

south of Hanoi, was shot down by a SAM missile after he had shot down his third MiG. He ejected and, thankfully, was picked up by a Marine rescue helicopter and so therefore did not have to suffer the 7 years of imprisonment that Jim Stockdale suffered.

I thought, Mr. Speaker, it would just be important for us to once again recognize this enormous hero of the United States, a leader, a hero, a great model for all of us and for all those fighting in the war against terror right now, a wonderful figure for us to emulate in terms of following duty, honor and country.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM), and will listen to his memory of Jim Stockdale.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. I thank the gentleman from California (Chairman HUNTER).

Mr. Speaker, Admiral Stockdale died on July 5 of this year. Some people may not remember the name Admiral Stockdale, but millions of people watched as the TV program portrayed the book that he and his wife Sybil wrote called "In Love and War." It told about the plight of our POWs and how their families suffered. Millions of people saw that.

They also may remember that Admiral Stockdale was Ross Perot's running mate one year in an alternative party, and then the following year Admiral Stockdale supported JOHN MCCAIN in his run for presidency, also a prisoner with Admiral Stockdale himself.

Admiral Stockdale was a prisoner for 7 years. He was awarded the Medal of Honor, not for just being a prisoner of war, but for his leadership and what he had to suffer through. He refused to capitulate to the enemy. That sounds like a big word, but not when you know what Admiral Stockdale went through.

Admiral Stockdale was tortured because of his leadership and the communication system, the tap code that he set up for the other prisoners. He was tortured. His shoulders were ripped out of their sockets. For six months he was tortured until he was almost unable to speak.

He was put in a cell then with our Member of Congress, SAM JOHNSON, who was a prisoner of war for 7 years. Admiral Stockdale through the tap code turned over the leadership of all the prisoners of war to then former Senator Jeremiah Denton. At that time, JOHN MCCAIN, SAM JOHNSON, Jeremiah Denton and Admiral Stockdale were responsible for the organization of all of our prisoners of war.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for laying out that great description of Admiral Stockdale. It has been repeated many times, but I thought one of the extraordinary circumstances, he was asked why he was able to be such a great leader, and he said he learned from his mother. He went to drama classes or helped her in little theat-

rical shows where she led local drama shows and he learned to act spontaneously and also to think quickly.

I thought that was reflected when the North Vietnamese told him they were going to parade him, use him for television, and were going to put him out where he knew he would be used for propaganda purposes. He had a stool in his cell. He tore it apart and took part of that stool and beat himself in the face with it until he was unrecognizable. What a surprise the North Vietnamese guards must have had when they came to take Admiral Stockdale from his cell for his TV appearance and he had beaten himself.

Also when he saw that other prisoners had been tortured and were being tortured and some of them had been killed, and the Vietnamese were pressing him extremely hard, he took a razor and slit both of his wrists to show that he would rather die than break before his North Vietnamese captors.

Part of that toughness he attributed to his commitment to his dad when he went off to the Naval Academy to be, as he said, "the best midshipman ever."

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I thought I would mention that Admiral Stockdale, besides being survived by Sybil, a wonderful, wonderful lady who then started, while he was a POW, she started the League of American Families of Prisoners of War and MIAs and, at the same time, she raised four sons. Those four sons are James of Pennsylvania; Sydney, who is in New Mexico; Stanford of Denver, Colorado; and Taylor, who is living in Claremont, California, and, of course, Admiral Stockdale left eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman who is talking with me, the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM), has won the Navy Cross, was nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor and the recipient of many other combat ribbons, and the Purple Heart. But I have never seen a list of service decorations as extensive as Admiral Stockdale's, who had two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Medal of Honor, three Distinguished Service Medals, two Purple Hearts and four Silver Stars, and was the only 3-star admiral in the history of the Navy to wear both aviator wings and the Medal of Honor.

Interestingly, he went back, he wrote a number of books: "The Vietnam Experience: 10 Years of Reflections and Thoughts of a Philosophical Fighter Pilot." So he continued to give to this country, I would say to my colleague, before I yield to him, he continued to give to this country after he came back the value of his philosophy, and it was that tough philosophy, that great patriotic philosophy that got him through these extraordinarily difficult times as a POW.

TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL JAMES BOND STOCKDALE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE). Under a previous order of the

House, the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, let me read the citation of Admiral Stockdale's Medal of Honor, just so people understand. "By his heroic action, in great peril to himself, he earned the everlasting gratitude of his fellow POWs and to his country." This was Admiral Stockdale. He was our friend, and he died.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that this Nation honor both Admiral Stockdale and his wife Sybil for the sacrifices that they gave to this country. Every dog face pilot, enlisted and officer, knew about the courage, not only of Admiral Stockdale, but the rest of our POWs. Sybil organized, not just for the MIAs, but for the POWs together, the entire program that supported the families of the MIAs and the POWs, and for that we honor them.

We know what the family is going through, even from July 5, the sadness that they have. But they can go to sleep at night knowing that Admiral Stockdale and Sybil, that this country owes a great, great deal to those individuals.

People in San Diego and around this country, it is time to remember Admiral Stockdale and Sybil for not only their patriotism, but the sacrifices of men like SAM JOHNSON, like JOHN MCCAIN, like Jeremiah Denton and the other POWs and some of those that did not come back.

I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HUNTER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I was just looking at the price tag of some of our high performance aircraft that we are going to be buying. You look at it and you say, we do not want to pay that, and then you reflect on the prisoners of war and that incredible defensive barrier that our pilots had to fly in, fly through to get into their targets in North Vietnam, and you say to yourself at that point I only want our pilots to have the very best.

So while I guess I am like everybody else, I get a little sticker shock when I look at the price of an aircraft. Of course, we get the same thing when we look at the price of a new car today in this country. I reflect when I see the incredible courage of those who strap themselves into that cockpit and fly out to protect American freedom and to protect our country, that they need the very, very best.

I would just ask the gentleman, because I know that he is familiar with the MiG aircraft, the latest high performance MiG aircraft, and I think one of his jobs, because the gentleman from California (Mr. CUNNINGHAM) knows aircraft, one of his jobs is to make sure that we keep high performance capability in the skies. I would just ask him for his reflections on what he thinks we need to do to maintain a strong American air power.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I am a Navy guy, but the F-22 is the only

airplane in the inventory that is projected that will compete with the SU-30 and SU-37.

To give my colleagues a comparison, Admiral Stockdale was flying an A-4 Skyhawk. At the time it was not a bad airplane, but they did not have the new PH or the P-408 engines, which is more powerful. And they loaded bombs on that little Skyhawk and it made it real cumbersome flying. I was lucky enough to fly Phantoms and some F-8s and other airplanes like the Thud and so on, but those little A-4 Skyhawks were pretty vulnerable.

Admiral Stockdale was shot down in 1965 before they each had surface-to-air missiles in Vietnam, he was shot down by Triple A, and those airplanes were slow and cumbersome. That is why we do not want our men and women flying airplanes that are not the best or driving Humvees that are not armored or other things, because if you look at the history of the past, like Admiral Stockdale and JOHN MCCAIN and Jeremiah Denton and all the others, that they were shot down, and not because they had necessarily inferior equipment, but not the best equipment. That is what we want to make sure of today, that our men and women who are serving overseas, as the chairman of the authorization defense committee, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER) has dedicated his life. His son was in the Marine Corps and served I think twice in Iraq.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I know that my son would like to remind the gentleman that it was a Marine pilot who rescued you when you went down.

But there is another point to American air power, and I think American air power in the future, and that is something that one of our real giants, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE), brought up, along with the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS), was this provision that we just passed, that just passed the House in his amendment to his bill, which gives the President leverage against Western countries, European countries, our allies who would sell military technology to China. Because there is a possibility that at some point in the future we may be in a conflict with China, and I think it would be a terrible thing if we saw any type of technology that gives them the ability to acquire American aircraft on a radar screen or to launch weaponry or munitions at that aircraft, or to have in their own aircraft, I would hate to see American stealth capability and technology.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, China is building the SU-30, which beats our American airplanes, our best F-14s, F-15s, F-16s, and F-18s, 90 percent of the time. It is an opportunity, but it is also a potential threat.

