

the costs of health care to our seniors and ending Medicare as we know it.

We must work together to protect and preserve Medicare, reduce our deficit, and decrease health care costs. The Ryan budget is not the way to do that. This proposal has the wrong priorities for Riverside County, California, and our Nation.

I urge my colleagues to end the partisan political gamesmanship and put American families and our seniors first.

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BASKETBALL

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a great sense of pride on behalf of the entire delegation of the State of Connecticut who are, indeed, honored again to be national champions. Our entire delegation will have an extended period of time in which we can amplify the great accomplishments of the University of Connecticut.

For an unprecedented second time, first and foremost, our women's basketball team went undefeated and was perfect, as they are; and of course, the men's team down in RALPH HALL's great State of Texas, where we have won the national championship three times, again, was able to win the national championship in Kevin Ollie's first year as the coach when the team was eligible for it.

This is remarkable. Fourteen national championships in the game of basketball. We are very proud not only of our coaches and our student athletes, but of all the hard work and effort that goes into this.

Our delegation will be down here at another time to further extoll the virtues of the University of Connecticut and the great State it represents.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CAREER OF KENT HANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. NEUGEBAUER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise tonight to recognize a great friend and great public servant and a great chancellor at Texas Tech University.

When Chancellor Hance was first appointed to be the third chancellor of Texas Tech University, his motto was "Dream no little dreams." I think this is a perfect motto for the chancellor to use because that really expresses the way he has lived his life.

Kent Hance was born to Raymond and Beral Cole Hance on November 14, 1942, in the great city of Dimmitt, Texas, which is in my congressional district, a town known for grit and determination, which clearly was passed along to Hance.

He enrolled in Texas Tech University in 1961 and joined the fraternity Delta Tau Delta, where he often mentioned that he became friends with a guy named John Deutchendorf, who later became a guy by the name of John Denver.

Now, I think, sometimes, Kent Hance claims that he helped John Denver with some of his material, but we have not been able to actually verify that.

Hance graduated from Texas Tech in 1965 with a business degree, and despite his better judgment, he entered law school at the University of Texas. While he was at that school, they named him president of the Student Bar Association and, of course, in the true Red Raider spirit.

After graduating with his law degree, he returned to west Texas to practice law and teach business law at Texas Tech. While teaching, undoubtedly, the most momentous meeting in his career was when he had this student by the name of RANDY NEUGEBAUER in his business law class.

Now, what was kind of unique about that class, with Professor Hance and his student RANDY NEUGEBAUER, was that little did either one of us know that both of us would go on to be congressmen for the 19th District of Texas.

In 1974, Kent Hance decided to run for the Texas Senate and won in that west Texas seat. He served in the senate from 1974 through 1978, when he decided to run for Congress for the 19th Congressional District.

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Interestingly enough, in that race, he defeated a young man in Midland, Texas, by the name of George W. Bush. Many of us know that he became the future President of the United States.

One of the things that President Bush would occasionally say is that, Mr. Hance and I accomplished something he was not able to accomplish, and that was being elected to Congress, but then he would smile and say, but I guess it worked out, and it work out indeed.

While serving the House of Representatives from 1979 to 1985, he was known for his conservative voting record and was a member of the Boll Weevil Conservatives. Congressman Hance became one of President Reagan's closest allies when he was working on his 1981 tax package. In 1984, Hance decided to run for the Senate in Texas, a seat that ultimately was won by Phil Gramm.

In 1987, Texas Governor Bill Clements appointed Hance to a vacancy on the Texas Railroad Commission. Upon doing so, he became the first Republican to ever serve on the railroad commission in Texas.

Due to his successes on the commission, he was reelected in 1988, and in 1989, he was elected chairman of the railroad commission. After stepping down in 1990 from his commission, he continued to practice law. In 2006, Kent Hance was chosen to become the third chancellor of the Texas Tech University System.

When appointed to the position of chancellor to begin implementing the motto, as I mentioned earlier, "Dream no little dreams," and no little dreams did Kent Hance have for Texas Tech University. He said that he was going to raise a billion dollars and began a fundraising campaign to do that, the largest one in the school's history.

Additionally, Hance decided to grow the university to 40,000 students by 2020 to meet the demands of a growing State. Not only has his fundraising campaign exceeded a billion dollar mark, but under his leadership, Chancellor Hance has grown the university system and about doubled it by adding Angelo State and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso.

Texas Tech University, the flagship institution of the Texas Tech system, has also increased in the number of degrees by 46 percent between 2006 and 2012 and added a chapter of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa to the campus. All together, it is quite easy to see why in 1985, even though Kent Hance had not accomplished all of this, that people recognized early his talents and named him Distinguished Alumni of Texas Tech.

On October 11, 2013, unfortunately, Kent Hance announced that he would be stepping down as chancellor. While Texas Tech and west Texas would be losing one of its best advocates, we are extremely grateful for the services that he offered as he served and will continue to serve as chairman emeritus. Future students of Texas Tech will also benefit from his decisions to continue teaching his seminar classes on leadership.

Before handing over the floor to some of my colleagues who would like to say some things about Chancellor Hance, I wanted to read a quick quote from President George W. Bush. Upon his announcement for retirement, George Bush was quoted saying:

Texas Tech was fortunate to have Kent in a leadership position. He loves the Red Raiders and he leaves behind a better university, and I wish all the best to my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL).

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of my dear friend and former colleague Kent Hance, a man who spent his life in public service for the benefit of Texas, our country, and certainly for 8 years at the Texas Tech University

System, where he currently serves as chancellor.

I am especially proud to speak for Kent. He was and is a very successful attorney; he was a great member of the Texas Senate; he was a real leader in the United States Congress; and, important to me, he is and was and will always be a super friend.

Kent and I served in the Texas State Senate at different times so our paths did not cross until I was first elected to Congress, where he was already serving as Congressman for the 19th District of Texas.

We are both conservatives, and we worked together with President Reagan to carry out his tax cut in 1981, along with other conservative thrusts.

Tonight, we recognized Kent for his efforts on behalf of Texas education. For the last 8 years, Kent has served his alma mater, Texas Tech University, and he certainly has worked with the school to make tremendous strides in furthering the prestigious school's advances for students.

During his time as chancellor, Texas Tech has far surpassed previous fundraising goals and enrollment records at all four institutions. Kent has also worked to put Texas Tech on track to becoming a tier one research institution. I was also pleased to support the legislation that spawned the law school at Texas Tech.

I come from a family of teachers and value quality education for our Nation's students, as I know Kent does. Education is directly tied to our children's future opportunities as well as American innovation and competitiveness. That is why we look for leaders like Kent Hance who will work tirelessly to ensure that students receive the best education possible, because I agree, as he agrees, that children are 25 percent of our population and 100 percent of our future.

I thank Kent for his friendship and for his service to our great State of Texas and our country. I congratulate him on his success as chancellor for Texas Tech University System. And I wish him all the very best in his future endeavors.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

I now will yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON).

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

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, we are here to honor a Texas legend in his own time, the Honorable Kent Hance of Dimmitt, Texas, some of us Aggies would put an "a" instead of an "i." But Kent was born in west Texas and he, as has already been pointed out, got elected to the Texas Senate at a very young age. Then I got elected to the House of Representatives in 1978, along with such stalwarts as Phil Gramm of College Station. I think Charlie Stenholm was already here. RALPH HALL came a little bit later. Marvin Leath of Waco came a little bit later.

He became what was known as a Boll Weevil Democrat. When Ronald Reagan got elected, President Reagan called a number of the Boll Weevils to the White House and asked if they would support his economic plan, but he only asked one to carry the Reagan tax cut which really began the renaissance of America, and that young man was Congressman Kent Hance of the 19th Congressional District. He was on the Ways and Means Committee as a Democrat. He carried the Reagan tax cut in the Ways and Means Committee and prevailed. I would assume the chairman then was Dan Rostenkowski. I am not sure, but I think that's right.

Well, in 1984, he decided to go back to Texas. He relinquished his seat and Larry Combest replaced him, and five other young Texans came in as part of the Texas Six Pack: Dick Arme, JOE BARTON, Larry Combest, Beau Boulter, I believe, and Mac Sweeney. He switched parties, became a Republican, and got appointed to the railroad commission. He was the first Republican to be named chairman of the railroad commission.

He did run for Governor a time or two in that time span and did not have the same luck for Governor. He went into the private sector, became a consultant and an attorney and helped me politically on a number of issues, then, as has been pointed out, became chancellor of Texas Tech. And the students hardly know what a chancellor is, most universities not only know Ken Hance, they affectionately call him the "Hancellor" at Texas Tech.

The thing that impresses me the most about Kent is that, when people are in elected office and we are successful, we have lots of friends, and they call us and pat us on the back and offer to do things and help us and support us. When we lose or are not successful, normally the only people that try to raise our spirits are our family and sometimes people that we owe money to.

On one particular occasion, I had had a political setback and I was really down and I was kind of moping around my house in Ennis, Texas. And one morning about, I want to say, 9:30, my cell phone rang and it was Kent Hance, and I will never forget that.

So we're here to honor you for your public service, but I am also here to thank you for your personal friendship. You are a great man. I wish you well, and I hope you stay involved in the public sector, because people of your caliber are in short supply and are always needed.

God bless you and God bless your family.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. I thank the gentleman.

I think what the gentleman said about Mr. Hance was he dedicated himself to a life of public service and education. I think when you ask people, Kent Hance was always available to be your friend, and I think that is a unique characteristic for someone who

led a very busy schedule like that. He'd always take time out to be a good friend to folks.

Mr. Speaker, now I will yield to a gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH).

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is nice to have our friend and former Member of the House down here on the floor with us tonight, Kent Hance.

Well, today we honor Texas Tech University Chancellor Kent Hance, who is about to enjoy a well-earned retirement. He has served as chancellor for over 7 years.

Texas Tech is the only campus in Texas that is home to a major university, a law school, and a medical school. The university continues to expand to other parts of Texas outside Lubbock. For example, there is a satellite campus in my home district in the town of Fredericksburg.

Under Kent Hance's tenure, Texas Tech set new student enrollment records and research expenditures have almost tripled. It so happens that I have more Red Raiders in my D.C. office than graduates of any other college, so I know the quality of students who come from Texas Tech.

Fortunately for Tech, Chancellor Hance will not be far away. He will continue to serve as chancellor emeritus of the university and teach a course in political leadership—no surprise there.

This should not come as a great surprise since Kent Hance has loved the university ever since he set foot on its campus as a student in 1961. Chancellor Hance likes to say, "Dream no little dreams." His leadership in turning Texas Tech into one of the top higher learning institutions in America reflects that motto.

Thank you, Chancellor Hance, for all you have done for Texas Tech University and all you have done for the great State of Texas.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CONAWAY.)

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, Kent Hance was headed for a life of crime and waywardness before he attended Texas Tech University. Texas Tech would not be where it is today without Kent Hance, but Chancellor Hance wouldn't be who he is today without having attended Texas Tech in 1961.

A storied career as a political servant, one of Kent Hance's political accomplishments, as it has been said, was that he was the only person to defeat President George W. Bush in an election. He won Texas' 19th Congressional District seat with his folksy humor, quick wit, and good old-fashioned hard work. Kent Hance once remarked that had President Bush defeated him in that congressional race, Bush would have wound up as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee instead of Governor and President of the United States.

