

achieve on behalf of our country was something that she was able to achieve with her negotiating counterparts from across the table. That is a skill that we need to cherish and recognize more, quite frankly, in our various agencies throughout government.

When she stepped down from that position, she immediately was sworn in as Special Envoy for Strategic Stability and Missile Defense at the State Department. It was just the next iteration of that skill set that she brought in the course of these negotiations.

She represented us so very, very well. We were all so proud of her, those of us who had gotten to know her throughout the years, seeing what she was able to accomplish in her post-Congress career, still finding a way to serve her Nation in a different capacity.

She will be deeply missed. She was loved by those who knew her in this institution.

Of course, she had a daughter, Katherine, whom she adored above anyone else. As much fun as it was serving with Ellen when we came in, in 1997, and throughout the years, it was perhaps as much fun watching Katherine grow up in our midst, seeing her become such the accomplished and beautiful young woman that she is today. Ellen was so proud of that.

On behalf of the Class of 1997, on behalf of the New Democrat Coalition, we thank Katherine and the entire Tauscher family for sharing Ellen with us through these years of her public service, first in Congress and then during the Obama administration.

She was a great friend, great colleague, great Representative for her district in California. More importantly, she was a great American and a great patriot who believed in the future of our country.

She will be sorely missed but never forgotten, the accomplishments that she was able to achieve throughout her distinguished career here and throughout her entire life.

May God bless her and take her into His care.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, much has been said about the New Dems, and I would like to recognize the current New Dem chair. I yield to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. KILMER).

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from California for organizing today's Special Order to celebrate the life of Ellen Tauscher.

I didn't serve with Ellen. I had the opportunity to meet her and enjoyed that, and I now have the distinct honor of serving in a role that she held, not just previously but exceptionally, as chair of the New Democrat Coalition.

As my friend from Wisconsin said, the New Dems is made up of forward-

thinking, pro-growth, pro-innovative, and fiscally responsible Democrats. This Congress, we have 101 members, making us now the largest ideological caucus in the House. It is the largest the coalition has ever been.

It is safe to say, and it is certainly not hyperbole to say, that this coalition would not be what it is if it wasn't for Ellen Tauscher. The coalition came into existence with the election of Ellen Tauscher and several other current and former colleagues back in 1996.

Shortly after she took office, Peter Beinart wrote a profile piece about Ellen and the New Democrats in *Time* magazine. In it, Beinart describes the early days of a growing New Democrat Coalition that represented predominantly suburban districts across the country. He declared the Democratic center was moving toward what he called Tauscherism, a phrase that stuck around to describe the socially progressive, fiscally moderate, pro-business focus that were many of the policies New Democrats advocated not just then but now as well.

Ellen quickly gained respect, both in the coalition and within the broader Caucus. She was elected to the serve as the New Dem chair in 2005 and served in that position until 2009 when she left Congress to serve as Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Affairs at the State Department.

As chair, Ellen made a consequential impact on the direction of the New Democrat Coalition. Under her chairmanship, the coalition fought for a forward-looking innovation agenda, strong national defense, and more effective government.

Ellen also rose in leadership positions on the Armed Services Committee, chairing the Strategic Forces Subcommittee. She worked closely with our leadership when Democrats took the majority in 2007, to help shepherd landmark legislation through the Congress.

Those who knew her well, and you have heard from many of them tonight, remember her tenacity, her creativity, and her patriotism. Since her passing, we have heard from former colleagues and friends about the extraordinary impact that Ellen made on their lives and on them.

They say the measure of a person's life is the impact they have on others. From this measurement alone, it is very clear that Ellen lived a life of purpose. We are so thankful for the time that she spent here, for the time she spent blazing a trail for the New Democrat Coalition.

We are absolutely keeping Ellen's daughter, Katherine, and the entire Tauscher family in our thoughts and

prayers this month as we celebrate her extraordinary life and her extraordinary legacy.

Again, I thank our colleague from California for organizing this Special Order in honor of Ellen's life.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I think so many of us in the House could think of the different things we did with Ellen. As I was listening, I was remembering her capacity to reach agreement. She was a legislator, and whether it was reaching across the aisle or disagreements even within the Democratic Party, she was always trying to come up with a solution that would make the country better.

I remember a disagreement we had. We were good friends, but we had a disagreement on a legislative issue. There was a disagreement in the Democratic Party, and we had a big meeting. Rather than let people fight, we stood in front of the group and we actually drafted the compromise that would move us forward in the course of about 20 minutes. It was an extraordinary experience for both of us and especially for the new Members who had never seen legislators actually legislating themselves.

I know that there are people throughout the House who have such memories, and I hope that they will be able to put them into the RECORD, keeping Katherine and the entire Tauscher family in their prayers.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and May 15 on account of district business.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, the attached estimate of the costs of H.R. 299, Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.