc. was recognized as one of the 40 top programs of its kind in the nation, it was the "Distinguished Program" recipient for California, it received a national "Program of Achievement Award", and Jackie herself was recognized with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the National Head Start foundation. These testimonials to the success of her program are a well-deserved acknowledgement of Jackie's vision in transforming children's education and opportunities in the Napa Valley.

Mrs. Harrison has been an active leader for the Napa Valley and the State of California, sitting on boards and helping direct the development of organizations that support the welfare of those whose voices are so often drowned out in our society.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Jackie Dollar Harrison for her remarkable achievements in a career distinguished by visionary and aggressive leadership for the welfare of our nation's children.

TRIBUTE TO THE D.J. JACOBETTI HOME FOR VETERANS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an institution in my district that serves those who have served the rest of us. The D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, MI, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary Rededication next month. My district is home to more veterans than any other Congressional District in Michigan. As such, the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans has been indispensable to many of my constituents.

The D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans was rededicated in 1981 and was named after Dominic J. Jacobetti, the longstanding Chair of

the Michigan House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. Representative Jacobetti was widely acknowledged as an effective advocate for veterans and for all of northern Michigan.

Before this important facility was established in Michigan's Upper Peninsula (U.P.), the only places for a U.P. veteran to go for long-term care were Michigan's Lower Peninsula or Wisconsin. Only after veterans organizations in the Upper Peninsula advocated for and requested this facility did the state of Michigan, with help from the Federal Government, establish the Jacobetti Home for Veterans. With the establishment of the Jacobetti Home for Veterans, Michigan became one of the first states to have two full-service, long-term care facilities for veterans.

It is important to note that the Jacobetti Home prides itself on truly being a home, not just a long-term care facility. The fact that the Jacobetti Home refers to its residents as "members" reflects the philosophy that has guided the Jacobetti Home over the last 25 years. The staff of the Jacobetti Home does not refer to residents as "patients" or "guests," but as "members," a title that underscores that residents of the Jacobetti Home for Veterans truly belong to a larger U.P. community.

The Jacobetti Home provides a ceramic shop, chapel, puzzle room and a solarium. The staff and veteran volunteers of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans provide members with outings and classes almost daily. With the help of volunteers, watercolor, woodworking, and sewing classes are offered as are shopping trips, picnics, and a host of other activities.

As of May of this year, the Jacobetti Home for Veterans had served 1,950 members. This impressive number is a glowing testament to the hard work and dedication of the Jacobetti staff who have been tireless in their efforts to serve Upper Peninsula veterans.

Dr. James Heron deserves enormous credit for leading the Jacobetti Home for nearly two decades in a dual capacity as both Director and Medical Administrator. Brad Slagle, the Director of the facility since August of 2005, deserves our support as he leads the organization into the future.

As the 25th anniversary of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans draws near, I would also like to salute the great number of individuals who volunteer thousands of hours each year to keep the Jacobetti Home for Veterans running. Almost every year, I attend the Jacobetti Home for Veterans' annual volunteer appreciation banquet to recognize the countless hours volunteers at the Jacobetti Home give to this veterans facility. I am pleased to note the roster of volunteers grows every year. Only a few years ago, area citizens contributed 10,000 volunteer hours per year to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. Today, volunteer hours have increased to approximately 14,000 hours per year.

Volunteers help with the annual Jacobetti trip to the U.P. State Fair, as well as dinner nights and fishing trips. Volunteers put on Christmas parties, New Year's parties, Vegas nights and bingo. The Jacobetti woodshop is run by volunteers. Volunteers are also critical to the fundraisers that keep the Jacobetti Home operational. So, as all of the Upper Peninsula prepares to celebrate this 25th Anniversary, I tip my hat to the many volunteers

who contribute so much personal time to make the Jacobetti Home such a special place for our veterans to live.

These values of volunteerism, community and a responsibility to those who have sacrificed for our country are just a few of the things that make the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans special. Mr. Speaker, as we honor our brave fighting men and women serving abroad in Iraq and Afghanistan, it is important that we not forget them when they return home. In that spirit, for 25 years now, the Jacobetti facility has truly been a home for those who have served our country. Given the unique spirit of volunteerism and community service exhibited by the staff and volunteers of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, I know we can expect the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans to be serving today's soldiers, when they are tomorrow's veterans, 25 years from now.

