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Thank you for reading The Conaway Chronicle, a weekly review of my activities in Congress. This newsletter is to let you know what's going on in Washington and what important issues are being debated in Congress. I had a great few weeks back home in Texas for the August district work period, and returned to Washington last week to get back to work on the issues facing the constituents of District 11.

Congress Returns with no Action on Energy

Throughout the entire month of August, my Republican colleagues, myself included, travelled back to Washington to urge Speaker Nancy Pelosi to call a special session of Congress to vote on energy legislation that would allow for increased domestic drilling.

Republican Members of Congress protested the Democratic Leadership's decision to adjourn for the 5-week August recess without any action on our energy crisis. We spoke to constituents and stood ready to have a serious debate on Energy with Democrats; unfortunately, they decided that high gas prices were not important enough to return to Washington to debate a comprehensive energy plan.

I support what is being called, the 'All of the Above Energy Plan', which would include coal, nuclear, coal-to-liquids, additional drilling in the outer continental shelf, and support for new ways to power automobiles. Instead of debating this legislation, the Speaker decided to leave town without addressing this very pressing issue, even going so far as to turn off the lights, microphones, and cameras without giving Republicans an opportunity to speak to the issue.

This week begins our second of only three remaining legislative weeks until November, and nothing has been done to address our energy problems. I am working with our Leadership to produce a bipartisan, comprehensive energy bill that will be signed by the President, but I am not optimistic that we will be successful because of the ongoing political games House Democrats seem content to play.

Seven Years Later: Remembering 9/11

Last Thursday marked the seventh anniversary of the September 11th attacks. That day will be recorded as one of the most tragic and horrific in the history of our nation; a day when we once again lost our innocence. On that morning, every American woke up to a new kind of terror and a life forever changed. Now, seven years later, it is important to remember the innocent Americans who lost their lives, the first responders who sacrificed their lives for others, and our men and women in uniform who risk their lives every day for the sake of freedom.

For far too long, we lived unaware of the ruthlessness of those who wished to do us harm. The events of that September 11th forced us to commit ourselves to our security and the long fight against Islamic Jihadism. We have made great progress in the last seven years to protect our way of life, but the Global War on Islamic Jihadists is far from over and will be a struggle for years to come. We must never forget the events of that gruesome day and we must stay diligent to never back down in this fight. Now, more than ever, we must continue to stay on the offensive and do what is necessary here at home to keep Americans safe.

As a member of Congress, I had the opportunity to participate and view the dedication ceremony of the 9/11 Memorial park at the Pentagon. The Memorial consists of benches that mark the memory of the 184 people who

died on Flight 77 and at the Pentagon. It is a memorial that is both 'individual and collective' allowing visitors to experience the memorial in a way that best suits them. The park will change how Americans view the Pentagon and open it in a way that was never intended, but in a way that will serve as a constant reminder of the sacrifice for freedom.

I want to encourage everyone to participate on my online survey and share your concerns with me on the top issues. *Click here to take the survey.* *Click here to see the results of the survey.*

Click here to listen to this week's podcast.

The Conaway Chronicle will be issued every week when Congress is in session. I hope that you will find it informative and will continue to stay informed with my recent legislative activities in Washington. In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions for future issues of the Conaway Chronicle, please visit the website at **www.house.gov/conaway** or don't hesitate to call me at (202) 225-3605. Check out my blog at **www.conawayblog.com**!

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