

vehicles, better electronic surveillance equipment than the good guys. They even track our peace officers with GPS when they use their cell phones. These drug demons who bring narcotics into the United States make \$30,000 a week. Sheriff Gonzalez makes about \$40,000 a year.

Sheriff Gonzalez is an unwavering patriot and an outstanding Texas lawman. He is defending America against illegal invaders and fighting the war against vicious, violent drug cartels that threaten our home and our country. He and his dedicated deputies need resources and funding to help fund the war for the border. Our homeland is worth protecting. That is just the way it is.

THREE GREAT WOMEN

(Mrs. JONES of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the lives of three great women. The old people used to say that trouble comes in threes; and the threes I am thinking of are Constance Baker Motley, who was the first African-American woman elected to the New York State Senate in 1964, first woman to serve as Manhattan Borough president in 1965, and appointed the first African-American Federal judge in 1966.

The second is C. Delores Tucker, the first African-American woman to serve as Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and in any State in America. She went on to be an advocate for appointment of women in presidential administrations.

Third, we lost Rosa Parks this week. They are three significant, hard-working, dedicated African-American women who stood out in history in the work that they did. I stand today and ask all of you to join me in extending sympathies and condolences to the families of C. Delores Tucker, Constance Baker Motley, and Rosa Parks.

PRESIDENT ADDRESSES ECONOMIC CLUB OF WASHINGTON, DC

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

Mr. PENCE. When it comes to making tough choices in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Madam Speaker, Presidential leadership will make the difference. Yesterday in remarks before the Economic Club of Washington, DC, the President of the United States called on Congress to "redouble our efforts to be wise about how we spend your money." The President went on to say, "We can help the people of the gulf coast region recover and rebuild and we can be good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars at the same time." He called on Congress to reduce unnecessary spending, to identify offsets, and pledged

again to offer spending rescissions to provide the emergency relief, in his words, in a fiscally responsible way.

President George W. Bush yesterday encouraged Congress to push the envelope when it comes to cutting spending, and his strong leadership will make the difference. Congress should heed the call of President Bush to rebuild with generosity and fiscal responsibility in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I am urging all Members of the House to join in support of House Resolution 151, which is a resolution of inquiry that requests the President of the United States to provide to the House of Representatives documents in his possession relating to the anticipated effects of climate change on the coastal regions of the United States.

With the devastation of hurricanes Wilma, Rita and others, we are aware that there is a new phenomenon that is affecting this country with respect to climate change. Scientists may dispute whether or not the meteorological changes that we have witnessed are somehow related to changes in the global climate, but one thing for sure, it is important that Congress begin a dialogue with the administration.

It is important that we find out what connection there may be with climate change and effects on coastal regions. Hurricane Katrina certainly illustrated that we should be concerned about climate change. This resolution of inquiry, now sponsored by 151 Members of the House, aims to get the facts from the administration and begin a dialogue that would be important to our Nation's economy and our national security.

CONCERN—NOT PANIC

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, have you seen the headlines:

Bird Flu Anxiety Spreads Across Europe.

Bird Flu Could Kill 150 Million People.

WHO Warns of Dire Flu Pandemic.

Media should report facts, not create panic. Unfortunately, today many of the stories we see and read are short on facts and long on panic. It is time we brought some sanity to all the sensationalism. No one should doubt the potential of the bird flu. However, responsible people are working diligently to be certain that we are prepared for any threat and are able to respond quickly.

Certain facts are important to keep in mind. This Avian flu virus has been around since at least 1997. It is not a

new phenomenon. The CDC states that "the current risk to Americans is low." So there is cause for concern, but not panic. Our real concern should be expanded. We need to address our ability to respond to any infectious disease. Providing incentives to U.S.-based companies for vaccine production and building a routine adult immunization program are just two of the positive steps we should take. Importantly, these actions should move forward in an environment of concern, not panic.

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IRAQ MILESTONES

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, this week we passed two milestones in Iraq: The constitution was ratified, and, tragically, the 2,000th American died. These milestones, one positive, one clearly negative, provide us with an opportunity to review our progress in Iraq. This is not a time to debate how we got into Iraq. What is important is resolving the mess.

Hear what the experts are saying: Retired Army Lieutenant General William Odom, former head of the National Security Agency, said that the invasion of Iraq "will turn out to be the greatest strategic disaster in U.S. history."

Brent Scowcroft, National Security Adviser under the first President George Bush, said, "You have to know when to stop using force. You can encourage democracy over time, with assistance, and aid, the traditional way. Not how the neoconservatives" are trying to do it in Iraq.

And Lawrence Wilkerson, a retired lieutenant colonel and former Secretary of State Colin Powell's former Chief of Staff at the State Department, said President Bush's foreign policy was "ruinous" and said that "we have courted disaster in Iraq, in North Korea, in Iran."

These are not the words of partisans or the board members of MoveOn.org. As these experts and the American people know, it is time for a new direction and new priorities. We can do better. The current path is not a path to success. It is time for the President to level with the American people and produce a plan forward.

SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF DR. BEN BERNANKE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am thrilled that President Bush has nominated a son of South Carolina to serve as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

As a boy in Dillon, South Carolina, Ben Bernanke demonstrated his brilliance for economics at a young age. He