

adversity of his own life and turned it into a benefit for others.

SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM ACT

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

Mr. ROONEY. Madam Speaker, Florida's unemployment just reached a record 12.3 percent, and in some areas of my district it's as high as 15 percent. My constituents continue to ask me, "Where are the jobs?" Many claim that the layoffs are driving up the unemployment rate. But the real culprit is the lack of jobs being created in the private sector.

Americans who have been jobless for over a year will continue down that road if new jobs simply do not exist. And I am not talking about temporary government jobs. Congress must work to stop spending and create a favorable environment for businesses to save money and invest by cutting taxes and incentivize banks to start lending again.

Increasing the Federal Government's control over the free market and spending money we do not have is not the answer. Americans have made that clear. That is why today I cosponsored the Economic Freedom Act. This bill will lower job-killing taxes on businesses and rein in excessive government spending. This is the type of solution Americans deserve.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUSSO'S BAR & GRILL

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Russo's Bar & Grill in Amsterdam, New York, a city I have proudly called home my entire life.

John Russo opened Russo's in 1920 as the Mohawk Grocery Store. After the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, John turned the grocery store into a tavern and pool hall. He then passed it to his children, Pat, Angelo, Vince, and Lou. Other than Lou's sad passing, the others are still alive and well today. The restaurant eventually was passed along to its current owners, Mike and Barbara Russo.

However, Russo's is much more than a run-of-the-mill restaurant. Russo's is about family, a gathering place, old American ideals, an immigrant's dream, and a successful small business. Perhaps that is why even then-candidate Hillary Clinton recognized the importance of Russo's, making a campaign stop there during her successful 2000 run for a United States Senate seat.

Nearly a century ago, John Russo planted his dream seed, which germinated and grew over generations to

what we see today, a continuing tradition and legacy of fine food, family gathering, a sense of place, and a gathering post after local community meetings and events. Russo's has the recipe for success, tasty success, for 90 years. Congratulations, Russo's.

NATIONAL MEDIA SHOW DOUBLE STANDARD ON GOLDMAN SACHS COVERAGE

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during President George W. Bush's first term, the national media gave extensive coverage to the Bush administration's relationship with Enron. The New York Times wrote, "Their ties are broad and deep and go back many years." Time Magazine reported on "Bush's Enron Problem." A Chicago Tribune headline read, "Bush urged to be open about Enron."

Eight years later, by comparison, national coverage of the Obama administration's connection to Goldman Sachs is scarce. The SEC has filed suit against Goldman Sachs, charging it intentionally misled investors who participated in a mortgage securities deal that was designed to fail. Goldman Sachs employees gave President Obama over \$1 million in campaign contributions, nearly seven times as much as President Bush received from Enron workers, according to numbers on OpenSecrets.org and as reported by the Washington Examiner. The Examiner also reported that several current and former members of the Obama administration have close ties to Goldman Sachs.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not practice double standards.

DO NOT LAY OFF TEACHERS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I agree with my friends on the other side of the aisle, we must create jobs. And we are working intensely to do that. My recollection is that during the Clinton administration, we created some 22 million-plus jobs. In the Obama administration we are increasing our hold on not losing jobs and increasing jobs.

I hope my colleagues will join me in arguing two points: one, we must invest in the private sector, but our banking industry must invest in small businesses to allow them to hire individuals; and two, we must not lose America's teachers. That is the public sector. But who can afford to lose 300,000 teachers? We must call that an emergency and begin to work on the idea of saving the Nation's teachers.

To the Nation's teachers, stand up for your job because you are standing up for the education of our children.

Who can afford to lose the best and the brightest? We lose that when we begin to lay off teachers. We should end any thought about laying off America's teachers.

UNCERTAINTY IMPACTING SMALL BUSINESSES

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

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I've spent a number of weeks back in my district, the 19th Congressional District of Texas, talking to small businesses all throughout the district about the economy and about jobs, which is on the minds of the American people, and particularly the people in the 19th Congressional District.

Many of them said, Congressman, we would be spending money, we would be expanding our business, but Congress is creating such an uncertainty that we don't know what to do. They're still trying to figure out how this health care bill is going to impact them. They're still trying to figure out if this Congress is going to pass a cap-and-trade bill that will increase the cost of energy. They hear Congress talking about all kinds of taxes, VAT taxes, gasoline taxes.

And now they see Congress is spending and borrowing money it doesn't have, running up these record deficits. And they said, Congressman, we're just uncertain about what the future is in this country.

In fact, when I go around to clubs and meetings, I ask people in the audience to raise their hand if they are living out a better life than their parents. Everybody's hand raises. But when I ask them how many people think, based upon the course we are on today, that their children and grandchildren will live a better day, the hands are brought down.

Mr. Speaker, we need to get back to the basics here, cut spending, cut taxes, and get the American people back to work.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HIMES). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HONORING MILLARD VAUGHN OAKLEY

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

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the Upper Cumberland region of Tennessee is known throughout the country for its unparalleled natural beauty. Its rivers and streams, rolling

hills, farms, fields, and forests all come together to create the rich tapestry of the region. But just as the beauty of the land contributes to the character of the place I am proud to call home, so does the remarkable beauty of the people. The teachers and statesmen, the war heroes and artists of the region are the vehicles that have carried our most cherished traditions throughout the ages.

