

In fact, this is only one of the instances in which this Administration has thumbed its nose at the international community. There is not only an unwillingness to move forward with substantive action on global warming, there is active resistance, and, in fact, bullying of other countries. The Administration started by walking away from the Kyoto protocol. I was in Johannesburg for the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002. Nothing of significance from the U.S. I went to Buenos Aires for the Conference of the Parties in 2004. Nothing of significance from the U.S. In Montreal, Harlan Watson walked out of negotiations in what was perceived in international media as a tantrum when the Administration didn't get its way. There was an agreement in the G8 that the U.S. re-engage on the issue. It did not happen.

Instead, we see not only rhetorical red herrings, but we see Enron accounting techniques being used to create the illusion that something is being done. The GAO released a report in August 2005 called Climate Change; Federal Reports on Climate Change Funding Should Be Clearer and More Complete. This report listed suspect activities claimed by the OMB as spending on global warming, including such efforts as the "Andean Counterdrug Initiative."

Making matters worse, the Administration advocates for dealing with global warming by advocating for nuclear power. Nuclear power has been shown to be greenhouse gas intensive, it is far less cost effective than renewables, far less polluting than renewables, and facilitates further proliferation of nuclear weapons materials. We are trading our addiction to oil and all the problems that go with it, for nuclear power and a whole new set of equally pernicious problems that go with it, when common sense alternatives are readily available or within our reach.

In the meantime, it is becoming increasingly clear that the effects of global warming are already being felt. The United Nations has declared that at least 5 million cases of illness and more than 150,000 deaths every year are attributable to global warming. The 2003 European heat wave killed over 20,000 people. The 10 hottest years on record have occurred in the last 15 years. Two consecutive record-breaking hurricane seasons.

Exactly how bad does it have to get?

IN MEMORY OF ARMY CAPTAIN
BLAKE H. RUSSELL

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage of a young hero from my district. On July 22, 2006, the Department of Defense declared that Army Captain Blake H. Russell (United States Army, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division) died from injuries that he suffered from an explosion while investigating a possible weapons cache in Baghdad, Iraq. Russell enlisted in the Navy in 1989 after graduating from Fort Worth Boswell High School. After completing his Navy obligations, Russell enrolled at Texas A&M University and upon graduation, he joined the Army.

His family describes Russell as a soldier who professed that he chose the military profession so "he could fight the bad guys over there so (his son) could be safe here."

Russell served with distinction during his military career which included two tours in

Iraq. In the Navy, Russell served as an anti-submarine warfare specialist as well as a Navy search and rescue team member. He joined the Army after graduating from Texas A&M in 1998. Prior to the Iraq war, he was an aide to an Army general. During his initial tour in Iraq, Russell served with the 4th Infantry Division in the Al Anbar Province. He joined the 101st Airborne Division, based in Fort Campbell, KY, in March 2005. He was serving as a field artillery officer during his last tour in Iraq and was actively involved in military operations in the Baghdad area. His earned the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart during his military career.

The American people know the sacrifices Russell made to his country and his service will not be in vain. I am proud to honor Captain Russell's service to the United States of America. He will not be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO PFC. KRISTIAN
MENCHACA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, of the 101st Airborne of the United States Army, who was kidnapped and murdered by Iraqi insurgents on June 16th in Yusufiyah, Iraq.

Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca was born on May 29th, 1983, in Houston, TX, and moved to Brownsville with his mother, Maria Guadalupe Vasquez, when he was a young boy. He attended Gary Job Corps center in San Marcos, TX, where he completed the correctional officers training program in six months and earned a certificate. He married his wife, Christina, three weeks before he joined the United States Army with the goal of using his military experience to become a Border Patrol agent. Pfc. Menchaca will be forever remembered for his service in protecting the freedoms and ideals of our country and I extend my condolences to his family, and to his wife, Christina.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize the service of Pfc. Kristian Menchaca in the United States Army.

HONORING JACKIE DOLLAR HARRISON, DIRECTOR OF CHILD START, INC.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Jackie Dollar Harrison on the occasion of her retirement as Director of Child Start, Inc., a Head Start program for Napa and Solano counties. Over the last 25 years, Jackie Harrison's commitment to broadening service and reaching out to communities has developed the program into one of the most respected early childhood educational programs in the country.

Mrs. Harrison was born in St. Louis, MO, but grew up in Los Angeles, where she

earned a Bachelors degree from Mt. Saint Mary's College and then her Masters from the University of Southern California. The Watts riots in 1965 devastated chronically impoverished areas in southern Los Angeles; these riots were blamed on a lack of education and opportunity. Mrs. Harrison's first job in a long career of serving the under-served was as a pre-school teacher and curriculum specialist in the areas most impacted by rioting. Her work with marginalized and under-represented groups continued as a special education teacher serving children with autism and other learning disabilities in central Los Angeles.

Mr. Speaker, when Jackie Harrison arrived in the Napa Valley to direct the child care program, things began to change. The development of a Head Start program, new pre- and post-natal care efforts, and expansion into Solano County were direct results of Jackie's aggressive leadership. In 2000, Jackie led the innovative conversion of Napa-Solano Head Start into an independent non-profit corporation, which now operates as a nationally recognized model for others to follow. Jackie has emphasized kids' education not only through the programs, but has worked with parents and other community organizations to ensure that learning continues in the home.

Mrs. Harrison once said, "Anything about me, I want to be about the program." Mr. Speaker, by that measure, 2005 was an extraordinarily good year. Child Start, Inc. was recognized as one of the 40 top programs of its kind in the nation, it was the "Distinguished Program" recipient for California, it received a national "Program of Achievement Award", and Jackie herself was recognized with a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the National Head Start foundation. These testimonials to the success of her program are a well-deserved acknowledgement of Jackie's vision in transforming children's education and opportunities in the Napa Valley.

Mrs. Harrison has been an active leader for the Napa Valley and the State of California, sitting on boards and helping direct the development of organizations that support the welfare of those whose voices are so often drowned out in our society.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Jackie Dollar Harrison for her remarkable achievements in a career distinguished by visionary and aggressive leadership for the welfare of our nation's children.

TRIBUTE TO THE D.J. JACOBETTI
HOME FOR VETERANS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an institution in my district that serves those who have served the rest of us. The D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, MI, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary Rededication next month. My district is home to more veterans than any other Congressional District in Michigan. As such, the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans has been indispensable to many of my constituents.

The D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans was rededicated in 1981 and was named after Dominic J. Jacobetti, the longstanding Chair of