Mr. Speaker, I close by asking that you and the U.S. House of Representatives join me in paying tribute to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, a facility that truly serves those who have served all of us. In this time of conflict, it is more vital than ever that we retain those values of volunteerism, community and responsibility—values that the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans truly exemplifies.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SCOTT
SULLIVAN AND JOELLE JARVIS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Scott Sullivan and Joelle Jarvis for their unparalleled commitment to serving others. Sullivan and Jarvis founded the Corps of Compassion, a grass roots organization that is helping families in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The organization is founded on the belief of people helping people, and making a difference right now.

Scott and Joelle founded the Corps of Compassion after hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated portions of the Gulf Coast. Their efforts to reach out and assist thousands of displaced Americans from these tragic events have inspired so many to help their fellow citizens. Since the hurricanes, the organization and its volunteers have provided numerous resources and services. For example, the Corps of Compassion has coordinated and sent one dozen tractor trailers to Louisiana. These trailers were filled with food, baby products, medical supplies, paper goods, clothing, water and furniture for the hurricane victims. The organization in conjunction with Feed the Relief helped and funded almost 10,000 hot meals for first responders in New Orleans.

This incredible organization has also raised close to \$400,000 in monetary donations for emergency assistance and collected over \$1,000,000 in goods and donated services for disaster victims. As a result of their ongoing efforts, the group was named by the Las Vegas Review Journal as the "Best Community Organization of 2006". In addition to donating goods to people, Corps of Compassion has helped many families through case management by connecting them with legal information, tax help and informing them of the aid for which they qualify.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Scott Sullivan and Joelle Jarvis. Their work with Corps of Compassion has enriched countless lives thrown into turmoil following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I applaud them for their service and wish them the best with their continued mission.

A BLUEPRINT FOR NASA?

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I made the attached statement in the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee of the House Science Committee, regarding the National Academy of Science's Decadal Plan for Aeronautics on July 18, 2006.

Thank you Chairman Calvert, Ranking Member Udall, and members of this subcommittee for the opportunity to speak today about aeronautics. Under your leadership, this Congress has been tremendously supportive of aeronautics and I am grateful for that. I am also grateful to my colleague, Representative JoAnn Davis who has fought for strong aeronautics programs.

NASA's role in aeronautics is fundamental. Its research is important because NASA is able to develop long term, high-risk enabling technologies that the private sector is unwilling to perform because they are too risky or too expensive. In fact, this has historically been the role of government-sponsored research. This is true not only with aeronautics but also with pharmaceutical research, defense research, energy research, and environmental research.

When the government sponsored basic research yields information that could lead to a service or product with profit potential, the private sector transitions from research to development in order to bring it to market. While it is not always as simple as this, it is clear that where there is no basic research, there can be no development. This research has resulted in monumental innovations that affect our daily lives. Its contributions are especially significant in the areas of national security, environmental protection, and airline safety.

NASA's aeronautics programs also contribute substantially to the nation's economy. The NASA Glenn Research Center in Brook Park, Ohio, for example, is a cornerstone of the state's fragile economy and a stronghold of aeronautics research. In FY04, the economic output of NASA Glenn alone was 1.2 billion dollars per year. It was responsible for over 10,000 jobs and household earnings amounted to 568 million dollars.

Civil aeronautics is also the major contributor to this sector's positive balance of trade, contributing \$29 billion in 2005 alone. Aeronautics contributes to a stronger economy by lowering the cost of transportation, enabling a new generation of service based industries like e-commerce to flourish by performing the research that leads to inexpensive and reliable flights.

These are only a few of the reasons that the proposed cuts to aeronautics are so pernicious. Many of the recommendations by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) are already headed down the path of irrelevancy because we simply won't be able to pay for them. We will be feeling the effects of the proposed cuts—about 25% in FY07 alone—immediately in terms of economic jolts and then in the long term from the loss of innovation. In addition, the Administration's