

Ortiz	Salazar	Taylor
Pallone	Sali	Terry
Pascarell	Sánchez, Linda	Thompson (CA)
Pastor	T.	Thompson (MS)
Payne	Sanchez, Loretta	Tiahrt
Pearce	Sarbanes	Tiberi
Pence	Saxton	Tierney
Perlmutter	Schakowsky	Towns
Peterson (MN)	Schiff	Turner
Peterson (PA)	Schmidt	Udall (CO)
Petri	Schwartz	Udall (NM)
Pickering	Scott (GA)	Upton
Pitts	Scott (VA)	Van Hollen
Platts	Sensenbrenner	Velázquez
Poe	Serrano	Visclosky
Pomeroy	Sessions	Walberg
Price (GA)	Sestak	Walden (OR)
Price (NC)	Shadegg	Walsh (NY)
Pryce (OH)	Shays	Walz (MN)
Putnam	Shea-Porter	Wamp
Radanovich	Sherman	Wasserman
Rahall	Shimkus	Schultz
Ramstad	Shuler	Waters
Regula	Shuster	Watson
Rehberg	Simpson	Watt
Reichert	Sires	Waxman
Renzi	Skelton	Weiner
Reyes	Slaughter	Welch (VT)
Reynolds	Smith (NE)	Weldon (FL)
Rodriguez	Smith (NJ)	Weller
Rogers (AL)	Smith (TX)	Westmoreland
Rogers (KY)	Smith (WA)	Wexler
Rogers (MI)	Snyder	Whitfield
Rohrabacher	Solis	Wicker
Ros-Lehtinen	Souder	Wilson (NM)
Roskam	Space	Wilson (OH)
Ross	Spratt	Wilson (SC)
Rothman	Stark	Wolf
Roybal-Allard	Stearns	Woolsey
Royce	Stupak	Wu
Ruppersberger	Sullivan	Wynn
Rush	Sutton	Yarmuth
Ryan (OH)	Tanner	Young (FL)
Ryan (WI)	Tauscher	

NAYS—1

Paul

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Thornberry

NOT VOTING—16

Berkley	Dicks	Porter
Brady (TX)	Hastert	Rangel
Butterfield	Hinojosa	Tancredo
Coble	Kucinich	Young (AK)
Cubin	McCreery	
Davis, Jo Ann	Murtha	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that 2 minutes are remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 616, 617, 618 and 619, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all 4 rollcalls.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRALEY of Iowa). Pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 USC 6431 note), amended by section 681(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (22 USC 2651 note), and

the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment of the following members on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom:

Ms. Felice Gaer, Paramus, New Jersey, for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2009, to succeed herself and upon the recommendation of the minority leader:

Ms. Nina Shea, Washington, D.C., for a 2-year term ending May 14, 2009, to succeed herself

HONORING KATJA MARTIN

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Miss Katja Martin, a sixth grade student from my district, who is an inspired writer and gifted reader and writer.

This year, the Library of Congress has selected Miss Katja Martin of Apparetta, Georgia as one of only six national winners in their annual "Letters About Literature" program. With more than 56,000 adolescent and young adult readers in fourth through 12th grades participating, this program encourages students to read and be inspired and to write a letter that might have been sent to an author who has changed the student's view of the world and of themselves.

For her entry, Miss Martin wrote about the Robert Frost poem, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." Because of her talented efforts, she and the other five national winners will be honored at the National Book Festival on September 29 here in Washington, DC, where they will have the opportunity to read their letters to the gathered audience.

I am pleased to have the House recognize this accomplishment. It's a great honor for me to be able to represent and recognize Katja Martin, clearly a dedicated and intelligent young lady.

IN SUPPORT OF THE COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, earlier today we passed the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007, and I just want to take a minute to thank Congressman GEORGE MILLER for his tremendous leadership in achieving bipartisan support for a bill that will have a positive and lasting impact on the future of education in our Nation.

We raised the maximum Pell Grant, reaching \$5,200 by 2011. In my home State of California, this will benefit over 645,000 students.

Another important part of this bill is the increase to the Upward Bound program, effective for the current fiscal year, allowing several program sites

that had to shut their doors a few weeks ago to reopen, including one in my district.

This bill also makes landmark investments in our Historically Black Colleges and Universities, our Hispanic-serving institutions, and will raise the number of students obtaining degrees in science, technology and math, and increase the capacity of these institutions to teach in these fields.

Today's vote was a vote for the future of our children and for the future of our Nation.

PRO-GROWTH POLICIES ARE WORKING

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

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, tax receipts are up, and the deficit is down. Pro-growth policies are working. The President's tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 have had an enormous impact on our economy and on government revenue.

The Office of Management and Budget announced today that the Federal deficit is actually \$205 billion, the lowest since 2002, the lowest since the tax cuts went into effect. What this shows is that with pro-growth policies, the economy grows. And when the economy grows, tax receipts to the government go up as well. When that happens, we can balance this budget if we have the reasonable approach of restraining spending and keeping in place the tax cuts that were put in place in 2001 and 2003.

I urge my colleagues to continue this pro-growth policy of keeping taxes low and helping the American economy grow and prosper.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID RAY RITCHESON

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this evening I rise to introduce H. Res. 535 in tribute to David Ray Ritcheson, a survivor of one of the most horrific hate crimes in the history of Texas, and recognizing his efforts in promoting Federal legislation to combat hate crimes.

David Ray Ritcheson, a Mexican American, was a friendly and cheerful student at Klein Collins High School in the Houston suburb of Spring, Texas and a popular and talented football athlete who was loved and admired by his family and friends. However, on April 23, 2006, at the age of 16, David Ray Ritcheson was severely assaulted while attending a party in Spring, Texas by skinheads who assaulted and violated him because of his race.

It was through his suffering of this enormous tragedy, having gone through more than 30 surgeries to restore his appearance and regain the