

giving people. Michael lived a life full of love, laughter, and spirit. My thoughts are with Kim and everyone at Hello Gorgeous! in whose work, I have no doubt, Michael's memory will live on.

PASSAGE OF THE GI BILL

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the GI Bill, has since provided tens of millions of returning Active-Duty veterans with help buying a home, starting a business, and going to college. Also, in addition to doing the right thing, the GI Bill fundamentally transformed the American economy from an industrial-based economy to a knowledge-based economy.

I was proud to support H.R. 3218 this week that would renew this commitment. The bill provides expanded educational benefits for servicemembers and their families, including the elimination of time restrictions on education credits for veterans who reenter civilian life in 2013 or after.

GI benefits should not come with an expiration date. Our veterans deserve our respect unexpired for their service to our country. This bill affirms that obligation.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN PHIL-LIP DAWSON III ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Phillip Dawson on his retirement from the United States Navy. On Friday, Captain Dawson will complete a nearly 4-year tour as the commanding officer of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City, Florida.

A 1988 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Captain Dawson first served on the USS Tattnell as the anti-submarine warfare officer and, later, on the USS Harry E. Yarnell as the fire control officer.

Captain Dawson assumed command of the Naval Surface Warfare Center in 2013, where he led the center in a wide array of missions, including littoral warfare, coastal defense, and special missions. This base is also home to the U.S. Navy Dive School, where all of the divers from all of our services are trained.

Captain Dawson's selfless sacrifice to this country and dedication to our Navy is truly inspiring. Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Captain Dawson, his wife, Belinda, and their three children for their years of service and sacrifice, and wish them luck as they enjoy a new chapter in life.

HELPING AMERICANS FIGHT BACK

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I met Ted a few weeks ago. He is a brick-layer from Fall River, Massachusetts. It is hard, proud work, the kind that comes with frequent physical injury. Ted is no exception.

Then came the opioid prescriptions. Then came a long and painful road to addiction.

But Ted fought back. By force of will, faith, he pulled himself up, he got treatment, and he got clean. But his most recent injury cost him his job and his health insurance, and a new diagnosis just came in: liver cancer.

Madam Speaker, this is where a system proves what it is made of. When our people are sick, when they are tired, when they are terrified, and when they have given everything that they have got, do we abandon them? No. We pull them up. We bet on their resilience because there is nothing more fundamentally American than the belief that our people survive, they endure, and they rise to fight again.

They deserve a government that will jump into the ring by their side. Today is that test of what is good and decent for our people.

THANK YOU, CANDACE RICH

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, it is with sincere gratitude and appreciation I have the opportunity to recognize Candace Rich, legislative assistant for South Carolina's Second Congressional District. I will always appreciate Candace for her years of service on behalf of the people of South Carolina.

A native of Virginia, Candace is an esteemed alumna of the University of South Carolina, with degrees in history and political science. She also earned a master's of arts in instruction and curriculum from Angelo State University.

She is truly dedicated to public service, beginning as an intern in the district office starting in 2010 before joining the staff in 2014.

Candace's experience on healthcare, education, and workforce issues, combined with a genuine desire to serve constituents, has made a difference. Candace was crucial in helping Republicans pass and have signed a record number of bills this year.

It is with mixed feelings but great happiness that I bid Candace farewell. She is moving on next week to a new role teaching social studies at Central High School in San Angelo, Texas. I know her parents, Tim and Angela, along with her brothers, Aaron and Adam, join me in recognizing her achievements.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

WE MUST DO BETTER

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I have been listening daily to heartbreaking stories from real people about their health challenges and what the repeal of the Affordable Care Act would mean to them.

People like Peter Morley, who survived cancer and now lives with lupus—he won't be able to afford his lifesaving infusions if repeal happens.

For Baby Theo, born with two holes and an enlarged kidney, the return of lifetime caps would mean the loss of insurance for him.

And Red Raccoon, an Iraq war veteran suffering from PTSD, he relies on Medicaid to supplement the inadequate VA system.

Each of them and millions more will suffer if repeal or replace goes forward. I believe we are a greater, more caring nation than this. I believe we can, we shall, we must do better.

INDIANA'S FISCAL STRENGTH

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

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, here in Washington, we are currently in the middle of an important debate on the Federal budget.

It is clear that dramatic changes need to be made in the way that taxpayer dollars are spent. We need to get our Nation's fiscal house in order.

As we consider important reforms, we would be wise to turn to my home State of Indiana. Last week, Indiana State Auditor Tera Klutz announced that our State currently has a rainy day fund of nearly \$1.8 billion. Contrast that with a nearly \$20 trillion national debt here in Washington.

As Auditor Klutz noted in a press conference last week: "Hoosiers can rest assured that their government takes the task of managing taxpayers' money seriously. Just like people across the State live within their means, Indiana has worked hard to spend less than we take in, invest in our priorities, and retain resources in the event of an economic downturn."

To get our fiscal house in order, we need more of this Hoosier common sense in Washington. The attitude and approach that has worked well in Indiana should be a model for the Nation.

