

is just a risky business. And that's just the way it is.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND OUR TRADE AGREEMENTS

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I applaud the House Republican leadership for finally standing up to the President and saying no on this agreement, this \$6.8 billion contract with the company from the United Arab Emirates.

The problem, however, is more fundamental than just stopping this one. It is what happens with national security in our trade agreements. We are in the middle of negotiating a trade agreement with the United Arab Emirates. If this trade agreement had already been signed, we could not back out of this deal with this United Arab Emirates country. It would be an unfair trade practice.

The administration and the Congress have it exactly backwards. Before signing trade agreements, before negotiating a new trade agreement, we need a provision to address national security concerns first. That means a review about all the implications of national security before we sign these trade agreements. That is why I am introducing legislation tonight to do just that.

HONORING MARGARET ROGERS GHIOTTO OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is March 1, and each March we celebrate the achievements of our American women during Women's History Month.

This year I want to take the opportunity to honor Margaret Rogers Ghiotto from Brooksville, Florida. A decorated and accomplished business leader and humanitarian, she deserves special recognition for her good work and deeds throughout her 89 years. She was a pillar in the Hernando County community until her death earlier last month. Her story is an inspiration to all Americans, but especially women.

Known by her friends and family as Weenie, her success as a businesswoman came at a time when a woman's place was supposed to be in the home. She owned and managed Rogers Christmas House, as well as Jennings House in Brooksville, Florida, that is on the National Register.

It was with great reverence and admiration that friends, family, and members of the community paid their respects to Margaret on February 18, 2006. Margaret's story is an inspiration not only to women business owners but to all residents throughout the Nation.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GET IT

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I think it is important, as we have participated in the rising thunder of the discussion of port ownership around America, to say that the American people get it. What they get is that we are in a new day after 9/11. We want to make sure that our constitutional rights are protected, but we also want to make sure the homeland is secure. That is the promise that this administration made to the American people. And, frankly, to know that our ports are subjected to the potential of being bought and sold on the open market is a frightening concept.

It is well known that a tanker massed with weapons of mass destruction at any one of our ports could be probably more devastating than the horrific events of 9/11. Tomorrow, I will introduce legislation that will ask for a moratorium for the Nation's ports and the buying and selling to foreign entities, not entities in the Middle East, not entities in Europe, but all foreign entities. I will ask, as well, for a GAO study to determine what is the status of security for our ports. And finally, I will ask for a report on the security status of the 10 largest ports in America.

Let's give a solution. We don't need contracts that sell away our security.

HONORING NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK AND THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

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

Mr. KLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nearly 8,000 Peace Corps volunteers who served in more than 70 countries across the globe last year. More specifically, to celebrate National Peace Corps Week, I would like to acknowledge the 30 Peace Corps volunteers in Minnesota's Second Congressional District who graduated from St. Olaf or Carleton Colleges, which annually are among the Nation's small college leaders in providing volunteers to the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps, celebrating its 45th anniversary, provides practical assistance to host countries by sharing America's most precious resource, its people. I commend the Peace Corps volunteers for teaching those throughout the developing world how to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.

We should take time to honor these selfless volunteers for their valuable service.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD a list of Peace Corps volunteers from Minnesota's Second District.

ST. OLAF COLLEGE

Kraig R. Lothe, Christopher D. Stillion, Sarah A. Chambers, Elizabeth M. Kidd, Megan M. Gregory, Leah A. Gross, Anne E. Fraser, Autumn A. Notter, Matthew M. Toburen, Leslie A. Nechville, Colin T. Forman, Aaron D. Gerber, Erik N. Peterson, Jenell C. Stewart, Kai M. Logan, Kari L. Lewis, and Micheal J. Miller.

CARLETON COLLEGE

Susan E. Johnson, Katherine L. Jumbe, Nicholas Boekelheide, Katherine M. Valaas, Robert A. Valaas, Jesse M. Lamarre-Vincent, Sara A. Lehoullier, April K. Wilhelm, Nicholas R. Kasperek, Theodore J. Stroomer, Carl G. Ebeling, Ambrosia D. Mosby, and Elliot T. Hoel.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

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

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

LETTER FROM NAJIM ABDULLAH ABID AL-JIBOURI

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

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I have with me a letter written by Najim Abdullah Abid Al-Jibouri, the mayor of Tall 'Afar, Iraq who saluted the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment. The mayor of Tall 'Afar saw that the United States soldiers were sacrificing and turning that city into a city that had an opportunity for freedom and prosperity, has carefully penned this letter, and a letter to the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment.

It states: 'In the name of God, the compassionate and merciful, to the courageous men and women of the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment, who have changed the city of Tall 'Afar from a ghost town in which terrorists spread death and destruction, to a secure city flourishing with life. To the lion hearts who liberated our city from the grasp of terrorists who were beheading men, women and children in the streets for many months. To those who spread smiles on the faces of our children and gave us restored hope through their personal sacrifice and brave fighting and gave new life to the city after hopelessness darkened our days and stole our confidence in our ability to re-establish our city. Our city was the main base of operations for Abu Mousab Al Zarqawi.'

□ 1930

"The city was completely held hostage in the hands of his henchmen. Our