Everyone has a Kent Hance story. Some of us have even been the victims of his punch line. But his ability to weave experiences, real and imagined, to make a point or disarm an opponent, is legendary.

Kent Hance has been known as many things—an attorney, a professor, a State senator, a railroad commissioner, a Congressman, and friend—but I believe his best role has been as chancellor of Texas Tech University.

We thank you for your service at Texas and our Nation. Your leadership and legacy will shine bright for years to come. And I wish Kent Hance and his family Godspeed in the next chapters of their lives.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. OLSON).

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Mr. OLSON. I thank my colleague from Lubbock for hosting this Special Order to celebrate another Texan from Lubbock, our good friend, Kent Hance. Kent and I became friends in 1998. I was working at the time for United States Senator Phil Gramm.

My friends have talked about Kent's achievements. I plan to be like the Wizard of Oz and pull back the curtain and show the real Kent Hance.

The real Kent Hance joined us on November 14, 1942, in Dimmitt, Texas. He is now 71 years young.

Before Kent was born, Dimmitt had grown from J.W. Carter's Hotel, Miss Lou Belsher's School, and Uncle Buck Tate's Lumber and Wagon Yard to the county seat of Castro County with a population of 943. Kent went to Dimmitt High School, graduating in 1961. Dimmitt High School has two mascots—the Bobcats for the boys and the Bobbies for the girls.

Kent and his best buddy, Spider, spent a lot of time at the Carlile Theater trying to find the love of their lives. Spider found his love in Corpus Christi, Texas, and Kent sought optimism from Spider's dad. Movies, charm, and yes, a 1970 Camaro couldn't get the job done. Nothing happened in Dimmitt.

Kent met his true love, Susie, and they both were lawyers. They worked hard and they played hard, and they loved races at the track. After 1 hard week of working hard and playing hard, they popped down to El Paso, Texas, and crossed the river into Juarez to go to races at the track. The cab driver had very poor English and took them to a very special track—monkey jockeys riding greyhounds. Kent learned two things that night: Susie will follow him anywhere in the world; and he needed to learn more Spanish, especially the word “horse” in Spanish.

One more personal story about Kent Hance. We spent 24 hours together on an aircraft carrier underway. To come aboard a carrier, you fly a very different approach—a controlled crash. There are wires across the back of the deck which hook onto the aircraft to

catch it. The plane goes to full power before it is hooked. To take off, you have a catapult shot, zero to 140 miles in 300 feet. I have never heard a human being scream so loudly with terror and joy than Kent Hance on that aircraft.

I will close by talking about Kent's tenure at Texas Tech University, the institute that gave him his education and his love of life in the business world. Because of Kent Hance, Texas Tech has a medical school in El Paso, Texas. Kent chased this down doggedly, getting a big donation, \$50 million from alumni, to make this dream happen. Red Raider Nation is thrilled to have this building on campus, the Kent Hance Chapel. It gives students a place when they are struggling, a place of peace, a place of prayer, and a place to have a wedding after they leave Texas Tech.

As Kent leaves Texas Tech behind, some are already talking about is he the greatest chancellor we have ever had. To paraphrase Bum Phillips: Kent Hance may not be in a class by himself, but whatever class he is in, it don't take long to call the roll.

Kent, my friend, as you move on to your next challenge, you have my best. It is not very good, but it is my best. God bless you.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. I thank the gentleman for bringing up a point. While Chancellor Hance was out raising all of this money for the university, over a billion dollars, I think it exemplifies who Kent Hance is. He put his money up, too, contributing and building that chapel. Whereas the gentleman mentioned that a lot of weddings have been held, but students also go over there and spend time for prayer, and I think that says a lot about the character of the man we honor today.

It is now my pleasure to yield to the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. PEARCE), my neighbor to the west.

Mr. PEARCE. I thank the gentleman from Lubbock for yielding.

Many would ask: What does a former Representative from Texas have to do with New Mexico? Well, New Mexico's Second District is bordered on two sides by Texas. In those days growing up 3 miles from Texas, often we New Mexico guys slid across the State line in the middle of the night. We found things to entertain us there, and we would be back home by daylight. So west Texas and eastern New Mexico have a lot in common.

I had an opportunity to meet Mr. Hance when he was in Congress. I was flying as the corporate pilot for the Congressman from the Second District of New Mexico, at that time a gentleman named Mud Runnels, and during that association, I had the opportunity to meet the Congressman from Lubbock. I started watching him from a distance there. Many people are going to recount the good things, the titles and positions that he has had, but I would like to recount as someone watching Kent Hance from a distance as he made his way through Congress

and later became chancellor of Texas Tech, a university that is host to many students from New Mexico. Watching from a distance, I can say that Mr. Hance did the things that all leaders are called to do. He served with honor and distinction, but he made tough choices when they were called for.

A couple of years ago, a high-profile employee of Texas Tech needed the firm hand of discipline on his shoulder, and Kent Hance made the tough calls. Texas Tech has been better off because he was there as a strong person in times when they needed strong leadership.

So again, from the New Mexico side of the border, we would like to say thank you for guiding an institution that has been home to so many New Mexicans. Thank you for your distinguished service, your commitment to principle and honor and duty. We all from New Mexico say God bless you, Godspeed to you, and thanks for your years of service.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. I thank the gentleman, and I now yield to the gentleman from Dallas, Texas (Mr. SESSIONS).

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. NEUGEBAUER, thank you for inviting the Texas delegation and our friends from New Mexico to come and honor our dear friend, Kent Hance, tonight.

Kent Hance, as you have heard the stories, he is not just a living legend, he is a man who served not just the State of Texas but our great Nation with honor and distinction. Kent Hance, as chancellor of Texas Tech, has done the same thing for thousands of young people who came not only to Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas, for a great education, he helped make their experiences and their education even better.

