

We should also be providing tax relief and help to struggling families and veterans; increase homeland security funding; and reject the President's cuts to our first responders.

A budget that invests in America's future will succeed only with broad support in Congress. I encourage my distinguished colleagues to support this proposed budget to rebuild America's future.

FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 14, 2008*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this latest attempt to undermine our personal liberties and violate the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution. This bill will allow the federal government to engage in the bulk collection of American citizens' communications. In effect, it means that any American may have his electronic communications monitored without a search warrant.

As such, the bill clearly violates the Fourth Amendment, which states:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

The assurances in this bill that Americans will not have their communications monitored without warrant are unconvincing. The bill merely states that the government should do its best to avoid monitoring Americans if possible. We have seen how meaningless such qualified prohibitions have been as we recount the abuses over the past several years.

Just today, we read in the news that the federal government has massively abused its ability to monitor us by improperly targeting Americans through the use of "national security letters." Apparently some 60 percent of the more than 50,000 national security letters targeted Americans, rather than foreign terrorists, for surveillance.

This is what happens when we begin down the slippery slope of giving up our constitutional rights for the promise of more security. When we come to accept that the government can spy on us without a court order we have come to accept tyranny.

I urge my colleagues to reject this and all legislation that allows Americans to be spied on without a properly issued warrant.

HONORING ZACHARY ANTHONY  
LAYTON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zachary Anthony Layton of Platte City, Missouri. Zachary is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by tak-

ing an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zachary has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zachary has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zachary Anthony Layton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF PRISCILLA  
RAKESTRAW, 24TH TRAILBLAZER  
AWARD RECIPIENT

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Ms. Priscilla Rakestraw, who is the recipient of The Agenda for Delaware Women's 24th Trailblazer Award. Priscilla was selected for this award because of her pioneer roles in formulating corporate policy, community service, politics, and Government.

During her career in human resources at the DuPont Company, Priscilla was instrumental in developing substance abuse and sexual harassment programs for DuPont. These programs gained recognition nationwide, eventually resulting in their adoption at DuPont locations throughout the United States. Due to Priscilla's foresight and persistence, DuPont was able to provide assistance aimed at eradicating harmful behaviors in the workplace.

After leaving DuPont, Priscilla continued to use her skills and passion as a leader to advance causes for organizations she feels strongly about. She is active in raising funds for various community, church, and charitable organizations. As development director for Wilmington College, Priscilla played a vital part in raising funds to expand the university by acquiring new college sites. As development director for the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition, she has raised funds for a new, more conveniently located facility. She has served on a number of boards, including Goodwill, the Ministry of Caring, the East Side Charter School, and the annual auction for the Emmanuel Dining Room, where she raised over \$500,000 to provide food to those in need.

An advocate for women in politics and Government, Priscilla has long encouraged women to pursue positions in politics, she herself having extensive experience in the political arena. Priscilla has held leadership positions in more than 120 campaigns, both at the national and State levels. She is presently the longest serving member of the Republican National Committee, having held the position of Delaware's Republican National Committee-woman since the age of 27. She will attend the National Convention this year, as usual, and is a member of the Arrangements Committee and chair of the Convention's Entertainment Committee.

I want to publicly thank, recognize and acknowledge Priscilla Rakestraw for her many

years of service and numerous contributions to the State of Delaware. She is an excellent role model for those who aspire to serve their community through both public office and private service. She is a true trailblazer in every respect.

HONORING MARGARET TRUMAN  
DANIELS AND HER LIFETIME OF  
ACHIEVEMENTS

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Truman Daniels, the daughter of a great American President and a popular mystery novelist whose source of grace and inimitable talent was no mystery. Her strong-willed parents, President Harry S. Truman and his wife Bess, instilled in her a depth of character and a penchant for independence that remained with her a lifetime. She was their beloved only child who made a name for herself in the entertainment business—staking a claim in the worlds of music, television, radio, and books, and even establishing her own brand of critically-acclaimed Washington-based mystery novels.

She was a longtime New York resident, and we are proud to have called her one of our own. The breadth of her talent and the legacy she sought to preserve set her apart, and that is what we celebrate today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF THE SPRINGFIELD,  
MISSOURI, POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. ROY BLUNT**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 31, 2008*

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Springfield, Missouri, Police Department as this year it celebrates 150 years of distinguished service to a grateful community.

In truth, the department actually traces its origins as far back as 1829, when Campbell township, which would later become Springfield, was laid out and initially settled. Twenty years later, the community's first constable was appointed by a population consisting of a small group of families living on the outer edges of the wilderness. Law and order, of sorts, having been established, the population of Springfield grew rapidly as more families sought new challenges and opportunities in the beauty of the Ozarks.

To keep up with a growing settlement, Springfield formally created a small police force in 1858—consisting of a marshal and two junior officers. Thus began in earnest what would later be recognized as one of the most effective and efficient community law enforcement agencies in the country.

By the end of the 19th century, the chief of the Springfield Police Department was collecting a stout salary of \$50 a month, and officers were making a whole lot less. And if the pay didn't scare them away, the department's