

achieved an impressive 2,843 miles per gallon, breaking a number of the team's personal records.

At a time when prices are skyrocketing at the pump, America must look for ways to reduce our reliance on foreign oil and put our country on a permanent path toward energy independence. Increasing the fuel efficiency of automobiles is a critical step, and I commend the members of the Mater Dei Car Team for their ingenuity and dedication to this important goal. These students represent the future engineers and scientists who can help lead the way in addressing the energy challenges we face.

THE HUNGER CRISIS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, approximately 11 percent of our Nation's households are "food insecure," meaning hungry or at risk of hunger. This includes over twelve million children. According to a recent study from the Center for Community Solutions, portions of my district, including Lakewood, Fairview Park and Parma, have experienced a 74 percent increase in participation in the Food Stamp Program between 2002 and 2007.

In March 2008, the World Food Programme (WFP) of the United Nations issued an emergency appeal to member nations asking for \$500 million to help close the funding gap created by increasing food and fuel prices. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) echoed a similar plea in March saying that an additional \$200 million was needed to meet emergency food aid needs.

Unrest has broken out around the globe due to rising food costs. In Cameroon, where food costs have increased by 50 percent over the last year, 4 days of rioting ended with a death toll of at least 40 people. Violent demonstrations have broken out in Senegal, a country that imports the majority of its food, over the rising prices of rice and milk. In Yemen, multiple days of rioting, spurred by a doubling of wheat prices over a 2 month period, culminated in one hundred arrests.

A new study released by the international NGO, GRAIN, states that "[f]armers across the world produced a record 2.3 billion tons of grain in 2007, up 4% on the previous year . . . the bottom line is that there is enough food produced in the world to feed the population."

The following article by Anuradha Mittal raises valid questions that we must address in our fight against global hunger:

[From the Oakland Institute Reporter]

DANGEROUS LIAISONS: A BATTLE PLAN FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO FIGHT GLOBAL HUNGER

(By Anuradha Mittal)

UN agencies are meeting in Berne to tackle the world food price crisis. Heads of International Financial Institutions (IFIs), including Robert Zoellick, President of the World Bank (former U.S. trade representative) and Pascal Lamy, WTO's Director General, are among the attendees. Will the "battle plan" emerging from the Swiss capital, a

charming city with splendid sandstone buildings and far removed from the grinding poverty and hunger which has reduced people to eating mud cakes in Haiti and scavenging garbage heaps, be more of the same—promote free trade to deal with the food crisis.

The growing social unrest against food prices has forced governments to take policy measures such as export bans, to fulfill domestic needs. This has created uproar among policy circles as fear of trade being undermined sets in. "The food crisis of 2008 may become it challenge to globalization," exclaims *The Economist* in its April 17, 2008 issue. Not surprisingly then, the "Doha Development Round" which has been in a stalemate since the collapse of the 2003 WTO Ministerial in Cancun, largely due to the hypocrisy of agricultural policies of the rich nations, is being resuscitated as a solution to rising food prices.

Speaking at the Center for Global Development, Zoellick passionately argued that the time was "now or never" for breaking the Doha Round impasse and reaching a global trade deal. Pascal Lamy has argued, "At a time when the world economy is in rough waters, concluding the Doha Round can provide strong anchor." Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director of the IMF, has claimed, "No one should forget that all countries rely on open trade to feed their populations. Completing the Doha round would play a critically helpful role in this regard, as it would reduce trade barriers and distortions and encourage agricultural trade."

Preaching at the altar of free market to deal with the current crisis requires a degree of official amnesia. It was through the removal of tariff barriers, through the international trade agreements, that allowed rich nations such as the U.S. to dump heavily subsidized farm surplus in developing countries while destroying their agricultural base and undermining local food production. Reduction of rice tariffs from 100 to 20 percent in Ghana under structural adjustment policies enforced by the World Bank, rice imports increased from 250,000 tons in 1998 to 415,150 tons in 2003, with 66 percent of rice producers recording negative returns leading to loss of employment. In Cameroon, poultry imports increased by about six-fold with the lowering of tariff protection to 25 percent while import increases wiped out 70 percent of Senegal's poultry industry.

