

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### PROPOSING A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

SPEECH OF

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 12, 2018*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to this proposal to amend the U.S. Constitution. This amendment, if ratified, would likely result in devastating cuts to programs like Social Security and Medicare that would harm Oregonians and families around the country. H.J. Res. 2, the Balanced Budget Amendment, would require the federal government to cut any spending that is not fully offset by incoming revenue, including spending on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. I agree that Congress must act in a fiscally responsible manner, and we owe it to our children and grandchildren to not leave them with a country that has a significant debt burden. But there are many ways to be fiscally responsible, including finding smarter, better ways to provide important services and by making investments that actually grow the economy.

It is important to note that the majority is bringing this measure to the floor for a vote now, not long after the passage of their partisan tax bill that will further exacerbate income inequality and explode our deficit by about \$1.9 trillion dollars. Our seniors deserve better than having their Social Security benefits—which they have earned over a lifetime of hard work—jeopardized under the guise of fiscal responsibility. If my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are serious about reining in federal spending, we should look to commonsense reforms, not across-the-board measures that put Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid at risk.

### REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAN NEWHOUSE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of Holocaust Remembrance Week to honor the millions of lives lost during this horrific period in history.

Fueled by hatred, Nazis brutally imprisoned and murdered more than 6 million Jewish men, women, and children—as well as hundreds of thousands of other victims—resulting in the largest systematic genocide the world has ever witnessed.

Listening to the heart wrenching stories of Holocaust survivors should solidify our commitment to stop this from ever happening again.

I am troubled by a recent study which found that an alarming 66 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 34 years old cannot

explain the significance of Auschwitz, the concentration camp where Nazis killed 1.1 million people during World War II.

To me, this is a clear sign that now—more than ever—it is vital to educate our younger generations and continue to condemn and denounce the actions of the Nazi regime.

As the years pass, there are fewer brave survivors left to tell their stories, and, unfortunately, there are still acts of genocide occurring around the world.

The United States should do everything in its power to help prevent these atrocious acts from occurring, which is why I am proud to co-sponsor the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act.

This legislation strengthens the U.S. government's ability to prevent and respond to genocide, war crimes, and other crimes against humanity.

The Nazis used fear and hatred to attempt the elimination of an entire population of people. Without intervention, they may have succeeded.

As Elie Wiesel, a courageous Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate, said, "Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair."

It is our moral responsibility as the world's most powerful nation to never forget and to stand up against violence, racism, and genocide across the globe.

As we honor Holocaust Remembrance Week, let this be a reminder of our responsibility to educate younger generations.

Today, I stand with my colleagues to honor, pray for, and remember the victims of the Holocaust. May we recognize and improve upon mistakes in our past, so we are not condemned to repeat history in the future.

### REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 16, 2018*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Holocaust Remembrance Week and the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

The Holocaust was the systematic persecution of six million Jews by the Nazi regime. This week, we remember the millions of people who suffered from these crimes. This year is also the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, when the remaining imprisoned Jews rose up against the Nazi SS.

I am dedicated to honoring the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust. That is why funding of the Holocaust Memorial Museum is essential. It is also imperative to provide assistance to those who survived the Holocaust, which is why I support funding for the Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program.

I encourage my fellow Members of Congress to join me in remembering the six million people who died in the Holocaust. With our continued efforts to fund the Holocaust Memo-

rial Museum and the Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program, we may continue to honor the legacy of those who perished.

### RECOGNIZING LONNIE BELL

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lonnie Bell, a Montanan who shared his warmth, wit, and talents with hundreds of thousands over his seven decades as a country music disc jockey.

Bell, a Navy veteran with 20 years of service, began entertaining audiences while stationed in Oahu in 1953. For the next 30 years, he combined genuine love for country music with his authentic and unpretentious broadcast style in stations around the country. Bell made Montana his permanent home in 1964.

In 1985, Bell began his second radio career, hosting a popular Sunday country music program until last month. In March, the Country Music Disc Jockey Hall of Famer signed off the air with his final broadcast from Billings.

Along the way, Bell, an accomplished musician, helped country music legends Charlie Pride and Loretta Lynn find their way to stardom.

It is my honor to recognize Lonnie Bell for his countless contributions to country music and to our Montana way of life.

### CONGRATULATING MS. SHERI CAINE ON RECEIVING THE 2018 NORTHRUP GRUMMAN FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE IN ENGINEERING EDUCATION AWARD

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Sheri Caine, a teacher at Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn, Illinois, for receiving this year's Northrup Grumman Foundation Excellence in Engineering Education award. The National Science Teachers Association presented Ms. Caine with the award in March at their National Conference on Science Education. As an engineer, a former teacher, and strong proponent of STEM education, I am especially proud to recognize this tremendous accomplishment.

For the last 10 years, Ms. Caine has been teaching all levels of chemistry and physics at Richards High School. Throughout her teaching career, she has earned a reputation for engaging students in the classroom and urging them to think about science both theoretically and as a tool to solve real world problems. In the lesson plan she created to meet

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the award criteria, students design a musical instrument, predict the frequency the instrument will play, and then measure the actual frequency using an iPad. Sheri Caine's impact on her students goes beyond the classroom with her dedication to after-school tutoring and the school's volleyball program.