Out of these great men and women, there is one in particular that I am proud to call my friend. Never one to shrink from a challenge, but he has always been ready and willing to dedicate his time and resources to the service of others.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Millard Vaughn Oakley, an accomplished Tennessean who has tirelessly dedicated his life to public and community service. Whether through his law practice, his service in the General Assembly, or his fight to improve education, Millard has always been a staunch advocate for the interests of Tennesseans. Although it would be impossible to qualify and quantify the total impact that Millard's work has had on our communities, countless lives have been enriched because of his faith and his friendship.

A lifelong resident of Overton County in the foothills of the Cumberland Plateau, Millard graduated from Livingston Academy in 1947, attending Tennessee Technological University, and graduated from Cumberland Law School in 1951. Almost immediately after earning his law degree, Millard began his general law practice in Livingston, Tennessee, which he continued until 1971.

During that time, he was elected to four terms in the General Assembly and served one term in the State's constitutional convention. He has had numerous positions in Tennessee government, including county attorney, and served as our State Insurance Commissioner.

Millard has always fought to improve education throughout Tennessee. He serves on the Tennessee Board of Regents, and through his financial support helped create the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Center at Tennessee Technological University to bring a world-class research center into the heart of Tennessee.

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In his hometown of Livingston, he was instrumental in coordinating local officials and private investors to construct the public library that now bears his name. He also established the Oakley First National Bank Foundation which provides scholarships for financially challenged high school seniors in Overton County.

Through his philanthropy, Millard helped build a campus for Volunteer State Community College in Overton County, which now serves students across the Upper Cumberland.

I am proud to be counted as one of Millard's friends, and I join them in

wishing Millard success in all his future endeavors.

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

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

AND THE BORDER VIOLENCE CONTINUES

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are rules and procedures for coming into the United States legally. You have to sign the guest book at the point of entry so we know who you are. We have a right to know why someone wants to visit our country—and we have the right to tell them when it's time for them to go home.

But right now, America's hard-working taxpayers foot the bill for anyone who sneaks across our borders unabated. American taxpayers are expected to pay for the world's problems. We have enough problems of our own right here.

Let me mention some of our border issues and some of those issues that we have on the Texas-Mexico border.

Criminal aliens are a part of that problem. There is a crime wave taking place in our border regions. There are 14 Texas counties that border Mexico. And recently, I called the 14 county sheriffs and asked them this question, "How many people do you have in your county jail that are foreign nationals charged with crimes other than immigration violations like misdemeanors and felony offenses?" And they told me that 37 percent of the people in the border county jails in Texas are foreign nationals charged with those crimes.

These are not rich counties. These are poor counties. And yet they're expected to take the brunt of the crime problem on the border. They don't have the money to prosecute or even house these individuals. You see, Mexico's problems have become our problems.

Further, the violence in Mexico has escalated. Just yesterday, a Holiday Inn in Monterrey, Mexico, was attacked by narcoterrorists. The assault was done by 50 gunmen who seized cars to block streets to slow down police response. At least three people were kidnapped in the attack by the drug cartels.

Violence at our southern border with Mexico has escalated as well, and it not only affects Mexican nationals on the northern part of Mexico, but Americans on the southern border as well. Murders, kidnappings, Old West shootouts, Mexican military helicopter intrusions into the United States, and reports of criminal cartels cloning border patrol vehicles to smuggle drugs have all occurred.

An Arizona rancher was murdered at the border recently on his ranch. A California border agent was assassinated just a few months ago. In El Paso, Texas, our border patrol agents are reportedly being targeted by the Azteca hit men. These outlaws work and protect drug shipments for the Juarez drug cartel.

Arizona has just passed a new law giving local law enforcement the ability to check immigration status and detain those in the United States illegally. The bill also puts an end to sanctuary cities in Arizona. It requires law enforcement agents to make reasonable efforts to determine a person's legal status if there is a reasonable expectation they're in the United States illegally. Arizona and other States are desperate so they are trying to do the job that Washington will not do.

This bill is waiting for the Governor's signature in Arizona, and most Arizona citizens support this law. Border States have been asking for help for securing the border against the escalating violence for years. States have to protect their citizens because the Federal Government refuses to act to adequately secure the border. It is the primary purpose of the Federal Government to keep American citizens safe. When the Federal Government refuses to act, the border States are left to deal with the problem on their own.

Governor Rick Perry in Texas has been asking for National Guard troops for over a year, but the Department of Homeland Security has ignored these requests.

There seems to be blissful silence in D.C. about the border war. Why do we wait for more tragedy before more boots are put on the ground? Our law enforcement agents need help. Doesn't Washington know the border has become a war zone?

National Guard troops should be deployed to the border immediately to protect us from the narcoterrorists. Border patrol and local sheriffs in Texas and other States are outmanned, outgunned, and outfinanced.

The United States guards the borders of other nations, but yet we refuse to guard our own border. Why do we do that? Mr. Speaker, we fail to act at our own peril.

And that's just the way it is.

AIDS FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 25th anniversary of an extraordinary organization—the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. The AIDS Foundation is not just an Illinois treasure. It is recognized across the Nation as a leader in HIV/AIDS policy and service.

The AIDS Foundation was founded in 1985 at the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic when an AIDS diagnosis was a