

with Mitch King and have found him very responsive, very knowledgeable, and very conscientious. He was, in short, a model of an employee that the citizens of this country would want to have.

For years, Mitch worked with me to help ensure my constituents the level of service they have rightfully come to expect from the Postal Service. Indeed, he's done that for all of our Members. He was a true and dedicated public servant. He did his work well and faithfully for decades with no expectations of great rewards or renown. For 36 years, Mitch King helped keep the mail going. He was part of a collective accomplishment that is no less impressive for the fact that it happens 6 days a week.

The United States Postal Service handles millions and millions of pieces of mail a day. Does it make some mistakes? Yes. But an extraordinarily small percentage. In fact, it's the most productive mail service in the world. And 40 percent, frankly, ahead of number two.

At the same time, Mitch's humor, intelligence and consummate skill help make him entirely unique in many ways. I know I speak for all of us when I say he will be missed from public service. I am sure that he will go on to continue to contribute to his community, to his family, to his State, and to his country.

Good job, Mitch King. Godspeed.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

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

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

THE CIA'S QUESTIONING WORKED

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, these pictures I have here are to remind my colleagues of what's happened to the United States in the past by terrorist attacks.

This first one is the Pentagon of the United States. Several hundred people were killed. There's a memorial over at the Pentagon that shows that these people gave their lives on the plane and in the Pentagon for this country, a terrorist attack on 9/11.

This here is the World Trade Center. More people were killed in this attack than any attack in the history of the United States by an enemy. Even the

attack on Pearl Harbor didn't even come close to this, although that was a terrible thing as well.

And this here, just to let you know that the worldwide threat of terrorism by al Qaeda is worldwide, this is what happened to a train where they set a bomb off in Spain by al Qaeda. That was in Madrid.

Now, the reason I bring this up is because the President of the United States, in just the last few days, said that the techniques that we have used to extract information from terrorists is something that we in the United States should not use. There are many of us in the body who believes that we should use any technique possible, as long as it is not completely inhumane, to extract information from these terrorists so that they don't do these things to American citizens.

Now, many of my colleagues, I understand they're humanitarians and they don't want to do things to people that shouldn't be done. But we're talking about killing Americans. Killing Americans. And these terrorists have no compunction whatsoever about killing Americans.

I have over here that I am not going to show tonight where they have cut the heads off of Americans and held them up, and where they've cut the heads off of Americans and hung them from an overpass so that everybody driving by could see them. And yet, the administration is saying, you know, that we shouldn't use tactics such as waterboarding in order to extract this information from terrorists.

Now, there is a man named Khalid Sheik Mohammed who was the mastermind of the September 11 attack on the United States of America. He was waterboarded several times. And he said that he didn't think the United States of America—and others that were waterboarded, there were three of them that I recall—they didn't think the United States and the citizens of this country had the intestinal fortitude, the guts, necessary to do what was necessary to stop terrorist attacks. And so we used waterboarding on them. That's where they put a board on them and pour water over you to give you the sensation that feels like you're drowning, and you keep doing it until they give up the information that they want. He finally gave up the information.

The information that he gave up was there was going to be another attack in Los Angeles, and it was going to be similar to the attack on the World Trade Center, and it was going to be the Library Tower in Los Angeles. And the only reason he gave up that information was because he was waterboarded.

Now, you know, nobody wants to be waterboarded. We had a newsman that was waterboarded to show what it was like. He said it was terrible, it was horrible, but he survived, and he was showing what it was all about. And every time they did waterboarding,

they had a doctor right there to make sure the person would survive. It was done just to elicit information from them that would save American lives.

And the only time they did it, the only time they used these "enhanced techniques of interrogation" was when they thought it was going to be imminent that the United States was going to be attacked, and they only did it three times that I know of. And every time it was necessary, and every time it ended up with results that saved American lives.

And yet the President of the United States said, "We're not going to do that any more because it is not something that we in America approve of."

In my opinion, if we're going to save American lives, we ought to do whatever is necessary to save American lives. We went to war with Japan and Germany because Americans were being killed. And millions of people died in that war because of the attack on Pearl Harbor and because of what Nazi Germany did. And yet we can't use waterboarding, a technique to get information from terrorists, to stop things like this?

You know, I don't mind being good-hearted but not where the lives of good Americans are concerned.

And there are other times where they got information from the terrorist organizations here in the United States that were planning an attack.

Vice President Cheney—who is being vilified all the time anymore—he was on television the last two nights and he said that while they are stopping waterboarding and saying that anybody that used that technique is a horrible person, he said he had seen documents that showed that the waterboarding was effective in saving American lives and stopping attacks like the World Trade Center and the one that was going to take place in Los Angeles. He said he saw those documents. And yet the White House released documents that showed that there were these tactics used to get information but they didn't show—they didn't release the documents that showed that it was effective in stopping the attack in Los Angeles, California.

My time is up, folks. I'll be back tomorrow night.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 875

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 875.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maine?

There was no objection.

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

(Mr. BOYD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)