

government's money we talk about and spend. It is the American people's money. We cannot afford to continue to run this government on a credit card. We are going to have to do more with less, and that means finding ways to cut government spending.

THE PASSING OF REV. MICHAEL "THE SOWER" GUIDO

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

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sadness to pay tribute to the life of a constituent of mine, Dr. Michael Guido. Rev. Guido, known to millions as "the Sower," died at the age of 94 last Saturday.

Michael Guido came to Metter, Georgia in 1943 for a preaching trip. After he met the woman who would later become his wife, he decided to stay. Sixty-six years later, he leaves behind his bride, Audrey, and a ministry that is broadcast on over 100 television stations and 400 radio stations around the world. He also wrote a column, "Seeds from the Sower," which was published in over 1,300 newspapers across our land.

Rev. Guido built an impressive ministry, but his goal was not fortune or fame; it was just to live his life like the sower in Christ's parable—sowing the word of God on sometimes stony ground and keeping faith in his God and with his fellow man. His brother, Larry, carries on Rev. Guido's work, and his memory will live on in the souls he helped lead to God during his long life.

The Bible says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver or gold." Michael Guido made a good name for himself, which lives on in the loving favor of literally millions of souls, which is worth more than all the silver and gold in all the world.

SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, Sierra Pacific Industries just announced the closure of its sawmill in the little town of Quincy, California, in my district, throwing another 150 families out of work. They made it very clear that the recession was not the cause; it was merely the catalyst. The real cause is that the regulatory costs and litigation, because of regulation, now exceed their profit margin. In fact, two-thirds of their timber harvest this year is tied up as a result of government actions.

Sierra Pacific constructed this small log mill when Congress passed legislation promoting tree thinning in the surrounding forests to prevent forest fires, but that law has not been implemented because of endless litigation by environmental groups who are using an impenetrable web of environmental laws.

In their press release, Sierra Pacific notes, "Nearly two-thirds of the current year's timber sale program is enjoined or withheld from sale pending the outcome of litigation."

So, Mr. Speaker, today, another 150 families in the little town of Quincy are out of work, direct casualties of this retrograde, Luddite ideology.

HONORING TANYA LOMBARDI

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

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of National Kidney Month and in honoring Tanya Lombardi, a courageous kidney donor.

Four years ago, Tanya joined a local book club in Danville, California. There she met Maxine Moir. Maxine needed a new kidney, but couldn't find a donor. In response, Tanya offered her kidney to Maxine, displaying great compassion and courage. This past December, Tanya provided Maxine with a miraculous holiday gift. Since the successful transplant, Tanya and Maxine take weekly walks and remain close friends, a friendship extending from a unique and incredible relationship that began at the book club.

Selfless donors like Tanya gave more than 13,000 kidneys in 2008, but many more people need help. Brave acts of kindness like those by Tanya Lombardi continue to bring hope to thousands of people and show that each of us can make a difference.

I urge my colleagues to join me during National Kidney Month in recognizing the selfless acts of kidney donors across America.

HONORING THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to express my appreciation for the great work the American Legion does for our Nation's veterans.

As a proud Legionnaire myself, this morning, I had the great honor of addressing the Commander's Call. This afternoon, I will meet with fellow Minnesotan Legionnaires Brad Lindsay, Bill Goede and Marie Goede, Floyd Kumerow, Robert Hirmer, and Chuck Kruger.

As a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I look to the American Legion for guidance on the priorities of our Nation's veterans. It is because, every day, the Legion is out there, working with our veterans. They understand what is needed.

I see it as this Congress' responsibility to work with the VA budgets that are not just sufficient but timely to make sure that they're predictable and that we serve our veterans the way we should. We have an absolute respon-

sibility to knock down the backlog of claims that our veterans are facing, and we need to ensure that the recently enacted GI Bill is put to use as it should be. In all of this, the American Legion is a crucial partner.

There is another side to the Legion that doesn't get mentioned that much. It is the daily activities serving our veterans and their communities. From their great civic education programs, Boys and Girls State, to youth baseball and other programs, this is the truly great work the Legion does, and I want to commend them. We are all better for it. Our Nation's veterans are better for the work the Legion does.

ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO

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

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, as chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, I rise today to join my colleagues in marking the 92nd anniversary of President Woodrow Wilson's signing of an Act of Congress, conferring United States citizenship upon the people of Puerto Rico. This act marked an important advancement in the United States-Puerto Rico relationship, and although it is still an unfinished journey, it brought our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico into the American family.

The people of Puerto Rico have a rich and a beautiful culture. Their work to preserve and to celebrate their culture and their contributions to our democracy and defense of our Nation are unmatched by any State.

Today, we recognize the act that conferred them citizenship, and we commemorate this event with them as we look forward to their continuing political progress. The people of Guam join our fellow Americans in congratulating Puerto Rico.

JOB CREATION

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, we are looking for job creation opportunities during these tough economic times.

This morning, I heard ideas from an unexpected source. I was at a bipartisan symposium with Senators, Governors, former Prime Minister Tony Blair, and business leaders. What I heard from the business leaders is that one of the best sources of job creation we have is in creating new green collar, clean energy jobs to respond to our climate crisis, which will also help us in our economic crisis.

Jeff Immelt of GE told us about the need for a smart grid so we can create green-collar jobs. Mr. Hayes from Florida Power and Light told us about the great technologies in solar power. We