

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, January 8, 2003, I was unavoidably detained, and therefore unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall No. 10, a procedural vote to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair.

Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 10.

LIBERTY AMENDMENT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Liberty Amendment, which repeals the 16th Amendment, thus paving the way for real change in the way government collects and spends the people's hard-earned money. The Liberty Amendment also explicitly forbids the federal government from performing any action not explicitly authorized by the United States Constitution.

The 16th Amendment gives the federal government a direct claim on the lives of American citizens by enabling Congress to levy a direct income tax on individuals. Until the passage of the 16th amendment, the Supreme Court had consistently held that Congress had no power to impose an income tax.

Income taxes are responsible for the transformation of the federal government from one of limited powers into a vast leviathan whose tentacles reach into almost every aspect of American life. Thanks to the income tax, today the federal government routinely invades our privacy, and penalizes our every endeavor.

The Founding Fathers realized that "the power to tax is the power to destroy," which is why they did not give the federal government the power to impose an income tax. Needless to say, the Founders would be horrified to know that Americans today give more than a third of their income to the federal government.

Income taxes not only diminish liberty, they retard economic growth by discouraging work and production. Our current tax system also forces Americans to waste valuable time and money on complacency with an ever-more complex tax code. The increased interest in flat-tax and national sales tax proposals, as well as the increasing number of small businesses that questioning the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) "withholding" system provides further proof that America is tired of the labyrinthine tax code. Americans are also increasingly fed up with an IRS that continues to ride roughshod over their civil liberties, despite recent "pro-taxpayer" reforms.

Mr. Speaker, America survived and prospered for 140 years without an income tax, and with a federal government that generally adhered to strictly constitutional functions, operating with modest excise revenues. The income tax opened the door to the era (and errors) of Big Government. I hope my colleagues will help close that door by cosponsoring the Liberty Amendment.

NORTH CAROLINA
REPRESENTATIVE LARRY JUSTUS**HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the public service of North Carolina State Representative Larry Justus.

After graduating from Dana High School, Larry T. Justus entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he pursued and received a degree in Radio and Television Writing and Production.

Larry Justus married Carolyn who is a native of Transylvania County, North Carolina. They have four sons: Scott, Ron, Christ and Seth. He is remembered as a loving father and kind husband.

Larry served his country bravely and retired from the United States Air Force as a Lt. Colonel after serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He served as a Squadron Commander, Executive officer, disaster preparedness officer, information and public relations officer and a protocol officer.

Larry continued his role in our armed forces by being involved in the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Western North Carolina Retiree Officers Association.

Larry was committed to the principles of the Republican Party and worked diligently on behalf of the party. He served as a National Delegate to the 1980 Republican National Convention, a former member of the State Republican Central Committee, a member of the State Republican Executive Committee and was named "Outstanding North Carolina Republican" in 1974. He also served as the Henderson County Republican Chairman.

Larry will best be remembered for his unfailing service to North Carolina. Justus served Henderson County in the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1985 until his death in October of 2002 at the age of 70. He was known as an open, friendly, and accessible legislator and was the model for integrity in public service.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that my colleagues will join me in praising the life and work of Representative Larry Justus.

INTRODUCING THE TEACHER VICTIMS' FAMILY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2002

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, a study conducted by the National School Safety Center on School Associated Violent Deaths notes that between 1992 and 2001, 33 teachers, school administrators, school employees, or volunteers, were fatal victims of school violence. This means that during that nine-year period, a teacher, school administrator or some other school employee in America was killed while performing the duties of his or her job every fourteen weeks.

A similar study done by the U.S. Department of Justice last year stated that teachers, school administrators and other school em-

ployees accounted for nearly 10 percent of all fatalities from school violence on campuses nationwide. Even more disturbing is that the majority of faculty fatalities occurred when a school employee attempted to stop a fight or some type of disagreement between students or other faculty members. In trying to stop school violence, these school employees became victims of school violence themselves.

On May 26, 2000, my district was struck with horror when a thirteen year old student walked into Lake Worth Middle School and shot and killed his teacher, Mr. Barry Grunow. While this tragic event once again raised the important issues of school safety, gun control, and the minimum age at which a child can be tried as an adult, to the Grunow family, the tragic death of Barry Grunow has meant much more.

