

to bring to the Houses's attention an exceptional individual who has changed the lives of thousands of kids across this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Joe White has taken upon himself the responsibility to minister today's generation of young people. He founded Kids Across America as part of his larger family of Christian athletic camps in an effort to reach out to inner city kids and to give all of them a chance to go to summer camp. Today, Kids Across America is able to reach approximately 4000 urban youth each summer.

Here kids can escape the troubles of the inner city and find refuge in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri for eight days. Kids get a chance to play over 25 sports, meet new friends, build relationships with a staff of 400 counselors and hear a message of hope.

Look at these young men here. You can see the smiles on their faces, that their lives will be forever changed.

Imagine a place where it is the in thing to read your bible daily, to pray for your friends, to encourage your opponents, to serve others before yourself. Imagine a place where role models and heroes are everywhere one looks. Imagine a place where peer pressure is a good thing, and violence and profanity and everything dark is left at the gate. There is no need to imagine. It can all be found at Kids Across America.

America is a great Nation, and if we are going to be able to continue to be a great Nation in the future, it will be because of dedicated men like Joe White who has voluntarily taken upon himself the responsibility to make this world a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT).

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be here today as the Majority Leader recognizes Joe White, Joe White from my district in southwest Missouri, Joe White with a doctors degree from Southwest Baptist University, Joe White who has devoted his life to kids.

Mr. Speaker, Joe founded a foundation, the I Am Third Foundation, and I think the three principles of that foundation talk about what Joe's life is about and what these camps that the Majority Leader has talked about focus on. The I Am Third Foundation is God first, family second, and I am third. The individual is third. A life based on faith is part of these camps.

Mr. Speaker, I have heard Joe White from memory quote entire books of the bible, quote the Book of First Timothy and in Paul's letter to Timothy in First Timothy Paul says:

"You are my true child in the faith."

Joe White becomes a father to children who need a male role model. Joe White becomes an example to kids who often do not have an example. Joe White has scholarshiped thousands of urban youth into a life and a life style for that eight days in southwest Missouri that changes their life from the

time they come one year until the time so many of these want to come back and get to come back the second year.

The picture that the Majority Leader has, the smile on his face, I think says it all. Joe White makes a difference in the lives of kids.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, again with your continued indulgence and the graceful generosity of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I yield to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. RYUN).

Mr. RYUN. Mr. Speaker, let me first of all add my congratulations to what Joe White has been able to do with the program in Missouri.

As my colleagues know, I have had the opportunity to see hands on exactly what he does with the urban teenagers, and for them to be in an environment, a Christian environment in which they can have not only their character encouraged, but also feel safe and to be with people that love them, gives them a great opportunity to experience part of what life is all about, and Joe White certainly does a great job and is worthy of this award.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me finish with this point. So many times we have said around here that the idea is bigger than the man. Joe White once again has shown us the idea is never bigger than the child.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. PALLONE. No offense to the Majority Leader, Mr. Speaker, but the procedure the way I understand it is that these are 1 minute speeches that alternate with each side, and I would ask that the Speaker follow that procedure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct. The Chair will follow that procedure.

IT IS TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTION

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, as the time runs out on the Congress, it is important to keep in mind that the Republican Congress has been a failed Congress.

The Democrats are putting out a report today called A Failed Republican Congress, Partisanship Instead of Progress, and it details how Republicans have spent a lot of time driving their partisan agenda, but very little to help the American people.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans have failed to act on the critical kitchen table issues that Americans really care about. We have had no managed care reform, no bill to reduce class size and modernize schools, no action to safeguard the surplus for Social Security, no bill to reduce teen smoking, no bill to reform our campaign finance system

and no bill to increase the minimum wage for working families.

Republicans have let down the American people. It is time for a new direction. Congress needs to put the public interest ahead of partisan politics. There is still a few days left here. I think we should see some action on HMO reform, on education initiatives and on safeguarding Social Security. So far we are seeing nothing.

IS THE PRESIDENT REALLY LIKE A CEO OF A CORPORATION?

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask a question that has been bothering me for a few weeks now.

In response to the ongoing situation over at the White House, many of his apologists say we should treat the President of the United States as the CEO of the world's largest business. My question is, if he is the CEO, when is our next dividend? When will the CEO allow the shareholders to reap the benefits of excess revenues?

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARCHER) outlines the Republican agenda of lower taxes while saving Social Security. Republicans are proud to see the fruits of their insistence on sane fiscally conservative spending policies. The Republican tax relief plan addresses the marriage tax penalty, provides for tax simplification, increases access to health care for small businesses and provides tax relief for farmers. By opposing the Republican plan for tax relief, the President would prove he is still the leading proponent of big government.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this Congress to move tax reform now.

VOTE AGAINST THE LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL

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

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. With a veto threat hovering over this measure, I cannot understand why a bipartisan compromise has still not been reached. There are too many provisions that are just unacceptable, not just for Democrats, but for our kids, for our schools and for our families. Rather than hiring more teachers, building more schools, reducing class size, this bill instead shortchanges our schools. It provides \$2 billion less, less than the administration requested for education programs. It cuts Goals 2000 in half. It eliminates the Summer Jobs Program. It cuts school to work opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on and on. Eliminating the Summers Jobs Program will deny the world of work for half a million youth.