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BARACK OBAMA.
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NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(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, obviously I rise to commemorate some special days, St. Patrick's Day to all of my wonderful Irish friends all over the Nation, and certainly to perpetuate the wonderful relationship that we have with the great nation of Ireland.

At the same time, we have the opportunity to celebrate supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month, and I thank my good friend, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, for offering H. Res. 211, supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month.

There is so much we can say as part of the great history of the women of this country and around the world, but we all should note that women express and exhibit a very special part of American history.

Today, women account for 51 percent of the world's population, and throughout women's time, we have had countless sisters of brilliance. And so I salute them today and say we must stand for the cause of pay equity, and I am excited that one of the first bills that the President signed was pay equity.

I am also excited to note that I offered legislation to support the placement of Sojourner Truth, a suffragette and an abolitionist, in the House of the United States Capitol, and that will be done.

Let me close by simply thanking all of the great women of this Nation, Barbara Jordan and others, for what they have done and what they have contributed to America's history.

HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM-CELL RESEARCH

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

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, human lives should never be sacrificed for the promotion of science. The very purpose of science is to uphold and protect life. We cannot in one breath say we want to advance science in order to save lives, and in the next support science that devalues the life of the smallest and most defenseless humans. All human life is sacred.

The alternatives to embryonic stem-cell research are vast. There is no reason to force taxpayers to fund research that will destroy human life because the advances we are seeing from adult stem-cell research hold tremendous promise.

To date, there have been 73 treatments for disease ethically using adult forms of stem-cell research while embryonic stem-cell research has failed to provide a single treatment.

There is no one in this Chamber who does not wish to see science advance. But as we progress, we must be mindful that science is best when it is used within ethical boundaries. In our quest for progress, if we compromise the morals that support us, what good will our so-called progress be then?

OUT-OF-CONTROL SPENDING MUST STOP

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

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, families and small businesses all across our country are making sacrifices, yet our government continues to spend like a drunken sailor. And how does Washington propose paying for all this spending? With more tax increases on hardworking families and small businesses, the very businesses that are crucial generators of job creation and economic growth.

The President's budget includes the largest tax increase in history, shouldering our families and small businesses with the cost of an ever-expanding government. Tax increases on small businesses will stifle job creation and economic growth at the very moment our country needs a strong and robust small-business sector to help us get back on solid ground.

The President's cap-and-trade program will increase the cost of energy for all Americans and place a tax of about \$3,000 per household in my district for this very program. Hardworking families and businesses all across my district and America are asking: What is going on in Washington? Does it have a clue how we work hard and how we earn our money and what we are doing with it?

This out-of-control spending must stop.

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CONGRATULATING CARROLLTON HIGH SCHOOL LADY TROJANS ON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a very talented group of girls from Carrollton, Georgia. The Carrollton High School Girls Basketball team—or the Lady Trojans—defeated a very talented Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe team 51-31 to claim the Class AAA Georgia High School Association State title this weekend.

The Lady Trojans found themselves down at the half, 24-23. However, Carrollton's defense, led by Karisma Boykin—always helps to have cha-

risma, Mr. Speaker—stole the show in the second half, keeping the explosive Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe offense scoreless in the third quarter and allowing only seven points in the fourth quarter. As they say, defense wins championships.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that the other thing that wins championships, of course, is hard work and determination, and there was no shortage of that from Carrollton Coach Shon Thomaston and the Lady Trojans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Carrollton High School Lady Trojans on their State championship, as well as all of their hard work that got them there.

PRESIDENT OBAMA SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED ABOUT AIG BONUSES

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, the President showed some real anger about the bonuses that were paid to AIG executives. The problem is, he either knew they were getting the bonuses or he should have because every one of the spending bills that came through this House went through a conference committee, and the White House was deeply involved in what was put in those conference committee reports.

The stimulus package, the TARP bill, every single bill that gave money to AIG and to others went through the scrutiny of the White House. The President is up there today saying, "Oh my gosh, this is terrible," and he shows real anger. Well, if he didn't know about it, he should have; and if he did know about it, he shouldn't be raising Cain about it.

THE REAL AIG OUTRAGE

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the previous speaker mentioned the outrage about the bonuses to AIG. That's not the real outrage. The real outrage is that taxpayers have given AIG \$173 billion, and this amount of money was then used to funnel out to other financial institutions.

After months of government stonewalling, on Sunday night AIG officially acknowledged where most of the taxpayer funds had been going. Since September 16, AIG has spent \$120 billion in cash, collateral, and other payments to banks, municipal governments, and other derivative counterparties around the world. This also includes \$20 billion to European banks. We never intended for this money to go overseas; the taxpayers thought it was going to AIG.

This list also includes American charity cases like Goldman Sachs,

which received \$13 billion. This comes after months of claims by Goldman Sachs themselves that they did not need the money. Then why take it?

Mr. Speaker, that's the real AIG outrage.

AIG SHOULD PAY BACK EVERY CENT THEY SPENT ON BONUSSES

(Mr. HALL of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HALL of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was as shocked as all Americans were to learn about AIG, the recipient of more than \$170 billion of taxpayer money, paying out more than \$165 million in bonuses to its executives. Where I come from, when you run your company into the ground, you get fired, you do not get a bonus.

