

take great pride in joining their families and friends to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions of the Bay Area Original Tuskegee Airmen. God bless them all.

JEWISH COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS OPPOSES IRRESPONSIBLE TAX CUTS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 8, 2004

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago I was privileged to be able to speak to the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, at a national convention held in Boston, representing organized Jewish communities across the country. The various Jewish communal organizations are active on a variety of fronts, including efforts to alleviate poverty and social distress. The participants in the organizations that make up the JCPA are themselves individuals who give freely to charity,

and understand in part because of this that while private charity is extremely important, it is no substitute for well-funded government programs that meet social needs.

Drawing on their experiences in this regard across the country, the attendees at the Plenum of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs adopted a resolution, which called on the Congress "to reject efforts to make permanent the 2003 tax cuts."

As the resolution notes, "to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, heal the sick, and educate our children, our Federal Government requires the resources that come from tax revenue."

This does not mean that the council opposes all of the tax cuts previously enacted, but this strong statement against the proposal to make permanent all of the 2003 tax cuts deserves very serious attention, given the moral credentials of those who enacted it.

Mr. Speaker, because this is one of the most important questions that will be facing us in this Congress, I ask that the very compelling resolution against making all of the 2003 tax cuts permanent be printed here.

JCPA RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO MAKING PERMANENT THE 2003 FEDERAL TAX CUTS

As Jews and Americans, we are committed to aiding members of our community in need through the work of our synagogues, CRCs and other private organizations, while relying on our Federal Government to ensure that it has the fiscal means to meet the needs of all its citizens. To feed the hungry, clothe the poor, heal the sick, and educate our children, our Federal Government requires the resources that come from tax revenue.

The Bush Administration's proposed Fiscal Year 2005 budget seeks to make permanent the Federal tax cuts passed in 2003. To do so would increase deficits by \$2 trillion between 2005-2014, inhibiting Federal investment in both existing and new programs. These tax cuts will affect the lives and well-being of our children, and our children's children, who will struggle in a society weakened by the fiscal decisions our government is now making. The JCPA calls on the Administration and Congress to enact legislation that will allow the Federal Government to meet its responsibilities to its citizens and to reject efforts to make permanent the 2003 tax cuts.