

a \$1 an hour, some making less than \$1, and where the work environment is so poor? This agreement will do nothing to help improve that.

That is what is flawed about this agreement. It does not help the American worker, it does not help the workers in the five Central American countries. I just hope that we next week in a bipartisan way will do what is right, first for America, and secondly for those countries in Central America, and go back to the table and redraw an agreement that is good for us and good for them.

I will say in closing, Mr. Speaker, that I was so impressed with the attitude today at this interfaith conference, because these people want justice for American workers and workers in Central America, and if we do not as a Congress meet our responsibility and do what is right, then I do not think we are meeting our oaths as we got on this floor and raised our hand and said we will support the Constitution of the United States of America.

I think we need to do what is right. That is why I am hoping that we will next week vote and defeat this CAFTA bill that will come to the floor, if it does come to the floor, and let us go back to the drawing table and let us do what is right. We can make a really good agreement and help those in America and help those in the five countries.

Again, my State of North Carolina has lost over 200,000 manufacturing jobs. People are saying to me, "Congressman, please, please, defeat the CAFTA agreement when it comes to the floor of the House."

Mr. Speaker, I will always try to do what I think is right for this country. I want to say thank you to those men and women in uniform in Afghanistan and Iraq and their families, and God bless America.

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WHILE ONLY A FEW MAY BE GUILTY, WE ALL ARE RESPONSIBLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WESTMORELAND). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this morning I joined my friend, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES), to attend a prayer breakfast near the Capitol where more than 50 representatives of the Christian and Jewish faiths issued a national call for reflection on the Central American Free Trade Agreement. The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) just described that prayer breakfast, that time of reflection.

Despite deep and broad opposition to the Central American Free Trade Agreement, House leadership has promised to bring the agreement to the floor of the House for a vote next week. As

an elected official, as a citizen of our great Nation, that disappoints me. As a Lutheran, as a person of faith, I find this trade agreement violates the tenets of my faith and the tenets of my belief in social justice.

Whether Christian or Jew or Muslim, the Abrahamic tradition is rooted in the principles of responsibility to each other as brethren, in doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

As Christians, we are given the New Testament, which shares with us Christ's teachings of social and economic justice.

As Members of Congress, as Democrats and Republicans, we see firsthand the real and tangible effects of trade policies that contradict those teachings. CAFTA does just that.

We have heard on this floor, we have heard from lobbyists, generally lobbyists that work for the drug companies, the insurance industry, the large banks, the oil companies, the big multinational corporations, we have heard from these lobbyists as they troll the House office buildings, we have heard them say, you should pass CAFTA and do this for the people of Central America. But the diversity of faith that was represented at the prayer breakfast where the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) and I were today reflects so well the depth and breadth of opposition to the Central American Free Trade Agreement among religious leaders in the United States and among religious leaders in the Dominican Republic and in the five Central American countries.

We have seen this opposition continue to grow and grow and grow. Workers, small business owners, ranchers, family farmers, Democrats, Republicans, House and Senate Members, Central American legislators, and dozens of Republicans and Democrats on the House side, all share a common message asking not that we do not trade with Central America, not that we do not pass a trade agreement with Central America, but that we defeat this CAFTA and renegotiate a better agreement.

Of course, the faith-based community opposes an agreement that will have devastating effects on millions of worshippers in all seven CAFTA countries, the United States and the six countries in Central America. Abandoned by big corporations and too often abandoned by their own government leaders, the world's poorest people have few to speak on their behalf, with little or no voice of their own.

That is why the church, the synagogue, and the mosque are often the only sources of refuge for millions of workers, millions of poor people. In fact, these religious leaders told us today, these 50 or 60 people of faith who rallied in opposition to this trade agreement that will exploit the poor in Central America and hurt working families and communities in our country, they told us we need a different trade agreement, a trade agreement

that will lift up the poor, and a trade agreement that will respect workers in the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, when the world's poorest people can buy American products and not just make them, then we will know, finally, that our trade policies are working.

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

(Mr. OTTER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. GUTKNECHT. I ask unanimous consent that I be able to speak out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

HONORING A TRUE AMERICAN HERO: CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER COREY JAMES GOODNATURE

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

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero.

Chief Warrant Officer Corey J. Goodnature died protecting our freedoms on June 28, 2005 in eastern Afghanistan when his helicopter was shot down by enemy fire during combat operations.

Corey was a quiet man who was dedicated to serving his country and family. He loved being outdoors. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and he enjoyed all kinds of activities with his boys. Since childhood, he lived up to the family name, carrying a gentle demeanor, yet a very strong presence. Corey was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a dedicated Night Stalker. Corey served his Nation for 14 years, spending 7 of those doing what he particularly loved: flying helicopters with his fellow Night Stalkers and supporting other Special Forces operations.

Corey graduated from the University of Minnesota with an associate's degree in aerospace engineering and joined the Army in 1991. He served as a parachute rigger at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He attended the warrant officer basic course at Fort Rucker, Alabama. In 1996, he was assigned to Camp Wheeler in Hawaii. He served in a number of regiments around the country and around the world.

Corey's awards and decorations include the Air Medal, the Senior Army Aviation Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal,