

Republicans threaten to take us back to the failed policies of the past. We must continue to move America forward.

AMERICAN HURRICANE ON THE POTOMAC

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my district is in Hurricane Alley. Since I've been elected to Congress, we have had five hurricanes: Katrina, Rita, Humbert, Gustav, and Ike. Hurricane season is about over in southeast Texas, but hurricane season is coming late this year to Washington.

The weather report for Washington, D.C., is just in. Gale force winds are expected in November. There is a hurricane coming, and it's going to hit D.C., and it's not going to have just one name. It's going to have the names of millions of Americans. The voice of citizens will be here and clear the air. We the people proclaim, hold elites and taxacrats accountable who have stopped being responsive to the will of the people.

And just as hurricane force winds hit Washington in 1814 to drive the British out of town, this American hurricane will drive the irresponsible arrogant from having the rule over the people. The American hurricane is on a direct path to the Potomac. And because of the abusive spending, borrowing, and taxing by government, the elites will have sown the wind, and now they're going to reap the whirlwind.

And that's just the way it is.

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REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the victims of the Ukrainian genocide and the deliberate famine which claimed the lives of 10 million innocent Ukrainians.

Under Stalin's rule, Ukrainian farmers were stripped of their land, and by the end of 1933, nearly one quarter of the Ukraine's population had starved to death. This atrocity was intended to break the spirit of the Ukrainian people, but it did not succeed. The strong-willed people of Ukraine overcame this dark time and eventually emerged from Communist rule as a strong democratic nation. The people of Ukraine are a testament to what the human spirit can not only endure, but triumph over.

Ukraine has prospered in the 70 years since this atrocity, but as we move forward, we must never forget the past. Organizations like the Ukrainian National Museum in Chicago, and activists like Nicholas Mischenko, the president of the Ukrainian Genocide Famine

Foundation, should be commended for their work to ensure the world never forgets this manmade tragedy.

SMALL BUSINESSES ARE JOB CREATORS

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, small businesses are job creators. During this economic downturn, it is very important to support the engines of our economy which created two-thirds of the new jobs over the past 15 years.

As a former small business owner for 11 years, I personally know what it takes to create jobs. For the life of me, I can't understand why Republicans have opposed the eight tax cuts for small businesses and the \$30 billion lending fund for small businesses and community banks that will create \$300 billion in investments.

Republicans continue to deny small businesses the pro-growth initiatives that will help create jobs. Their true motives, to favor big business over small business, Wall Street over Main Street, and the wealthy over the middle class and the poor, have been exposed.

Democrats are working day and night to help America recover from the Republican recession. Republicans should really try to make up for shattering the lives of millions by at least supporting small businesses to help turn the economy around.

LINKED LEARNING

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, today's high schools don't work for many young people. Students often feel bored and unchallenged. Almost one-third of the ninth-graders in my home State of California drop out without graduating.

That is why today I introduced The Linked Learning Pathways Affording College and Career Success Act. It combines college preparation with real-world learning opportunities for students across the country.

Like Ana Sical in San Diego. Ana once had problems with truancy, and says she never even considered college. But Ana's life changed with Linked Learning. There, she partnered with engineers who taught her their trades and pushed her to succeed. Today, Ana is studying at San Diego State's School of Engineering, the first in her family to attend college.

America's future depends on preparing today's students to enter tomorrow's workforce. My bill does that, and I encourage my colleagues to support it.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES

(Ms. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, as Democrats work to help America recover from the Republican recession, one of our top priorities is to create jobs and restore responsible fiscal policies that support the middle class. A key part of this pro-growth agenda is helping small business. Small businesses are the engine of our economy, creating two-thirds of the new jobs over the past 15 years. The role of small businesses is especially important as we strive to create jobs and move the economy forward. With the right resources and the right opportunities, small businesses can respond quickly with growth opportunity.

To continue to support small business and to further promote job growth, Democrats in the House passed the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act. The \$30 billion lending fund for local businesses and community banks will help break the credit squeeze by leveraging \$300 billion in investment funds that will allow them to grow and to add workers.

HONORING DEREK FARLEY

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

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the very sad duty of reporting the tragic passing of Army Staff Sergeant Derek Farley. Farley was killed in action Tuesday, August 17, in Afghanistan while disarming a roadside bomb. Farley was a member of the 702nd Ordnance Maintenance Company. His job as a bomb disposal technician was to diffuse bombs and IEDs to keep other soldiers and civilians safe.

He graduated from Columbia High School in East Greenbush in 2004 and made up his mind to join the military at the age of 17, continuing his family's tradition of service to our Nation. His father served in the Vietnam era.

In a previous tour in Iraq, where he served from 2006 to 2007 with the 756th EOD Company, Farley received a Purple Heart after losing his hearing in one ear during a bomb detonation.

In a letter to his mother, Derek said the following: "If something were to happen to me, just remember that I do the most dangerous job because it has the most rewarding payoff. . . . There would be no greater honor for me if it comes to it, but I keep fighting because there are thousands of mothers out there just like you who want to see their sons and daughters again."

My heart goes out to Derek's parents, Ken and Carrie; his brother, Dylan; sisters, Colleen, Theresa and Julie; and his beloved Maria.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Farley family during this difficult time.