

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week NBC News aired an interview with President Bush in which it removed key statements from the President's response to a question about diplomatic relations with Iran.

While some editing is to be expected, in this case NBC misrepresented the President's response so that it appeared he agreed with the premise of the question when, in fact, he explicitly disputed it.

The White House says NBC's "deceitful editing" was intended to perpetuate a "media-manufactured storyline" about Iran.

The American people deserve to know the President's complete statements on major foreign policy issues. We rely on journalists to provide this information through fair and impartial reporting. The American people rightfully expect the media to give them all the facts, not just a slanted version.

THE GI BILL

(Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, without the 1944 GI Bill, I would not be standing here today.

The GI Bill educated my dad after he came home from World War II. And today is his 86th birthday; so happy birthday, Dad.

The GI Bill paid for his tuition, his room, his books, some living expenses. It paid for his college degree. It helped him lift our family from the Depression into the middle class, and it offered my two brothers and me a brighter future.

Millions of Americans have stories that are just like mine. In all of the many ways that America shows gratitude to our veterans, the GI Bill has to be one of the greatest.

I was honored last week to vote to extend and to renew the GI Bill to the new generation of veterans that are coming home. The GI Bill was always meant to be a permanent promise, a contract with our soldiers, a bill of rights for our veterans. And I certainly urge the Senate and the President to pass this bill into law as soon as possible.

Happy birthday, Dad.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY SPECIALIST JEREMY R. GULLETT

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

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Army Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett from Greenup, Kentucky, a dedicated soldier who lost his life on May 7, 2008, in the Sabari District of Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division based out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

According to his mother, Cheryl, Jeremy had dreamed of joining the service

since he was 6 years old. While attending Greenup County High School, Specialist Gullett was a member of the school's Junior ROTC program. He joined the Army in 2003, shortly after graduating from high school. Jeremy was a model citizen. Not only did he serve our country abroad, he was also a volunteer fireman; a loving father to his two young daughters, Kaye and Katie; and a dedicated husband to his wife, Janeth.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Jeremy Gullett's family and friends. We are all deeply indebted to Specialist Gullett for his service and sacrifice.

DEMOCRATS CONTINUE FIGHT TO LOWER GAS PRICES

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

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, with gas prices reaching a new record high every day, Congress took strong action last week to bring down the price at the pump by passing legislation to suspend filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve through the end of this year.

After initially opposing the proposal, President Bush signed the bill into law yesterday. He had the power all along to stop filling the SPR, but it took an act of Congress to push him to take this commonsense step, a step that could lower gas prices by up to 24 cents a gallon.

While the Bush administration has allowed crude oil to rise from \$25 a gallon when he first took office to \$130 a gallon today, the Democratic Congress is fighting to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, bring down record gas prices, and launch a cleaner, smarter energy future for America.

Today this House will consider legislation that will retain and create hundreds of thousands of green energy jobs and encourage the use of production of renewable energy. While President Bush continues to call for more of the same policies that have failed for the past 7 years, this Democratic Congress is working for an energy independence plan for America.

MAIN STREET USA ENERGY INDEPENDENCE SECURITY ACT

(Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am tired of the majority party talking about introducing a commonsense plan for our growing energy crisis. Common sense or not, I'd be happy to look at their plan if they had one. But they don't. They have demonstrated to families who are wasting their money on the price of gasoline that they have failed to come up with a plan.

I don't want to let those families down, Mr. Speaker, and I don't want

them to think that Members of Congress are sitting on their hands doing nothing that's affecting their cost of living. So last week I helped Congressman BUYER announce the Main Street USA Energy Independence Security Act of 2008.

This plan will help solve our national security problem and guide us away from being reliant on international energy sources. It will also open up domestic exploration on our own soil to find energy sources here at home.

The best thing about the Main Street Energy Act is that it is a plan. And let's put the plan to work now.

GAS PRICES

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the phones in my office have been ringing off the hook. Constituents are hopping mad about the skyrocketing price of gasoline.

In Dallas in just the last month, the price for a gallon of gas has jumped 30 cents. And that's in Texas, where we drill and explore on land and along the coast.

It's about time for the Congress to take action. In fact, it's past time.

Two-thirds of the oil we use comes from foreign countries. We have oil and gas in the United States, but we have to be willing to move forward with exploration. Congress should allow exploration in Alaska, along the eastern seaboard, the west coast, and allow more refineries to be built.

The answer to rising gas prices is right here in America. We have the technology. We have the resources. The time is now. Democrats in Congress need to step aside and let the ingenuity of Americans solve this problem today.

IN SUPPORT OF THE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

LIHEAP, which provides crucial heating and cooling assistance to millions of hardworking, low-income families all across America, grows more important as fuel prices continue to skyrocket and we head toward another hot summer. Already families who qualify for LIHEAP spend, on average, a fifth of their income on energy costs. For hundreds of thousands of Americans, that figure will continue to rise until the electricity is simply shut off.

Still, rather than rising to the occasion, this government has backed away from our responsibilities to those families. Even as prices soar and LIHEAP applicants have increased by 20 percent, the average LIHEAP grant has