As RANDY NEUGEBAUER knows as the Member of Congress from the 19th Congressional District of Texas, the high plains of Texas offers a unique opportunity not only for the kind of people who live there, the kinds of circumstances as God rolls thunder and sandstorms and rainstorms across Texas, but it provides the kind of unique experiences that people who live there love it. They love where they are from, and it builds the kind of person who has spirit and opportunity, but who sees themselves not just as a proud Texan but as an American, and Kent Hance truly has lived up to that.

There has been a discussion tonight about Susie, Kent's beloved Susie, this beautiful young woman who, albeit from Dallas, Texas, who was stolen away by the marauding Kent Hance and taken up to Lubbock, Texas; and we still miss Susie as she lives in Lubbock and enjoys her life there with the girls. But I want you to know, Mr. Speaker, that tonight the Texas delegation and so many others are here on the floor to talk about the life and times of a young man who came to Congress, who served the State of Texas, his Nation, and has now served

in providing education that is superior second to none, building not just a medical school that is second to none, but a law school and an undergraduate degree, engineering and other areas that have made Texas Tech not just on the map literally, but has made it better because of his personal commitment to excellence.

So I want to join the Texas delegation and Chairman NEUGEBAUER tonight as we give a big Texas salute and a thank-you to the gentleman from Lubbock, Texas, the gentleman Kent Hance.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. I thank the gentleman, and I yield to another gentleman from Texas, Mr. STOCKMAN.

Mr. STOCKMAN. I have to tell you, when I first got elected, it was none other than Kent Hance who came down. I was a young guy, and he gave me a lot of advice, but I knew him before he knew me because Ronald Reagan was in trouble, and Kent Hance stepped forward against a lot of his party's wishes and took the bull by the horns and really changed the United States, which is amazing. But one of the things that, Kent, you have always done is you have reached out to me when you didn't have to.

But the most important thing is that you have your birthday on the proper day, November 14, which is also my birthday.

Everybody talked about you raising a billion dollars, but the thing that I liked the most is you ran and beat somebody, and that person you beat was none other than the next President of the United States, George Bush. And yet you reached across after you beat George Bush, you became his number one fan. I am just amazed, and I wish we could do this more often where we reach across the aisle and demonstrate love beyond partisanship. That, to me, is what speaks volumes about you.

And what also touches my heart is that you are Texas. I mean, when you think about your life story, I don't know if you are going to write a book, if you have written a book, you need to write a book. We have mutual friends, and I hear your story is phenomenal.

The one thing I do ask, and you have always been very gracious to me, but you have to teach me how to raise money, because you raised a billion dollars. That is phenomenal. And you did it for good causes.

I think I had a dream once that you are going to give me \$250 million. A mutual friend of ours in Dallas told me that story. You called him up and you said you had a dream, and I thought that was the cleverest thing to do.

Again, I want to express my friendship to you and how much you have helped me throughout the years. You have been very gracious to me. I thank you.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. I thank the gentleman. Now another great Texan, I yield to Dr. BURGESS from Dallas.

Mr. BURGESS. I thank the gentleman for the recognition, and I am

pleased to come to the floor of the House tonight to offer my congratulations to a great Texan, chancellor of Texas Tech University and former Member of Congress and former State senator.

I have had the good fortune to know Mr. Hance since I arrived here, and I know firsthand of his commitment to education. And the reason I know this is there is hardly a semester that goes by that I don't have at least one Tech intern working in my office.

Mr. Hance understands the value of education for young people, and he also understands the value of placing them in situations where they may have an opportunity to do something that they would probably never have an opportunity to do again, working with a Member of Congress' office. Yes, sometimes it is unglamorous, sorting mail or helping organize letters for a reply, but sometimes going to a congressional hearing, sometimes going to a congressional hearing that is of significant importance. Certainly I want to thank Kent for always having the foresight to have your students in the offices here in the capital of the United States because I think it makes a big difference not just to us, not just to Texas Tech, but it makes a big difference to Texas and the Nation.

On a personal note, I want to acknowledge that I was not someone who was in political life all my life. I ran a medical practice for a number of years, and then rather unexpectedly won a race for Congress. Shortly after winning the nomination prior to the fall election, Mr. Hance and I crossed paths, and he has provided me life counsel and guidance from time to time. Of that I am certainly appreciative.

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The one thing I will never forget—I don't even remember the trouble that was going on here in Washington, but it was something and it affected a lot of us and it affected a lot of us personally—I woke up one morning and there was a letter to the editor of The Dallas Morning News from Ken Hance thanking me for my service. It certainly got my attention that day and it certainly lifted by spirits. Whenever I get down with the things that are going on here in Washington, I think back to that day when Ken Hance reached out a hand and helped lift me up, and hope I have been able to return the favor to others along the way. Mr. Hance, you have certainly showed me the way, and I am grateful, again, for your wise counsel and leadership through the years.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, one of the things about this evening, we had some other Members that were planning to be here tonight to honor the chancellor. But, as you know, there was a memorial service in Texas at Fort Hood today, so some of our Members have flown to

Texas to participate in that. I have letters from some of those folks, and remarks, that I want to enter for the RECORD.

I have a very special letter here from the Speaker of the House, which I am going to put a part of in the RECORD. I won't read the whole letter. It is a very nice letter. It talks about all the many accomplishments of Chancellor Hance and his service here in Congress.

He closes that letter by saying:

Congratulations to Chancellor Hance as he moves on to a new chapter. I thank him for his leadership, his vision, and his lifetime of public service.

Here is another letter from the Governor of the State of Texas, Rick Perry, and I quote part of that. He says:

It is my pleasure to join your friends and colleagues in recognizing the remarkable job you have done as a leader of the Texas Tech University system.

