

This, my friends, is a tax that strips families of the American Dream they worked so hard to achieve.

The inheritance tax takes money from folks who know how to use it to create jobs and donate to charities and puts it in the hands of those responsible for a \$20 trillion national debt.

Mr. Speaker, I came up here to speak on behalf of the job creators that employ more than half of America's workforce. These are the men and women who suffer directly from politicians' knee-jerk reactions, politicians who have never met a payroll and have never worked in the private sector.

Congress has talked about tax reform for decades, but we haven't seen major reforms in 30 years. Again, I am asking this Congress and this President to act now.

In God we trust.

#### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND THE WOMEN OF DETROIT

(Mrs. LAWRENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month and to show some R-E-S-P-E-C-T to a real Detroit and Michigan legend, my dear friend and Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin.

Aretha has taught us to be a proud "Natural Woman." She has forced us, not just to "Think" about it, but also to act. Once called the voice of Black America, Ms. Franklin has been a champion in the African-American community for decades and in her hometown of Detroit.

With a Hollywood star, 20 R&B number one hits, 18 Grammys, and a Medal of Freedom from President George Bush, she represents the best of Detroit and of our country.

This month and every month, we must stand up to lift women up across this country, ensuring that our laws and policies empower and protect all women.

I am proud to call Aretha Franklin my friend and to wish her a happy birthday, which was March 25, and to stand alongside this great champion for women everywhere this month, Women's History Month, and every day.

#### IN MEMORY OF CAPTAIN JOHN JOSEPH KEARNEY, USN

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Captain John Joseph Kearney, who passed away on Pearl Harbor Day last year at the too-young age of 62.

After graduating just 2 years before me at Catholic High School for Boys in Little Rock, John received a Presidential appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Upon gradua-

tion and commission, he followed in his father's footsteps and pursued a lifetime career in the Navy, ultimately retiring at the rank of captain.

Captain Kearney dedicated his life to his distinguished military career and received numerous honors and medals for his service, which included work here in Washington and on the 7th Fleet staff in Japan.

John leaves behind a legacy of warmth and passion, and his example is one all Americans and Arkansans can admire. I extend my respect, affection, and prayers to his fine family and loved ones.

#### RECOGNIZING THERESA LOPEZ

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Theresa Lopez from Madera, California. Theresa was chosen by my office to be March's Heroine of the Month for the 17th Congressional District.

For nearly 10 years, Theresa has served as a veterans service representative at the Madera Veterans Service Office. Theresa understands that our valley veterans and their families deserve the best care and service that they can have because the men and women who have served our Nation's military, members of your family and members of my family, have made sacrifices that we should never, ever forget.

Theresa knows. She's been working with my office since 2008, and I know that she works hard every day to ensure that local veterans are receiving the VA benefits they have earned.

Theresa also does outreach to the Chowchilla State men's prison and the VA community-based clinic in Oakhurst, and she is a member of the county veterans court. She has also served as secretary of the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers since 2012.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Theresa Lopez and her strong commitment to serving valley veterans, for we can never, ever say thank you enough not only for our veterans, but for the good work that Theresa has done.

God bless her, and God bless the United States of America.

#### HONORING CAPITOL POLICE SPECIAL AGENT ANGEL MORALES

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an incredible man, Capitol Police Special Agent Angel Morales, who is retiring after 21 years on the force. Angel has dedicated his entire life to serving our country.

From 1986 to 1991, he put on the uniform of our country serving in the U.S.

Army, working his way up to sergeant. From there, Angel traded his Army uniform for a police uniform and served with the D.C. Metro Police.

Starting in 1996, Angel joined the Capitol Police force, where he has protected thousands of visitors, staff, and Members of Congress who come through our Nation's Capitol every single day.

Since 1998, Angel has been assigned to the United States Capitol Police Dignitary Protection Division, working with many House leaders, including Dick Armey, ROY BLUNT, Eric Cantor, and, for the last 3 years, as the leader of my detail team.

I would like to thank Angel's wife, Susan, and his two kids, Tatiana and Mike, for selflessly allowing Angel to serve our Nation in these roles.

Angel, on behalf of my family and the entire Capitol family, thanks for your service. We will miss you, young man.

#### TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TIES TO RUSSIA

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, the American people are demanding a real investigation into President Trump's ties to Russia and Vladimir Putin.

I was a journalist for nearly two decades, and for part of that time, I was an investigative reporter. I could tell you that, where there is smoke, there is usually fire. Right now, smoke is billowing out of the White House.

No matter how many times President Trump tries to distract us with a tweet, no matter how many times President Trump advisers have held secret meetings with the Russians, no matter how many times the Republican chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence changes his story to protect President Trump, sooner or later, the truth will come out.

Vladimir Putin has a driving mission and that is to weaken America from within.

So to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, I ask one simple question: What would President Ronald Reagan do?

Well, I can tell you. He would put our national security ahead of partisan politics. He would follow the facts, and he would leave no stone unturned.

Our democracy demands a complete, thorough, and independent investigation into President Trump's ties with the Putin regime.

#### RUSSIA'S THREAT TO OUR DEMOCRACY

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

Mr. MCEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, before my time in Congress, I was a trial lawyer. As a trial lawyer, I learned that,