



# CARTER COURIER

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## LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSMAN

Dear Friends,

A lot has happened in the past week! On Thursday, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the most wanted terrorist in Iraq was killed when U.S. warplanes dropped two 500-pound bombs.

I am also pleased to announce that today the House passed the Emergency Supplemental bill. This bill will provide critical funding support to military operations at home and abroad.

This week we will pass the transportation appropriations bill, which will help fund important critical infrastructure projects throughout the District. We will also debate on the Global War on Terror, the war in Iraq, and how best to provide national security in a post-9/11 world.

For my fellow fathers in the District, let me wish you a very Happy Father's Day!

Until next week,

## WORKING TO SECURE OUR NATION

Each year trillions of dollars in commercial trade and millions of visitors pass through our borders. However, these same borders are potential entrance points for terrorists, weapons, and drugs. In a post-9/11 world, we must ensure that we provide our nation with the resources to prevent another terrorist attack on our homeland. The House recently passed a funding bill that will provide the tools to improve our ability to better protect and secure our nation. The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill includes steps to secure our border and ports, as well as strengthen federal response to natural disasters and terrorist attacks.

As a member of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to ensure that significant funding was set aside for border security measures. I believe strongly that securing our nation's borders is an urgent homeland security issue, and this bill provides \$19.6 billion for border protection, immigration enforcement, and related activities. This includes \$3.98 billion for the Department of Homeland Security's Secure Border Initiative. This program has been responsible for ending the flawed practice of "catch and release," and instead instituting a "catch and return" policy.

We also ensured that funding was set aside for additional Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement of-

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ficers. I have visited the border three times in the past several months, and it is clear that more resources are needed along the border. The presence of the National Guard on the border will ease the strain on the U.S. Border Patrol, but there are still many more miles of border than there are agents.

Our land borders, however, are not the only points of entry that need to be protected. Our coastline is 12,000 miles, and our nation's ports handle approximately 11 million shipping containers each year. This bill funds important port, container, and cargo security measures that will help improve our nation's safety and stop threats before they reach American soil. Specifically, it requires increased levels of inspection for cargo entering our country.

Our state and local first responders play a key role in responding to and preventing terrorist attacks. This bill also maintains the grant system that has been critical in equipping our nation's dedicated first responders--the emergency medical personnel, firefighters, and police officers who are first on the scene when disasters strike. Since the 9/11 attacks, we have provided billions of dollars to first responders for terrorism prevention and preparedness, general law enforcement, firefighter assistance, airport security, seaport security, and public health preparedness.

In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, we made sure that support was given for disaster preparedness efforts. The bill requires changes in disaster assistance based upon lessons learned from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Further, funding is provided for FEMA to prepare for and respond to any form of disaster or terrorist attack.

This bill also protects our nation's critical infrastructure, and supports drug control and traditional law enforcement efforts. The programs funded through this bill provide the resources necessary to create smart and secure borders that keep terrorists and illegal immigrants out of America without hindering the flow of commerce or travel. National security is my top priority and I will continue to fight to secure our borders and protect our homeland.

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#### **CARTER: KILLING OF AL ZARQAWI IS A GREAT VICTORY IN WAR ON TERRORISM 4TH ID FIRST U.S. FORCES ON GROUND**

In the early hours of June 8th, it was reported that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had been killed in an airstrike. It was also reported that the 4th Infantry Division, stationed in Fort Hood, was the first U.S. forces on the ground.

The news of Al-Zarqawi's death is great news for the people of Iraq and the free nations that stand against terrorism. I am particularly proud to hear that the 4th Infantry Division was the first of the U.S. forces on the ground. When I visited the 4th ID in Iraq in April, many soldiers shared with pride stories about their efforts to support the Iraqis.

I applaud the Iraqi forces and American troops for their tireless efforts and ultimate success in seeing this relentless murderer put to death. Zarqawi was the most wanted terrorist in Iraq--directly responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocent people and we are safer today than we were yesterday.

While violence is expected to continue, this is a significant blow to the Al Qaeda network and terrorists. This is an important milestone for the mission in Iraq, and our service men and women should be applauded for yet another success in fighting the War on Terrorism.

The news of Al-Zarqawi's death and the completion of the new Iraqi government exemplify the dedication of our American troops in providing the tools for the Iraqi people to establish a united, free, and sovereign Iraq.

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#### **CARTER HAILS PASSAGE OF EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL BILL FUNDS CRITICAL MILITARY AND DISASTER RELIEF PRIORITIES**

Today the House passed a bill that will fund military priorities and hurricane relief initiatives. H.R. 4939, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery includes \$94.5 billion for critical defense, border security, and disaster relief priorities.

As Fort Hood's representative, I remain dedicated to seeing our service men and women receive the support they need to defend and serve our nation. I am very pleased that the House has passed a bill that provides our military with the funding needed to sustain critical operations. This bill is crucial to the success of operations at Fort Hood and throughout the military. This spending bill also funds important disaster relief recovery efforts, including levee repairs and flood control projects. As we enter hurricane season, we must ensure that those areas vulnerable to hurricanes are fully prepared.