You have presided over an incredible era for the Texas Tech system, highlighted by profound growth and positive change. With the addition of Angelo State University and the creation of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center—El Paso, the system has literally doubled in size since 2007. Enrollment has also increased dramatically, and students are graduating and joining the workforce at a faster rate, too. Nearly 10,000 degrees were earned in 2012, almost double the number that were awarded a decade ago.

Many students have passed through Texas Tech's institutions during your tenure. These men and women will make incredible contributions to our communities, to our State, and to our Nation; some of them probably already have. You have furthered both individual success and collective achievement—and it is quite a legacy.

Anita and I thank you for your service to the State of Texas and wish you an enjoyable, fulfilling retirement.

Governor Rick Perry

Randy Sanders, who is a former editor at the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal in Lubbock, wrote these remarks:

During the 6 years that I was editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal I would frequently call Hance when I was in the dilemma about an important editorial decision. Many times without taking a breath he would tell me: Well, let me tell you what I would do if I were in your shoes. Every time I would follow his advice and our editorial position would be spot on.

No one knows west Texas and west Texans better than Ken Hance. He knows how to cut to the chase and develop a plan that will serve west Texas and its citizens in the most beneficial possible manner.

One of the regents at Texas Tech, Regent Tim Lancaster, writes:

No matter where you start, how you prioritize, or how inclusive you become in including the vast number of accomplishments of Kent Hance, it has been a great and impactful career. There are few people that can be included in the same category as Kent Hance. Unfortunately, individuals like Kent do not come along often enough.

What a pleasure it has been for me to get to know and observe the impact of this great man.

One of our Senators, Senator JOHN CORNYN, says this about Ken Hance:

I send my greetings and best wishes on the occasion of your retirement as chancellor after more than 8 years with Texas Tech University.

From your early career in the Texas senate, three terms in the U.S. Congress, chairmanship of the Texas Railroad Commission, and your current role as chancellor, you have dedicated your life and service to the betterment of Texas and its citizens. Your energy and experience have been an important force in ensuring access to quality higher education and expansion of research and innovation in Texas.

Our other Senator, Mr. CRUZ, says:

On behalf of a grateful State, thank you for your service to the great State of Texas and Texas Tech University. As a native of Dimmitt, your west Texas roots, strong moral character, and entrepreneurial spirit have created a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

The mayor of Lubbock writes:

On behalf of the city of Lubbock, let me offer my congratulations on your retirement as chancellor, and thank you for your service to west Texas, Lubbock, and Texas Tech.

Your love and dedication to Texas Tech has brought the university to new heights. From your graduation in 1965 to leading the way in raising over \$1 billion, the time you have spent at Tech has left a lasting impression on the university. You strengthened ties between Texas Tech and the city of Lubbock, and your efforts to increase enrollment have led to new students and families now calling Lubbock home.

You are a true servant of the State, having served as a Texas senator, U.S. Congressman, and chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission. Thank you for the years of service you dedicated to making Lubbock and west Texas a better place to live.

Congressman ROGER WILLIAMS is one of the Members that I mentioned who said he was originally going to be here, wanted to be here, is a good friend of Chancellor Hance, but he went down to be at the memorial service today at Fort Hood. He says:

Today I rise to recognize a good friend of mine, a great friend of Texas, and one of the finest examples of public servant, Texas Tech University System Chancellor Ken Hance.

In his nearly 8 years as head of Texas Tech, Chancellor Hance has become a staple in the community and beloved figure on the campus. Famous for knowing every Texas mascot, a trait that he and I share, students are often greeted by him with a fist bump and a quiz on high school mascots while on their way to class. From Itasca Wampus Cats to the Hamlin Pied Pipers, there is not a student on campus he hasn't won over with his down-to-Earth demeanor and palpable dedication to the students.

His quit wit, famous stories, and steadfast dedication to his alma mater will certainly be missed upon his retirement.

I wish my friend Ken Hance the best of luck in his next endeavor and thank him for his tremendous legacy he is still creating. From his early days in Texas politics to his service in the U.S. Congress to a successful law firm, Chancellor Hance makes a difference everywhere he goes. He lives by his own motto: Dream no little dreams, and I look forward to seeing what his dreams have in store for him next.

Another Member that went down to the Fort Hood memorial service was Congressman JOHN CARTER. He says:

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the distinguished career of Texas Tech University Chancellor Kent Hance. With his retirement approaching, he will soon close his incredible service to my alma mater and begin the next chapter of his life.

Congressman Carter is a Red Raider.

Chancellor Hance's dedication to public service began in politics with stints in the Texas senate, house, U.S. Congress, and eventually serving as chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Since becoming chancellor in 2006, he has made incredible achievements at Texas Tech and the university continues to thrive because of the impacts he has made.

Retirement is to be celebrated and enjoyed. It's not the end of a career but rather the beginning of a new adventure. I speak for myself, as well as all of the Red Raider family, when I say Chancellor Hance's unconditional love for Texas Tech combined with his exceptional leadership leaves behind a legacy that will never be forgotten. I commend him for his dedication to Texas Tech and wish him the best in the years ahead.

One of the things is that Chancellor Hance is very hands-on and he gets involved with the students at Texas Tech. He greets them one-on-one and, in fact, teaches a leadership class there. So I think it is kind of fitting we asked some of the students that had known the chancellor. These are the people that he is working for and worked tirelessly for.

John Esparza, who is a Texas Tech Board of Regents 1997 graduate, said:

Let it be said that Chancellor Kent Hance has a deep and abiding love for the institution he has devoted the last 8 years of his life to. In reality, Chancellor Hance has given so much more than just those 8 years. Those who know him know his love affair with Texas Tech University began shortly after his parents dropped him off there in 1961. Since that time he has served his family and his constituents with honor, going all the way back to the late 1970s, when he served in this hallowed body.

