

him, he never failed to ask about your schoolwork, your family, your hometown or about some other personal facts about you that he somehow remembered. I used to think that this was just coincidence or somehow related just to me, but what you quickly learn in spending time around Bobby Bowden is that he is like that with everyone, not just on the team or on campus but anywhere he goes in the country, whether it be to an alumni meeting, to a business luncheon, or to a church service. He has that rare ability to make a personal connection with everyone he meets. It is why the National Citizenship Award, presented annually by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, now bears his name.

So, for all of his success as a football coach, the true legacy of Bobby Bowden is the impact he has on people and on the lives he has touched. Just as much as his coaching record, the relationships that he built and the friends he made during his 80-plus years and counting will long be remembered. My best wishes and congratulations go out to Bobby and Ann Bowden as they now embark on this next chapter of their lives together.

CLIMATE CHANGE IN IRAN

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. Madam Speaker, the whole world has been watching what has taken place in Copenhagen, Denmark last week and this week. All the talk is about climate change and how man is affecting the climate, but what we need in this world is a climate change in Iran. That's right. We need to change the atmosphere in Iran with what has taken place with the little man from the desert, Ahmadinejad.

Last week and even this week, thousands of students—and here is a photograph of some of them—have taken to the streets to protest the regime of Ahmadinejad and how oppressive it is. They are complaining in this peaceful protest against the tyranny against the people of Iran. Not only Ahmadinejad, but they are protesting the radical mullahs and the Iranian military.

You see, these young people want what everybody throughout the world wants—freedom. Somewhere down in the way that we are made there is this spark; there is this flame of freedom. The people in Iran don't have that, so the young people have taken to the streets—the sons of Iran, the daughters of democracy—and they are protesting the oppressive government. They are protesting the fraudulent elections that got Ahmadinejad elected last summer. They are protesting the fact that they have no freedom in their own country. They have suffered the consequences for these protests. They have been beaten. They have been teargassed. They have been hauled off to jail.

The press has been oppressed as well. In fact, what has occurred is that the Internet has been closed, and cell phones have been blocked—all in the name of preventing young people and others from protesting this oppressive regime.

We all remember this past summer how numerous students were murdered in the streets just because they complained to their government about what was taking place. Already 80 of those protesters, political prisoners, have been tried by the star chamber—in secret, away from anybody in a public trial—and 80 of them have received sentences in an Iranian prison of 15 years or more, and 5 of them have received a sentence of the death penalty.

Why? What is their crime?

Their crime is objecting to the oppression of their own government, and for that, they are punished. Of course, others have been shot in the streets just because they have taken to the streets to protest their government.

You know, the students aren't the only ones who have been arrested. Journalists have been arrested. Clerics, who call themselves "reform clerics," and other people—all for the same reason—objecting to their government. They object to what has taken place.

By blocking the cell phones and Internet access, the government had hoped to keep the word from getting out to the rest of the world about this pollution, about this horrible climate in Iran, but the word has gotten out—photographs such as this one here. Here is another one of a young Iranian student having been beaten for taking to the streets to protest his government last week. This one also escaped the controlled press of the Iranian Government.

You know, Iran violates its own constitution by not allowing its people to protest and to lawfully assemble. They are standing for basic human rights. That's right—the right to peaceably assemble and to object to your government and what it's doing to you. It's the right of free speech—a basic human right. It's the right of a free press, which is a right we take for granted in this country.

So we need a regime change in Iran. The way to do that is to help these young people and the people who want to change their regime. We must support them. This country should support them in any way that we can.

Yes, President Ahmadinejad is the pollution of the world, and we need a change of climate in Iran. The students are sending a message to Iran's rogue government that you can beat us, you can arrest us, you can imprison us, but you will not stop us, and you will not intimidate us because we are not going away.

Good for them. We should be proud of those students. We should support them. We should have a climate change in Iran.

And that's just the way it is.

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

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

THE LOSS OF AMERICA'S HEROES AND OF AMERICA'S ECONOMY

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

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF UNITED STATES MARINE CORPORAL XHACOB LATORRE

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, before I address the issue which has brought me to the floor tonight, I want to recognize the ultimate sacrifice made by a young man from my district in the service of the United States Marine Corps.

I am sad to report that my office received news last week that Marine Corporal Xhacob LaTorre, from Waterbury, Connecticut died due to wounds received in combat in the Helmand province of Afghanistan. Corporal LaTorre's fatal injuries were the result of a roadside bomb.

I speak for myself and for my constituents in expressing my appreciation for this young man's service in the defense of his country. Corporal LaTorre, who would have turned 22 last weekend, is one of America's heroes. I send my prayers and my condolences to his family; to his wife, Frances; to his son; and to his brother, Corporal Daniel LaTorre, on this tragic loss. We will never forget the sacrifice he has made for us.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. I ask those in this Chamber this evening to join me in a brief moment of silence. Thank you.

THE AMERICAN ECONOMY IS BEING SENT OVERSEAS

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I have come to the floor tonight to speak about an issue important to my home State. As you can see by the 1-minute speeches given here earlier tonight to this entire Nation, Connecticut pioneered America's shipbuilding and aerospace industries. Shops which were once bustling with workers are now silent. When those shops went away, thousands of good-paying jobs for hardworking people in my State went away with them. We just learned recently that Connecticut will lose another 1,000 jobs when a major defense supplier shuts two of its facilities and moves its operations to Singapore and Japan.

