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WAR IS UGLY BUT TYRANNY IS UGLIER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. WAMP) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. WAMP. I thank the speaker.

Mr. Speaker, tonight I come to the floor with several of my colleagues over the next hour to recognize that while even tonight we've heard these divisions on the floor from both parties and Members in each party that have differences of opinion about Iraq and the war, we come tonight to talk about the threats around the world that continue to emerge, that are real.

But before we get to the discussion about those threats and global security and the need for our country to be the leader of all of civilization, civilized countries versus, frankly, uncivilized, organizations, factions, even countries around the world who actually believe that blowing themselves up somehow is right or just. This is the struggle, and I do not think we can afford to deny the threats. I want to start first, though, by honoring the people who are volunteering to this very day to put themselves between the threat in our civilian population and serve in the uniform of our Armed Forces, first and foremost, the ones that have actually given their life for us.

Last week, over the Memorial Day district work period, I joined the families of two heroic East Tennesseans, one here in Washington at Arlington National Cemetery as I left. Sergeant First Class James David Tiger Connell, Jr., of Lake City, Tennessee, was laid to rest here in Arlington a week ago Friday for answering the Scriptural call that "no greater love hath any man than to lay down his life for a friend." And then on Memorial Day, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, I joined the family of Private First Class Travis Haslip from Ooltewah, Tennessee, to lay his body to rest. Two great American heroes who joined six other heroes from my district who have given their life for us. And contrary to what some people say, they not only did not die in vain, they joined the ranks of the

greatest Americans ever who were willing to give their life for the cause of freedom.

□ 1915

They were willing to lay it all on the line for the principles that this country holds so dear, knowing that every generation sooner or later has to face threats like this and somebody has to go and answer the call.

If you believe they died in vain, then many, many, many others through other wars throughout the history of our country also did, and I don't believe it for a second, because I know that it is those patriotic Americans that have paid the price.

I want to honor tonight Sergeant Paul Thompson III of Jefferson City, Tennessee; Sergeant First Class Stephen Curtis Kennedy of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Sergeant David Thomas Weir of Cleveland, Tennessee, and I want to talk about his mom in a minute; Staff Sergeant Daniel M. Morris of Clinton, Tennessee; Sergeant John Michael Sullivan of Hixon, Tennessee; and Sergeant Terrance W. Prater of Speedwell, Tennessee.

I want to say that Jackie Weir, Sergeant David Weir's mom, wrote me a letter which I received over the Memorial Day weekend. This incredible mom has on the bottom of her letterhead a quote from General George S. Patton. It says, "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived." This is on her letterhead. She gave her son for our country and its future.

This coming Monday, I will be privileged to join my nephew with the 181st Field Artillery Brigade as they deploy for Iraq from Chattanooga. Jeffrey Watts is my nephew, so a member of our family is going as well. May God be with all of them, protect them and strengthen them.

Because, as John Stuart Mill once said, "War is an ugly thing, but it is not the ugliest of things." He said, "The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse." He said, "A person who has nothing for which they are willing to fight, nothing they care more about than their own personal safety, is a miserable creature who has no chance of ever being free unless those very freedoms are made and kept by better persons than himself."

That is etched in my memory, because I don't believe everything John Stewart Miller ever wrote, but I agree with that, that the alternative to war sometimes is complete loss of freedom, and it is tyranny, and it is terror all the time, and it is oppression. Without the courage to fight and stand up, that is where we may end up.

It is easy to forget the timeline. I want to go through it. Then I want to recognize the gentleman from Michigan. The timeline though goes back a long time.

Twenty-five years ago, April, 1983: A suicide car bombing against the U.S. Embassy in Beirut killed 63, 17 Americans.

October, 1983: A suicide car bomb attack against the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut kills 241 servicemen. A simultaneous attack on a French base kills paratroopers.

November, 1984: A bomb attack on the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, kills a passerby. The attack was preceded by death threats against U.S. official by drug traffickers.

April, 1985: A bomb explodes in a restaurant near a U.S. air base in Madrid killing 18, wounding 82, including 15 Americans.

June, 1985: San Salvador, El Salvador, 13 people are killed in a machine gun attack in an outdoor cafe. Four U.S. Marines and two American businessmen.

June, 1985: A TWA airliner is hijacked over the Mediterranean, the start of a 2-week hostage ordeal. The last 39 passengers are eventually released in Damascus after being held in various locations in Beirut.

August, 1985: A car bomb at a U.S. military base in Frankfurt, Germany, kills two and injures 20. A U.S. soldier murdered for identity papers is found the day after the explosion.

October, 1985: Palestinian terrorists hijacked a cruise liner, the Achille Lauro, in response to the Israeli attack on PLO headquarters in Tunisia. Leon Klinghoffer, an elderly, wheelchair-bound American is killed and thrown overboard.

November, 1985: Hijackers aboard an Egypt Air flight killed one American. Egyptian commandoes later stormed the aircraft on the island. Sixty people are killed.

December, 1985: Simultaneous suicide attacks are carried out against U.S. and Israeli check-in desks at Rome and Vienna international airports. Twenty people are killed in the two attacks, including four terrorists.

I am going on and on. There are 44 incidents in 25 years by the Islamic radicals. You can deny it if you want to. You can say this is all about Iraq if you want to. But I continue.

April, 1986: A bomb destroys a West Berlin disco frequented by U.S. servicemen, killing one American and one German woman and wounding 150, including 44 Americans.

An explosion in April, 1986, damages a TWA flight as it prepares to land in Athens, Greece. Four people are killed when they are sucked out of the aircraft.

December 21, 1988: A bomb destroys Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. All 259 people aboard the Boeing 747 are killed, including 189 Americans, as are 11 people on the ground.

February, 1993: A bomb in a van explodes in an underground parking garage in New York's World Trade Center killing six people and wounding over 1,000, 1993.