

Two things they did make a big impression on me. I visited their church once, and I learned they were building a new sanctuary closer to the Washington, D.C. line in a higher crime, higher drug rate area, because they thought it was part of their ministry to change the lives of the people who needed them.

The second thing I want to say is that once Reverend Cherry was at a meeting at the White House with some other religious leaders, and he left early to go back to his church to minister to 150 couples that he had brought back to his church from all over America to convince them to come back together to save their marriages and to raise their kids. This is the kind of work that citizens are doing in America. We need more of it, and it ought to be lifted up and supported.

The last person I want to introduce is Jack Lucas from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Jack, would you stand up?

Fifty years ago, in the sands of Iwo Jima, Jack Lucas taught and learned the lessons of citizenship. On February 20th, 1945, he and three of his buddies encountered the enemy and two grenades at their feet. Jack Lucas threw himself on both of them.

In that moment, he saved the lives of his companions and miraculously, in the next instant a medic saved his life. He gained a foothold for freedom, and at the age of 17, just a year older than his grandson—who is up here with him today, and his son, who is a West Point graduate and a veteran—at 17, Jack Lucas became the youngest marine in history and the youngest soldier in this century to win the Congressional Medal of Honor.

All these years later, yesterday, here is what he said about that day: "It didn't matter where you were from or who you were. You relied on one another. You did it for your country."

We all gain when we give, and we reap what we sow. That's at the heart of this New Covenant: Responsibility, opportunity, and citizenship. More than stale chapters in some remote civic book, they are still the virtue by which we can fulfill ourselves and reach our God-given potential and be like them, and also to fulfill the eternal promise of this country, the enduring dream from that first and most sacred covenant.

I believe every person in this country still believes that we are created equal, and given by our Creator the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

This is a very, very great country, and our best days are still to come.

Thank you, and God bless you.

At 10 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m., the President of the United States retired from the Hall of the House, followed by his Cabinet.

The Chief Justice of the United States and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court retired from the Hall of the House.

The ambassadors, ministers and charges d'affaires of foreign govern-

ments retired from the Hall of the House.

The SPEAKER, at 10 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m., then declared the joint session of the two Houses dissolved.

The Vice President and Members of the Senate retired from the Hall of the House.

¶11.30 REFERENCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On motion of Mr. SOLOMON, the message of the President, as delivered, together with the accompanying documents, was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 104-1).

¶11.31 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, for today;

To Mr. BISHOP, for today; and

To Mr. TORKILDSEN, until 3 p.m. today.

And then,

¶11.32 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. SOLOMON, at 10 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶11.33 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 44. Resolution providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 17) relating to the treatment of Social Security under any constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1) proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States (Rept. No. 104-4). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶11.34 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. SPRATT):

H.R. 645. A bill to amend the International Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for non-recognition of gain on the sale of eligible small business stock if the proceeds of the sale are reinvested in other eligible small business stock; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WYDEN:

H.R. 646. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to index the basis of certain capital assets for purposes of determining gain or loss; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 647. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for awards to an employee under a performance-based reward plan and to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to promote implementation of performance-based reward plans and employee decisionmaking participation programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in

addition to the Committees on Economic and Educational Opportunities, and Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 648. A bill to improve small business export assistance; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

H.R. 649. A bill to authorize the collection of fees for expenses for triploid grass carp certification inspections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. GILMAN:

H.R. 650. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act concerning exclusion from the United States on the basis of membership in a terrorist organization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ANDREWS (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HOYER):

H.R. 651. A bill to direct the President to establish a commission for making recommendations to improve the Federal emergency management system; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BATEMAN:

H.R. 652. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a grant to the board of directors of the George Washington Boyhood Home Foundation for the Stabilization, preservation, and interpretation of the archeological resources and visual integrity of Ferry Farm, boyhood home of George Washington, America's first President; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 653. A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse under construction in White Plains, NY, as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HOLDEN:

H.R. 654. A bill to provide for the conversion of the assistance for the Tamaqua Highrise housing project in Tamaqua, PA, from a leased housing contract to tenant-based assistance; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. WALKER:

H.R. 655. A bill to authorize the hydrogen research, development, and demonstration programs of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

By Mr. KING:

H.R. 656. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make organizations controlled by individuals who promote prejudice or bias based on race, religion, or ethnicity ineligible for assistance under programs administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

H.R. 657. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of three hydroelectric projects in the State of Arkansas; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. MCDERMOTT (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MINETA, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. MATSUI):

H.R. 658. A bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1991 with respect to the application of such act; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. OBERSTAR:

H.R. 659. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to permit Federal firearms licensees to conduct firearms business with other such licensees at out-of-State gun shows; to the Committee on the Judiciary.