AMERICAN PEOPLE TO PAY FOR A WALL

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

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, the appropriations bills we are talking about today should be about providing critical funds to keep our servicemembers safe, take care of our veterans, and support necessary defense programs. It should not be about helping President Trump keep a campaign promise that has no grounding in reality.

House Republicans' reckless decision to force the American people to pay for a wall that does nothing to increase our security or to solve real problems facing our immigration system is both wasteful and counterproductive.

This wall will cost American taxpayers \$1.6 billion. That is \$1.6 billion that could go toward helping veterans or getting our servicemembers the resources they need to stay safe while they risk their lives defending our country.

Rather than come to the table to work on meaningful bipartisan and long-term solutions to fix our broken immigration system, House Republicans would rather give American families' paychecks to President Trump so he can build this wall.

We are here to do the people's work. Building this wall doesn't do the people's work. It soothes the President's ego at the expense of American families.

I urge my colleague to oppose this bill if this dangerous and divisive policy rider is included.

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WE ARE DOING THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE AND KEEPING OUR PROMISES

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

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, all too often, the important work we are doing in the people's House does not get the attention it deserves.

So far this year, we have rolled back 14 overly burdensome regulations from the Obama administration, saving taxpayers billions of dollars in the process.

We passed landmark reforms that are now law to bring greater accountability and better care to the Veterans Administration.

Here in the House, we kept our promise to rescue families from the collapsing ObamaCare law.

We have taken action to rebuild our military, give our troops the biggest pay raise in 8 years, and expand the GI Bill to improve educational benefits.

We have enhanced border security and public safety by passing Kate's Law.

And we have passed measures to strengthen career and technical education, combat human trafficking, and reform the FDA to encourage medical innovation.

Madam Speaker, these policies, and many more that are languishing in the

Senate, will make a real difference in people's lives.

And we will keep working hard on the issues that matter, even if it doesn't always make the headlines.

ECONOMY NOT WORKING THE WAY IT SHOULD

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

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, the economy simply is not working the way it should. Millions of hardworking men and women across the heartland feel the American Dream has slipped out of reach.

In places like Galesburg, Hanover, and Freeport, Illinois, too many of the families I serve have seen their jobs boxed up and shipped to places like Mexico and China. To make ends meet, many of them have had to take on two or three minimum wage jobs.

That is not the American Dream that we believe in. We believe in an America where we never give up on the fight for better jobs, better wages, and a better future for all of our families.

This is why I was proud to help present the American public with our "Better Deal" economic agenda. Together, we will help 10 million hardworking Americans find good-paying, full-time jobs by making bold investments in our roads and bridges, and doubling our investments in workforce training and apprenticeships to connect workers with the skills that employers need.

And while wages will go up, costs will go down by reducing the price of prescription drugs and making childcare more affordable.

The American people are tired of excuses from Washington. They want real action, and we have a real plan.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID COGDILL, SR.

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

Mr. DENHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of a cherished leader and great friend, former California State Senator Dave Cogdill, Sr. The beloved husband, father, and grandfather passed away at the age of 66 on Sunday, surrounded by his family.

Born on December 31, 1950, Dave spent most of his adult life in public service. That public service started when he enlisted in 1970 in the Air Force Reserve, serving in the Air National Guard, as well as on Active Duty.

In 1975, he was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bridgeport Fire Protection District in Mono County. He moved to Modesto in 1979 and built his real estate appraisal business while serving on various boards and commissions in both the public and

private sectors. And he served two terms on the Modesto City Council. Dave went on to represent the 25th District in the California State Assembly for 6 years prior to being elected to the State senate in 2006. He served as the California State Senate Republican leader from 2008 to 2009, in addition to numerous committees, including Public Safety, the Revenue and Taxation, and the Joint Legislative Audit Committees.

A real estate appraiser by trade, Dave served as Stanislaus County assessor from 2011 to 2013, after which he joined the California Building Industry Association as CEO and president in October of 2013.

For his many years of an exemplary legislative career, Dave was awarded the prestigious Profile in Courage Award from the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation in 2010. That was just one of the many recognitions he received throughout his lifetime.

Dave and his wife, Stephanie, were married for 47 years. They have a son, David, Jr.; a daughter, Meghan Merrell; and three grandchildren, Connor, Katie, and Cooper.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing California State Senator Dave Cogdill for his unwavering leadership and friendship. He had a long history of service to California and to our community. He will be greatly missed.

HONORING SERGEANT JOE MURRAY

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

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, last week, we all learned the tragic news that a military transport plane crashed into the Mississippi Delta. Sixteen marines, who courageously fought to defend our country, died from this unfortunate event.

One of those marines was Sergeant Joe Murray of Jacksonville, Florida. I would like to take this moment to express our deepest condolences to Sergeant Murray's family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sergeant Murray was a husband to Gayle Murray, and a father of four beautiful children—Isaac; Annabelle; and twins, Judah and Micah. He was known for being a family man who cared deeply for those around him.

Murray was a member of a special operations team and was promoted three times in the first 3 years he was in the Marine Corps and was deployed to Afghanistan twice.

The son of a Navy man, Sergeant Murray will always be remembered as a true American hero. I will continue to pray for him and his family and for every soldier out there protecting our great country.

May he rest in peace, and semper fi.