In addition to the painful loss of a father and husband, Barry Grunow's death had a long-term affect on the entire Grunow family. Barry's death meant that, within six months, the entire Grunow family would find themselves without health care coverage; Barry's death meant that the Grunow family would incur added and unexpected expenses; and, ultimately, Barry's death means one less income that can be used to support Pam Grunow and her two children in the years to come.

In Spring 2001, the Florida State Legislature passed and the Governor signed the Barry Grunow Act, a measure that provided death benefits to the spouses and children of victims of school violence. Today, I come to the floor of the House of Representatives to say that it is time for Congress to follow Florida's lead and pass a similar measure.

I rise today to reintroduce the Teacher Victims' Assistance Act of 2002. The 108th Congress is the second consecutive Congress that I have introduced this legislation. Similar to Florida's Barry Grunow Act, the Teacher Victims' Assistance Act places teachers, school administrators, school employees and school volunteers in the same high-risk category in which we currently place many of country's most important role models.

My bill provides the spouses and children of educators who are killed as a result of school violence with the following death benefits: a one-time death benefit of \$75,000, \$1,500 to be used to assist with any funeral expenses, \$900 per month in living assistance to the victims' surviving spouse, \$225 per month in living assistance to each dependent of the victim until the age of 17, \$7,500 per year, for up to five years, for each dependent to be used to pay for college or other forms of higher education before the age of 25, opportunity to enroll in the Medicare health benefits program, and exempts the family members from having to pay any accumulated income tax by the victim as a result of school employment.

Mr. Speaker, never before has Congress made the historic statement that we need to compensate the families of educators who are victims of school violence. Many of us understand that violence in our schools is virtually impossible to eliminate completely. However, it is possible for Congress to ensure every educator in the country that if another school shooting such as those which occurred at Lake Worth High School, the future of educators' families shall never be in jeopardy.

The Teacher Victims' Family Assistance Act of 2003 makes such a commitment, and I urge my colleagues to pass it immediately.

TRIBUTE TO THE ONONDAGA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Onondaga Senior High School Boy's football team for winning the New York State Class C championship title and in the process continuing a 26 game winning streak. The Tigers roared in the Carrier Dome, and once again brought home a State title.

This team, with a solid coaching staff and a strong network of fans, strove for perfection, and as a result, won their second consecutive championship title. The OCS Tigers were Class D champions last year, and came out Class C victors this year. They are the only team in 10 years to win consecutive titles in different classes.

This team should be truly proud of such a well-deserved victory. The strength and dedication they have displayed over the course of their football careers and throughout this electrifying season has made their school and entire community extremely proud.

On behalf of the entire 25th District of New York, I would like to congratulate the following champions: Hodges Sneed, Andrew Abbott, Ryan Hotaling, Justin Graham, Richard Bova, Adam Legg, Don Cummings, Matt Popov, Carl Runge, John Manley, Chad Amidon, Ryan Clifford, Dakota McCann, Mike Hart, Kyle Martin, Robbie Cormier, Dan Germain, Zach Carrington, Zach MacCollister, Brian Beacham, Todd Amidon, Marty Brunner, Jacob Cummings, Cory Dill, Richard Beak, Todd Gardner, James Sanford, Matthew Majewski, Thomas Brownell, Caleb Golembiewski, Dan Willis, Scott Campbell, Pat Neuman, Kurt Wasilewski, Aaron Johnson, Steven Tiss, Felipe Diaz, Brad Glaister, Adam Goodman, and Jesse Schneider; Coaches Bill Spicer, Paul Taylor, Jeff Pierce, Victor Zampetti, and Rick Bailey; Volunteer Coaches Dave Pierce and Steve Louis; Managers Jim Barry, Nick Gilbert and Luke Joyce.

CONGRATULATING BILL JONES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bill Jones for 20 years of outstanding leadership and service to the State of California. A tribute was held in his honor on January 12, 2003, in Fresno, CA. Proceeds from the tribute will fund the Bill Jones Leadership Development Program in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at California State University, Fresno.

In 1971, Bill Jones graduated from California State University, Fresno with a degree in agriculture business. Bill, who grew up on a farm on Mendota, CA, began his elected career by serving in the State Assembly for 12 years. While there, he coauthored the "Three Strikes and You're Out" anticrime law. He was elected Secretary of State in 1994 and re-

elected in 1998. As the State's chief elections officer, Mr. Jones set a goal of 100-percent voter participation with zero tolerance for fraud. His voter outreach programs targeted California's minorities and young people. Bill Jones is a nationally recognized leader of agriculture, trade, and water issues as well.

