

and family in celebrating the 90th birthday of this wonderful man.

DEMOCRATIC BUDGET IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE BUT ALSO FUNDS CRITICAL PRIORITIES

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

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, today we continue debate on the Democratic budget that boosts economic growth and restores fiscal responsibility. While the Bush administration's budget priorities and policies are responsible for the largest fiscal deterioration in our Nation's history, the 2009 Democratic budget is not only balanced by 2012, but it also invests in our Nation's top priorities.

We reject the President's budget proposal because it creates a \$396 billion deficit this year, while cutting funding for Medicaid and Medicare, veterans and homeland security. Our budget rejects the President's cuts and instead fully invests in Medicare and Medicaid, so that the most vulnerable amongst us, our children and our seniors, continue to have access to healthcare assistance.

We also reject the President's proposal to add more than \$18 billion, billion with a B, over the next 5 years in new fees for our veterans and military retirees.

We reject the President's attempt to eliminate several State and local law enforcement programs, including the successful COPS, Community Oriented Policing Services program, which has put more police on the street to help reduce crime.

CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE VOTE ON THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

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

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, the Protect America Act expired on February 16. It has been almost a full month since the majority allowed this important element of our national security to lapse.

President Lincoln once told this Nation, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Madam Speaker, for this past month, Democratic leadership has needlessly attempted to divide this Congress on a national security matter. A bipartisan majority of this House wants to adopt the Senate version of the bill to restore our intelligence teams' ability to protect us, but we have been denied a chance to even vote on the Senate measure.

The leadership has kept this House divided, and for what reason? This morning the newspapers are full of reports that we are jeopardizing our national security in order to benefit the trial lawyers, who stand to gain billions of dollars in suits against the telecommunications companies. These

are the companies that reportedly responded to pleas from our government for help, and now they are subject to potentially crippling lawsuits.

A house divided against itself cannot stand. The people of this great Nation expect bipartisan action, and the time is long overdue to come together.

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IN MEMORY OF ALDO TATANGELO

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

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a man that made a significant impact on my hometown of Laredo, former Mayor Aldo Tatangelo.

Mayor Tatangelo passed away last Friday, but not before leaving a mark on our great city. Mayor Aldo Tatangelo served as mayor in Laredo from 1978 to 1990. He is remembered by those closest to him as being a man of honesty and fairness, a man with a vision to improve the city that he loved so much.

Immediately upon taking over as mayor, Tatangelo ordered taking care of a lot of services for Laredo, including the restructuring of the city's Public Works Department, oversaw comprehensive drainage projects, established a pension system for city workers, and created many departments to make sure that the quality of life was improved.

Mayor Aldo Tatangelo pushed for affordable housing for low-income residents, and he also, when he left the office, was active in civic affairs and encouraged young people to get involved in public service.

I rise to recognize a Laredo hero, former Mayor Aldo Tatangelo, and thank him and his family for the great work that they did.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA

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

Mrs. DRAKE. Madam Speaker, I am delighted to rise in tribute to the town of Chincoteague, Virginia, which is celebrating its 100th birthday today.

Since its founding one century ago, Chincoteague has enamored citizens and visitors alike with its small town charm and pristine natural beauty. This is no small feat if you consider just how much has changed in the past few 100 years.

As we commemorate Chincoteague's proud history and rich traditions, we must acknowledge its roots as a small fishing village. Today, thousands of people still flock to Chincoteague each year to share in its bountiful shores and the abundance of nearby wildlife. Chincoteague should serve as an example of a happy coexistence between people and nature.

From Chincoteague's annual pony roundup to the annual seafood festival, even the simple everyday beauty of its sunsets, the town of Chincoteague is truly a unique community which has come a long way without letting time erode its proud heritage.

That is why I ask my colleagues to join me today in wishing the town of Chincoteague a happy 100th birthday.

LET US SPEAK OUT FOR PEACE

(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, we are at the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq, a war based on lies. A war that has cost the lives of over 4,000 of our brave young men and women, the injuries to tens of thousands, over 1 million innocent Iraqis have perished, a cost of up to \$3 trillion.

Let us speak out for peace, as the Winter Soldiers today are speaking out for peace by communicating the truth of a soldier's experience in Iraq and Afghanistan. Let us speak out for peace as the young people involved in the Stop Loss project are doing. Let us speak out for peace and stop financing this war and use the money to bring our troops home.

Let us speak out for peace, for international peacekeepers to move into Iraq as our troops lead. America has had a long period of silence about this war. Let us be silent no more. Let us speak out for peace.

OUTSOURCING NATIONAL DEFENSE

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

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, the next Air Force plane that you will see in the air will be branded with "Made in France" on the side of it. Not only France but Spain, Germany, and the United Kingdom will be making 170 or more of the new Air Force super-tankers built by that European subsidized company, Airbus.

This \$40 billion contract will rob thousands of workers of Boeing Company of their jobs. Why is our Air Force outsourcing national defense to the Europeans, of all people? Aren't they the ones that take every opportunity to bash our U.S. military?

The Air Force is trying to do damage control by saying the Airbus is better than the Boeing plane.

Madam Speaker, that dog just won't hunt. U.S.-built planes have been successfully defending our skies and our homeland since before World War II. We are not talking about outsourcing some cheap Wal-Mart product that's made in China. We are talking about outsourcing sensitive military equipment. Some things should always be made in America, by Americans, for Americans.