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# REQUESTING RETURN OF OFFICIAL PAPERS ON H.R. 5136

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I offer House Resolution 1467 and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1467

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives request the Senate to return to the House the bill (H.R. 5136) entitled "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes."

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# HONORING KEY WEST POLICE SERGEANT PABLO RODRIGUEZ

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Pablo Rodriguez of the Key West Police Department. This dedicated officer has been named the 2009 Key West Police Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Rodriguez has served our community proudly since he joined the department 10 years ago. His commitment to keeping Key West a safe place in which to live and visit has been truly extraordinary. As Police Officer of the Year, Sergeant Rodriguez was specifically recognized for his tireless work to combat the negative influences of illicit drugs. This is an important and noble goal, Madam Speaker, and I know that the entire Keys community is proud of his selfless service.

I thank Sergeant Rodriguez and all of his colleagues in the Key West Police Department for all they have done and will continue to do for our wonderful Monroe County Key West community. Congratulations, Sergeant Rodriguez.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB MAYER ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Bob Mayer is south Florida's most tenured television newscaster. He has logged more hours both in the field and at the anchor desk than any other south Florida television journalist.

Bob joined WTVJ News in June of 1969. Over the years, he has held nu-

merous positions at TVJ, such as investigative and consumer reporter, crime reporter, business reporter, general assignment reporter, and talk show cohost. In addition, he served as anchor of TVJ's early evening newscasts, weekend newscasts, and midday morning newscasts. Bob has been co-anchoring the NBC 6 morning show "Today in South Florida" since 1990. He is an extraordinary journalist.

Bob Mayer retires this week from NBC 6, and our entire community will miss his professionalism and objectivity dearly. Congratulations for a job well done, Bob. The best to you and your family.

# CONGRATULATING THE GREY MARE SOCIETY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Grey Mare Society, a group of seven women friends who have been riding horses and mules together for as long as 30 years. They are over age 50 and still heading out on the trail together.

When one of their number developed breast cancer, they decided to do something to fight the disease. Across the country there are races and fundraisers, walks, and other proposals, but the Grey Mare Society decided to do what comes natural to them and ride. They came up with an organization, Ride the Trail to a Cure. They raised money for the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition and Breast Cancer Awareness of Cumberland Valley. The first annual Grey Mare Society trail ride was held on October 14, 2006. Seventy-seven riders from three States brought their horses to the Michaux Forest at Mont Alto, Pennsylvania for an 8-mile ride and they raised more than \$10,000.

This year's ride will also be held in the Michaux Forest on Saturday, September 25. The group has the support of the Pennsylvania Equine Council and looks forward to another successful ride.

I congratulate these friends who use their love of riding to add resources to the search for a cure.

# CBS SHOULD GIVE AMERICANS ALL THE FACTS

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, most Americans say President Obama lacks a clear plan to deal with the oil spill in the gulf, energy issues, and job creation, according to a new CBS News-New York Times poll. By a 2-to-1 margin, Americans say the President does not have a clear plan to handle the oil spill; 6 in 10 say his response

to the disaster was too slow; and less than one-third of Americans have a lot of confidence in the President's ability to handle the crisis. Just 4 in 10 say the President has a clear plan for developing new sources of energy, and only one-third say he has a clear plan to create jobs. But for some reason, CBS News downplayed the results of their own poll.

Monday's CBS Evening News failed to even mention these findings and instead focused on Americans' disapproval of BP's handling of the oil spill. CBS should give Americans all the facts, not conceal their own poll results to protect the President.

# ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. DAHLKEMPER). The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

# NO BUDGET IS NO ANSWER

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

Mr. PENCE. Well, it's becoming more obvious every day to the American people that this administration was slow to respond in the gulf, and the Democrats still don't have a plan. They don't have a clear plan to contain the sea of oil in the gulf and, remarkably, here on Capitol Hill, Democrats don't even have a plan to contain the sea of red ink in Washington, D.C.

Announcing this week, Majority Leader STENY HOYER confirmed the Democrats' response to runaway Federal spending is to not do a budget. Failing to lead is not leadership. Not doing a budget is not an answer. The Democrats' refusal to write a budget is a shocking abdication of duty and a historic failure of leadership.

There has been a lot of talk these days about governing philosophies here on Capitol Hill, but their governing philosophy? Don't govern. This Congress owes the American people a budget, a list of priorities, and an outline of the hard choices that are necessary to put our fiscal house in order. No budget is no answer.

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# SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, 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 California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.