The Bill Jones Leadership Development Program will provide an educational opportunity for individuals to develop their leadership skills. The program will focus on undergraduate students while providing them service opportunities. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to identify key elements of their personal leadership style, have a working knowledge of relational leadership theory, and understand the role leadership plays in organizations and communities. This program honors Bill Jones, who himself played an important leadership role while at California State University, Fresno.

Bill and his wife, Maurine, have two daughters Wendy and Andrea. Mr. Jones is a native California rancher who continues to work his family-owned farm in Fresno, and is the first resident from the Central San Joaquin Valley to serve in a statewide office.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and thank Bill Jones for his dedication to and hard work on behalf of the people of California. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Jones many years of continued success.

DAN WADDELL—COMMUNITY LEADER

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a gentleman who was devoted to his community and to civic service, Dan Waddell of Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Dan Waddell was born in Commerce, Georgia, on June 3, 1921. He was the son of John Daniel Waddell Sr. and Lillian Marie Vollrath. They moved their family to Hendersonville, North Carolina in 1930.

Dan attended Hendersonville city schools, graduating from Hendersonville High School in 1938. He attended Brevard Junior College and became a member of the football team. John transferred to East Carolina University and in 1941 quarterbacked the team, leading it to an undefeated season. When Dan died, on October 19, 2001, he was headed to the team's Special 60th Reunion Ceremony for the 1941 team.

Following graduation from East Carolina University, he entered the U.S. Army, becoming a B-17 pilot in the Army Air Corps. He flew 31 missions and was shot down over Belgium. For his service to America and in defense of freedom in World War II, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

After the war, he returned to Hendersonville and started a grading business, which he operated for more than 40 years. In 1960, he became president of Rasben Oil Company and he founded the Triangle Stop Food Stores in 1974. Also, he was the former president of Southern Burglar Alarm Company, which he

purchased in 1977. He became president of the North Carolina Petroleum Marketers Association in 1981 and in 1989 received the Will Parker award, the most prestigious award in the petroleum industry in North Carolina.

Active in community affairs in Hendersonville, Dan became a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he attended the Roy Johnson Bible Class. Dan also served his church as chairman of the board of trustees and finance committee member. He was also a member of the board of directors of Pardee Hospital. Dan held many other offices including the following: Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club, president and board member of the Hendersonville Country Club, chairman of the Tree Board, member of the Hendersonville County Environmental Advisory Committee, member and board member of the Greater Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce, member of the Merchants Association, president of the Partners for Economic Progress, member of the Kiwanis Club, and cofounder and member of the Hendersonville High School Alumni Association. Dan ran for City Council in 1999, and fought diligently and fairly for many customers and as an advocate for local business interests.

Dan was married to the former Claire Reaben of Hendersonville, who passed away in 1995. The former Jan Rouse of Hendersonville, North Carolina became John's second wife. His son, Hall and his wife Sonja live in Hendersonville, North Carolina. John's daughter, Sharon Johnson and her husband, Steve live in Hendersonville, North Carolina. John has four grandchildren, Christa Waddell, Beau Waddell, and Emily Johnson, all of Hendersonville, North Carolina, and Erin Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. William J. Waddell, his brother, lives in Prospect, Kentucky. His sister Cynthia Armstrong of Waxhaw along with three stepsons, Chuck, Turner, and Randy Rouse and their families live in Hendersonville, North Carolina. In addition to his several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dan Waddell served his family, his community and his Nation. Dan Waddell—truly a member of the "Greatest Generation."

INTRODUCING THE CONGRESS 2006 COMMISSION ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Congress 2006 Commission Act. My bill establishes a congressional commission to examine the current size of the U.S. House of Representatives and recommend to this body, if applicable, a size increase. Additionally, the Commission is directed to examine and consider alternatives to the current method by which Representatives are elected. Methods such as cumulative voting and proportional representation would, without doubt, result in a more diverse House of Representatives, as well as greater participation in the legislative process by Americans of all shapes, colors, and backgrounds.

Under the Constitution, the size of the House of Representatives can be as small as 50 Representatives and as large as one Representative per 30,000 people, or the equivalent to 9,380 Members, based on the 2000