As he is well known for saying to freshmen during their orientation, and to seniors at their graduation, "I love Texas Tech."

And truly Ken Hance loves Texas Tech.

I wanted to read a few quotes from Stephanie Addison, who interned in our office and works now in the chancellor's office. She says this about Chancellor Hance:

Chancellor Hance is dedicated to excellence in every area of his life. His enthusiasm is very evident in the impact that he has left on Texas Tech University, as well as everyone he meets. His passion for investing in the students and the alumni is second to none. It is hard to imagine Texas Tech without the chancellor. It has been a pleasure serving his office as student assistant, and I will carry this experience with me the rest of our lives.

Pat Campbell said:

You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him. Chancellor Hance definitely goes above and beyond the call of duty as an administrator, and I am proud to call him a friend. When Chancellor Hance says he loves Texas Tech, he truly means it.

Lee Bobbitt, a former Student Government Association president at Texas Tech, writes this:

He had high expectations, not just for himself but all those who worked around him. In his time at Texas Tech, he devoted himself to improving the university, and through his work taught me and many others to be servant leaders, to be good listeners, and, more importantly, how to connect with people through the fine art of storytelling. Ken

Hance is one of a kind, and I am lucky to have called him mentor and friend.

Mr. Speaker, I have many other letters here in testimony, which we will be glad to enter into the RECORD.

We have talked about Chancellor Hance as a former Member of Congress, a former State senator, and a former railroad commissioner. In his life of public service, obviously, he dreamed no little dream.

But just for a minute, I would like to talk about the Ken Hance that I know. It is not the one that I call chancellor; it is the Ken Hance that I call friend.

Over the years, Kent and I have had an opportunity to mentor and to talk to each other, and I consider his advice to be a treasure in my life. I can always call him up when there is an issue or something that I want to get his reflection on. He is always quick to take my call.

But it is not just what Ken Hance says. I think what we have heard tonight and what we have seen tonight, it is about how he lived his life. A lot of people out in west Texas, we say some people talk the talk, but some people that you really pay attention to are the people that walk the walk. What I would say about my friend Ken Hance is he dreamed no little dream, and he walked the walk. So it has been my pleasure tonight to recognize a good friend, a great American, a great Texan and a great Red Raider—go Tech.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE KENT HANCE

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues from Texas have set aside time on the House floor during special orders to honor a former Member and the out-going Chancellor of the Texas Tech University System, the Honorable Kent Hance. I rise with my colleagues to recognize his accomplishments and exceptional leadership.

Kent Hance was elected to the People's House in 1978, then re-elected twice. He served in the 96th, 97th, and 98th Congresses during a time of great change in the direction of America's governance and leadership. As a "Boll Weevil" Democrat, Kent worked across the aisle with a Republican president, Ronald W. Reagan, to enact some of the most sweeping and successful tax reforms in American history.

Bipartisan passage of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 set the stage for an incredible two-decade period of economic expansion. According to a 2001 Heritage Foundation report, the tax cuts Kent Hance and others supported led to the creation of more than 35 million jobs, an 80 percent growth in the overall economy, a 78 percent growth in industrial production, and a doubling of federal revenue from 1983 through 1999.

After his time in Congress Kent returned to the law and eventually assumed a leadership role in the world of Texas academics, becoming the third chancellor of the Texas Tech University system in 2006.

Under his direction, the TTU system has grown by leaps and bounds. Enrollment has expanded 45 percent overall, with minority enrollment up 70 percent. From 2006 to 2012, the number of degrees awarded went up 46 percent. The system's endowment has grown by 80 percent and now tops \$1 billion; more than \$700 million has been invested in campus construction.

In 2012, Texas Tech established the Center for the Study of Western Civilization as well as the Free Market Institute. Both of these programs seek to research and advance the core virtues that have set America apart as the world's freest and most productive society—things no other major university systems are doing.

In nine years as chancellor Kent Hance has built the TTU system into a leader in engineering, medicine, health sciences, emerging technologies, and research. By any measure, the TTU system is one of the nation's premier higher learning institutions.

And yet, Mr. Speaker, the man in middle of all this growth and success would be one of the last to promote his own personal contribution. Kent Hance, beyond the accolades and awards, is a decent man who has served the people of West Texas with honor and distinction his whole life—and I am proud to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Chancellor Hance as he moves on to a new chapter. I thank him for his leadership, his vision, and his lifetime of public service.

HONORING CHANCELLOR KENT HANCE

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the distinguished career of Texas Tech University Chancellor Kent Hance. With his retirement approaching, he will soon close his incredible service to my alma mater and begin the next chapter of his life.

Since becoming Chancellor in 2006, he has made incredible achievements at Texas Tech and the university continues to thrive because of the impacts he has made. Quickly after he took leadership, Texas Tech doubled in size with its addition of Angelo State University and the creation of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso. In a matter of eight years, Chancellor Hance's forward-thinking approach helped Texas Tech grow exponentially. With more than 33,000 students enrolled in the fall 2013 class, Texas Tech has increased its enrollment by 16% over the last decade and is on target to meet its goal to enroll 40,000 students by 2020.

"Dream no little dream." Chancellor Hance's famous four words have proven no truer than for himself. Under his leadership, Texas Tech surpassed Hance's goal to raise an astonishing \$1 billion for its capital campaign placing Tech in an elite group of universities. Because of his commitment to higher education, more students have had an opportunity to obtain a college degree and Texas Tech continues to be ranked in the top 20 universities for producing the best graduates.

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RICK PERRY, GOVERNOR,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
Austin, TX, April 7, 2014.

Hon. KENT R. HANCE,
Chancellor, Texas Tech University System, Lubbock, TX.

