

was an abstract threat. But the events of the last month probably should convince them otherwise.

Last year, BP Oil made \$14 billion in profit. If they took one-tenth of that profit, \$1.4 billion, they could spend \$3 million in every congressional district for every election. It might be less expensive for them to buy Congress than it would be to pay the damages that they have done to this country.

You know, in Kentucky, we have a candidate, Rand Paul, who is running for the Senate. He said President Obama was being un-American when he said he wanted to keep his foot on the throat of BP Oil. Do you think Rand Paul might be getting some campaign expenditures from BP this year?

The damage that BP Oil has done to our country is not nearly as great as the damage which the Citizens United case could do to our democracy. We need to pass the DISCLOSE Act and put limits on corporations' ability to influence American elections.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

#### HONORING WORKERS WHO PERISHED IN DEEPWATER HORIZON ACCIDENT

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1347) honoring the workers who perished on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana, extending condolences to their families, and recognizing the valiant efforts of emergency response workers at the disaster site.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

##### H. RES. 1347

Whereas 11 workers tragically died on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform following an explosion on April 20, 2010;

Whereas the Nation is greatly indebted to offshore workers for the strenuous work they perform to provide the energy that drives our Nation every day;

Whereas the Nation has long recognized the importance of safety protections for offshore workers who labor in difficult and uncertain conditions;

Whereas these men were loving husbands, sons and brothers;

Whereas these workers should be remembered for their valor and contribution to our communities;

Whereas Coast Guard and local rescue crews worked tirelessly night and day in courageous rescue and recovery missions;

Whereas the families of the lost workers have endured a great loss; and

Whereas residents of the Gulf Coast and the Nation came together to support these families: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the untimely and tragic loss of the 11 workers from the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas who died on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana;

(2) extends the deepest condolences of the Nation to the families of these men;

(3) recognizes all employees on the Deepwater Horizon for their hard work and sacrifice;

(4) commends the rescue crews for their valiant efforts to rescue these workers and others on the platform; and

(5) honors the many volunteers who provided support and comfort for the families of these people during this difficult time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CAO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I present H. Res. 1347 for consideration. This resolution honors the 11 workers who perished on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform following an explosion on April 20 of this year. We mourn their loss and extend our prayers and condolences to their families.

H. Res. 1347 was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Louisiana, Representative CHARLIE MELANCON, on May 11, 2010. The measure was reported to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which waived consideration of the measure to expedite its consideration on the floor today. The resolution has the support of over 50 Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, the deaths of the 11 workers on the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil platform last month were a tragic reminder of the severe hazards that offshore workers face every day. As we mourn the loss of these men, let us take a moment to reaffirm our commitment to the safety of our offshore oil workers and all Americans who perform such dangerous and necessary work every day. Let us also take a moment to commend our Coast Guard and the local rescue crews for their tireless efforts responding to this catastrophe. Their jobs are also incredibly difficult and dangerous, and we thank them for their hard work.

Mr. Speaker, the Deepwater Horizon explosion and the ongoing crisis of the

oil spill it produced will have significant political and policy ramifications. We will debate those here on the House floor, but that is not what we are here to do today. As we are joined today by the family of one of the victims of the explosion, let us put aside all differences and offer our united, heartfelt, and profound sympathies to the families and friends of these 11 workers.

I would now like to place into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of these hardworking Americans who lost their lives in this tragedy: Dale Burkeen, Donald Clark, Roy Wyatt Kemp, Jason Anderson, Stephen Curtis, Gordon Jones, Karl Kleppinger, Blair Manuel, Dewey Revette, Shane Roshto, and Adam Weise.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure. I thank the gentleman from Louisiana for introducing it, and I also thank the chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Congressman TOWNS of New York, as well as the ranking member, Representative ISSA of California, for their support.

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#### THE MISSING MEN OF DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL RIG

(By Joanna Sugden)

Eleven men were missing presumed dead after the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded last week.

Dale Burkeen, 37 was a crane operator on the platform and was trained to lower crew members to boats in an emergency.

He had returned to the rig from Neshoba, near Philadelphia, about a week before the explosion. He and wife, Rhonda, have two children, Aryn, 14 and Timothy, 6.

Donald Clark, 49 of Newellton, Louisiana, was expected to leave the rig the day after the explosion for a three-week break. He was an assistant driller.

Roy Wyatt Kemp, 27, has two children, Kaylee, 3, and 3-month-old Maddison, with his wife, Courtney.

He loved fishing and the outdoors and attended a Baptist church in Jonesville, Louisiana, where a memorial service for him will be held today.

Jason Anderson, was a father of two from Bay City, Texas.

Stephen Curtis was an assistant driller on the rig from Georgetown, Louisiana.

Gordon Jones, 28, of Louisiana, was expecting to become a father to a second son with his wife, Michelle.

Karl Kleppinger, 38, of Natchez, Mississippi was a Desert Storm veteran who spent more than ten years working on oil rigs. He was a floorman who made about \$75,000 a year working off the Louisiana coast.

Blair Manuel, 56, resident of Gonzales, Louisiana, was a chemical engineer on the rig.

Dewey Revette, 48, from State Line, Mississippi, was a father who had worked for the company as an oil driller for 29 years.

Shane Roshto, 22, was from Franklin County, Mississippi. His family were named on law suits filed by Louisiana's fisheries industry, accusing BP and Transocean, the rig operator, of negligence.

Adam Weise, 24, of Yorktown, Texas, came straight from high school work on the rig in 2005. He loved to hunt and fish and play football. He was the youngest of four children.