The Springhill High School Lumberjacks won the Class 2A State championship on Saturday with a 70–66 victory over Many High School. Antonious Markray ended a stellar high-school career with a game high of 29 points for the Lumberjacks. This is the first State title in the modern era for Springhill, Louisiana.

Also winning a State title this weekend were the Class B champions from Zwolle High School. The Hawks beat Rapides 55–53 with Antonio Holmes leading the way. He finished with 17 points and was awarded the MVP trophy. This is the third State title in 4 years for Zwolle.

Congratulations to the players, coaches and parents of the Lumberjacks and the Hawks for a job well done.

HONORING THE EDEN PRAIRIE EAGLES BOYS HOCKEY TEAM

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Eden Prairie Eagles boys hockey team that won the Minnesota State High School Class AA Tournament just this past weekend.

Minnesota is known as the ''State of Hockey,'' and I submit we have the highest quality high school hockey tournament in the Nation. Led by coach Lee Smith, the talented Eden Prairie team had a tough road to the title.

They beat defending State champion Hill-Murray in the opening round, and they followed that win with a victory over a tough Blaine team. In the final, they defeated a tough Moorhead team as well, 3–0, to win the school's very first high school hockey championship for Eden Prairie.

As a resident of Eden Prairie myself, I am especially proud of the Eagles. I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our praises and congratulations to the coaches, the parents and the talented group of scholar athletes for a great season. And I also heartily applaud the school spirit of the student cheering section, which was the largest at the tournament.

OUTRAGE OVER HARASSMENT OF U.S. UNARMED CIVILIANS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

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

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I have watched in the last several minutes as one by one people have come up to these podiums and beaten them and talked about being outraged. But 10 days ago, one of our naval vessels that was unarmed, full of civilians, was harassed by a Chinese aircraft and five Chinese vessels, and this House has not had time to express the outrage for what has happened with that.

We had time to pass a bill that expressed our outrage of how they treated the people of Tibet, but not over unarmed American civilians. We had time yesterday to pass three pieces of enormous legislation naming post offices, but not time to express our outrage over the harassment of U.S. civilians who are unarmed in international waters. Today we will leave at 3 o'clock, but we won't have time to express our outrage over unarmed civilians.

Mr. Speaker, I hope this House leadership will change its position, bring the resolution to the floor and send a message that we are going to protect and defend our people when they are in international waters.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET SPENDS TOO MUCH, TAXES TOO MUCH AND BORROWS TOO MUCH

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

Mr. PENCE. It's St. Patrick's Day, Mr. Speaker, and my Irish grandfather would want me to do nothing short of acknowledging that and wearing the green. But I have to tell you, with the headlines about bailouts, the President's budget for $3.5 trillion and more spending and more taxes to grow government and pay for more bailouts, it's enough to get my Irish up.

Reality is that when the American people are taking a closer and closer look at this administration's budget, they know three things. This President's budget spends too much, it taxes too much and it borrows too much.

Believe it or not, in these times when the American people are saying enough is enough on big government spending and bailouts, this administration is poised to raise taxes on small business owners. Fifty percent of Americans who file taxes above the level the President wants to raise them are actually small business owners filing as individuals.

The average American household will pay $3,100 more with the President's new energy tax. And with the President capping charitable giving, charities in this country, churches and synagogues and the like could lose $9 billion this year alone.

Enough is enough. We have to say no to the President's budget and give the American people a budget that is strong and diverse and restrained and committed to growth as they are.

HOUSE CONSERVATIVES AND THE MINORITY TODAY ARE READY TO LEAD AND OFFER ALTERNATIVES

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

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, the conservatives who won re-election in the House are those who overwhelmingly voted against the massive spending programs that were proposed over the course of the last administration, who voted against the $1.5 trillion of new spending of this new administration. And we, House conservatives and the minority today, are ready to lead. We are offering alternatives to this massive spending program proposed by this new administration.

In only 38 legislative days, Mr. Speaker, the new liberal majority that rules Congress and rules the White House has managed to spend more money in less time than any Congress in the history of the United States. Never before have so few spent so much money in so little time.

This budget proposed by the White House, spending $3.5 trillion, driving up the deficit to triple the level of last year, doubling the national debt in 8 years, ignores the financial hurricane just over the horizon that House conservatives are ready to deal with. This Nation faces unfunded liabilities at unprecedented levels, and we have got to just say ''no'' to more spending.

SMALL BUSINESSES AND NEW TAX BURDEN

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, growing up, my father ran two small businesses, a sporting goods business and a marina, both of which I worked at over the years. My grandfather's family worked a local dairy and farm.

So, Mr. Speaker, I was a bit taken back when the administration's budget proposal came across my desk last week. I know you often hear politicians speak about small business being the backbone of our economy, but it's true, and even more so in the American rural communities that I represent.

With 710 new jobs created by small business owners, these individuals are key to the revitalization of our economy and putting folks back to work. This budget proposal will increase the tax burden on every single small business owner not once, but twice. Overhead costs, raw materials, transportation, and every other segment of the supply chain will skyrocket under this proposal.

This is not acceptable and will only lengthen this recession and penalize the very best people that are best equipped to put folks back to work. Now, I will give credit where credit is due. I was pleased to see the President take a step in the right direction yesterday by relaxing the lending rules at the Small Business Administration to allow credit to flow more freely.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET TAXES TOO MUCH

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