

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I was listening to the colloquy this evening as we were talking about what next week might bring in terms of the business. And as the majority leader and the minority whip were going through the process, the question that was asked was: Is the intelligence committee or was the intelligence committee assumed to be moving forward on investigating the allegations that the Speaker has made that the CIA, over a long period of time, consistently lied to Congress?

I can inform the Members that now that process and that investigation is not going on because one of the things that has not happened is that the Speaker of the House has not outlined or directed the committee as to where she believes she was lied to over this period of time. And she has presented no evidence that backs up the claims that she has made.

If that information is provided to the committee as to the direction and to the evidence that this action actually took place by the CIA, I think the committee hopefully would be ready to move forward. But at this point in time, we wouldn't know what to take a look at, and we wouldn't know what direction to move in.

HONORING CARTERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE 2009 GHSA STATE BASEBALL 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 young men from Cartersville, Georgia, in District 11. This past weekend, the Cartersville High School Purple Hurricanes claimed the Class AAA Georgia High School Association State Baseball Championship. Success on the baseball diamond is nothing new for Cartersville High School, which has won back-to-back State titles and claimed five championships since 2001. However, this year's title was extra sweet, as the Canes rallied back from a 7-5 deficit in the third game of the championship series, defeating the Columbus Blue Devils, who were the third ranked high school team in the Nation. The final score was Cartersville 10, Columbus 7.

I ask that all my colleagues join me in recognizing Coach Stuart Chester and the Cartersville High School baseball team for their successful season as well as the hard work that got them there. And with a team that has made winning a tradition and brought home two straight State championships, the next question is: Can Cartersville make it a three-peat?

I feel sure that they can, Mr. Speaker.

NATIONAL CPR/AED AWARENESS WEEK

(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, I rise today as an emergency medical technician to express my support for the National CPR and AED Awareness Week.

Only 8 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims survive. But with simple training, anyone can attempt to save the life of a sudden cardiac arrest victim with cardiopulmonary resuscitation and with automated external defibrillators. Prompt delivery of CPR more than doubles the chance of survival, and using AEDs helps save lives because they can restore normal heart rhythm.

The American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and the National Safety Council are all promoting training and awareness this week. But this lifesaving training must extend throughout the year.

A bill we passed this week, the Josh Miller HEARTS Act, authorizes funding for schools to purchase AEDs and to train staff in CPR.

For 30 years, I have responded to such emergencies in rural Pennsylvania, and with H.R. 1380, our rural schools will be prepared to handle cardiac emergencies.

Please join me to celebrate National CPR and AED Awareness Week and learn to save a life.

FAREWELL TO PAGES

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House Page Board, I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to all the pages, some of whom we have here tonight, for all they have done to serve so diligently in the House of Representatives during the 110th and 111th Congresses.

I have attached a list of the fine young men who have served this House as pages, along with the young ladies, who when I first came here were not pages. You have seen the progress of this country also.

I have attached a list of the fine young people who have served this House as pages, and their names will be made part of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

We all recognize the important role that congressional pages play in helping the U.S. House of Representatives operate. These groups of young people, who come from all across our Nation, represent what is good about our country.

To become a page, Mr. Speaker, these young people have proven themselves to be academically qualified. They have ventured away from the security

of their homes and families to spend time in an unfamiliar city. Through this experience, they have witnessed a new culture, made new friends, and learned the details of how our government operates.

As we all know, the job of a congressional page is not an easy one. Along with being away from home, the pages must possess the maturity to balance competing demands for their time and their energy. In addition, they must have the dedication to work long hours and the ability to interact with people at a personal level. At the same time, they face a challenging academic schedule of classes in the House Page School.

You pages who are here tonight, and those who may be listening, have witnessed the House debate issues of war and peace, hunger and poverty, justice and civil rights. And between the 110th and the 111th Congress, you have seen the occupant of the White House change.

You have lived through history.

You have seen Congress at moments of greatness and you have seen Congress with its frailties. You have witnessed the workings of an institution that has endured well over 200 years.

No one has seen Congress and Members of Congress as close up as have you. I am sure that you will consider your time spent in Washington, D.C., to be one of the most valuable and exciting experiences of your lives, and that with this experience, you will all move ahead to lead successful and productive lives.

Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House Page Board, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this group of distinguished young Americans. They certainly will be missed.

As I walk by the desk on both sides, I like to say hello to you. And I'm proud of you, and you have given the Page Board much to be proud of this year. You certainly will be missed.

And before yielding, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the members of the House Page Board who provide us such fantastic service to this institution:

Congressman ROB BISHOP, the vice Chair of the Page Board; Congresswoman DIANA DEGETTE; Congresswoman VIRGINIA FOXX; Clerk of the House, Lorraine Miller; Sergeant at Arms, Bill Livingood; Ms. Lynn Silver-smith Klein and Mr. Adam Jones. I want to thank them for their service on the House Page Board.

I thank you all, our departing pages.

And, Mr. Speaker, at this time, I yield my time to the vice Chair of the Page Board and my friend, Mr. BISHOP of Utah.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. I thank my good friend from Michigan for yielding time.

It has been an enjoyable time being a part of the Page Board as part of the page process. To the pages who are here and the ones who are not here because you still have to do work in the

morning, we are very grateful for your having joined us here, some for a semester, some of you for a year, but for your time and your dedication in helping to serve the House of Representatives.

I think, if nothing else, you have written many eloquent words about what you have seen and what you have not seen and what you have experienced here. But, if nothing else, I hope that it instilled within you this idea the United States had of self-government still does work, that you put together people who are not experts, not trained to be parliamentarians, put us all together and give us the information and still, in a very cumbersome process, we can come up with the right answers and with solutions.

