

multipurpose recreational trails for the public to access and enjoy.

Franklin's newspaper stated the following upon Jim's passing:

Largely unrealized were how Holden's efforts impacted the overall economy of a region hard-hit over the years by the loss of blue collar manufacturing jobs that once made the oil region one of the most prosperous in all the country. His passing will leave some mighty big hiking boots to fill.

Jim Holden knew that our region's recreational resources could be better utilized to the benefit of the community and its economy. He spent his life making this vision a reality.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim Holden and his family. He surely did leave big boots to fill but also an enduring legacy for us to cherish.

GOOD THINGS HAPPENING WITH HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, some of my colleagues want to go back to the old way of doing business on health insurance. We can't go back to the days when people with preexisting conditions were denied coverage and women were asked to pay more simply because they are women.

We know the ACA rollout has not been perfect. We knew all along a reform of this magnitude would require some adaptive management. It happened with Social Security and Medicare, but we worked together to improve those cornerstones of our social safety net, not tear them down.

So let's work to fix the problems of the ACA, but let's tell the whole story, including the good parts of this law. In California, we are on track to meet our enrollment goals—tens of thousands of people already enrolled. I am hearing countless good news stories about the ACA: a mom whose son was hospitalized with a brain tumor who would have hit a lifetime cap, but now they have coverage and they can focus on that child's recovery; a constituent in Trinity County who just emailed me—he and his wife are buying a car with the savings they are achieving thanks to the ACA. There are dozens and dozens more success stories because of this law.

I hope my Republican colleagues will join in fixing the problems with this law and give it a chance to work. There are too many good things happening because of health care reform to go back to the old way of doing business.

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NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, during the month of November, we celebrate

and promote the wonderful and selfless commitment to adoption, as it is National Adoption Month.

Last year, American parents proudly adopted over 135,000 children at birth, in foster homes, and from overseas. However, I would like to bring special attention to the many American families that are no longer permitted to adopt children from places such as Guatemala and Russia.

I have signed on to two separate letters with bipartisan support from Members of both the House and the Senate to urge the Guatemalan and the Russian Governments to once again resume intercountry adoption cases for American families.

Mr. Speaker, every child deserves to grow up in a loving family. We should not be limited by the country they are born into. Let's refresh our commitment to creating more effective strategies and opportunities to work towards a day when every child has an opportunity to be in a safe and loving home.

SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

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

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, recently someone said to new EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy that she was not living in the real world with regard to climate change.

My question today is if those who are questioning whether she lives in the real world would say the same thing to the survivors of the typhoon of Biblical proportions that just devastated the Philippines where 4,000 people have been impacted. This was the strongest land-falling typhoon on record.

And I am wondering if they would tell people whose homes were hit by the unusually late Mid-Western tornados this past weekend that they are not living in reality. Sixty tornados were reported, eight people were killed, and the damages are estimated to be at least \$1 billion.

Weather-related losses and damages have risen from \$50 billion to almost \$200 billion annually over the last decade.

Putting our heads in the sand will not stop the reality that our climate is changing and that human beings are a part of the reason.

GEORGIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, on October 27, I was honored to observe the recent presidential elections in the Republic of Georgia in which Giorgi Margvelashvili was elected.

It was characterized by the International Republican Institute as "calm and . . . with a substantial reduction of

complaints filed with the election commission."

The President was elected with a 62 percent vote in an election that was described also as an important milestone in Georgia's democratic development.

In keeping with this promise to step down following the election, Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili appointed a successor, Irakli Garibashvili, on November 2. He was most recently the Minister of Interior appointed by the Prime Minister after the Georgia Dream Coalition's victory in the 2012 parliamentary elections. Prior to his work in government, he headed Mr. Ivanishvili's charitable organization Cartu. He holds a graduate degree from the University of Paris, Sorbonne; and I was pleased to visit the country, the Republic of Georgia, and be involved in the democratic process and principles.

TRIBUTE TO BARRY SULLIVAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of New York). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. CAPUANO) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, tonight, several Members wanted to come to the floor to discuss the retirement of a very good friend of ours who deserves our recognition. Because there are so many people with busy schedules, I am going to go right into it and yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the minority whip.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, Mr. CAPUANO represents a famous area of America, south Boston, a wonderful area of our country.

As every Member of this House knows, we who serve here in the Chamber rely on an outstanding group of professionals who manage the floor and the party cloakrooms. This is true for both Democrats and Republicans.

On the Democratic side, we have been incredibly fortunate to have been served with great ability by a devoted public servant with a wonderful sense of humor, a sense of this House, a sense of history, a sense of decency, and a sense of how to help Members greatly. He has managed our cloakroom for the past 33 years.

That man, devoted to the smooth running of the people's House day in and day out, is Barry Sullivan. As he prepares to retire from service, I want to join not only those from Massachusetts who are justifiably very proud of him as a brother from their own State, but also all of those in the House on both sides of the aisle, but particularly on our side of the aisle, who have been advantaged by his service, by his good humor, and by his caring.

Barry, a native of south Boston, first came to Washington in 1980 to work for the Sergeant at Arms as a doorkeeper. In 1987, Tip O'Neill appointed him to manage the Democratic cloakroom, and he has been reappointed ever since.