

Mrs. Bush has brought dignity, civility, and spirit to everything she did. Her strength—of character, of her principles, of her faith—are a great gift to our Nation.

Barbara Bush was a woman of exceptional grace, with an unmatched spirit—again, that spirit—and talent and skill for bringing people together. She was not only respected, but adored by so many across our Nation.

Barbara Bush leaves a living legacy in the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy and the deep spirit of volunteerism she championed on behalf of children and families. All who knew Mrs. Bush saw her immense love and pride in her family. She was a beloved matriarch for her family and a matriarch for America, and she always put family first.

We hope that it is a comfort to President Bush—73 years of marriage, wow—former President George Herbert Walker Bush, that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your children, including President George W. Bush. She was the only woman in America, apart from Abigail Adams, who was the wife and mother of a President.

Our prayers are with her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, whom she loved, and the entire Bush family.

We want them to know that so many share in their grief, pray for them at this sad time, and are grateful to them for sharing Barbara Bush with the Nation.

TITLE X AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of changes to title X family planning funds.

Currently, abortion providers like Planned Parenthood are eligible to receive these title X funds, but abortion is not family planning; it is family ending. It ends the lives of innocent children. It is an affront to the very definition of family.

Title X is Planned Parenthood's second largest funding stream, providing around \$80 million a year. America's largest abortion provider, which ends over 321,000 lives each year, should never receive a single dime of taxpayer dollars.

I strongly support efforts to turn off the title X funding stream for Planned Parenthood, and urge the Department of Health and Human Services to issue new regulations for the title X program that will stop funding for programs that include abortion.

Mr. Speaker, there are much better and life-affirming options than allowing Planned Parenthood access to taxpayer dollars.

HAWAII DISASTER

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, over the last several days, the people of Hawaii have faced extreme and severe weather, heavily impacting the communities of Waimanalo, east Oahu, and most heavily, the island of Kauai.

Far too many people are living and struggling in chaos as a result of record-breaking rain, flooding, and landslides that have completely devastated communities, homes, and businesses. It has led to hundreds of people being evacuated.

Many people are still struggling without water and electricity. They are stranded, separated from their children and family members on different parts of the island, and relying on airlifts from the Hawaii National Guard for basic supplies. Time and again, our Kauai community has come together, proven to be strong and resilient, mobilized to support and take care of each other.

I want to say a big thank you to Mayor Carvalho, the Hawaii National Guard, the Coast Guard, our first responders, organizations like the Red Cross, churches, schools, and members of our community who have stood up and taken action, leaders like: Joel Guy and Ryan Sebring; Doug Phillips, who was running boats; Laird Hamilton, who was running water rescue; Hanalei and the Takeshiros, who were running their Zodiac up and down the Wainiha River; Malama Kawai, Mocu Chandler, Laura Richards, and so many more.

I am looking forward to being on Kauai tomorrow to offer my support to those who are helping provide relief to those most affected as our delegation stands ready to help Kauai recover from this disaster.

RECOGNIZING EARTH DAY AND BOWMAN'S HILL WILDFLOWER PRESERVE

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday, April 22, is Earth Day, and I am proud to recognize the significant event and to reiterate my strong support for the environmental stewardship and conservation in our communities.

From my days as a Boy Scout, I learned the true beauty of nature and the value it brings to our community, and I still live by the Scouting mantra: Leave the campsite cleaner than you found it.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, which held its annual symposium last month. This event awards the Land Ethics Award for usage of native plants and an eco-friendly design

to create a sustainable habitat for wildlife and for public education.

This year's winner was the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve Committee in New Britain Borough. I would like to recognize the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve Committee for their dedication to land conservation, and congratulate them on receiving this award.

I would also like to thank and recognize Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve's education coordinator, Kelly Joslin, for her role in organizing this important event.

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TAX DAY

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday was tax day; and this year, millions of working men and women filed their taxes knowing that Republicans want them to bear the costs so corporate special interests and the wealthiest Americans can get a gigantic tax cut.

Even worse, the new Republican tax law will raise the deficit by more than \$2 trillion, meaning Medicare and Social Security are now on the chopping block according to Republican leaders.

This is not what we were elected to do. Working Americans deserve a better deal. Working families deserve a real and permanent tax cut, not the scam that they got.

It has been decades since we have asked the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share. No secretary, no janitor, and no mid-level employee should have to pay a higher tax rate than the CEO of their company. It is long past time to fix this broken system and pass the Buffett rule.

Mr. Speaker, we should be promoting policies that give families the tools not just to get by, but to get ahead, instead of further rigging the system to benefit the billionaires, millionaires, and America's biggest corporations.

It is time for real tax reform and to undo the tax scam that is going to hurt so many in our country.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING DR. DABNEY N. MONTGOMERY

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Dabney N. Montgomery.

Dr. Montgomery's selfless service and his courage have made him an institution in Harlem. In the face of segregationist attitudes and racial animus, Dr. Montgomery joined the U.S. Army Air Corps as a member of the prestigious Tuskegee Airmen fighting in World War II. He walked in lockstep with Dr. Martin Luther King in the march from Selma to Montgomery during the civil