Man can govern himself.

Through all the years that I have stayed involved in politics, first in the State legislative system and then here in Congress, I still come back to that one belief: The system of self-government does work. People can govern themselves.

And that is the positive element that I hope you take with you back home as you return from this experience here in Washington, D.C.

So the pages who are here, the pages who are still part of the program and not here this evening, we are thankful for you. We are grateful for you. We hope you have had a wonderful experience, and we hope you take back some kind of thrill of the idea of participating in government with you as you go back to your homes and continue on with your education.

Mr. KILDEE. If I might add, that among all of your accomplishments here, one thing the pages have done, you and your predecessors have really seen at least one unit of the House that is totally nonpartisan. We work together so closely because of our concern for you that we always arrive by consensus at the decisions we make in the Page Board. Our concern for you is that great.

I consider ROB BISHOP one of my very special friends. We don't always vote alike on other things, but we always reach agreement when it comes to the pages to help us realize that we should come together on those things that are extremely important, and there are probably some other things we can probably do that on, too.

Thank you very much. God bless all of you.

FALL 2008 SESSION PAGES

REPUBLICAN PAGES (24)

Corinne Austin-R
John Brinkerhoff-R
Sara Bromley-R
Riley Brosnan-R
Paige Burke-R
Eaghan Davis-R
Ella Davis-R
Evan Elsmo-R
Adidoreydi Gutierrez-R
Caroline Hill-R
Rebecca Jacobson-R
Audrey Knickel-R
Elizabeth Matenkoski-R

Denee McKoy-R
Caroline Miller-R
Parker Mortensen-R
Andy Nguyen-R
Nathan Pike-R
Emily Raines-R
Trace Robbins-R
Rory Roccio-R
Jessica Starr-R
Nebyat Teklu-R
Sean West-R

DEMOCRAT PAGES (36)

Jonathan Bigelow-D
Priscilla Brock-D
Rachel Chavez-D
Campbell Curry-Ledbetter-D
Joseph Dellasant-D
Julie Ebling-D
Michelle Flores-Carranza-D
Trevor Foley-D
Rachel Fybel-D
Daniel Grages-D
Haley Hannon-D
Erin Hawkins-D
Jasmine Jennings-D
Leah Jones-D
Sara Katz-D
Evan Kolb-D
Monica Laskos-D
Alexander Leiro-D
Alexander Lichtenstein-D
Anjelica Magee-D
Sophia Mai-D
Nicole Mammoser-D
Edson Martinez-D
Margaret Mikus-D
Mary Miller-D
Eric Polanco-D
Tre'Shawndra Postell-D
Anna Pritchard-D
Manasa Reddy-D
Sacha Samotin-D
Samantha Schiber-D
Joseph Tanner, Jr.-D
Raven Tarrance-D
Nicholas Wisti-D
Cameron Younger-D
Anam Zahra-D

SPRING 09 PAGE CLASS (68 PAGES)

DEMOCRATIC PAGES

1. Kate M. Lonergan
2. Rena L. Wang
3. Jose Echevarria-Acosta
4. Ashley M. Sharpe
5. Ashleé E. Dubra
6. David G. Greenblatt
7. Benjamin D. Talkington
8. Joseph T. Oslund
9. Marissa E. Williams
10. Stephen E. Seely
11. Allison Ko
12. Sally Phang
13. Margaret A. McDermut
14. Caleb C. Overgaard
15. Tucker A. Travis
16. Olivia H. Rutter
17. Megan E. Jeffries
18. Hayden M. Hislop
19. Bernadette V. Silva
20. Sarah C. Kovar
21. Cameron W. Smalls
22. Logan C. Davis
23. Crystal Williams
24. Matthew J. Furlow
25. Haley P. Whiteside
26. Haian H. Nguyen
27. Sabrina E. Anderson
28. Blagica Madzarova
29. Campbell Curry-Ledbetter
30. Samantha Schiber
31. Sacha Samotin
32. Michelle Flores-Carranza
33. Manasa Reddy
34. Jasmine Jennings
35. Raven Tarrance
36. Anam Zahra

37. Alex Leiro
38. Sophia Mai
39. Erin Hawkins
40. Alex Litchenstein
41. Nicole Mammoser
42. Anjelica Magee
43. Monica Laskos
44. Priscilla Brock

REPUBLICAN PAGES

45. Alexander C. Gaillard
46. Melissa M. Young
47. Samantha L. Heaslip
48. Audrey C. Scagnelli
49. Levi S. Craghead
50. Dillon L. Shoemaker
51. Taylor A. Imperiale
52. Hannah M. Dudley
53. Courtney A. Doolittle
54. Anna E. Wherry
55. Nicholas R. Humann
56. Anthony R. Siviglia
57. Cody D. Willming
58. Alex R. Bruner
59. Jessica L. Schneider
60. Ella Davis
61. John Brinkerhoff
62. Sean West
63. Emily Raines
64. Rory Roccio
65. Andy Nguyen
66. Audrey Knickel
67. Trace Robbins
68. Nebyat Teklu
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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 Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

DROUGHT IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to discuss what continues to be pernicious drought conditions that affect the people of the San Joaquin Valley, those in my district and my colleague's district.

I hope that most of the Members, if not all of you, recognize that we are now in three continuous dry year conditions in the San Joaquin Valley that is not only affecting the richest agricultural region in the United States, in California, but the entire State as well. A drought caused by Mother Nature, expanded and impacted by numerous judicial decisions and legislative changes, has very, very much devastated the economy of the valley I represent.

Water is the lifeblood of the agricultural communities in my district, supplying over a \$20 billion industry in the