

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GENE GREEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### WELCOMING PASTOR KENNETH CODNER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Pastor Kenneth Codner to the House of Representatives as today's guest chaplain.

Pastor Codner is a native of Owego, New York, and he graduated from Alfred Agricultural and Technical College in 1973.

A couple of years later, through the help of a coworker, he trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior. And he had a desire to make his life count for God.

In 1976, he enrolled in the Bible program at Tennessee Temple University. Two years later, he transferred to North Star Bible Institute in Rochester, New York, graduating in 1983, with a degree in theology.

In June 1983, he moved to Kansas to be the pastor of the Gove Bible Baptist Church, serving there for 17 years.

He is married to Eileen Garrison, and God blessed their union with five wonderful children.

In September of 2000, they moved to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. In 2002, he founded the Grace Baptist Church, where he has served as pastor ever since.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to have Pastor Codner and his family here today.

#### PROVIDING FOR A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 782

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 28) providing for a correction in the enrollment of S. 782, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 28

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in the enrollment of the bill S. 782, the Secretary of the Senate shall make the following corrections:*

(1) In section 2, strike "42 U.S.C. 17601 et seq." and insert "34 U.S.C. 21101 et seq.".

(2) In section 2, strike "42 U.S.C. 17617(a)(10)" and insert "34 U.S.C. 21117(a)(10)".

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### AND THE FANS GO WILD

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is game seven of the World Series. Best hitting team in baseball, the Houston Astros Orange, vs. the best pitching team in baseball, the LA Dodgers Blue. The series is tied up three games apiece.

Top of the second inning, Springer is at the plate. It is the third pitch. Springer loads up and belts it. Home run. Springer smacks his fifth round tripper of the World Series. The Astros are up 5-0.

Next inning—next several innings—all the bats are silent, except LA, the best record team in baseball, gets a run.

It is the bottom of the ninth. The Astros take the field. Score: 5-1. One out. Two outs. Houston pitcher Morton sends a sinker straight across the plate. It is a ground ball. Three outs.

It is all over but the shouting. Astros win! Astros win! Astros win! World Series Champions of 2017.

The championship predicted in 2014 by "Sports Illustrated" with Springer on the cover finally happens after 55 years.

And the city of Houston goes ASTRONOMICAL.

And that is just the way it is.

#### TAX PLAN

(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 Tax Policy Center, the Wharton School, and virtually every rational economist have reviewed the House Republican tax cut plan and the results are clear: no new good economic growth, big debt and deficit, and big tax cuts for corporations and very rich Americans.

Three million wealthy Americans will get a tax cut next year of \$220,000; 250 million not-so-rich Americans will

get a tax cut of \$221. If you make \$730,000, your income next year will increase by 8.5 percent. If you make \$150,000, it will increase by 1 percent.

Where are all of the deficit hawks? Where are any of the deficit hawks?

This tax plan is nothing more than fraud being perpetrated against middle America.

I ask my colleagues to reject this plan.

#### CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS

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

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support the CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS Act. This critical healthcare legislation provides a 5-year extension to the CHIP program that so many children and low-income families rely on.

In my district alone, over 21,000 children use CHIP for access to low-cost healthcare services.

I am also proud that this legislation includes a needed 2-year extension of funding for community health centers. This is an issue I have worked hard on, as almost 95,000 people in my district receive critical healthcare and preventative services from these centers.

There is still much more work to do to improve our healthcare system for families in the north country.

In Congress, I will keep fighting to protect the programs our district depends on, and I will continue working toward the affordable, high-quality healthcare system that my district deserves.

#### CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to thank the Houston Astros for winning the World Series and giving some folks in Houston and southeast Texas something to cheer about. We have had a tough few months, but you could see from last night that there is a lot of cheering in Houston.

But I am here to talk about a major issue that is really important: the Children's Health Insurance Program—the CHIP program—and the federally qualified health centers. Both programs are bedrocks of our health system, providing health insurance for over 9 million lower income children, and serving on the front lines of primary care, providing high-quality primary and preventative care for 25 million Americans.

Congress let funding for these programs expire more than a month ago, and we must act in a bipartisan manner to strengthen and sustain them. Both CHIP and community health centers have always had strong bipartisan

support since their creation 20 and 50 years ago, respectively, but not this time.

We should not cut Medicaid to fund these two programs. You are taking money away from the poorest children to give to the less poor children. We need to support vaccination programs, infectious disease detection and prevention, and chronic disease prevention. We need to make sure this bill is bipartisan, and it is not right now.