Ms. Caine's background in research has undoubtedly contributed to her success in the classroom. While she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Global STEM Education at Texas Tech University, she spent her previous summers working at Argonne National Laboratory. After being diagnosed with thyroid cancer, Ms. Caine contributed to the advancement of cancer treatment by agreeing to undergo a minimally invasive procedure known as transoral thyroidectomy. After learning that the University of Chicago was looking to be the first pioneer of this treatment in the Midwest, Ms. Caine eagerly volunteered. Her bravery and commitment to science proved successful as she is now cancer free.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Sheri Caine on this award and on the accolades she has received throughout her career. Richards High School is fortunate to have such an exceptional teacher on staff and I wish her the best as she continues teaching and inspiring students.

CONGRATULATING J. GARY PENNETT UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

### HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, from the very first day at the U.S. Air Force Academy and throughout one's service in the U.S. Air Force, you learn about how to live the Air Force values: integrity first, service before self, and strive for excellence. J. Gary Pennett did his best to live these values, and has gone above and beyond in answering the call to serve throughout his more than four decades of military and public service.

Throughout his life, J. Gary Pennett has served in the United States Air Force, in the Department of Defense, and in his current role at the Missile Defense Agency. As Director of Operations at the Missile Defense Agency, Pennett utilized his people-first approach as the chief architect of recruiting, hiring a diverse, professional, and highly-skilled workforce. Even in the face of extreme budget uncertainty, government furloughs, shutdowns, and declining budgets, Pennett has found opportunity and success in the most trying circumstances—ensuring that his Agency delivers on its promise to defend our nation.

I thank Mr. J. Gary Pennett for his service to the people of Hawai'i and our country, and congratulate him as he closes this chapter in his career of service performed to the highest standards. We wish him well as he begins the next. Aloha.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on April 16, 2018, I missed two recorded votes on the House floor due to train travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call 140, and yea on Roll Call 141.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. ASELAG, FORT LORAMIE COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY

### HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the memory of Firefighter Michael J. Aselage of the Fort Loramie Community Fire Company, who was killed in the line of duty on April 2, 1975.

Michael Aselage was born in 1950, the son of Bernard and Elizabeth Aselage. Upon graduating from Fort Loramie High School, he entered the United States Coast Guard, where he served for four years. In late 1974, following in the footsteps of his father, he joined the Fort Loramie Community Fire Company.

On April 2, 1975, Michael noticed a downed electric pole and wire lying across a portion of Ohio State Route 705. He immediately went to a nearby house to call the Shelby County Sheriff's Office for assistance. He then went back to the site of the downed wire to direct traffic around the hazard. He was killed when the door of his vehicle came into contact with the wire.

This Sunday, a portion of State Route 705 in Shelby County will be renamed and dedicated in Michael's honor. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer my condolences to the family and friends of Michael J. Aselage as they gather to celebrate his selfless service. I am grateful to the members of the Fort Loramie Community Fire Company for pursuing this honor in tribute to their fallen comrade.

### KATIE GROKE ELLIS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Katie Groke Ellis for receiving the 2017 Arvada Young Professional Leadership Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Each year the Arvada Chamber recognizes Arvada's finest men and women for their involvement and dedication to the community. Katie Groke Ellis is being recognized for her innovation, entrepreneurship, professional accomplishments and community leadership. In 2017, Katie led the charge on the Apex Park and Recreation District rebranding all while maintaining her other professional responsibilities.

ities. Katie is an exemplary leader and always willing to step up and help to ensure the Arvada community thrives.

Congratulations to Katie Groke Ellis for this well-deserved award and thank you for your contribution to our community.

### CONGRATULATING CALEB KLEMAN

### HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exemplary student from the 1st District of Iowa. I am pleased to announce that Caleb Kleman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa has been accepted to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Mr. Kleman is an outstanding student—ranking in the top 1 percent of Iowa Assessments each year of his high school career. In addition to awards such as Academic Numerals, Academic Letter, and Academic Certificate, he is recognized as an AP Scholar with distinction in his third year. Mr. Kleman's academic recognition is well deserved as he ranks 5th of 309 students in his class with a weighted GPA of 4.492 while enrolling in over ten advanced placement courses.

Further developing his leadership skills, Mr. Kleman attained the position Vice President of the National Honor Society, Section Leader of Marching Band, and First Chair of both Jazz Band and Concert Band. His participation in the band as a first chair trumpet player for four years led to performances at All-State competitions. Serving as Captain of the Cross Country team, he developed skills identifying potential conflicts, problem solving, and team building.

I have full confidence in Mr. Kleman's ability to successfully pursue a degree in engineering while serving as a vital asset to the U.S. Navy.

### TRIBUTE TO DARLENE AND ED LAUGHLIN

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Darlene and Ed Laughlin of Imogene, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on February 15, 2018.

Darlene and Ed's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.