other religions should be tolerant of their faith, but they are not tolerant of Christians and other Muslim sects. This ought not to be.

But that’s just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JEAN T. MARTIN

(Ms. SEWELL of Alabama asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. Speaker,

I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mrs. Jean T. Martin, a beloved Alabamian who passed away March 11 in Selma, Alabama, at the age of 89. As a dedicated public servant, Jean Martin was known in our local community as a long-serving Selma city councilwoman, an avid local historian, and a gifted journalist.

Personally, Jean was a close friend and trusted mentor. I am deeply saddened by her passing, but I am comforted in knowing that her legacy will live on through the countless life lessons she taught to so many of us.

Jean Martin worked tirelessly as a community editor for the Selma Times Journal. For more than 30 years, she served in various capacities at the newspaper.

She was also an exemplary public servant. She served on the Selma City Council from 1996 to 2008, representing Ward 3, and eventually became the council’s president pro tem. During her tenure, she was an exceptional public servant who passionately represented Selma.

On a personal note, Jean Martin served with my mother, Nancy Gardner Sewell, on the Selma City Council and was a beloved colleague and family friend. My brothers and I affectionately called her “T Jean.” She was an amazing mentor and role model to me, and I credit my love of community to her extraordinary example. I am now in Congress and I stand on her shoulders because of the many glass ceilings of this strong woman who died at 89. She was a wonderful public servant.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in paying tribute to the life and legacy of Jean Martin.

CONGRATULATING HAYWARD HIGH SCHOOL’S LADY ‘CANES

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

Mr. DUFFY, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hayward High School’s Lady ‘Canes for winning the WIAA State Hockey Championship. In only their sixth year of playing varsity-level hockey, the Lady ‘Canes defeated the Onalaska Hilltoppers in a thrilling 5–2 match. The Lady ‘Canes out-skated their top-ranked opponent for three periods and took home Hayward High School’s first hockey championship. Let me tell you what, as a Hurricane, it has been way too long.

With great leadership from their coaches, combined with the perseverance of the players, they showed the true spirit Wisconsinites have for sports and competition. These ladies will get a much deserved vacation before school, training 5 to 6 days a week, participating in community service, and never losing sight of the importance of education.

So, today, I stand before you with a pink tie saying congratulations to Hayward High School’s Lady ‘Canes for a job well done. Congratulations.

OPEN THE PEOPLE’S HOUSE

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

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in defense of the common people of America—people who don’t have annual vacations to Hawaii, people who don’t fly to their vacations on private jets. Many of these families save for months or even years in order to visit Washington, D.C., and one of the things they expect to do when they come here is to be able to visit the White House, which is the people’s House. And now this President has closed it in order to make a political point. Now that this President has closed it in order to make a political point, it was the Secret Service who made the decision to close the White House.

It only costs the White House $3.7 million to keep it open to tourists for an entire year. That’s much less than this President will spend on any single vacation that he takes, which is why I introduced a resolution in the House yesterday asking the President to forego any more taxpayer-funded vacations until he opens the people’s House once again.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the President to consider this request. Open the people’s House, Mr. President. Open it up for the people of America.

IMPACTS OF SEQUESTRATION

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

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, sequestration has been in effect for just 2 weeks, and the impacts of these mandatory, across-the-board cuts are already deeply affecting the lives of my constituents in southern Arizona.

Cuts to the Border Patrol are not only among the most devastating cuts caused by sequestration; they will seriously erode the progress we’ve made toward securing our border. Border Patrol agents have been told that they will be furloughed without pay for 1 day per pay period, and much of their overtime will be eliminated.

Taken together, these actions will greatly reduce the pay of these Border Patrol agents by between 20 and 40 percent. We must work together to immediately come to grips with this problem to restore these cuts so the border can once again be safe and secure.

SECOND TIME IS A CHARM FOR TRAVIS TIGERS

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, my own district, Texas 22, is where Texas high school basketball champions reside.

The Terry High School in Rosenberg won the 4A State Championship last Saturday. Right after that game, the Travis Tigers took the court to chase after the Texas 5A title. Travis had lost in the State championship game last year. They were determined to bring the trophy home this year, and they did just that by defeating South Grand Prairie 46-38. Led by the Harrison twins, Aaron and Andrew, the Travis defense smothered Grand Prairie from the start by allowing two baskets in 20 attempts.

Congratulations to Coach Brownson and the whole team. Find a spot in the school’s trophy case because the Travis Tigers are the champs.

SETTING PRIORITIES AND BALANCING THE BUDGET

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, my own district, Texas 10, is where Texas high school basketball champions reside.

The Travis Tigers in Austin won the 5A State Championship last Saturday. Right after that game, the Travis Tigers took the court to chase after the Texas 5A title. Travis had lost in the State championship game last year. They were determined to bring the trophy home this year, and they did just that by defeating South Grand Prairie 46-38. Led by the Harrison twins, Aaron and Andrew, the Travis defense smothered Grand Prairie from the start by allowing two baskets in 20 attempts.

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