

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks, and include extraneous matter.)

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joey Hill, a winner of the South Carolina Voice of Democracy Broadcast scriptwriting contest in South Carolina. Joey Hill is the president of the student body at Southside High School in Greenville, SC.

In this year, on the theme "My Vision for America," Joey wrote this: "I have a vision for America. I long to see gratitude return to the hearts of our citizens. Too often we always want to play the victim, the person to whom the world owes a great debt. Although pointing the finger is easy and maybe even a little fun, we will, after continued pointing, find the consequences too great to bear, so we must change, and the key to change is gratitude."

Mr. Speaker, I agree with Joey, that this is a time of change. We do not need to blame others and claim entitlement for past debts. What we need, instead, is a little gratitude for what has been given us. I am very proud to congratulate Joey today, and to enter his speech in the RECORD of today's proceedings, as follows:

MY VISION FOR AMERICA

"It's too hard." "It's not fair." "I never get the good things in life." "The grass on the other side gets greener and greener while useless stubble sprouts on my side of the fence." Complaining; it seems as if it comes natural to Americans. Of the many purposes for which words could be used, complaints tiptoe off our tongues most often and that fact reflects badly on us. We always want to play the victim, the person who is never in the wrong, the person to whom the world owes a great debt. Although pointing the finger is easy, and maybe even a little fun, we will, after continued pointing, find the consequences too great to bear. So we must change, and the key to changing is gratitude. I have a vision for America. I long to see gratitude return to the hearts of our citizens. We must be grateful to those persons who came before us, who paved a smooth, scenic way for us to travel on through life and we must take advantage of the blessings they have won for our sake.

History is spotted with them. They are dubbed the movers and shakers—the somebodies. The people to whom the United States of America fall into unpayable debt. These persons struggled under the most uncompromising of trials to gain freedoms for this nation's citizens. Their names are many: Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Thurgood Marshall, Cesar Chavez, John Brown, Harriet Beecher Stowe, John Kennedy, Martin King, Malcolm X. Their voices spoke the same message, but in a myriad of ways. This message covered many topics: perseverance in the midst of a trial, retention of goodwill when the world gives you its worst, striving for excellence in the realm of education. These persons sincerely encouraged us to better ourselves. They gave us wisdom to live by. For example, Cesar Chavez stated to the world that "the strongest act of manliness is to sacrifice ourselves for others in a totally non-violent struggle for justice." Susan B. Anthony tested our sincerity about the equality of women with her establishment of temperance organizations. And every American has heard of the labors of Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr.—but many of Americans fail to understand the significance of his work. King courageously led a people who were punched, kicked, beaten, bitten by dogs, waterhosed, and murdered in some of the most inhumane ways so that we, the present day citizens of the United States of America—White, Black, Latino, Oriental, Indian, Native American—might be educated in the realm of culture; that we might not be discriminated against because of our culture.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, 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 Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GOSS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

SAD NEWS FROM COLORADO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. MCINNIS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, once again I stand in front of my colleagues of the great House of Representatives bringing sad news from the State of Colorado. On Friday, April 28, 1995, a mad killer drove into a local grocery store in South Jefferson County. As he drove into that grocery store, he walked, and got out of his car, walked into the grocery store, shot his wife dead, then shot the store manager dead, and then a police officer, the first officer responding to the scene, Sgt. Tim Mossbrucker, was shot before he even knew what hit him.

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Sergeant Mossbrucker was a father, he was a husband, he was an officer strongly admired by his fellow officers in Jefferson County. He was a young father. He was a father of five children, with a sixth child on the way.

Once again, a police officer has given his life in the line of duty, and, once again, as too often happens, his wife, Lynn, who in her own respects is a strong, wonderful woman, will be delivering their child without his presence.

Once again we have children who will be raised through life without their father, because their father gave his life in the line of duty. Lynn, his wife, tucked 3-year-old Alex into bed that Friday night, saying, "A bad person hurt daddy bad—so bad that he can't come home."

Lynn, his wife, will have to go through life maintaining the strength she has so far shown in life.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read a poem that was presented at the service for this fine officer. First of all, for the officer, from mother to son.

MOTHER TO SON

God gave me a wonderful little pride and joy,
a bouncing baby boy.
And as he grew straight and tall,
he was always ready to give it his all.
A policeman he decided to be,
as he studied life sitting on my knee.
He exceeded far beyond expectation,
honest and smart, care and loving.
A little soul, entrusted to my care,
always helpful, his goodness he would share.
Growing straight and tall, a protector of life
he became,
until one Friday morning an angel came.
Swift and graceful, taking him from me.
No more "Hi, Mom," or sweet smile I
would see.
A role model for his children had always
been his fame,
but in the calm, a hero for his community
he became.
Lovingly he left me, a strong young woman
and the little flock of six,
all in all, a glorious mix.
But that's not all, I am truly blessed you see,
two more sons and a daughter gave to me.
They grew, too, in much the same way,
adding more to our family, making me
proud every day.
With a husband, daughters, sons, grand-
children, parents and friends,
now "our little hand."
Steadfast and strong we make our stand.
Timothy Michael was your name,
it occurred to me long before you came
into my life to stay.
I love you more than I can say.
God bless and keep my little boy,
my strong, straight and tall deputy son,
For your hard fought battle has been won.
Until some day when we meet again,
fighting the good fight as best we can.
Tim, guide us in God's great and wondrous
plan.
Love, Mom.
The sergeant was a true professional,
a true professional that was taken
from us by a despicable killer. But we
also had two other lives that were lost
that day, and I should point out that 11
children as a result of this incident
were left without a parent: Lynn, Matt,
Erin, Annie, Alex, William, Moss,
Iralee, Mark, David, and Mindy.
Mr. Speaker, all too often we have to
appear in front of this body and speak
of an officer, a man or woman in blue,
who has given their life for the rest of
us.
Mr. Speaker, I make these state-
ments for the RECORD as a memorial
and as a thank you from the United
States of America, not only to the fall-
en officer, but to his strong wife and
his wonderful children. I also include
for the RECORD a tribute from Russ
Cook, the Chief of Police of the Golden
Police Department.
To the EDITOR:
Residents of South Jefferson County were
shocked last week when they were awakened
by a tragic crime, usually thought to occur
in big cities. No one could have suspected
that an angry and enraged killer was about
to walk into their local grocery store and