Developing countries had an overall agricultural trade surplus of almost US \$7 billion per year in the 1960s. According to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), gross imports of food by developing countries grew with trade liberalization, turning into a food trade deficit of more than US \$11 billion by 2001 with cereal import bill for Low Income Food Deficit Countries reaching over \$38 billion in 2007/2008.

Erosion of agricultural base of the developing countries has increased hunger among their farmers while destroying their ability to meet their food needs. The 1996 World Food Summit's commitment to reduce the number of hungry—815 million then—by half by 2015 had already become a far-fetched idea by its 10th anniversary. U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Jean Ziegler, reported last June that nearly 854 million people in the world—one in every six human beings—are gravely undernourished.

So on who's behalf are the heads of the IFIs promoting the conclusion of the Doha Round and further liberalization of agriculture. While *Investors Chronicle* in its April 2008 feature story, "Crop Boom Winners" explores how investors can gain exposure to the dramatic turnaround in food and farmland prices, a new report from GRAIN, *Making a Killing*, from the Food Crisis, shows Cargill, the world's biggest grain trad-

er, achieved an 86 percent increase in profits from commodity trading in the first quarter of 2008; Bunge had a 77 percent increase in profits during the last quarter of 2007; ADM, the second largest grain trader in the world, registered a 67 percent increase in profits in 2007. Behind the chieftains of the capitalist system are powerful transnational corporations, traders, and speculators who trade food worldwide, determine commodity prices, create and then manipulate shortages and surpluses to their advantage, and are the real beneficiaries of international trade agreements.

The vultures of greed are circling the carcasses of growing hunger and poverty as another 100 million join the ranks of the world's poorest—nearly 3 billion people who live on less than \$2 a day. Agriculture is fundamental to the well-being of all people, both in terms of access to safe and nutritious food and as the foundation of healthy communities, cultures, and environment. The answer to the current crisis will not come from the WTO or the World Bank, but lies in the principles of food sovereignty that can ensure food self-sufficiency for each nation. It is time for the developing countries to uphold the rights of their people to safe and nutritious food and break with decades of ill-advised policies that have failed to benefit their people.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this House with yet another Sunset Memorial. It is April 29, 2008, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sunset today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand. That's just today, Madam Speaker. That's more than the number of innocent lives lost on September 11 in this country, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,881 days since the tragedy called *Roe v. Wade* was first handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of its own children. Some of them, Madam Speaker, died and screamed as they did so, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over the vocal cords instead of air, no one could hear them.

And all of them had at least four things in common. First, they were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone, and each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each one of their mothers, whether she realizes it or not, will never be quite the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever. Yet even in the glare of such tragedy, this generation still clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it's time for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves of why we are really all here. Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government." The phrase in the 14th Amendment capsulizes our entire

Constitution, it says, "No State shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is the clarion declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core, self-evident truth.

It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. Madam Speaker, it is who we are.

And yet today another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We have failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have given them.

Madam Speaker, let me conclude in the hope that perhaps someone new who heard this Sunset Memorial tonight will finally embrace the truth that abortion really does kill little babies; that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express; and that 12,881 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their unborn babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Madam Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each one of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of innocent unborn children. May that be the day when we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect these, the least of our tiny, little American brothers and sisters from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is April 29, 2008, 12,881 days since Roe versus Wade first stained the foundation of this Nation with the blood of its own children, this in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SISTER
ROBERT JOSEPH BAILEY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor Sister Robert Joseph Bailey by entering her name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today I pay tribute to Sister Robert Joseph Bailey for her life and accomplishments, and applaud her for having an elementary school named in her honor by the Clark County School District.

Sister Robert was born as Margaret Bailey on April 22, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan. When she entered the Dominican Order of Sisters in 1940, she chose the name Robert Joseph, in honor of her favorite younger brother. She graduated in 1941 with a bachelor's degree from Sienna Heights College, and began sharing her gift of teaching in various schools throughout the country. In 1951, Sister Robert moved to Henderson, where she was assigned to teach 4th and 5th grade at St. Peter's School. She taught at St. Peter's for nine years.