DEAR CHANCELLOR HANCE: It is my pleasure to join your friends and colleagues in recognizing the remarkable job you have done as a leader of the Texas Tech University System.

You have presided over an incredible era for the Texas Tech system, highlighted by

profound growth and positive change. With the addition of Angelo State University and the creation of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center—El Paso, the system has literally doubled in size since 2007. Enrollment has also increased dramatically, and students are graduating and joining the workforce at a faster rate, too. Nearly 10,000 degrees were earned in 2012, almost double the number that were awarded a decade ago.

You have embraced the challenges that come with such exceptional growth, and the Texas Tech system is thriving. Under your leadership, the system's Vision & Tradition campaign raised an astonishing \$1 billion in the most successful capital campaign in its history. You have skillfully navigated the line between your core missions of educating students and conducting world-changing research. And you haven't been afraid to embrace fresh ideas. It's no surprise that Angelo State was one of the first universities to answer my call to develop a \$10,000 degree program or that the system has consistently been a leader in focusing on student outcomes and using their feedback to help determine the best ways to teach and structure programs.

Of course, your career has been about more than new facilities or modified degree programs. It has been about helping people better their lives.

It's important to remember what a college degree means on an individual level. A college degree opens a doorway to more success, broader opportunities and bigger dreams for people of all backgrounds. Whether you're from a small town or big city, no matter what your parents might do or what your goals may be, a quality, affordable college education is a valuable step toward being the very best you can be.

Many students have passed through Texas Tech's institutions during your tenure. These men and women will make incredible contributions to our communities, to our state and to our nation; some of them probably already have. You have furthered both individual success and collective achievement—and that is quite a legacy.

Anita and I thank you for your service to the State of Texas and wish you an enjoyable, fulfilling retirement.

Sincerely,

RICK PERRY,
Governor.

HENDRICK HEALTH SYSTEM,
Abilene, TX, April 9, 2014.

KENT HANCE,
Office of Chancellor, Texas Tech University,
Lubbock, TX.

Chancellor Kent Hance has been good for Texas Tech and he has been good for Texas!

If you were to prioritize his accomplishments, would you begin with his fundraising success, the growth in the number of students enrolled at Texas Tech or would you begin with the economic impact through expansion of educational services he has had on the western part of our great state. You could even begin with the individual lives he often talked about that have been changed as a result of a first generation family to attend college. Or would you begin with the lasting impact of the power of leadership training he has provided to a vast number of students through the classes taught on leadership. It would be appropriate to begin with the lessons he continuously taught alumni of the importance of giving back to an institution that provided an outstanding foundation for thousands of Texas Tech alumni that have moved around the world. You could even begin with the hundreds of business students that were impacted early in Kent's career through the business law classes he taught with humor, enthusiasm, and exciting legal concepts to ponder.

No matter where you start, how you prioritize, or how inclusive you become in including the vast number of accomplishments of Kent Hance, it has been a great and impactful career. There are few people that can be included in the same category as Kent Hance. Unfortunately, individuals like Kent do not come along often enough.

What a pleasure it has been for me to get to know and observe the impact of this great man.

TIM LANCASTER,
Hendrick Health System.

April 9, 2014.

KENT HANCE,
Chancellor, Texas Tech University.

DEAR CHANCELLOR HANCE: I send my greetings and best wishes on the occasion of your retirement as Chancellor after more than eight years with Texas Tech University.

From your early career in the Texas Senate, three terms in the U.S. Congress, Chairmanship of the Texas Railroad Commission, and your current role as Chancellor, you have dedicated your life and service to the betterment of Texas and its citizens. Your energy and experience have been an important force in ensuring access to quality higher education and expansion of research and innovation in Texas. Under your leadership, the Texas Tech University System has experienced growth in both size and academic stature. Your legacy will continue to benefit the Texas Tech community and our state for years to come.

I join with your family, friends, and co-workers in commemorating your distinguished career in public service, and applaud your commitment to dreaming big dreams and seeking to make them a reality. Best wishes to you and Susie as you begin a new chapter in your life.

Sincerely,

JOHN CORNYN,
United States Senator.

April 9, 2014.

KENT HANCE,
Chancellor, Texas Tech University.

DEAR CHANCELLOR HANCE: On behalf of a grateful state, thank you for your service to the Great State of Texas and Texas Tech University. As a native of Dimmitt, your West Texas roots, strong moral character, and entrepreneurial spirit have created a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

In a career that has spanned many years and both public and private service, you have created an impressive record of expanding growth and opportunity. Your contributions have touched the lives of countless Texans, and they have produced plentiful economic benefits to the entire state.

Under your direction, the Texas Tech University System has doubled in size, with the additions of Angelo State University and the Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso. You set out to grow enrollment, increase research, and increase commercial technology opportunities, and you have achieved all these goals with great success.

Thank you for your outstanding leadership. You are an exemplary Texan, and I hope that we will continue to build upon the strong educational foundations you have nurtured.

TED CRUZ,
United States Senator.

April 9, 2014.

DEAR CHANCELLOR HANCE: On behalf of the City of Lubbock, let me offer my congratulations on your retirement as Chancellor, and thank you for your service to West Texas, Lubbock, and Texas Tech.

Your love and dedication to Texas Tech have brought the university to new heights.

From your graduation in 1965 to leading the way in raising over \$1 billion, the time you have spent at Tech has left a lasting impression on the university. You strengthened ties between Texas Tech and the City of Lubbock, and your efforts to increase enrollment have led to new students and families now calling Lubbock home.

You are a true servant of the state, having served as a Texas State Senator, U.S. Congressman, and Chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission. Thank you for the years of service you dedicated to making Lubbock and West Texas a better place to live and work.

