Finally, on the swampy, marshy plains of southeast Texas where the San Jacinto River meets Buffalo Bayou, General Sam and the boys took a stand. In broad daylight in midafternoon on April 21, 1836, the volunteers for Texas freedom charged a Mexican army over twice their number. This fierce bunch of frontiersmen from all the States overwhelmingly defeated the invaders.

In 18 minutes, Texas had won independence and the largest amount of land in North American history changed hands because of a single battle.

Texas remained a free and independent republic for 9 years, electing General Sam as its first president. Then Texas was admitted to the U.S. by just one vote. And the rest, as they say, is Texas history.

And that's just the way it is.

## HONORING ISRAEL ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today also to honor the state of Israel which will celebrate its 60th anniversary in May. The relationship between the United States and Israel is indeed a special one. Israel has been our close friend and ally through the Cold War and now in the global war on terror. It is a relationship that will continue to strengthen in the years to come.

Even after 60 years, Israel continues to fight for its very survival against relentless attacks by Hamas and Hezbollah and other terrorist groups. The United States and Israel must always stand in complete solidarity against those nations and groups that seek to destroy Israel. We have stood together against anti-Semitism for the last 60 years, and we will continue to do so for many years to come.

I congratulate the Israeli government and the Israeli people on their special day. May God continue to bless the very close American relationship with Israel not only in this special year, but for all eternity.

## OIL HITS $118 A BARREL

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, oil has hit $118 a barrel. Gas is $3.50 to $4 a gallon. Fox News this morning said some experts say it will be $5 a gallon by later this summer.

Most environmental radicals and extremists seem to come from very wealthy or very upper-income families. They want gas to go even higher so people will drive less. Perhaps the wealthy leaders of the Sierra Club and some of these other environmental groups aren't being hurt, but they are really hurting the poor and the lower income and the working people of this country.

We don't need to produce all of our oil here domestically, but if we would just start producing a little bit more, then some of the OPEC countries and foreign energy producers would hold their prices down. We need to not let this country be sent into a deeper recession by environmental extremists and radicals.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
*Washington, DC, April 18, 2008.*

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 18, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 1195.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
*Clerk of the House.*

## RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
*Washington, DC, April 9, 2008.*

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, I am hereby resigning my position as the United States Representative for the 4th District of Maryland effective 11:59 p.m. EST, May 31, 2008.

I have chosen that date because it allows me the necessary time to complete several ongoing projects and allows Governor O'Malley sufficient time to call a special election to fill the remainder of my term and maintain the super delegate seat at this year's Democratic Convention.

It has been my honor to serve the constituents of the 4th Congressional District for the past 16 years. I will do everything in my power to assist my successor with the transition.

Sincerely,

ALBERT R. WYNN,
*Member of Congress.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
*Washington, DC, April 9, 2008.*

Hon. MARTIN O'MALLEY,
*Governor, State of Maryland, Maryland State House, State Circle, Annapolis, MD.*

DEAR GOVERNOR O'MALLEY, I am hereby resigning my position as the United States Representative for the 4th District of Maryland effective 11:59 p.m. EST, May 31, 2008.

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ALBERT R. WYNN,
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## COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE JOHN A. BOEHNER, REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
*Washington, DC, April 17, 2008.*

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*Speaker, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to Section 605(a) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110–161), I am pleased to appoint Dr. David Schonfeld of Glendale, Ohio and Mr. Lawrence E. Tan of Newark, Delaware to the Commission on Children and Disasters.

Both Dr. Schonfeld and Mr. Lawrence Tan have expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill their requests.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
*Republican Leader.*

## COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT LIAISON, THE HONORABLE TODD TIAHRT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Jill Craven, District Liaison, the Honorable TODD TIAHRT, Member of Congress:

WASHINGTON, DC,
*April 15, 2008.*

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a preliminary hearing subpoena for testimony issued by the Court of the Eighteenth Judicial District of Kansas.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

JILL CRAVEN.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the