After leaving St. Peter's, Sister Robert went on to what is now known as the Rose de Lima Campus of the St. Rose Dominican Hospitals where she assumed responsibility of dietary services, and eventually turned to community education. During her 37 years at St. Rose, she implemented several community outreach programs dedicated to children throughout the community. She initiated the Positive Impact on Reading Program in which volunteers visit local elementary schools to spend time interactively reading with children. Sister Robert visited many of the schools in the Henderson community and delivered special presentations on a variety of topics such as health, nutrition, hygiene, safety, and even how to be a good babysitter. She also initiated a hotline for children who were home alone and lonely. Typically, these children could call the hospital and talk to a volunteer for as long and often as needed.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Sister Robert Joseph Bailey for her accomplishments throughout the Henderson community. The programs that Sister Robert initiated came as a result of her concerns for the education, health, and comfort of others. Her legacy is an inspiration to the members of the school community, and I applaud the Clark County School District for naming an elementary school in her honor.

A TRIBUTE TO WINDELL DANIELS

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, last week the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, lost one of its most beloved leaders and doers—Windell Daniels. I had the distinct honor to give remarks at his funeral and wanted all my colleagues here in the U.S. Congress and indeed the entire nation to know what a lasting impact this one man made on so many.

Luke, Chapter 6, Verse 38 says, "Give and it will be given back to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Wilma, Euran, and Jay—your husband and your father lived a life of giving.

And in his eternal resting place with God, his soul has been replenished with the overflowing blessings of the joy, peace, and love that he shared with so many throughout his extraordinary life.

My friends, Windell Daniels was a humble hero. A humble hero that lived his life the best way he knew how—by serving others. A humble hero that had unfinished business here on

earth. And a humble hero that would now tell each of us to keep building the bridge he had begun and keep giving to others.

Only a handful of people come into one's life and touch it in dramatic fashion. Some are flickers of light, and others are consistent glows. Windell Daniels was one of those very few consistent glows—indeed, he was a beacon.

As we celebrate the wonderful life of this friend to all, let us be challenged by Windell's work, will, and wisdom that inspired us all.

First, it was his work. Windell did his good deeds by stealth—never advertising all the assistance he gave. But look around here today and look around this beautiful city—and you see many people, places, and organizations that have been on the receiving end of his gentle kindness.

From his work at the Wilmington Housing Authority to provide the most basic of services to those in need—a home, to his work at UNCW to help our young people receive a quality education; from his work at the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce to help expand the economic opportunity for all, to his work to help address the homeless challenge; and from his work and service as a Marine in Vietnam; to his efforts to promote the beautiful historic port city—Windell Daniels gave his time, talents, and treasures.

Second, in addition to his work, it was Windell's will to make this community better that set him apart. It was a will that found a way—not an excuse. It was a will that asked not, "What is in this for me? Instead, how is this going to affect others?"

It was a will that when he gave his commitment to get something done, he did it wholeheartedly. It was a will that—with Windell—you knew exactly where you stood with him. And he stood with you. And it was a will that graced our life more than he could have ever imagined!

Third, with his work and his will, it was Windell's wisdom that so many sought after. From business executives to community leaders to educators, Windell was a solid sounding board because his wisdom was so keen. Some of you may not know this, but Windell and I worked together every year for the last twelve years to promote our celebration of Black History Month for all of southeastern North Carolina. And many of you know that he was the coordinator of the many, many volunteers who are getting ready for the commissioning of the USS *North Carolina* submarine next weekend; and he was already coordinating with my office an effort to honor Wilmington in a special Coast Guard Day celebration scheduled later this summer.

His was wisdom that was a fount of knowledge, know-how, and knack to get it done! That's why he was so involved, because everyone valued his opinion and respected his advice. We have lost a man far too soon—that no one can replace anytime soon.

But through Windell Daniels' work, will, and work, we have been given much that will live on for generations and generations.

As Windell approached those glorious lights of Heaven Tuesday night, I have no doubt that the good Lord was there with open arms saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Thank you, and may God bless the life of Windell Daniels and of his family and friends.