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PRESIDENT BUSH'S SUPPLEMENTAL \$200 BILLION REQUEST IS A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

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

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 22, 2007, President Bush requested an additional \$46 billion for U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is on top of the original \$150.5 billion requested at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2008, bringing the total amount requested to \$196.4 billion, more than 10 times the original 50 to \$60 billion cost estimated by the White House in 2002.

A Congressional Budget Office, CBO, estimate that was released on October 24 determined that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan could cost more than \$2.4 trillion, amounting to nearly \$8,000 for every American through the next decade. Notably, the war in Iraq accounts for about 70 percent of the \$2.4 trillion cost estimate.

Meanwhile, the administration is satisfied with continuing our military operations in Iraq, functioning on borrowed time and largely borrowed money. The result is a limited budget to advance our priorities at home, like aiding the increasingly unstable real estate market and providing adequate health care for our children.

Mr. Speaker, the war in Iraq continues to be mismanaged. As a senior member of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, I received testimony from Secretary Rice on October 25 regarding corruption in Iraq, private contractors and the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. Unfortunately, I must say that I walked away with very few answers.

There were very few, if any answers at all, for why President Maliki issued an executive order to stay the corruption investigation of his cousin, the Minister of Transportation.

There was no answer for why individuals in Secretary Rice's own department, such as Stuart Bowen, the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, have described U.S. anticorruption programs as lacking a strategic plan and corruption levels amounting to a "secondary insurgency" that threatens to undermine U.S. and Iraqi efforts to build a stable democracy.

There was no answer for why, according to a recent Government Accountability Office report, the United States Embassy in Baghdad, "does not have a firm plan or strategy for addressing the next steps in the development of the system," despite the substantial U.S. investment.

There was no answer for why Secretary Rice has permitted contractors in Iraq, such as Blackwater, to escape justice for crimes they have allegedly committed, blaming it on simply a hole in the United States law, while providing them with the stamp of impunity.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, Secretary Rice provided us with no answer for why, despite the United States spending over \$300 million in taxpayer dollars during the course of 2 years to improve the capacity of Iraq's ministries. And with \$255 million more sought for next year, progress has been stalled, not only by poor security, but also by pervasive corruption, a shortage of competent personnel and sectarian and political control of appointments.

Yet, despite all of these shortcomings, despite State Department's lack of ability to forestall corruption in the Iraqi Government, despite its mismanagement of paramilitary contractors, and despite the President's overall failed policy in Iraq, the President has come to Congress once again in the 11th hour requesting billions of dollars more in funding for the wars both in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mr. Speaker, under the presentment clause of the United States Constitution, Congress, having the power of the purse, has the responsibility to execute fiscal constraint and fully investigate such war funding requests, not to act with a rubber stamp, especially when the President refuses to provide adequate health care funding for our Nation's neediest children.

Therefore, as we consider the President's war budget request, we must listen to the overwhelming majority of the American people and challenge President Bush to shift from failed policies in Iraq to a strategy that is fundamentally diplomatic and weighs heavily on the assistance of the international community. We owe this to over 3,800 brave soldiers who have lost their lives in Iraq to date. We also owe this to our hardworking constituents whose tax dollars have in part continued to fund the war in Iraq.

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tleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

2007 COMMEMORATIVE COINS: LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DESEGREGATION AND JAMESTOWN 400TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, passion for collecting things as children is something that we have all gone through. Each of us has perhaps collected coins or stamps. Not everyone collects stamps, not everyone collects coins, not everyone collects insects; but all of us appreciate the value of courage. And I rise tonight, Mr. Speaker, to talk about a coin that is now available for sale on the usmint.gov Web site, the commemorative coin honoring the bravery and courage and great public service of the Little Rock Nine, the nine African American students that desegregated Little Rock Central High School in 1957. This year is the 50th anniversary of their service.

This side of the coin depicts a group of school children going to school with no other purpose than to get educated and act like kids. We sometimes forget that the Little Rock Nine 50 years ago were kids. They were children, demonstrating great bravery in trying to overcome the obstacles imposed by adults. And the coin on this side says "Liberty." The nine stars are to represent the Little Rock Nine. And it says: "Desegregation in Education, 2007, In God We Trust."

The reverse side of this coin, it is a \$1 coin, depicts Little Rock Central High School itself. It is still considered one of the Nation's most beautiful high schools.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, each year the Congress may authorize two commemorative coins. One of the coins that we authorize for sale during calendar year 2007 is this coin honoring the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School. The other one was by the late Representative Jo Ann Davis of Virginia honoring the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, our beloved colleague Jo Ann Davis, who recently passed away. Both coins tell a wonderful story.

I encourage the Members and encourage the public to go to the usmint.gov Web site and consider purchasing these coins as holiday presents, as a way to pass on the legacy of the story of the bravery of these nine students desegregating Little Rock Central High School.

