

Every day there are thousands of heartbreaking stories of how families are torn apart due to the broken system. We must pass comprehensive immigration reform that doesn't tear children from their parents and respects all families. We must remember that immigration reform is not just about statistics and numbers, it is about families.

I urge my colleagues, the House leadership and President Obama to make immigration a priority and to work with the CHC towards comprehensive immigration reform.

I wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

ETHANOL AND THE EPA

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, in 1994, the EPA enacted a regulation requiring additives derived from renewable sources for our Nation's fuel supplies. This policy caused problems as corn ethanol pushed up food prices and turned out to be far less beneficial for the environment than originally thought, with some studies even concluding ethanol may be worse for the environment than gasoline.

Now, over a decade later, the EPA has ruled that Congress tasked it with regulating greenhouse gases when it passed the Clean Air Act. Without action by Congress, regulations are soon to follow. This fact is being held over our heads by some who claim it is better to let Congress regulate emissions than unelected bureaucrats. This is a false choice. The act was never intended to regulate carbon, and we can pass legislation to make that clear.

Congress should stop unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats from hurting our economy further through draconian emissions regulations without doing harm itself. There is a better way.

SUPPORT THE MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT

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

Mr. WILSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1728, the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act.

My State of Ohio is one of the hardest hit States by foreclosures, so I know how important it is for us to pass this bill. Ohio is projected to lose 87,000 homes to foreclosure just this year. That means that more than 291,000 homes over the next 4 years will be lost. Ohio's economy will be affected by over \$10.7 billion.

H.R. 1728 will help Ohio and America begin to heal. This legislation has been a long time coming. The bill will provide much-needed relief to hard-

working families. It will stop bad subprime loans from being made in the first place by making sure that consumers get mortgages that they can repay. It will strengthen consumer protection against reckless and abusive lending practices.

I would like to thank Congressmen FRANK and KANJORSKI and also Congresswoman WATERS for their hard work and perseverance on this issue.

AMERICAN CONSERVATION AND CLEAN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ACT

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, our Nation needs an energy renaissance. We must develop a wide range of energy sources with a shared goal of reducing emissions and leaving our planet cleaner. We must have clean coal, efficient renewable energy, clean nuclear energy, and responsible use of fossil fuels.

It is time for an energy renaissance that uses American resources to create American jobs and stop spending hundreds of billions of dollars each year to OPEC. We know that building this bridge to America's clean energy future will require the largest commitment this Nation has ever seen. It is expensive, it is necessary, and it is time.

Over the past few months, I worked with my colleague, Representative ABERCROMBIE, and other Democrats and Republicans, with no members of leadership or special interests involved with us, but wrote a plan for American energy independence focusing on exploration, conservation and innovation to build this bridge to America's clean energy future. We introduced H.R. 2227, the American Conservation and Clean Energy Independence Act, which uses American resources to cut our dependence on foreign oil, clean up our air, land and water, dramatically improve energy efficiency and conservation, create millions of new jobs, fuel our economy, and do all this without raising taxes. I urge my colleagues to sign on as cosponsors of this bill.

GOOD NEWS REGARDING THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

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

Ms. SCHWARTZ. I rise today to share good news from my district about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The recovery act that Congress passed just 2 months ago is creating jobs and making smart investments.

On Monday of this week, I stood with Fox Chase Cancer Center officials in my district to announce a grant that will fund critical cancer research. Last

month, the Federal Aviation Administration provided \$1 million to Philadelphia's Northeast Airport. And along with Senator CASEY and Mayor Michael Nutter, I announced \$13.5 million in funding to be used to better enable the Philadelphia Police Department to fight crime in the city.

Most recently, a newspaper in my district, The Northeast Times, acknowledged that the Recovery and Reinvestment Act made "a significant addition" by giving homeowners a \$1,500 tax credit for making energy efficient home improvements. As a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, I worked to include this tax benefit.

It is good to know that enabling homeowners in my district to save energy and save money is happening today. These stories from my district show that the Democratic Recovery and Reinvestment Act is working. It is just the beginning of initiatives that we are taking with President Obama's leadership to put people back to work and invest in America's future.

FRANK BUCKLES AND THE DOUGHBOYS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, as we approach Memorial Day, we remember our military who served our Nation. And here is one of those. This is Frank Buckles, Jr. This was recently taken.

Frank Buckles just turned 108 years old. The reason I mention Frank Buckles is because he lied to get into the Army in World War I at 15. He served in Europe. In World War II, he spent 3 years in a prisoner-of-war camp in Japan. And, today, here he is, 108.

I mention him because he is the last doughboy of World War I. Of the 4.4 million that served, Frank Buckles is it.

We have monuments on our Mall for World War II, Korea and Vietnam. But, Madam Speaker, we have no monument for those that served in World War I. America never got around to it.

It is time America gets around to building a memorial for Frank Buckles and the 4.4 million that served, and the 116,000 that never came home from World War I.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE GADSDEN HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ROTC

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

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, I rise today for the purpose of honoring the Gadsden High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

On April 18, 2009, the Gadsden JROTC competed against 32 other teams from across the great State of New Mexico at Pedro Vista High School in Farmington, New Mexico. The competition