WELCOMING REVEREND LARRY PHILLIPS

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that you accepted our nomination of Surry County minister and commissioner, Larry Phillips from Mount Airy, to lead the House with the opening prayer. In the short time that I have represented Surry County, I have come to know Larry as an outstanding elected official and a principled and thoughtful person.

Reverend Phillips is currently serving in his 25th year as senior pastor of Midway Baptist Church in Mount Airy, which is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a graduate of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, holds a master of arts in biblical studies, and is completing his master's of religious education.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said in North Carolina there are more Baptists than there are North Carolinians, and Reverend Phillips and his family belong to that very distinguished group.

Larry Phillips was born in Cherokee County, North Carolina, and has been married to Melinda Gay Johnson Phillips for 36 years and is father to Andrea and Darren, father-in-law to Meagan, and grandfather to Madison and Branson.

Larry Phillips was elected to the Surry County Board of Commissioners in 2012 and serves on the County Commissioners Economic Development Task Force, including the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and Board of Directors.

We are pleased, Mr. Speaker, to have Larry Phillips as our guest chaplain today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FOXX). The Chair will entertain 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

EFFECTS OF OBAMACARE

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I have heard from many of my constituents over the last couple of weeks who are struggling mightily under the President's health care law.

Ed from Hamilton is one of them. He and his wife recently retired but aren't old enough yet for Medicare. Their health care plan is being canceled. It is being replaced with one that will cost $500 more per month. Now think about that: $500 more per month every month for their new health care plan.

Then there is Brian from West Chester, my hometown. He runs a small business, just like I used to. Brian has been told that his health care premiums are going to double. If that happens, Brian said to me he might have to close his doors. That means his workers are going to lose their plan and lose their job.

Now, these are just two stories from my district in Ohio, and there are millions more of them all around the country. Premiums are going up. People are losing their coverage, and small businesses are being terrified.

The President's health care law is hurting a lot of our constituents. If he is serious about helping them, he can start by making good on his promise and supporting the Keep Your Health Care Act.

I would encourage every Member to help keep that promise and vote for this important bill.

THE PHILIPPINES ARE IN NEED

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

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, today my thoughts are with the victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The typhoon ravaged the Philippines, bringing sustained winds that reached 175 miles per hour and storm surges reaching 13 feet.

In the aftermath, reports have confirmed more than 2,300 dead; but the number could be far larger. Haiyan wiped out roads, electricity, and communications in much of the country.

Mayors are faced with unthinkable decisions, like choosing between transporting in food and relief supplies or transporting out the bodies of victims.

When those in the other parts of the globe are in need due to disaster, the United States always lends a hand. Right now, the Philippines are in need.

I urge Members of Congress and all members of this United States of America to continue opening their hearts to provide critical support to the recovery efforts.

OBAMACARE

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

Mrs. BLACK. Madam Speaker, Greg, a constituent from Fairfield Glade in my district, is one of tens of thousands across our State who has received one of these, a letter canceling their insurance policy.

Greg wrote to me that he ''operates a small painting business and was very happy with the Cover Tennessee program for small businesses and their employees. This program is being canceled effective January 2014 because it does not meet the minimum requirements of ObamaCare. This directly contradicts the promise made by President Obama that we could keep our existing programs,'' he says.

Madam Speaker, just yesterday, it was reported that only 992 Tennesseans—yes, less than 1,000 Tennesseans—have selected new coverage through the ObamaCare exchanges. Yet at least 94,000—yes, 94,000—across our State have lost their coverage.

The President must honor his promise to the American people and work with Congress to protect Americans like Greg.

THE AMERICAN WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, last week I met with businesses from around my district as part of my economic development tour.

I visited Sip & Savor, a minority-owned coffee shop in Hyde Park, where people go for great coffee and conversation.

I met with Landauer in Glenwood, ranked 63rd on the Forbes list of Best Small Businesses in America. They are keeping our troops safe by investing in technologies that protect them from the harmful effects of radiation.

I spoke with workers at Nucor Steel in Kankakee, who are helping lead the manufacturing renaissance in the United States.

These businesses take pride in the work they do, but they need a Congress that is willing to work just as hard for them. We need folks on both sides who will reduce the barriers to business growth and who will support the small businesses that create 65 percent of the new jobs in our economy.

I recently introduced H.R. 3328, the American Work Opportunity Act, which extends the work opportunity tax credit for businesses that put Americans back to work. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and to work together to pass a comprehensive jobs bill.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KADEN

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Madam Speaker, this past weekend we remembered the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for this Nation. In many cases, their families join in that sacrifice, forced to be apart for birthdays and other family celebrations while their loved ones serve overseas.

I am so grateful for these defenders of freedom who make the tough commitment to be away from their families so they can protect us abroad so we can enjoy peace at home. As these military families make sacrifices, we remember our own families who benefit from their service.

I want to wish my incredible son, Kaden, a happy birthday as he turns 12 today. Your mom and I are so blessed