

Madam Speaker, many Members of both this Chamber and the Senate on both sides of the aisle served with Dr. Brademas. I believe they will share my sentiments in expressing our admiration for his outstanding public service and join me in wishing him well.

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SAY "YES" TO THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET RESOLUTION

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, when it comes to the new Democrat Congress, it is the 1970s all over again. Think about it. We have hostages in Iran, Congress is making plans to withdraw from another unpopular war, and the Democrats return to the floor of Congress with plans to tax and spend once again. Higher taxes for working families, small businesses and family farms to finance billions of dollars in new spending with absolutely no reform of entitlements, the real threat to our children and grandchildren.

The GOP budget alternative will balance the budget by the year 2012 without tax increases, without raiding Social Security and with truly historic entitlement reform.

I say, Madam Speaker, say "no" to bell bottoms, disco and the tax-and-spend politics of the 1970s. Say "yes" to the Republican budget resolution.

DEMOCRATIC BUDGET GETS RAVE REVIEWS FROM BROAD VARIETY OF OUTSIDE GROUPS

(Mr. SIRES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, the Democratic budget is receiving rave reviews from a broad variety of outside groups. Here are just some of the examples of what Democrats are hearing.

The American Legion praised our budget because it includes \$3.3 billion more for veterans than the President's budget, making it the largest veterans increase in 77 years. In the letter, the American Legion writes: "As a Nation at war, this funding will help cover the ongoing cost of war to care for the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their families."

The American Academy of Pediatrics writes: "This budget includes a significant commitment to infants, children, adolescents and young adults through its funding of SCHIP and Medicaid."

And the watchdog group OMB Watch writes: "We applaud its commitment to restoring fiscal responsibility by seeking to eliminate the Federal budget deficits by 2012, adopting the pay-as-you-go principle requiring that any new tax cuts and mandatory spending be paid for."

Madam Speaker, the Democratic budget shows that we can fiscally be

responsible while also meeting the critical needs of the American people. This budget deserves strong support.

DEMOCRAT TAXES—ONCE AGAIN!

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to warn all Americans of the looming taxation tidal wave that is coming under this new Democrat majority.

Democrats have unveiled their tax-and-spend budget proposal which will bring upon the American people the largest tax increase in our Nation's history.

Rather than allow Americans to make choices about how best to spend their own money, it is clear that Democrats feel they and Washington bureaucrats better understand what is good for American families.

Our Democrat colleagues repeatedly claim that the Republican tax cuts only benefit the wealthy. Well, Madam Speaker, the lowest-income Americans are about to find out just how untrue that tired rhetoric is.

The tax hikes will hit all Americans in every tax bracket, the middle class, low-income families and small businesses.

But there is an alternative. House Republicans have vowed to not just extend but make permanent the pro-growth low-tax policies that have brought recovery to our economy.

Madam Speaker, we can move away from this tired trend of big and bigger government. We can return money back to the rightful owner, the American taxpayer; and we should start right now.

DEMOCRATIC BUDGET PROTECTS MIDDLE-INCOME FAMILIES FROM A TAX INCREASE

(Ms. SHEA-PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Madam Speaker, when I ran for Congress, I ran for the rest of us, the bottom 99 percent of us who as a social worker I knew were not getting a fair shake under this administration and its followers. I knew they had created the greatest deficits in American history and that it was the middle class who had been harmed.

I stand here with great pride to ask my colleagues in the House to pass this Democratic budget which actually finally represents the middle class.

What does this budget do? Unlike the President's own budget proposal, the Democrats' House budget protects middle-class families from a tax increase. Our resolution protects 19 million families against the alternative minimum tax this year and creates a reserve fund accommodating a permanent fix. The reserve fund also will accommodate other middle-class tax cuts, including extending the child tax credit, mar-

riage penalty relief, the extension of the 10 percent individual tax credit and the elimination of most estate taxes.

Compare these middle-class tax cuts to the \$500 billion tax increase the President proposed in his budget over the next 10 years.

Madam Speaker, this Democratic House is committed to balancing the budget in the next 5 years without raising taxes, and that is what we are going to do here.

FREEWAY HOMICIDES AND AN ILLEGAL

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, as Maria Ortiz and her daughter Vanessa were driving down the Eastex Freeway in Kingwood, Texas, on Sunday afternoon, they were probably talking about the upcoming birth of Vanessa's baby boy Nathaniel.

Ignacio Gomez-Gutierrez was blasting down that same freeway in his pick-up truck. He came up behind Maria and Vanessa and slammed his truck into the back of their car, smashing the trunk into the front seat, killing them both, Maria, Vanessa and also Nathaniel.

Gomez-Gutierrez was three times the legal limit drunk. Witnesses who were following him driving stated that he was so drunk he could barely hold his head up.

After this coward killed the Ortizes, he fled from his pick-up and ran, but he was finally captured and held for the police by a bystander.

Gomez-Gutierrez had already been convicted three times for drunk driving, and he was an illegal from Mexico. But he had been never been deported after any of his convictions. If he had, Maria, Vanessa, and the baby would still be here.

How many more Americans and legal immigrants need to be killed before the Feds start deporting these criminal illegals?

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING CÉSAR CHÁVEZ

(Mr. GRIJALVA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of César Chávez, to commemorate his life, to ask for a national holiday. He would have been 80 years old this Saturday, and I guess the most personal thing I can say is how he affected my life and the lives of countless people. He gave voice to the powerless in this country. He gave voice to the issues of the environment, human rights, labor rights, education and turned a whole generation and a whole community to look forward to opportunity and to stand up and protect the very fundamental rights that each one of us as an American holds true.