Sincerest congratulations,
 GLEN C. ROBERTSON,
Mayor.

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 TXTA,
 TEXAS TRUCKING ASSOCIATION,
Austin, TX, April 9, 2014.

HON. MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION: Let it be said that Chancellor Kent Hance has a deep and abiding love for the institution he has devoted the last eight years of his life to. In reality, Chancellor Hance has given so much more than just those eight years. Those who know him, know that his love affair with Texas Tech University began shortly after his parents dropped him off there in 1961. Since that time he has served his family and his constituents with honor, going all the way back to the late 1970's when he served in this hallowed body.

As he is well known for saying to freshman during their orientation, and to seniors at their graduation, "I love Texas Tech." It also goes without saying that Texas Tech loves Kent Hance. And while his time in service as its Chancellor will soon end, the love shared will be without end. I am proud to have been a part of the Hance Administration.

On behalf of The Rivers and my wife, Leah, we wish him all the success in retirement that he has realized in service Texas Tech. All very well deserved, all with loyalty and honor.

JOHN D. ESPARZA,
*Texas Tech Board of Regents,
 Texas Tech Class of 1997.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded not to direct their remarks to former Members on the House floor.

PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS

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

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to be here on behalf of the Progressive Caucus Special Order hour. We are going to be talking about the budget. Everyone is talking about the budget, the Paul Ryan Republican budget, the Democratic budget, the Progressive Caucus budget, and other budgets that we have had before us.

We have our own version of a budget. The Progressive Caucus has the Better Off Budget. It is a budget that invests in the economy, creates 8.8 million jobs, and does a tremendous job of dealing with issues that are at the forefront of what America needs to deal with.

But we have a huge contrast in the budget that we have in this body before us that the Republicans have introduced that we will be voting on this week, tomorrow, in this very body. Tonight we would like to have a little talk about that.

As you look at the Better Off Budget in blue versus the GOP budget, the Better Off Budget creates 8.8 million jobs by investing in infrastructure, investing in our schools, and investing in energy, and a number of programs across the country.

On the contrast, the Republican budget actually costs the economy 3.1 million jobs. That is as many people as the entire workforce of the State of Wisconsin getting fired in a simple budget.

One of the biggest issues about the budget is what we are doing about jobs and the economy. We have been told by the Congressional Budget Office that the number one issue this year, the number one thing that causes our deficit, three-quarters of the deficit in 2014, is caused by economic weakness, in other words, unemployment and underemployment. Our budget directly addresses that, and the GOP budget does just the opposite. It is an austerity budget.

I would like to yield some time to one of my colleagues, a strong member of the Progressive Caucus, an outstanding Member of our California delegation. I would like to yield some time to Mr. ALAN LOWENTHAL.

Mr. LOWENTHAL. I want to thank the gentleman from Wisconsin for his work on the Congressional Progressive Caucus budget, the CPC budget, and for just being an all-around good guy.

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The nondefense discretionary side of the budget has taken a beating in recent years with extreme cuts to its programs. The Ryan budget continues this damage with even deeper cuts to discretionary programs.

Now, what do I mean by discretionary programs? We are talking about education, public safety, clean drinking water, food safety, roads, bridges—our transportation system—air traffic controllers, medical research to find cures for diseases, among others.

The question I ask is: What is discretionary about any of these basic needs? What is discretionary about making sure that children can read or about making sure that drinking water is safe or that bridges don't collapse? There is nothing discretionary about these programs.

I think part of the problem is simply the word "discretionary." We need to stop calling this discretionary, and we need to start calling this beleaguered side of the budget what it is, essential. These are the essential non-defense programs.

My dear friend, the main difference between the Ryan budget proposal and the CPC budget proposal is that Mr.

RYAN believes that the government funding of these essential programs is a drain on the economy and a drain on taxpayers.

The CPC, however, recognizes that the investment in these essential programs is fundamental to the vitality of our country. It moves us forward, and as you pointed out, it creates millions of jobs—over 4.6 million jobs in the year 2014, almost 3 million in the year 2015 and close to 1.3 million in the year 2016.

It moves us forward, this investment in essential programs. It drives innovation. It creates jobs. It stimulates the economy. It puts our government and our country on a sustainable path to prosperity.

My friend Mr. RYAN's economic model of austerity contrasts sharply with our model of investment and progress in a fiscally responsible way. We believe that educating our workforce, building our infrastructure, ensuring access to a safe and healthy environment, which includes water and food safeguards, is the ticket to a secure future for our country. That is the difference between the Ryan budget and the CPC budget.

Mr. POCAN. Thank you, Mr. LOWENTHAL, for those wise comments about the word "discretionary." I think, all too often, people don't understand what we mean when we talk about discretionary. Those are hardly discretionary programs.

Mr. LOWENTHAL. That is exactly right. They think that you can cut these because these are nonessential. These are not nonessential. If you tell a child that his education is nonessential or if you tell a family that public health or health research to those families is discretionary or if you tell those scientists who are trying to find cures for some of the worst diseases that they are just discretionary, we will lose the momentum that this country has, and we will no longer be the world leader in democracy and also no longer in innovation and job creation.

No, these are not discretionary programs. These are essential programs that are different than defense programs. To call them discretionary does a great disservice to the great importance and to the centerpiece of our budget that they really occupy and should occupy and that all Americans should understand.

Mr. POCAN. Again, thank you, Mr. LOWENTHAL, for your service, for your hard work on this budget, and for all you do for the people of California.

When we talk about those discretionary funds, it is interesting because, when we had the sequester that made a huge cut to these programs and that affected people in all of our States, the Paul Ryan Republican budget doubles down on these sequester cuts, and it makes even deeper cuts in a number of areas.

I just want to go through a little bit of a chart. Unfortunately, I found out