Seventy-three people at AIG received bonuses of more than \$1 million; that includes one bonus of \$6.4 million, six more who received more than \$4 million each. Eleven people received retention bonuses, that is, bonuses specifically designed to keep valuable employees from leaving the company. Well, you know what? They have already left the company—take the retention bonus and then leave; all this from a company that is 80 percent owned by the taxpayer. The people of the United States are not going to stand for this behavior from these people; neither would I, neither should this House.

AIG should pay back every cent they spent on "performance bonuses," and the only reward they should get for their performance is a pink slip.

FORT DUPONT ICE HOCKEY CLUB

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, the first annual Lawmakers versus Lobbyists Charity Hockey Game took place 2 weeks ago on Friday, March 6. The game was played at the Kettler Capitals Iceplex, the practice facility of the NHL's Washington Capitals.

The game was a fundraiser for the Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club of Washington, D.C. The club is a developmental program that provides local, inner-city youth with an opportunity to participate in an organized ice hockey program.

More than \$25,000 was raised for this organization. The Lawmakers team was led by Senator JOHN KERRY, Congressman ANTHONY WEINER—who played goalie with his cat-like reflexes—Congressman PATRICK MURPHY, and me. Also, Bob Fisher, the assistant manager of the Cloak Room, participated in the Members' team.

The Lobbyists were led by Nick Lewis and Jeffrey Kimbell. Lobbyist Captain Nick Lewis and Lawmaker Captain Tim Regan squared off for the ceremonial opening face-off.

The Lawmakers won a hard-earned 6-4 victory in this inaugural contest. The

real winners, however, Mr. Speaker, of this game were the kids from the Fort Dupont Ice Hockey Club.

I yield to Mr. MURPHY.

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it was a great charity event.

There are a lot of challenges facing our country right now where our focus is, but we took time out for the kids to make sure that we raised money. These kids could not afford to play the game of hockey, which really demonstrates and embodies the sense of teamwork and goal setting. It was great to be with those kids, with the first African American NHL player, who was also there. And I would also like to highlight the cooperation of the Washington Capitals.

I would like to say that our colleague from New York (Mr. WEINER), who got the puck of the game, who was our goaltender, a lot of folks did say that he had cat-like reflexes. He reminded me of a young Mike Richter, who most folks understand is a New York Ranger, won the World Cup for Team America that was played at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia. But Mike Richter is from the suburbs of Philadelphia, and I was proud of that comparison of ANTHONY WEINER to Mike Richter. I sometimes question the athletic ability of Mr. WEINER, but that day he really showed his skill.

Mr. WEINER. Will the gentleman yield so I may defend myself?

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. I will yield.

Mr. WEINER. First of all, let me join with my colleagues in expressing the gratitude that we all have to the organizers that helped raise so much money for these kids that play in the inner city. They scarcely have rinks, unlike in Buffalo and some of our communities. It was really a terrific program. I'm glad we were able to do it.

"Lobbyists" is a dirty word in this town now—and sometimes they played a little dirty on the ice, but we will put that aside because the result was the same.

I just want to say, being a great hockey player in Congress is kind of like being the one-eyed man in the land of the blind; I'm not sure it says all that much. But I want to thank Congressman HIGGINS—who I believe scored two goals; I learned that by watching the news reports and hearing him say it again and again throughout his quotes—and also you, Mr. MURPHY. I have never seen a hockey player skate that slowly, but somehow you managed to get to every puck.

This is a great cause. Let's hope that we do it every 10 or 12 years or so because that's how long it takes us all to recover. I thank you very much for what you have done, and I thank you for persuading me to play in the game. It is true, I am cat-like in the crease. I curl up in a ball and just sleep through the game while you guys did the hard work.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TONKO). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

AMERICA'S ECONOMIC POLICY: SPEND, BORROW AND TAX

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, America's new economic policy is real simple; spend a lot of money, borrow a lot of money, and tax everybody, all in an effort to make the United States a country like socialist France. And the method to pay for these high-dollar programs that the administration is now funding is to tax everything, especially energy.

The first part of the "tax energy plan" is to tax energy consumption. Now we understand that every homeowner in the United States will be taxed approximately \$3,000 a year every year for the consumption of energy in that home. So every time you turn on the lights, you turn up the taxes. You use a little bit of heat to keep warm in the winter, you're going to pay the heat tax, all in an effort to bring revenue in for these high-dollar programs.

There are more ideas to tax energy. One is to increase the gasoline tax—not that we aren't paying enough for gasoline already, now we're going to pay 10 cents more a gallon in the gasoline tax. We use gasoline, we're going to give the government more money.

And then, thirdly, there is the mileage tax that is being proposed. What that means, Mr. Speaker, is for every mile you drive somewhere in the fruited plain, the government is going to track you with GPS, and at the end of the day you are going to get taxed on mileage tax. Being tracked by GPS by the Federal Government sounds a little bit like Big Brother out of "1984" to me.

Contrary to some places in the United States, where I come from we don't have mass transit. We don't have choo-choo trains that run and take everybody to work. I have an area made up predominantly of rice farmers, suburban areas, petrochemical areas, and we don't have high-dollar trains like the one that is being built from Los Angeles to Las Vegas, or from La La Land to Fantasy Land. People have to drive work trucks, that's what they drive, but now they are going to be taxed for driving. And of course that is taxing the American worker and the consumer.

And now there are going to be new energy taxes on energy companies—you know, those mean old energy companies that produce energy to keep the lights on in this place and other places, and so we can drive our vehicles and