

classes, schools that are in proper repair, schools that are ready to access the Internet. We need to invest there. The Republicans do not see it that way. They have a narrow view that makes draconian cuts in important programs. They do not protect our important investments. I believe we ought to reject the extreme Republican perspective.

#### UNLV'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF TEAM

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

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to congratulate the golf team from the University of Nevada Las Vegas who last week brought the national championship home to Nevada. The Rebel golf team won the tournament in style, shooting an NCAA record 34 under par as a team.

College golf might not capture the attention of sports fans across the country like basketball or football does, but I can assure my colleagues that these young athletes train just as hard and strive to win just as much as any other competitors. Senior Bill Lunde, juniors Charley Hoffman and Chris Berry, sophomore Jeremy Anderson and freshman Scott Lander not only excelled under the intense pressure of the national championship but conducted themselves with honor and sportsmanship. Head coach Dwayne Knight has realized a goal he stated 10 years ago when he told our community he would build a national championship team.

I want to congratulate the UNLV Rebel golf team. They have made the city of Las Vegas and the great State of Nevada proud and are carrying forward the strong tradition of athletic success at UNLV.

#### VOTE NO ON ISTOOK AMENDMENT

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there is no more sacred right that we have in this country than the right each and every American takes when they go into their house of worship. The first amendment has made this Nation unique. I stand here very proudly acknowledging and embracing the uniqueness of the American flag and what it provides for us. Freedom. Freedom to sing "Jesus loves me this I know." Freedom to cross one's heart, to pay attention to one's orthodox views, whatever one might believe in. We applaud it.

That is why I stand today humbly before this House asking for a resounding vote against the Istook amendment, for it is not religious freedom, it is religious oppression. For our children today pray every day in their schools.

They have organized prayer groups around the Nation. I would venture to say that everyone who takes any kind of exam in school, I would say to them, you had better pray. Pray in the school. Pray at home. Prayer is available. Freedom of religion is available. The Istook amendment will take that away from you.

#### UNFAIRNESS IN TAX CODE: MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

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

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this year's balanced budget. I think these questions best state why:

Do Americans feel that it is right that the average working married couple pays more in taxes just because they are married? Do Americans feel that it is fair, is it right, that 21 million married working couples pay on the average of \$1,400 more in higher taxes than an identical couple that lives together outside of marriage? Of course not.

Americans recognize the marriage tax penalty is wrong and we need to correct the marriage tax penalty. Twenty-one million married working couples, \$1,400 more in higher taxes. \$1,400 is one year's tuition at Joliet Junior College in the district that I represent. It is 3 months of day care at a local day care center.

This budget, the budget crafted by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KASICH) makes elimination of the marriage tax penalty priority number one, helping 21 million married working families who just happen to be married and just because they are married, they pay higher taxes. Let us pass this budget. It deserves bipartisan support.

#### BUDGET RESOLUTION IS NOT BASED ON BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today we have real irony, because we are both going to vote on prayer in the schools and a budget that cuts Medicare and support and medical care for those less fortunate in our society.

This budget was put together with one hearing. They wanted to put \$10 billion in cuts on Medicare. Last night, in the middle of the night, they took that out and they have now gone after the poor.

I think the majority really ought to have had some religious education, because the Bible says, in Matthew 25, verse 35, "When I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Then it goes on to say:

And the king replied, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did to one of the

least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Mr. Speaker, it is nice to talk about prayer in the schools, but you ought to have public policy that reflects what you believe. This budget that goes after the poor, that goes after the sick, that goes after the disabled is not a budget based on biblical principles.

#### SUPPORT THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot of talk about the extremist budget by the extremists in the House, the radical Republicans.

Let us take a little walk down history's lane. One hundred thirty years ago, the opponents of a better America were calling the Republicans radical. They were calling them extreme.

Mr. Speaker, it was the radical Republicans who fought for and succeeded in passing the 13th amendment to abolish slavery, the 14th amendment to guarantee the right to life, liberty and the ownership of property, and the 15th amendment to give all citizens the right to vote. They were called radical Republicans, with extremist ideas.

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So when you hear the opponents of a better America say the Republican budget is extreme, it attacks the poor, remember history, remember our heritage. It is not extreme to protect Social Security, it is not extreme to limit the growth of the Federal Government, it is not extreme to provide a little tax relief for Americans. It is just common sense.

So I urge my colleagues to support the budget resolution.

#### SHOW US YOUR CUTS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the Republican budget is a sham, rosy scenarios in cuts that will be named later, a plan that would unravel the bipartisan balanced budget agreement. But just do not take my word for it. Here is what other Republicans are saying about the GOP smoke and mirrors.