One of the reasons I am interested in these coins being purchased at the usmint.gov Web site is because \$10 of

every coin purchased goes to support telling that story of Little Rock Central High School. It is now a national historic site. The school is still functioning, one of the great robust high schools in Arkansas. There is a national park visitors center there. The gas station that was there in 1957 has been restored across the street. So many ways to this story, but they can always use more money. There have been about 160,000 or so of these coins sold, and \$10 of every coin goes to help tell this story.

And this is a beautiful coin. When you see the coin itself, it's just exquisite in the detail. It is a silver dollar and they make wonderful presents. But, more importantly, they make a wonderful way of telling the legacy and telling the story of the bravery and courage of these nine children that are now adults, in their 60s, who overcame the prejudices that involved segregation of schools in 1957.

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

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana 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 gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

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

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

THE MAN CALLED BILLY

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

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I address the House of Representatives this evening.

My cousin, the Reverend Willie "Billy" Boulware, was born on August 4, 1938, to the late Roscoe Meeks and Thomasina Boulware. He passed just yesterday.

Billy always knew he was loved. His growing years were strengthened by close knit families and communities. And so when it came time for him to go to high school, a place where many come into themselves, Billy was already poised to lead.

He attended Emmett Scott High School where he briefly played football, but found a zone of his own when he joined the school band. It was there that he gained an increased level of education and friends worth fighting for.

Reverend Boulware was a son of the South, and Billy knew of the inequities that existed but refused to allow the anger and disappointment that overtook some to become the fabric of his being. Instead, he clung to the lessons learned at home, the wonder of educating himself, the promise he saw in his friends, the people living lives of purpose, and of a love of life's journeys.

Billy attended Friendship Junior College and later Benedict College, where he received his bachelor of arts degree, then Winthrop College, where he got his master's. Later he would gain a master of divinity and doctorate of divinity from Mid-Atlantic Seminary.

A desire to learn and the warmth and smile that greeted everyone he met were Billy's hallmarks and trademarks. When you met Billy Boulware, you knew instantly there was nothing to fear. His welcoming spirit enveloped a room. Perhaps that's why he became a director of a Head Start program, an initiative that seeks to provide children good beginnings, or why he was chosen to direct an alternative high school in Rock Hill, a place where the young are sent in the hopes that they might be reshaped, redirected, and shown their promise.

And ever the student, my cousin Billy was also an assistant principal at Castle Heights Middle School, demonstrating by example of his own life that it's not necessarily the position you are in, but the character that lives inside the person holding whatever position.

Later Rev. Boulware held positions of commissioner of mental health, director of the York County Planning Commission, head of the Board of Elections for York County, hearing officer for the Rock Hill Hearing District, and a York County judge. Billy knew he couldn't guarantee things, but he knew he could play a part in the administration of justice. Time and again Billy chose to serve the people of his community. And all the while he maintained his interest in education sitting as a member of the board for Morris College.

There was no question that Billy knew love both at home and through the Holy Spirit. So it was really a continuation of his life's journey when he assumed the pastoral duties at Mount Olive Baptist Church. His love of God and his desire to live a committed life, buttressed by the love of his wife, Barbara, his love and partner for 45 years,

made it possible for him to pastor for those 35 years.

Even as Billy Boulware made himself available to his church family, he chaired the Board of Trustees of Friendship College. He supported his wife's dreams and encouraged his son, Wendell, through his medical degree. He told his little girl, Dietra, that she was born to be more as he encouraged her dream of working in the financial services industry. And when his daily guidance was no longer required, he placed himself wherever his children asked that he be.

Some might have viewed Billy as being saddled with much too much; but as I remember his ever-present smile, the enthusiasm you could hear in his voice, and the laughter that came from him when he spoke of a trip just taken with Barbara to visit his grandchildren or hearing him speak passionately of why grandparents matter in children's lives, I know Billy Boulware was "saddled" with nothing but the heart of love.

Billy was a man among men. He was a giant to his Barbara, Wendell, and Dietra, and to the rest of his family as well. He cared for his uncles, his aunts, his cousins, and would do anything he could to ensure all thrived. Billy's presence made you smile, and his laughter made you warm. His sure-footedness made you steadier, and the pride he expressed in me called me to work deliberately and with greater purpose.

This world has lost a great somebody in the being that was Billy Boulware. But there is no question in my mind that on October 29, 2007, the day Billy went home to his Father, there was great fanfare. He was greeted with the words, "Well done my good and faithful servant, well done!"

The greatest part of Billy Boulware still lives in all the persons whose lives he changed, and all the lives they changed, and the greater sense of humanity that exists because Billy lived. Until we meet again, let this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD stand as testimony that Billy Boulware was a great and faithful servant of God. Billy didn't just up space, he made a way for some, and broadened the horizon for many many more!!!!

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TREASURY SECRETARY PAULSON AND THE SUBPRIME MARKET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, there was an article recently in Information Clearing House urging our country's leaders to exhibit leadership in these