#### DREAMERS

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, there are less than 21 legislative days left this calendar year, and the House has yet to vote for a permanent solution to protect DREAMers from deportation.

H.R. 3440, known as the Dream Act, introduced by Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD and me, is an effort to put an end to the fear and the uncertainty that surrounds over 800,000 young immigrants living in our country.

This bill will allow qualified DREAMers an opportunity to better plan for their future in the only country they truly know as home—the United States.

After several years, they will be able to apply for conditional permanent residency, and eventually for citizenship. And during that time, they will continue to participate in their daily activities, such as contributing to our communities, helping our economy, and showcasing their talent and ingenuity.

Mr. Speaker, let's do what is right for these young immigrants because they are already Americans in their hearts and minds. Let's bring the Dream Act for a vote so that these young professionals can make their American Dream a reality. The clock is ticking, Mr. Speaker.

#### REAL TAX REFORM FOR REAL PEOPLE

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I have received hundreds of letters from constituents who are deeply worried about the proposed tax plan.

One San Diegan told me that, without the State and local tax deduction, his family of seven faces a loss of over \$40,000 in deductions.

Another constituent told me that his family would lose \$20,000 in take-home pay under this tax plan.

Why on Earth would we do this to middle class families? Why would we cap the mortgage deductions middle class home buyers depend on to lower taxes for huge corporations?

This plan is simply reckless and hurtful to the American people and our economic growth.

Let's take a look at real tax reform for real people, not a plan that helps those who need it the least.

#### 25TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize the local fire departments from the 25th Congressional District—specifically, the ones located in Johnson County.

Altogether, first responders from this county were deployed for over 8 weeks to help with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Twenty firefighters and personnel were sent from Cleburne, Bono, Godley, Grandview, and Joshua fire departments to help out with the storm's impact.

Just 2 weeks ago, these first responders were honored during the Johnson County Emergency Services District Number 1 monthly meeting. Over the course of 2 months, they contributed a great deal to the total number of 17,000 rescue missions in Texas.

More than 33,000 individuals were displaced as a result of this tragedy, and these heroes put their own lives on hold to help out their fellow Texans.

Mr. Speaker, these crews, who serve their local community, are a rare find—they are heroes—and I am honored to represent them in the 25th Congressional District of Texas.

They voluntarily left their families and put their lives on the line in order to save others. The folks in Houston and south Texas will be forever grateful.

Texas is still recovering and, together, we will be stronger than ever before.

God bless Texas, God bless the first responders, and God bless the United States of America.

In God we trust.

#### TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN SAM JOHNSON

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to a living legend: my friend and colleague, Congressman SAM JOHNSON.

Recently, we had the opportunity to honor him by renaming the Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive as the SAM JOHNSON Vietnam Archive.

Nobody in the United States Congress enjoys more esteem from his colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, than SAM JOHNSON.

His legacy of service is awe-inspiring. Twenty-nine years in the United States Air Force, combat missions in Korea and Vietnam. Nearly 7 years as a POW, roughly 3 of those years in solitary confinement.

There are many forces in politics that pull us from pillar to post, and many interests that compete for our time and attention. There is one force that drives this man—it is his desire to fight for the future of this country. And there is only one interest, and that is only what is in the best interest of all Americans.

I am grateful to Texas Tech for honoring Congressman JOHNSON's service and sacrifice, and I am proud of the example Sam has set for all of us who serve in the people's House.

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#### CONGRATULATING THE HOUSTON ASTROS WINNING THE WORLD SERIES

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, good morning, America. What about those Houston Astros?

As Representative of the 18th Congressional District in the great city of Houston, let me thank the Houston Astros for taking a Harvey-worn community to the highest lengths. We had never won the World Series.

Minute Maid is a fine stadium and the L.A. Dodgers were a very fine competitor. Let me thank all of them for the great sportsmanship, the character that was shown.

It shows what America is about. You can be two great adversaries on the battlefield of baseball, but you can still be great friends and colleagues and part of the great American pastime.

Thank you to the mayor, the county government, the State government, all of those fans out there. Thank you to George Springer and Altuve, who caught the final out. Oh, I was so excited.

Congratulations to those southern boys, the boys of the south, the boys of the southwest. They did a great job. Yes, we are the World Series champion, the American League champion. Go, Houston Astros.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for your kindness. I am so excited. They are great young men.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN GLOTZ ON WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dan Glotz on receiving the 2017 Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry's Community Service Award.

The chamber presents the award annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to the community.