

occur along the way. I myself envision a day where the site will be very much like perhaps Travelocity, where you just go in and type in the drug that you need and you will come up with several options on where to purchase it for the lowest price. But, for right now, this provides for the first time a database, a consumer-driven database that consumers may access at no cost to them to find out whether or not this program will be beneficial for their particular prescription drug needs and in their particular area.

Rather than a one-size-fits-all program that almost never works, rather than having the government tell you where and when you can buy your medications, this allows seniors to be in the driver's seat.

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#### CELEBRATING THE FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY SERVICE FOR PASTOR AND MRS. JOE CHANEY, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MARIO DIAZ BALART of Florida). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize a great community leader in my district—Reverend Joe Chaney, Jr., the organizer and founder of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Long Beach, California. Last week, I was in attendance as the church celebrated its 43rd anniversary.

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church started with five members in 1961, and today has an active congregational membership of over 1600 parishioners.

Reverend Chaney has long been a tireless advocate for social change, inter-denominational understanding and fellowship in Long Beach. He has served as Director of Missions for the Long Beach Harbor Southern Baptist Association and for five years organized and directed the Long Beach Ministerial Alliance, an interdenominational alliance of local ministers.

He has served as the chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital and the Long Beach Police Department, and is currently the chaplain of the Long Beach Fire Department.

Reverend Chaney is committed to not only serving the church and the surrounding community, but to people all over California. He was selected as the first African-American on the Family Services and Child Care Board of Directors of the California Southern Baptist Convention, and has served as the President of the California Southern Baptist African-American Network.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Joe Chaney and his wife Mrs. Maxine Moss Chaney have served as mentors to many in Long Beach, and have been widely recognized by their peers for touching the lives of many, and have dedicated their lives to improving the community by serving others.

I congratulate Rev. and Mrs. Chaney on 43 years of dedicated service to Long Beach, our State, and our Nation.

Thank you for 43 great years!

#### RECOGNIZING ARMED FORCES ON MEMORIAL DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the many men and women who sacrifice their lives every single day in support of our Nation as members of the armed services, both in times of peace and in war.

In the last 2½ years since our Nation was attacked, the service of America's armed services has been on the front pages and news headlines across the country almost every single day. And this past weekend, we celebrated Memorial Day. We dedicated the World War II Memorial, and in towns across the country we had parades and moments of silence in honor of our armed services.

My district was no different. In the City of West Covina and Monterey Park, I had an opportunity to give special recognition to American Legion Posts 790 and 397, who served this Nation with dignity and honor, as well as recognize the living World War II veterans that still live in the district.

In El Monte, I shared Memorial Day with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10218 and the Patriotic Commission on the Veterans and Homeless Commission.

In Baldwin Park, in the district I represent, my community both celebrated the World War II veterans, those that fought and returned from Iraq, while also mourning the many soldiers that have given their lives over the past several wars.

I was able to speak with Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Veterans from Post 113 during special events in the City of Irwindale and the City of South El Monte.

Each city in my community recognized these men and women who served in many, many wars. With these fine groups, my community recalled with love and gratitude the 16.1 million men and women who served in World War II and remembered the 292,000 service members killed in action. They demonstrate daily why many of them are the Greatest Generation.

Today, 5.7 million World War II veterans live in America. California alone has 475,000 of those World War II veterans that live in our communities.

Just as we celebrate in honor of the greatest generation, we must also remember those fighting today in Iraq and Afghanistan. One hundred and thirty-eight service members were killed during major combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and more than 662 since the end of the major combat of May 2003 have been killed.

I am sad to address to mention the names of seven fallen heroes from my own district, two who recently lost their lives just 10 days ago from our area. My heart goes out to the families and friends of Marine Corporal Jorge A. Gonzalez; Army Sergeant Atanasio

Haro Marin; Army Private First Class Jose Casanova; Marine Private First Class Francisco A. Martinez Flores; Army Specialist Leroy Harris-Kelly; Marine Corporal Rudy Salas, who died 10 days ago; and Lance Corporal Benjamin Gonzalez, who died 2 days ago.

Their service to the community I represent and to the Nation will never be forgotten. During both peace and war, the service that these armed service members provide is something that we must all remember.

Just as we send our service members off to battle, we should not forget the many in our communities, families who send their loved ones, who should not be denied any, any, service. We must indeed guarantee them full health care and benefits, adequate burial and bereavement service and support for the military families.

I had several of the family members of the soldiers that I just mentioned who were not able to access services as easily as others of us who would have, because they have language barriers. They did not provide immediate interpretive services to immigrant soldiers and their families. Why is that? Why is there a double standard here? You can send your young ones to be killed to defend our country, and yet you cannot provide them the adequate attention that they so deserve.

In addition, we were lucky this past year that the President signed into law an expedited citizenship process. It now takes 2 years to become a full U.S. citizen. You can put on the uniform, but after that it takes a great deal of time for that process to occur. We still do not have the process set up so that they can go ahead and actively begin to apply. We are talking about 50,000 currently eligible military personnel and reservists who would be eligible for this program. What are we doing to help ramp that program up, as we find every single day soldiers are coming back in coffins, and many with surnames like mine.

I ask us to remember, yes, those that have defended our country, but let us keep intact those many young men and women who are currently serving us right now in our country. May God bless them and their families, and let us bring them home soon.

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#### GROSS AND OFFENSIVE OUTRAGES REGARDING ENERGY CRISIS OF 2000 AND 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FEENEY). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. INSLEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, there are some outrages that are so gross and offensive that even if it takes years to right them, we should do that, and one of those outrages is the energy crisis of 2000 and 2001 on the West Coast of the United States.

But in fact there are two outrages involving the energy crisis in the Western United States. The first outrage is