Quote: "I can tell you there is no way for this committee to carry out its business in the next 5 years under the Kasich plan." That is the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Here is what the Washington Post says about the Republican budget, and I quote: "To promise an election year tax cut on the strength of unlikely spending cuts to be named later, all the while preaching fiscal responsibility, would be a triple fraud."

Let us end the triple fraud. We know where the Republican cuts will come, if

they would only name those cuts. It will be education, it will be health care. They would jeopardize Social Security.

End the triple fraud. Let us be honest about the numbers. Show us the cuts.

#### BARRY GOLDWATER

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

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note with profound sadness the passing of my fellow Arizonan, Senator Barry Goldwater, a great American statesman.

I was just 10 years old when I met Barry Goldwater at an old-fashioned political rally in the little town of Elgin, Arizona. At the time he was running against an incumbent Democrat Senator, Majority leader Ernest McFarland. Nobody thought he could do it, but he won. The rest, as they say is history.

Six years later Barry nominated me to become his Senate page, and I served in that capacity for 3 years. That is when I got to know, really know, this extraordinary man. He always said what was on his mind. He never shaded the truth.

Mr. Speaker, Barry Goldwater did not spend a lot of time worrying about whether he would be elected or not. He worried instead about principles and about America. He did not change his principles, but America changed.

In an era of cynicism and distrust of public officials, Barry Goldwater's life stands as a reminder of values that are lasting and eternal—honesty, integrity, patriotism. We will miss him, but in our hearts we know he was right.

Farewell, my friend.

#### JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL DIABETES CAUCUS

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

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advise my colleagues that representatives of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will be meeting with each of you today to advocate more Federal funding for diabetes research to cure this very serious disease. Diabetes is one of the leading causes of death and disability in America.

Now these JDF representatives are not paid lobbyists. They are individuals from all walks of life, of Democrat and Republican Party affiliation. They are male and female, Democrats, Republicans, of all religions, and only caring about one thing. That is curing diabetes.

They will tell you their personal story about diabetes. They will ask you to become a member of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus, which now numbers 159 Members. They will ask my colleagues to show that they care about diabetes.

So I urge my colleagues to welcome these individuals to your offices, listen to their stories, fund the Federal research to cure diabetes, and welcome them to Capitol Hill.

#### IT IS TIME FOR CONGRESS TO EXAMINE THE THREAT TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, India and then Pakistan conducted nuclear tests. China transferred nuclear technology to Pakistan and Iran. Now we learn the United States Government may have given missile technology to communist China, the same country that transferred nuclear technology to Pakistan and Iran. But rest assured, we are told, the Chinese communist government has assured us they will not do that any more.

It is time for Congress to examine this threat to our national security. It is time for the White House to explain how it is that transferring authority for satellite waivers from the State Department to the Commerce Department was in our national interest. The White House should respond to a recent Pentagon report that concluded that "Our national security has been harmed" as a result of these transfers arising out of China's rocket failure in February 1996.

The President should respond to these questions, Mr. Speaker, before the next nuclear test takes the world by surprise again.

#### SUPPORT THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. Speaker, there are people out there who are afraid of the Religious Freedom Amendment. They are afraid that it goes too far.

But let me just ask my colleagues this: Is it not going too far to ban prayer at high school graduations when guns and violence have become all too common in our schools?

Is it not going too far to ban nativity scenes and menorahs in public places and replace them with a Santa Claus on every street corner? And then we wonder why Christmas has become so commercialized.

Is it not going too far to ban the Ten Commandments from our schools and replace them with the distribution of free condoms instead?

Things have already gone too far, way too far. It is time to bring the separation of church and state back from the fringe of extremist interpretation. It is time to bring back common sense.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Religious Freedom Amendment.

#### WHO IS MINDING THE STORE?

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, to look at American policy of helping China develop its missile and rocket programs, one can only ask who is minding the store. While most Americans would think that we should not be arming our adversaries, apparently there are some in this administration who think otherwise. This is liberalism at its most mindless and most dangerous.

How else to explain the administration's policy of helping Communist China develop its missile and rocket program? How else to explain the administration's decision to allow the Commerce Department to overrule the Justice Department and the Pentagon in matters of national security? How else do we explain the administration's decision to help China to perfect its Long March missile? How else do we explain the administration's policy of arming the same country that reportedly has 13 long-range strategic missiles pointed at the United States?

I cannot explain it, and I do not know how the administration is going to attack their accusers this time. It is the American people who are demanding answers.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 78, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RESTORING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 453 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 453

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 78) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom. The joint resolution shall be considered as read for amendment. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the joint resolution shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) two hours of debate on the joint resolution, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; (2) the further amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, which may be offered only by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.