

during her career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her well as she begins her service to the nation.

IN MEMORY OF HERSCHEL J.
GADDY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Herschel J. Gaddy, of rural Marshall, Missouri. He was 81.

Herschel Gaddy, a son of Homer and Effie Treon Gaddy, was born in Fair Grove, Missouri, on July 23, 1919. He graduated from Missouri University, where he was a member of FarmHouse fraternity, in 1941. Herschel married Dona Nella Stiles on February 1, 1941. After graduating from college he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Missouri, Oklahoma and Oregon. He then served as Lieutenant Colonel in Sicily and North Africa during World War II.

After completing his tour of duty, Herschel served as Assistant County Agent in Saline County, for the University of Missouri Extension in Bethany and as Saline County Agricultural Agent. Mr. Gaddy also spoke about agriculture issues on a weekly radio show on KMMO radio in Marshall. Herschel completed his Masters degree from Missouri University in 1969. He was then appointed Area Agronomist for Saline, Chariton and Carroll counties. When Herschel retired in 1975, he had served the area for 27 years.

Herschel was also a member of many local clubs. He served as president of Marshall's Chamber of Commerce and was a 50-year member of the Trilumina Lodge, Number 205 of the Order of Masons, the Order of Eastern Star Marshall Chapter 408. He was also involved in the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Herschel was a long-time volunteer for the Friends of Arrow Rock and was commander of the historic reenactment group, the First Brigade, First Regiment, Missouri Militia.

As a longtime member of the First Christian Church, Herschel taught Sunday school and served as chairman of the church board. He was a board member of the Missouri School of Religion's Center for Rural Ministry. Herschel also served as county campaign manager for many of my elections.

Mr. Speaker, Herschel Gaddy will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I know that Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family.

THE UPCOMING MARRIAGE OF
STEVE HOWELL AND KYRA
FISHBECK

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt joy that I rise to offer my best wishes for the upcoming marriage of Steve Howell and Kyra Fishbeck.

Steve Howell has worked in my Capitol Office for approximately a year and a half. During this time, I have witnessed his great love for Kyra. It is obvious to anyone who knows Steve that his bride-to-be, Kyra, is the true joy in his life.

On Saturday, Steve and Kyra will take their wedding vows, pledging to love another for the rest of their lives. These are words that should not be uttered lightly or taken without serious thought and consideration. However, I know that Steve and Kyra have prepared for this moment and are anxiously anticipating this special day.

Having been married to my lovely bride for 28 years, I know that marriage is a wonderful institution. It is my hope that Steve and Kyra will be a blessing to one another, helpmates in all aspects of life, and forever cognizant of the love they feel today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this 107th Congress to join me in congratulating Steven Howell on having found the woman of his dreams and wishing this young couple a lifetime of happiness together.

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION—
SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE
ENERGY INDUSTRY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my extreme disbelief that the Bush Administration has once again turned its back on the American people and sided with the interests of big gas and oil. I would think that after calling for more environmental rollbacks than any other Administration in the 21st century, the Bush Administration would not want to harm the environment more than it already has when writing its energy policy. I would also think that after neglecting the needs of working class families and pushing a tax cut that benefits the wealthiest one percent of tax payers, the Bush Administration might take into account the needs of the American people when writing its energy policy. But as we can see from the Bush Energy Plan, I would be wrong to think these things. As we can see from the Bush Energy Plan, I would be wrong to think that this Administration has any plans or desire to represent the interests and needs of the American people.

For 117 days, the Bush Big Oil Team met behind closed doors to write an energy policy that it claimed would provide a long-term solu-

tion to America's energy woes. Unfortunately, it is clear that the Administration's energy proposal is nothing more than a hand tool of the already profiting energy industry. The only long-term plan the Bush Big Oil Team came up with is one that fills the pockets of the Administration's closest friends, the oil and gas companies. Even more, the plan neglects to address the need for immediate consumer relief. Americans are paying more for energy today than they have ever paid. It is time to provide them with relief and the Bush Energy Plan does not.

One month ago, I came to the floor and asked, "What exactly is the Bush energy plan?" Today, I come to the floor and now ask, "How is the Bush energy plan going to work?" The energy plan released by the Administration last week relies heavily upon drilling in some of our country's most pristine areas and does not focus on the exploration of renewable energy sources. If we do not consider a long-term energy plan that includes the exploration of renewable resources, then we are just wasting our time.

From drilling in the ANWR to drilling off of Florida's Panhandle, the Administration is once again neglecting the responsibility we have to protect our environment for nothing more than a short-term solution. It is widely accepted that roughly 3.2 billion barrels of economically

Finally, the Administration's energy plan fails to address the immediate need for consumer relief. In the past three weeks, the average cost of gas per gallon has increased by more than 9.5 cents to an all time high of \$1.77 a gallon! Some drivers in the U.S. are paying more than \$2.00 a gallon. At a time oil company profits are up more than 40 percent from this time last year, consumers are paying more at the pumps and in their homes. In failing to address this lopsided consumer-supplier relationship, the Administration has endorsed the oil industry's gauging of gas prices.

Mr. Speaker, there is little question that America is faced with an energy crisis of an enormous magnitude. Our country needs to look at new ways of creating energy. If current trends continue, Americans will use more energy in the coming years than ever. The Administration's idea to drill wherever an oil well will fit, however, will simply continue to fill the pockets of oil and gas industry executives and never actually solve our current crisis. If we are going to get serious about solving our energy woes, then we need to pursue research and development programs that examine energy efficiency, renewable energy, and types of energy, including solar, biomass, hydrogen, geothermal, and hydropower. At the same time, America's energy policy cannot neglect the responsibility Americans have to the environment. I will not support the exploration of a new energy policy at unnecessary costs to the environment and public health. It is time to get serious about America's energy policy. So far, however, the Bush Administration has done nothing more than turn its back on the American people.