

such as the United Nations, had the location and moral authority to address the true resolution of our condition.

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Malcolm did not stop there. Linked to his understanding of human rights, Malcolm also situated our struggle for human rights alongside the struggles that were underway in Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America for national independence and liberation. Again, following in the footsteps of freedom fighters going back to the early 19th century, Malcolm insisted that to only view our struggle through the prism of North American eyes would be to condemn our struggle to failure. As such, Malcolm paid attention to educating Black America to the relevance of struggles underway overseas, such as the movement in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for complete freedom from both the Belgians and the USA. He was also an early and incisive critic of the expanding U.S. aggression in Indochina.

To build ties, Malcolm spent time developing bonds of friendship and comradeship with some of the most important international leaders of the struggles for national liberation of the 1960s. These were not symbolic, but represented an attempt to build allies who could be called upon to support our struggle for freedom.

For this, Malcolm became one of the most dangerous people in the USA . . . at least for those who oppress us. For us, the oppressed, he was our champion. Far from being a savior, Malcolm saw himself as a spokesperson for a movement; yet never more important than the movement. He understood that it is people in motion rather than individual leaders who shift the tracks of history.

And so, it is time to again remember Malcolm and to cherish him through continuing in his footsteps, footsteps that were molded by an insistence on struggle, audacity, and, yes, love for his people.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO COLONEL ALAN R. LYNN

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a great Army officer and soldier, Colonel Alan R. Lynn, and to thank him for his contributions to the Army and the country. On Thursday, June 2, 2005 Colonel Lynn will relinquish command of the Army's 3rd Signal Brigade which is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas for reassignment to the Army Staff in Washington, DC.

Colonel Lynn began his military career in 1979 following his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania at California, Pennsylvania. Commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery officer from ROTC he completed several successful assignments in the Air Defense Artillery before he transferred to the U.S. Army Signal Corps. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm he served as the 1st Brigade Signal Officer with the fabled 101st Airborne Division. In 1997, he commanded the 13th Signal Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division both at Fort Hood, Texas and in Bosnia with Task Force Eagle. Colonel Lynn took command of the 3rd Signal Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas on June 13, 2002. He deployed the Bri-

gade to 66 separate locations throughout Iraq in January, 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom creating the largest tactical communications network in Army history. For over a decade Alan has been tested in conflict and hardened in battle to become one of the Army's finest and most experienced Signal Corps commanders.

Alan is a consummate professional whose performance personifies those traits of courage, competency and commitment that our nation has come to expect from its Army officers. It is with sadness that we will wish him God-speed and good luck as he leaves Fort Hood for his new assignment.

Alan's career has reflected his deep commitment to our nation, and has been characterized by dedicated, selfless service, love for soldiers and their families and a commitment to excellence. I ask Members to join me in offering our heartfelt appreciation for a job well done and best wishes for continued success to a great soldier and friend—Colonel Alan R. Lynn.

H.R. 1268, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, because of this administration's lack of accountability for the money sent for the war in Iraq, I could not support this, the third emergency spending bill for Iraq, when the House first voted on it in March. It now comes back to us from the conference in worse shape than it was before, and I again cannot support it.

The administration sold this war to the American people and Members of Congress under false pretenses, and the American people cannot continue to indefinitely fund this administration's gross incompetence, particularly without any real oversight tied to it. Meanwhile, important priorities here at home like homeland security and education go wanting for money. We have a new record level of debt, a record budget deficit and a record trade deficit.

Mr. Speaker, my father and brother have both fought in wars for our country, and I support and honor our troops. I want nothing but the best protection and best equipment for them. Still, despite the hundreds of billions in taxpayer money that has been spent on Iraq, a recent New York Times report detailed how our soldiers in Iraq still are ill-equipped for the resistance they face. Why hasn't the money first and foremost gone to supply our troops with the equipment they need as quickly as possible?

There have been independent audits showing billions of dollars in Iraq that have been misspent or that have simply gone missing. And there still is little to no oversight—there still is no open and honest accounting—to keep this administration in check, as they have repeatedly missed deadlines to detail the past, current and future spending.

This bill now includes the REAL ID Act, which is an entirely separate issue from funding and should have no part of this bill. I am very concerned about the implementation of such sweeping provisions in this manner.

There is no money to implement these new laws, we've had no hearings to understand how they would work, and the states, which would have to administer these laws, haven't even been consulted. Administratively these provisions seem difficult to implement, at best. Congress should never go about loading something like this onto a bill without full debate, but that's exactly what has happened in this case.

Certainly, there are parts of this supplemental spending bill that I strongly support. The \$650 million for tsunami relief and reconstruction is very important. It is disappointing, however, that the conference report does not include the amendment I introduced that was attached to the House version, which would have devoted \$3 million for UNFPA's vital work in the tsunami region. This money would have greatly benefitted pregnant tsunami-stricken women by fostering better maternal health and reducing infant mortality.

The improvement in death benefits for the military in this bill are crucial, and they are a long time in coming. I also support the provisions to aid the peace in the Sudan, as well as development assistance the president proposed for the West Bank and Gaza.

Nevertheless, this administration must enforce a better accounting of the taxpayer money it spends. Before I can vote for another enormous expenditure of the American taxpayers' money for this war, I must be convinced that this administration will keep tabs on the money and make sure our troops get the equipment they need. Doing so will be good for the war effort, and will be good for our troops.

LANCE CORPORAL JONATHAN GRANT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Mr. UDALL. of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lance Corporal Jonathan Walter Grant.

Jonathan lived his life by always putting others first, and last Wednesday he made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq.

Lance Corporal Grant was among the six Marines killed during combat "Operation Matador" when their troop transporter rolled over a roadside bomb in the Al Anbar Province.

Just 23-years-old, Jonathan lived life always showing courage and maturity beyond his years. He was born in the Pojoaque Valley of New Mexico and raised by his grandmother Margie Warner, who he loved dearly. He received his general equivalency diploma in the year 2000 and joined the Marines in 2002, working the entire time to support his family and build a future.

Upon his planned return from Iraq this October, Jonathan was planning to marry his high school sweetheart and fiancée, Eva Maestas. Eva—who is now a kindergarten teacher—and Jonathan had been together for 7 years. Jonathan leaves behind Eva, their 5-year-old daughter Cynthia, and their 17-month-old son Evan.

As Cynthia and Evan get older, they can always be proud of their father, Lance Corporal Jonathan Walter Grant, a Marine—who always