House negotiators remained committed to fiscal responsibility by funding our nation's critical needs, not unnecessary or wasteful programs. The Senate originally passed a version of the supplemental appropriations bill authorizing \$108.9 billion in new spending. House Republicans brought the bill's total down to \$94.5 billion in the conference report.



Specifically, this bill includes: \$890 million for up-armored Humvees to protect our military men and women; almost \$2 billion for improvised explosive device (IED) countermeasures; \$4.85 billion to train and equip Iraqi and Afghan security forces; \$66 million for the promotion of democracy in Iran; \$1.9 billion to strengthen U.S. border security; \$6 billion for FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund; and \$3.7 billion for flood control projects and levee repairs.

*The House passed the Emergency Supplemental by a vote of 351 – 67.  
The Supplemental is expected to be signed into law by the President this week.*

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### **CARTER SUPPORTS BILL TO INCREASE OIL PRODUCTION IN THE U.S. HOUSE-PASSED BILL ENCOURAGES NEW DOMESTIC REFINERIES**

In additional efforts to secure our nation's energy future, I was proud to support a bill that will help increase domestic oil exploration and help lower energy prices. Last week the House passed the Refinery Permit Process Scheduling Act, which encourages the building of new oil refineries in the U.S. by providing stability for companies as they make long-term decisions to expand refining capacity.

Gasoline prices have been at near-record levels, due to increased demand without increased supply. It has been 30 years since a new refinery was built in the U.S. despite an increase in demand. This legislation will take important steps to encourage new domestic exploration.

There have been those of us in Congress who have urged an increase in domestic oil production for years, and it is time for all Members of Congress to put the needs of the American people before politics. If we expand the exploration of oil in our own country, we will increase supply, allowing for lower prices for consumers.

Specifically, the Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act establishes a federal coordinator who will convene all the players in all U.S. government agencies responsible for issuing permits to develop a facility and help them coordinate and expedite their schedules so that decisions on permits can move as quickly as our environmental and other laws will allow. It also brings all federal and state agencies together in a coordinated capacity to make it easier to add fuel refining capacity.

Further, the bill eliminates needless bureaucratic delays in the permitting process for new or expanded gasoline, biofuel, or distillate-processing facilities. Finally, it allows for new refineries while preserving the strict environmental standards that must be met for these facilities to be developed, including Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Resource Conservation Recovery Act requirements.



### **CARTER MEETS WITH NATIONAL TEACHER AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM KILLEEN**

Jennifer Suhling (left) and Brenda Thomas (right) teach at Reeces Creek Elementary School in Killeen and were honored with the Time Warner Cable National Teacher Awards. I was pleased to talk to them about education issues affecting Central Texas. I thank all of our teachers for their dedication to improving the lives of students.

### **REMINDER: COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS**

Congressman Carter's *staff* will hold community office hours at the following time and location. The staff will be able to meet with residents to listen to their concerns and provide assistance with regard to federal issues and federal agencies.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th**

**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**Hamilton**

Hamilton County Courthouse

102 North Rice

Hamilton, Texas

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th**

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Gatesville**

Gatesville Chamber of Commerce

Cotton Belt Depot; 2307 Hwy. 36 South

Gatesville, Texas



# Kids' Page

## FLAG DAY WORD SEARCH!

A N P U W I L S O N J  
I L Y T E C I T S U J  
N A U A O C B O N E R  
A O M O I I E E S L N  
V E O A I G R T U N E  
L P D C S R T T I L S  
Y S E I U A Y H A H B  
S S E R G N O C H P W  
N F R E E D O M U B M  
N L F M I D E P I E E  
E C N A I G E L L A L  
P N N Y E E C R L R A

AMERICA  
CONGRESS  
PENNSYLVANIA  
JUNE  
WILSON  
FREEDOM  
CIGRAND  
PATRIOT  
ALLEGIANCE  
LIBERTY  
FREEDOM  
JUSTICE  
RED  
WHITE  
BLUE

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

--On June 14th, 1777 the Second Continental Congress adopted the flag of the United States, later nicknamed "Old Glory".

--It wasn't until 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued an official proclamation, that June 14th was officially established as Flag Day.

--The largest Flag Day parade in the country is held annually in Troy, N.Y.

# Color the President



## Herbert Hoover

### Presidential Number: 31st

Years he was President: 1929-1933

State Represented: California

Party Affiliation: Republican

Fact(s): After World War I, he was a member of the Supreme Economic Council and head of the American Relief Administration.

### Personal

Birthday: August 10, 1874

How old would he be this year? 132

School(s) attended: Stanford University

Wife: Lou Hoover

Occupation(s) before he was President: Engineer, administrator. Served in Army.

Other way(s) he served: Secretary of Commerce

Height: 5 feet, 11 inches

Favorite Foods: Sweet potatoes with toasted marshmallows

Hobbies or Sports: Medicine ball

Pets: Dog named King Tut

### Life in America

How would he have traveled? Car, train

How would he have communicated with his friends?

Telephone, letters

U.S. Population when term began: 122,775,046

Number of stars on flag when he left office: 48