

These students' commitment to science is impressive, and I am confident that their generation will propel us to new heights of discovery that will improve the quality of life for all humanity.

Congratulations again to Lubbock High School and to all the schools competing in the tournament.

Go Westerners.

Mr. Speaker, as I conclude, I thank Chairman CONAWAY and the leadership of the Ag Committee for providing the safety net so that we can feed and clothe the American people, so that we can make important investments in rural infrastructure for sustainable small towns, the heartbeat of this country, so that we can continue to be the leader in agriculture innovation and technology development, and so we can make the compassionate reforms to food stamps.

God bless America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from references to occupants of the gallery.

#### THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FACE A CLEAR CHOICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, the American people face a clear choice about the way forward: the Republican raw deal or the Democratic better deal.

House Republicans want to take away healthcare from more than 23 million Americans—raw deal; Democrats want to strengthen the Affordable Care Act and dramatically lower the cost of prescription drugs—better deal.

House Republicans have a fake infrastructure plan that will do nothing to repair our Nation's crumbling bridges, roads, and tunnels—raw deal; Democrats have a real infrastructure plan that would invest \$1 trillion and create 16 million good-paying jobs—better deal.

House Republicans passed a tax scam where 83 percent of the benefits went to the wealthiest 1 percent in America simply to subsidize the lifestyles of the rich and shameless—raw deal; Democrats want a permanent tax cut for working families so we can put more money into the pockets of everyday Americans—better deal.

House Republicans want to cut more than \$2 trillion from Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid—raw deal; Democrats want to strengthen Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid so that senior citizens from throughout the land can live out their golden years with grace and dignity. That is A Better Deal.

House Republicans are all about chaos, crisis, and confusion; Democrats are working to deliver better jobs, better wages, and a better future.

The American people deserve A Better Deal.

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#### RECOGNIZING HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. MASSIE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize outstanding students in my district from Highlands High School in Fort Thomas. These exceptional students competed in the "We the People" State-level competition, and they will represent our State at the national competition here in D.C. this weekend. This is their 15th State championship win.

The "We the People" program is directed by the Center for Civic Education, and its goal is to increase students' knowledge of constitutional history and government—I think some of my colleagues could stand to participate in this program—and to provide a foundation in civics education that will prepare them for future leadership roles.

The program sponsors student debates and hearings. This year, some of the national hearing questions for discussion include: What are classical republicanism and natural rights philosophy, and how did they influence the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights? How has the relationship among the three branches of government changed in the course of the history of our country? It has changed quite a bit.

I am proud of my constituent students' hard work and dedication. I wish them the very best of luck in this competition this weekend and congratulate them for their outstanding work representing the State of Kentucky.

#### PRESIDENT MACRON'S BRAND OF SOCIALISM

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I let the statements and the speech of our guest yesterday go unanswered. The President of France was here, right at this microphone, delivering his own brand of socialism. It is new and improved.

We have all seen the inefficiencies of socialism play out in Europe over the decades and the horrors of national socialism. But the French President has a new brand of socialism that we are all supposed to be enamored with. I would call it global socialism, maybe even global corporate socialism.

I hope none of my colleagues were seduced by his ideas. Ironically, they are motivated by fear, an irrational fear of the carbon dioxide molecule. Carbon dioxide is a necessary ingredient for all life on this planet.

For instance, let me give you the equation for photosynthesis. Basically, plants take six CO<sub>2</sub> molecules and react them with six water molecules, in the presence of sunlight, to create one sugar molecule and six oxygen molecules.

Take CO<sub>2</sub> off this planet, and what happens? Nearly everything dies and we die.

So I think it is very interesting that this new socialism has a twist to it,

this global socialism, and that is, it is motivated by an irrational fear of one of the two chemical compounds that form the basis of our food chain. Very ironic.

It is also motivated by something else that the Europeans have had a penchant for for centuries, that has bankrupted nearly every country over there, and that is a penchant for war, for interventionism. Nearly all of them, at one point or time, have sought to build an empire.

So the President of France was over here saying that we should also be interventionists; that we need to get involved in the Middle East more; that we need to be involved in all of the countries.

I reject this. I would urge my colleagues to stick with the plan we have got. Stick with the policy that we have had since the beginning of this country. Stick with the Constitution. Stick with capitalism. Stick with the idea that if you build something you own it, and reject European socialism.

#### BRITISH OFFICIALS ARE HOLDING ALFIE EVANS CAPTIVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ROTHFUS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, as someone who went to grade and high school in the 1970s, I learned about countries, particularly the Soviet Union and its Eastern European satellites, that severely limited the right of their people to travel. In effect, they were prisoners in their own country.

Indeed, in postwar Germany, the Communists even built a wall through Berlin. They did so not to keep people from West Berlin from traveling to East Berlin; they did it to prevent the captives of East Berlin from running to freedom in the West.

There is a tragic story unfolding in Britain this week of a new, virtual Berlin Wall that British and European authorities have erected around little 2-year-old Alfie Evans, who lives in Britain. They have eliminated this child's right to travel, and they are holding him prisoner.

Alfie is severely handicapped. British officials have made the decision, over the objection of Alfie's young parents, that Alfie would be better off dead. As such, they are prohibiting Alfie's parents from taking him to Bambino Gesù hospital in Rome, which has offered to care for the boy.

Alfie is not suffering, but British officials appear to be projecting their own subjective views on Alfie's quality of life and are deeming his life not worthy of living.

Among my most heartwarming experiences in my work in my district are visits to residences of the severely handicapped. I have visited with individuals who will never walk and who will never communicate verbally. But they can and do love, and they are loved.