

he was confronted with an accusation of treason by one of the Nation's most prominent and well-funded liberal advocacy organizations.

Last week the Senate took the appropriate course of action to officially, and in a bipartisan fashion, condemn this atrocious act on a distinguished war hero. I call on the Democrat leadership to follow the Senate's lead and allow for consideration of House Resolution 644.

The men and women of our Armed Forces have committed themselves to the defense of this Nation. I ask my colleagues, who will come to their defense when their integrity and patriotism come under attack?

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

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

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago, in a bipartisan manner, Congress enacted the Children's Health Insurance Program to provide health coverage to those who need it the most. Since that time it's been a success story providing health care coverage to 6 million children.

When I was a member of the Texas State legislature, I had an opportunity to help implement the first CHIP program in the State of Texas there in Laredo. Again, it's a story that's worked very well.

In fact, as the program grew, the number of uninsured children in our Nation has dropped dramatically, even though child poverty was on the rise and many of the families were losing their employer-based health coverage.

Unfortunately, this trend has started to reverse itself. For 2 years in a row the number of uninsured children has increased. There are now 8.7 million children in our Nation who are uninsured. Those numbers are a clear sign that Congress needs to pass a bipartisan agreement that was reached last week and will be on the floor today that will provide access to quality health insurance to 10 million low-income children.

Mr. Speaker, this is a bipartisan agreement. Again, Democrats and Republicans need to come together for the Nation's children.

BURMA PROTESTS

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, over the last several days, the world has witnessed an incredible display of courage in the face of tyranny in Burma. Buddhist monks have been peacefully marching throughout the streets of Rangoon, as well as 25 other cities throughout the country. These pious men, revered by their countrymen, are peacefully calling for an end to the

brutal military dictatorships that have held the country hostage for over four decades.

Citizens are beginning to stand in support of the peaceful demonstration, at times protecting the monks from possible violence from riot police by linking arms, acting as a human shield. The military junta has warned that it may take action against the protestors, action that has been terribly violent in the past.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today in solidarity with the people of Burma, who wish only for freedom and an end to the military dictatorship. And I call on the military regime to respect the will of the Burmese people to live in freedom.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MURDER VICTIMS

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

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims. This day gives each of us the opportunity to remember the victims of violent crimes and offer our support to their families.

As a career law enforcement officer, I saw firsthand the devastation violent crimes bring to victims and their families and to the communities where they occur. And I understand the need to defend victims rights in the aftermath of their unspeakable loss.

In honor of those victims, I'm proud to join my colleague from Washington (Mr. REICHERT) in introducing legislation to prohibit America's most heinous criminals and murderers from profiting from their crimes. Our bill, the Stop the Sale of Murderabilia to Protect the Dignity of Crime Victims Act, would fight the exploitation of criminal activity by preventing criminals from selling their wares in public auction. I can think of no better way to honor the victims of murder than supporting this bill.

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. ELLSWORTH) for his resolution, and I want to join him this morning. And I'm honored to stand here this morning as part of the first National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims to pay tribute to the memory of those whose lives have been tragically cut short through senseless acts of violence in this country. Let us and their families know that they are not alone.

Of course we must continue to devote the resources necessary to the local, State, and Federal levels to protect our communities from falling victim to future criminal acts, but we cannot for-

get those who have already been victims, particularly the victims of murder and the families that struggle to rebuild their lives after such heinous acts.

This day also enables us to recognize and thank those victims assistance organizations, like Parents of Murdered Children, that happen to be headquartered in my district in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the National Center for Victims of Crime, that provide ongoing support to the surviving families. The strength, comfort, and compassion that these organizations provide to families and friends of murder victims is immeasurable and should not go unrecognized.

I urge my colleagues to take a moment today to remember these victims and their families and the organizations that provide assistance.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESS LOST ITS WAY

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, Congress will take up a continuing resolution to fund the Federal Government after September 30. While the House has passed all 12 of its appropriation bills, Senate Republicans continue to obstruct efforts to finish the process over in the other Chamber, making the continuing resolution necessary.

In our appropriations bills, we rejected the President's most harmful cuts and made targeted investments in veterans care, education, health care, homeland security, and law enforcement. And we did this all by remaining fiscally responsible.

This is something new around here. Past Republican Congresses refused to abide by the pay-as-you-go philosophy. As a result, they turned a \$5.6 trillion 10-year surplus under the Clinton administration into a \$3 trillion deficit today.

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan summarizes the Republican stewardship of the Federal budget best when he states in his new book: "The Republicans in Congress lost their way."

Mr. Speaker, House Democrats will continue to be fiscally responsible.

FUNDING FOR VETERANS HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the continued politics being played with this year's veterans funding by the majority party. Last week, 44 Members of Congress sent a letter to the Speaker urging her to immediately bring a conference report on veterans funding before the House. Our goal was to pass this funding and avoid the political gamesmanship of the appropriation process. Earlier this year,