Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, this weekend the 10-2 University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles are going to be traveling to Houston, Texas, to win the Conference U.S. Championship Game. As a fourth generation Golden Eagle, I would like to place a friendly wager with you tonight. Cougars—ready to pounce on us. The Golden Eagles are silent, fast, and deadly. We are proud Cougar, and as you well know, Cougars, University of Houston, academic and athletic champions. It's a pleasure to place this wager with you tonight. Cougars—ready to pounce on you.

Mr. PALAZZO. Well, our Golden Eagles' talons are going to be out. They're going to be sharp, and we're going to rip you all to shreds. I accept your wager. Please give you all the barbecue you can eat. It's not, frankly, the base of the Republican Party. It's disproportionately communities of color and low-income families who are having their rights undermined and even stripped away. These laws, passed by the State, are underhanded. They're an attempt to consolidate political power. They are unfair, undemocratic. And voting rights are among the most precious privileges that we have as citizens, and they must be protected.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 10, REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT OF 2011

Mr. NUGENT, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112–311) on the resolution (H. Res. 479) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES TAKE ON HOUSTON COUGARS

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

POSTAL REFORM LEGISLATION

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, in fiscal year 2011, the United States Postal Service brought in $65.7 billion in revenue but spent $70.6 billion. When counting a $5.5 billion mandatory payment to fund retiree health benefits, which they would have defaulted on already were it not for the extensions on the payment, the postal service ran a deficit of $10.6 billion.

In an attempt to cut costs, the postal service has announced that it's considering closing over 3,000 post offices, the large majority of which are rural. By the postal service's own numbers, they would only save $200 million annually if they were to close each of these post offices. This is kind of like asking a family of four that makes $65,700 a year and adds $10,600 in credit card, and then only cuts $200 from their annual budget to get their finances under control.

Last month I visited the Grubbs and Sedgwick post offices, two of the 100 post offices that are being considered for closure in my rural district. Residents in both towns told me about the important role that their post office plays in their communities.

In order to prevent the post office from unfairly targeting rural communities, I recently introduced H.R. 3370, the Protecting our Rural Post Offices Act of 2011. The legislation would prevent the postal service from closing any post office that does not have an alternate post office within 8 miles driving.

VOTER SUPPRESSION

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, it's bad enough that the people who control this body aren't interested in creating jobs for the American people. But now, if people want new leadership in the House, if they want a Congress that will finally focus on job creation, they're foiled by restrictive election laws designed to suppress the vote.

Guess which populations are disenfranchised by strict photo ID requirements and other barriers to political participation?

It's not the wealthiest 1 percent. It's not the affluent and the comfortable. It's not, frankly, the base of the Republican Party. It's disproportionately communities of color and low-income families who are having their rights undermined and even stripped away.

These laws, passed by the State, are underhanded. They're an attempt to consolidate political power. They are unfair, undemocratic. And voting rights are among the most precious privileges that we have as citizens, and they must be protected.

LARRY MUNSON

(Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as a University of Georgia graduate and lifelong Bulldog fan, I'd like to pay tribute to a fallen legend in the Bulldog Nation. Last week, Larry Munson passed away at the great age of 89.

From an announcer for Major League Baseball to a U.S. Army medic during World War II, Larry Munson was a leader and a hero. However, he'll best be known for his time spent as a radio football announcer for the Georgia Bulldogs.

For over 40 years, his passionate and authentic sportscasting set him apart from every other sports broadcaster. In fact, many of his phrases have become a part of Bulldog fan lore. From Herschel Walker running over people, to Kevin Butler's 100,000-mile field goal, Larry Munson’s radio calls will live as some of the most memorable in college football.

Georgia Bulldog fans will never forget the sugar falling out of the sky and the hobo nail boot. Thus, with the Georgia Bulldogs and the LSU Tigers to square off this weekend in the SEC championship, I end with the words Bulldog fans are used to hearing from Mr. Munson each and every game day: “As we prepare for another meeting between the hedges, let all the Bulldog...