At this moment, 158,000 people in my State and almost 16 million across this country are out of work—many of those as a result of the transfer of military manufacturing jobs overseas. At the same time, the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies have created thousands of waivers of our domestic sourcing legislation, like the

Buy American Act, which has resulted in billions of taxpayer dollars being sent to overseas companies.

Now, in working with a group of Members who is dedicated to shoring up the rules that require the government to purchase domestically, I've been drafting legislation which will seek to address the growing number of loopholes that allow companies to take taxpayer dollars overseas. My legislation would begin to reorient and to build up our domestic manufacturing and construction base, which has been hit so hard in recent times, by using taxpayer dollars to do it. Taxpayer dollars are already going to buy, too often, overseas products.

We don't seek to interfere with the decisions of private businesses. We do, however, seek to make it clear that the U.S. Government values American-made products and that taxpayer money shouldn't be shipped off to a foreign country to contribute to the bottom line of that foreign company when American businesses can produce the same high-quality goods right here at home.

I believe strongly in international trade, and I accept the necessity of an interdependent global economy. However, what we are discussing here is not just economics, and it is not simply a race to find the lowest price. It is about national security. It is especially about national security with regard to the Department of Defense. A stable supply of domestically manufactured defense products is imperative to this Nation's long-term safety and common defense. We have a real opportunity here to both reinvigorate our domestic capacity for manufacturing while enhancing our national security.

With that in mind, I, along with a group of Members, am crafting legislation which will seek to assist firms that are victims of the loopholes in our current Buy American and Buy America regime. This legislation will target assistance to suppliers that manufacture or that could manufacture products that Federal agencies have deemed nonavailable from domestic sources, which is a misleading designation. Under current law, an agency can determine that an item is nonavailable in sufficient quantity or quality in the United States and then can just waive the Buy American restrictions. Therefore, the assistance in my legislation will target firms that make these nonavailable items right here in the United States but that might not have the capacity right now to meet the agency's needs.

These firms will use this assistance to increase their capacity so that they can be the suppliers to the American Government rather than ceding that ground to foreign firms. It will also assist suppliers that manufacture an item which is currently being bought through the Buy American provisions. If that firm is in danger of going out of business, then let's step up and help it stay in business because the only place

that we are left to go after that firm folds is to a foreign supplier.

Madam Speaker, my colleagues came to this House floor earlier tonight to talk about the major Federal tanker contract which is going to a foreign supplier—Airbus. It is just one example. It is a major example of a growing trend in defense work going overseas. We have had enough. It is time for us as a Congress to deem this unacceptable, to strengthen the Buy American provisions, and to bring our taxpayer dollars back home.

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THE LEANES FAMILY—MILITARY FAMILY OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, I have the distinct privilege of representing many of this Nation's wonderful military families. The Third District of North Carolina is home to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

Every year, the National Military Family Association honors the top families from each of the seven uniformed services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. One family is chosen from these seven as the National Military Family of the Year.

This year I am very pleased to say that the Leanes family from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, is not only this year's Marine Corps Family of the Year but also the National Military Family of the Year.

Sergeant Dennis Leanes and his wife, Kristy, are dedicated and committed to serving this country as well as their community. The Leanes' six children, Jordan, Syvannah, Bethany, Marissa, Emily and Karianne are following their parents' example in giving back to their community as well.

In 2006, after 8 years of working in a civilian job, Dennis' love for his country led him to re-enlist in the Marine Corps, take a pay cut and uproot his family. The Leanes embraced life in the Camp Lejeune community and incorporated volunteering in their daily lives.

Dennis and Kristy run Scout meetings, coach sports teams, lead family readiness meetings and help their neighbors in any way they can. Kristy also dedicates a major portion of her time to home schooling all six of the Leanes children.

Jordan fixes bicycles and donates them to charity, Syvannah organized a wonderful "Wounded Warrior Thank You" project at church. Bethany volunteers her babysitting services for moms whose husbands are deployed. The three younger children, Marissa,

Emily and Karianne, help out by baking cookies and bread for various projects and are quick to share with their neighbors.

Dennis and Kristy have taught their children by example what it means to be brave and strong. They have taught their children the importance of volunteering and what it means to serve your neighbor and community. Our military families need to know that the Members of Congress and the people of this Nation appreciate them and all they do for our country.

May God continue to bless our troops, their families, and this great Nation.

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

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

FINANCIAL REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I could not resist coming to you and speaking to you about my experience when we passed the financial reform bill last Friday.

You know, Wall Street has provided an unparalleled life-style for Americans. The speculation and the brilliance and genius of futures and credit default swaps and derivatives have provided us with a life-style where every bride can have a diamond ring and every handsome groom can have a gold band. We can have two cars, one a gas-guzzling SUV, lobster dinners, McMansions, Madam Speaker, with six bedrooms, five fireplaces, 4½ baths but, of course, not enough closet space for all the shoes and designer clothes that we have.

Last fall, all of this balloon spending came to a crash. And it was amazing to me, Madam Speaker, that when we tried to rein in Wall Street and some of the speculation, that there was tremendous resistance from both parties with developing a Consumer Financial Protection Agency, putting together an assessment from all of these "too big to fail" companies to pay for an orderly dissolution of the mess that they created. I can tell you, Madam Speaker, it was amazing to me.

This bill that we passed, for those who have asked the question, what is government for, this bill demonstrates better than anything that I have seen what the purpose of government is, and that is to regulate unfettered greed and avarice that can bring our country and, indeed, the world to financial brink.

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