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TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY ROTH

(Mr. DENT asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent of mine who passed away recently.

Born in South Africa, Dorothy Roth was an extraordinary woman whom I first met while canvassing her neighborhood in the city of Allentown 17 years ago. She immediately invited me into her home to discuss public policy and politics. Accepting that invitation would be among the best decisions I made in my public service life.

But that was by no means the last visit to Dorothy Roth's home by me. After I was in office, occasionally Dorothy would invite me over for a discussion over tea and hors d'oeuvres. Dorothy praised me when she thought I was doing right, and she never hesitated to admonish me when she thought I was wrong or wasn't helping enough to advance worthy ideas or issues. When Dorothy found a cause, there truly was no better champion.

Dorothy gushed with pride about her children and her grandchildren. She loved her country and her community. She expected a lot of us in public service, but she expected even more from herself.

Dorothy had a generous spirit and epitomized what a good citizen should be. More importantly, she was a great person.

SECURING OUR BORDERS HAS NOT BEEN A PRIORITY OF REPUBLICANS IN WASHINGTON

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

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, after September 11, we all concluded that securing our borders was a top priority. Unfortunately, for the past 5 years the Republican majority here in Washington, from the White House to Capitol Hill, have refused to adequately fund border needs.

As a Congress, we promised to add 2,000 Border Patrol agents, 8,000 additional detention beds, and to add 800 more immigration investigators every year between 2005 and 2009. Two years into that promise, we are falling exceedingly short. House Republicans have cut \$48 million from Customs and Border Security Protection; and Democrats tried to restore the funding, but we were rebuffed by the Republican majority.

It is bad enough that Washington Republicans refuse to properly fund border security measures, but now it appears they are unwilling to work together to negotiate a final border security and immigration bill this year.

The only way we will secure our borders is if House and Senate Republicans stop playing games, stop holding press

conferences disguised as hearings, and actually sit down and hammer out a compromise. It is time to start fishing and stop cutting bait.

SECURING AMERICA'S BORDERS

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

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, the horrific 9/11 attacks on America taught us that border security is homeland security. But just last year, Customs and the Border Patrol stopped over 1 million people who illegally crossed our border. And of that 1 million, 160,000 were from countries other than Mexico, including Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Last week, expert witnesses at an International Relations subcommittee field hearing in Laredo, Texas, testified that unlike in years past, many illegal immigrants who sneak across the border are no longer good people who are simply in search of honest work, but rather, increasingly, they are criminals who belong to violent gangs and drug cartels.

Reynaldo Gaza, the Border Patrol chief in Laredo, testified that he worries now about the links between the drug cartels and the terrorists.

Hundreds of illegal immigrants will cross our southern border today. Some of them will be criminals, some gang members. I pray none are terrorists. But the truth is, we don't know. A nation without borders ceases to be a nation, which is why we must secure our border first.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Ms. SOLIS. Buenos dias to our audience.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in this body to stop blocking comprehensive immigration reform. Immigrants are our neighbors, our friends, our caretakers and fellow worshippers. They contribute more than \$10 billion to our economy each year, and more than 35,000 immigrants are actively defending our Nation as members of the Armed Forces.

More than 200 Medals of Honor have been given to immigrant servicemembers for their actions in Iraq and Afghanistan. One hundred one non-U.S. citizens, like my constituent, Francisco Martinez Flores, died in military action September 11, 2001. He was a green card soldier.

Just yesterday our Nation's top general, Marine General Peter Pace, defended immigrants, saying the first Marine he lost in combat in Vietnam was an immigrant soldier. And he said that he continues to be on active duty because he says he still owes those who served with him in Vietnam, regardless of their status.

Immigrants, their families and families across the country deserve more than sham hearings and enforcement-only policies. Let's ask for a comprehensive immigration reform that takes care of all of our soldiers and all people defending our rights here in America.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUHLMAN of New York). The Chair would remind the Members who are making 1 minute requests that, in fact, the comments are to be directed to the Speaker, to the Chair.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the plague of child pornography is a global program in need of a global response. A study released recently by the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children paints a sad and sobering picture.

Of the 184 countries studied, more than half have no laws addressing child pornography at all, and in most of the countries, the existing laws are inadequate.

This perverse form of exploitation horribly scars its victims, not only in the actual production of this sordid smut, but their pictures are then broadcast to the world online.

At a meeting recently of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, I offered a resolution on behalf of Chairman CHRIS SMITH and the U.S. delegation, calling on the nations of the world to address this growing problem.

The resolution calls on lawmaking bodies of the world to take a hard-line stance against this horrific practice and enact stiff criminal penalties for production and consumption.

I am pleased the resolution was unanimously adopted. Child pornography is a despicable business, and this resolution is a positive first step in the fight against it.

BUSH-GOP ECONOMY HAS FAILED MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, last week's disappointing job creation numbers once again highlight that the Bush economic recovery is a failure, is really not a recovery at all, and continues to fail America's families.

In June, the Bush economy added only 121,000 jobs. That is less than the 150,000 needed just to keep pace with population growth. President Bush still has the worst jobs record since the