

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

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

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

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

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

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.)

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

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

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

HONORING CAPTAIN DALE A. GOETZ

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

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, United States Army Captain Dale A. Goetz, an Air Force veteran with ties to Colorado, joined the Army's chaplaincy out of a strong desire to help others.

Captain Dale Goetz and his wife, Christy, both graduated from Maranatha Baptist Bible College in 1995. He was a former pastor of First

Baptist Church in White, South Dakota, before being stationed at military bases throughout the world. Earlier this year, Captain Goetz was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado, and the family moved to Colorado Springs in January of 2010. This allowed his wife Christy, and their sons Landon, Caleb, and Joel to be closer to his mother, Hope Goetz, an Elbert County commissioner.

Captain Goetz and his family joined High Country Baptist Church in Colorado Springs the day before he deployed to Afghanistan. Captain Goetz, who had previously served in Iraq, cared about the soldiers he worked with as an Army chaplain, and according to his pastor at High Country Baptist Church in Colorado Springs, "His goal as a chaplain was not to be a social worker, but to be a spiritual guide."

Captain Goetz is described as having "a calm demeanor that helped soldiers find strength in the darkest of times," according to Reverend Stuart Schwenke, a fellow pastor he had gone through ministerial training with.

On August 30, 2010, Captain Goetz was on a mission in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device which detonated near their military vehicle. Captain Goetz was gravely wounded and died of injuries sustained during the attack. Four of his fellow soldiers from Fort Carson, Colorado, were also killed in action as a result of the incident.

Captain Dale A. Goetz is a shining example of the United States Army's service and sacrifice. As a former member of the United States Army, and a retired Marine Corps combat veteran, my deepest sympathies go out to his mother, Hope Goetz, an Elbert County commissioner; his wife Christy; their sons, Landon, Caleb, and Joel; and his sisters, Ann Senetar and Kim Sumner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Mr. WESTMORELAND addressed the House. His remarks will appear

hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

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

PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. ELLISON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, I claim the time on behalf of the Congressional Progressive Caucus for this Special Order where we will deliver the Progressive message. The Congressional Progressive Caucus is that body of Members of Congress who come together to talk about those things that make America the wonderful country that it is, where we have equal opportunity, where we believe that all people, all colors, all cultures, all faiths, belong in America, where we believe that economic justice for the middle class is an important priority, where we believe health care is something that all Americans should be able to partake in, not just those who can afford it. Where we believe that poverty is something that our great country, our wealthy country, can eliminate if we muster the political will to do so. Where we come together as a caucus and say things like food stamps, income support for low-income people are good. They are a sign of the charitable hearts of Americans, and that there is nothing wrong with these important programs.

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In the Progressive Caucus, we say that war is not the answer, that diplomacy is what America should be working for, that we should pursue diplomacy, that we should try to talk it out and not shoot it out, that the lives of our soldiers are so precious that we should never commit troops unless it is absolutely necessary to defend the Nation.

This is the Progressive Caucus, the progressive vision that says, yes, consumer justice is an important thing for Americans and that, yes, regulations that are rationally related to the health, safety and the fairness of our society are important. We don't say there is something wrong with taxes. We say taxes are those which are necessary to live in a civil society. They are the dues that we pay to live in a civilized society.

So this is the Progressive Caucus, which is in contrast to the other caucuses, some of which believe that rich people don't have enough money and that poor people have too much. That's not us. The Progressive Caucus stands for the great American middle class. It believes in eliminating poverty. It believes, as Martin Luther King did, that war is the enemy of the poor and that