ravages of fire. Thomas Marovich had wanted to be a firefighter since he was a little boy and, by all accounts, had an exemplary life ahead of him. He was only able to live 20 years of that life, sacrificing the rest of it for the safety of our community. And for that, we owe him and his grieving family our eternal gratitude.

## THE COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS ACT

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, there's a health care bill that the Democrats have proposed here in the House that would have a major impact on the way that health care is provided in this Nation.

One of the areas that hasn't been talked about a lot is long-term care. Specifically, the CLASS Act, Community Living Assisted Services and Supports Act, is included, which would mandate government-sponsored, long-term care insurance on all Americans. Now, unfortunately, the $50-a-day allocation for long-term care insurance is only a portion of the actual cost for the long-term care. Consequently, this is a huge unfunded mandate on who, Mr. Speaker? On you, the American people.

Instead, Congress should consider positive solutions which would make long-term care insurance more accessible by allowing it to be covered under FSAs and cafeteria plans and other patient-centered plans. Without a doubt, Americans need a plan in advance for long-term care. They should be allowed to work with family and trusted advisers to ensure their long-term needs are covered. The government should not limit the type of long-term care Americans may select.

This is just another example of the government telling people what kind of care they should need and may receive.

## GOSPEL MUSIC HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we've had a long session of hard work, and I believe this is an appropriate ending to be able to honor some of America's culture. And so I rise today to acknowledge the passing of H.J. Res. 12, to designate September 2009 as Gospel Music Heritage Month and honor the gospel music for its valuable and longstanding contributions to the culture of the United States.

I thank the majority leader and the Republican leadership. I thank the chairman of the committee, Chairman TOWNS, and Ranking Member ISSA of Government Oversight, all of those who have worked, along with my 16 cosponsors who recognize the value of the songs sung by the likes of Mahalia Jackson singing Precious Lord; Yolanda Adams, The Battle is the Lord's; Sandi Patty; and the work that Elvis Presley did when he sang his gospel songs; Israel, out of Lakewood Church; Kurt Carr with This Little Light of Mine; Donnie McClurkin, Just Stand; and Rev. Gregg Patrick, who is both a producer and a singer.

We have a wide vastness of musical talent in this Nation. I'm glad we're celebrating gospel music.

## THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE HURTING

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the American people are hurting and losing jobs at an alarming rate. The President and the Democrats in Congress promised that their trillion dollar stimulus bill would create jobs immediately and keep unemployment below 8 percent. But since the President signed his so-called stimulus into law, the national unemployment rate has reached 9.5 percent, a 26-year high, and over 2 million more jobs have been lost.

It's clear the Democrats $1.1 trillion stimulus scheme isn't working. It's clear Democrats are on the side of more government, more taxes, and more debt. House Republicans are on the side of the American people, fighting for working families and small businesses to put America back to work.

The American people deserve real solutions for real recovery, and House Republicans will continue to fight for these solutions on behalf of the American people.

## COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,
*Washington, DC, July 30, 2009.*

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Today, on July 30, 2009, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider three resolutions for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 542. The resolutions authorize Corps surveys (or studies) of water resources needs and possible solutions. The Committee adopted the resolutions by voice vote with a quorum present.

Enclosed are copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee.

Sincerely,

JAMES L. OBERSTAR.

Enclosures.

RESOLUTION—DOCKET 2819—BLACK RASCAL CREEK, MERCED, CALIFORNIA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army review the reports on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Basin Streams, California, published as House Document No. 367, 81st Congress, 1st Session, and other reports to determine whether any modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable at the present time in the interest of flood damage reduction, and other related purposes in the vicinity of the Black Rascal Creek Watershed, Merced, California.

RESOLUTION—DOCKET 2820—DEADMAN'S RUN, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army review the reports of the Chief of Engineers on the Missouri River and Tributaries, published as House Document Numbered 475, 78th Congress, and other reports to determine whether any modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable at the present time in the interest of flood damage reduction, environmental restoration, and other related purposes in the Deadman's Run Watershed, located in the vicinity of Lincoln, Nebraska.

RESOLUTION—DOCKET 2821—HYDROELECTRIC POWER, UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER SYSTEM, ILLINOIS, IOWA, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, AND WISCONSIN

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, That the Secretary of the Army review the report of the Corps of Engineers, entitled Upper Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway System: Report of the Chief of Engineers, dated December 15, 2004, and other pertinent reports, to determine whether any modifications of the recommendations contained therein are advisable at the present time in determining the feasibility of incorporating hydroelectric power into the improvements of the navigable portions of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois River system, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

## LET'S TAKE CARE OF AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a year ago today, when we recessed for the August break, there were some of us who stayed here on the House floor and continued to talk about energy and American independence in energy. Eventually, the powers that be turned out most of the lights, turned off the microphone, turned off the cameras, but we talked on that Friday, and then we continued to talk through most of the month of August, even though a formal session did not occur. And we talked about the need to be energy independent.

Now we've gone a year from that, and what has happened in that 1 year? Well, things have only gotten worse as