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I just would like to end by saying I think one way we can remember Admiral Stockdale is to keep our country strong and be faithful to those who served, including Admiral Stockdale.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AGAINST CAFTA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, tonight is an unusual, if not unprecedented, special order. It is one that I think that the country will appreciate and I think our colleagues in this Congress will appreciate it; one where we have brought at least a half dozen, and more will join us, Members of Congress of both parties to this Chamber in opposition to the Central American Free Trade Agreement. I am joined by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES), the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. DAVIS), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODE), and the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. OTTER). There are five of us here now two Democrats, three Republicans, and I know a number of Members will join us later.

We are joined together because we believe the Central American Free Trade Agreement is not in the best interests of our Nation. We have seen that for a dozen years our trade policy has simply not worked for the American people, it has not worked for rural, family farmers in Alabama, it has not worked for workers in Idaho, in Virginia, in North Carolina, and in my State of Ohio.

Before turning to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES), and I think people will just kind of join in a conversation here, I want to just point to a series of numbers that really does illustrate why we, as Republicans and Democrats, as people that represent small manufacturers and family farmers and family ranchers and labor unions and environmentalists and religious leaders, and people of faith and all of that, why we oppose it. We can just look at what has happened to our country's trade deficit in the last 12 years.

The year I ran for Congress the first time in 1992 and was elected, we had in our country a trade deficit of \$38 billion. That meant, in those days, a trade deficit of \$38 billion meant that we imported \$38 billion more than we exported. A dozen years later, our trade deficit has grown to \$618 billion; from \$38 billion to \$618 billion in just a dozen years. That translates clearly into lost jobs. It translates into lost textile jobs in Mr. JONES' State, it translates in the lost auto and steel and other jobs in my State. In the last 5 years alone, we have seen somewhere between 2.5 and 3 million manufacturing jobs lost, not entirely because of trade agreements, but in large part because of trade agreements.

That is why all of us say we want to trade with Central America, we want to pass a Central American Free Trade Agreement, but not one that is written and negotiated by a select few for a select few. We want a trade agreement

that all of us can support, that ranchers and small farmers and environmentalists and labor unions and small manufacturers and small businesses, that all of us can come together and support. That is really why we are here tonight as a group of Members of Congress from both parties.

I would like to turn it over to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES), who has helped lead this operation in opposition to the CAFTA.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Ohio, and I also am delighted to be here in a bipartisan way to do what is right for the American people.

I want to take just a few minutes to talk about my State of North Carolina. We all come from Virginia, from Idaho, from Alabama, from Ohio, and many other States, and there will be others that will be coming here tonight to speak, as the gentleman from Ohio mentioned. I do not know how America can work unless we come together, and certainly one of the major issues is trying to save jobs in America.

I want to go back very briefly to NAFTA. NAFTA was passed in 1992. I was not here. It was implemented in 1993. In my State of North Carolina, because of NAFTA, we have lost over 200,000 manufacturing jobs. In the Nation we have lost more than 2.5 million jobs. That is just because of NAFTA.

And what in the world are we going to do with CAFTA? CAFTA is nothing but a cousin to NAFTA, and NAFTA itself is not well. It is kind of like somebody being sick. NAFTA is sick because it has done nothing to help Americans in this country, and it did nothing to help the Mexicans stay down in Mexico and make a good living wage with benefits so they would not want to come across the border. They are coming across the border now between 8,000 and 10,000 a week.

I want to also say about CAFTA, you cannot have fair trade if both countries do not benefit. Those people that want to have CAFTA to become the law of the land, in my opinion, I say to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the word is greed. Greed. You cannot help the American people unless you treat our workers fairly, help them maintain their jobs, and not see their jobs sent overseas.

Before yielding, I want to show just two charts to my friends here on the floor. This happened in North Carolina in 2003 and it says, "Pillowtex Goes Bust, Erasing 6,450 Jobs." This happened in one day's announcement, 6,450 jobs lost, gone. The subtitle says, "Five North Carolina Plants Closing in Largest Single Job Loss in State's History."

I want to share another blow-up of a news article with my friends on the floor. This is from the Wilson Daily Times. This is a county that Congressman G.K. BUTTERFIELD and I share together, it is a split county. And it says, this is about 3 months ago, "VF Jeanswear Closes Plant, Last 445 Jobs