

the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Juanita Millender-McDonald:

The gentleman from California, Mr. STARK

The gentlewoman from California, Ms. PELOSI, and the members of the California delegation:

Mr. GEORGE MILLER

Mr. WAXMAN

Mr. LEWIS

Mr. DREIER

Mr. HUNTER

Mr. LANTOS

Mr. BERMAN

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Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

Mr. COSTA

Ms. MATSUI

Mr. CAMPBELL

Mr. BILBRAY

Mr. MCCARTHY

Mr. MCNERNEY, and

Mr. CONYERS, Michigan

Mr. LEWIS, Georgia

Mr. FALCOMA, American Samoa

Mr. McDERMOTT, Washington

Ms. NORTON, District of Columbia

Mr. JEFFERSON, Louisiana

Mr. BISHOP, Georgia

Ms. CORRINE BROWN, Florida

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Mr. SCOTT, Virginia

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Mr. THOMPSON, Mississippi

Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Texas

Mr. CUMMINGS, Maryland

Mr. HINOJOSA, Texas

Ms. KILPATRICK, Michigan

Mr. KUCINICH, Ohio

Mr. MEEKS, New York

Ms. BERKLEY, Nevada

Mr. GONZALEZ, Texas

Mr. HOLT, New Jersey

Mrs. JONES, Ohio

Mr. DAVIS, Alabama

Mr. MEEK, Florida

Mr. SCOTT, Georgia

Mr. BUTTERFIELD, North Carolina

Mr. CLEAVER, Missouri

Mr. AL GREEN, Texas

Ms. MOORE, Wisconsin

Ms. CLARKE, New York

Mr. ELLISON, Minnesota

Mr. JOHNSON, Georgia

#### MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

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

Mr. COHEN. Today is the fourth anniversary of the President of the United States announcing "Mission Accomplished." It is also the day of the publication of a book called "The Life and Times of Warren Zevon," a biography of a dear friend of mine who was a late, great singer/song writer. I wanted to address both topics, and I think I can do it together.

Four years ago, when the President announced "Mission Accomplished," he was right if he was talking about Saddam Hussein's government being toppled; but otherwise, he was wrong and he has been channeling Warren Zevon who said, "I'm caught between a rock and a hard place. Send lawyers, guns, and money. The Shiites have hit the fan."

Warren Zevon, requiescat in pace. Mr. President, please sign the bill the Congress has given you to end this war, to end the occupation, and to bring our troops home.

#### WE MUST PROVIDE FOR OUR TROOPS

(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, just this morning we received reports that the al Qaeda leader in Iraq has been killed. Despite such signs that support for the terrorist group in Iraq is fading, Democrats in Congress continue to advocate retreat and defeat. Fortunately for American families and our troops in the battlefield, we have a Commander in Chief who understands that victory is essential. As the Washington Post has editorialized: "America's defeat will lead to catastrophic civilian deaths, the reestablishment of terrorist training camps, and possibly a regional war. We must face the terrorists overseas, or we will face them again in the streets of America."

Our Nation is at war. Our troops are bravely serving their country. We have a responsibility to provide for their well-being. I support President Bush's pending veto and look forward to passing a clean supplemental bill that fully funds our soldiers' mission of protecting American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

#### A NEW DIRECTION

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, 4 years ago, the President declared victory onboard the *Abraham Lincoln*.

Indeed, our troops have performed valiantly and achieved military victory. There is no question about that or their performance. But 4 years later, we find ourselves still in a quagmire, a quagmire that even the head of the CIA said was now all trumped up with misinformation, misled the country, sacrificing brave men and women and their lives in Iraq.

What we need is for the President to step up and recognize what the American people are calling for: a new direction. Refocus on Afghanistan, go after the terrorists where they are, go after Osama bin Laden, the people who actually took down the tower, and end this quagmire. And the only reason that we are there and continue to lose lives, because there is no mission other than arrogance and hubris that has led this President to stay this course in spite of the sacrifice by our brave troops and men, when 61 percent of the Iraqi people say it is okay to kill Americans, that sectarian violence is okay, and in the midst of the civil war is not where we belong.

#### IRAQ SUPPLEMENT

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

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, indeed it is an anniversary. It's about the 80th-day anniversary since the President asked for funding for our troops. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the theatrics the Democratic majority is trying to pass off as some kind of policy.

Today, Speaker PELOSI will stage an elaborate and politically timed signing ceremony for the Iraq troop withdrawal bill Congress passed 5 days ago. As President Bush has already vowed to veto this irresponsible legislation, Speaker PELOSI's theatrics are simply slowing down the process of getting much needed funding and money to our troops.

Let me remind the American people that our warfighters have been waiting nearly 3 months for Congress to pass the President's requested supplemental funding for the war. The Democratic leader might think a few days here don't mean much, don't matter much. Every day they stall to appease left-wing activists is another day our military must wait for the funding it needs to win this war.

Madam Speaker, I admonish Speaker PELOSI to quit playing politics with our