

I hope we do more to recognize these young men and women. I thank that family. May God bless them, and may God bless the United States of America.

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HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, the clock is ticking. Too many American families still don't have access to health care. We are at the goal line and we need to take the ball across the line on behalf of the American people. A step-by-step approach is not the answer, especially when families in my district face 14 percent unemployment and many are without health coverage.

In my home State of California, Anthem Blue Cross raised our premiums up to 39 percent. This must stop.

We must pass health care reform that ends discrimination based on pre-existing conditions; that makes health insurance affordable; that creates greater accountability on health insurance companies; that cuts the deficit by \$100 billion over the next 10 years; that allows doctors and patients, not insurance companies, to make important health care decisions; that does not break the bank for small businesses.

I urge my colleagues to stop partisan politics and deliver health care reform. We need it now and for generations to come.

FEDERAL LAND GRAB

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

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, where will it all end? First the EPA decides to regulate breathing, and now we learn that the Department of the Interior is planning a land grab that is so brazen that it is difficult to believe.

By misusing the Antiquities Act, the White House is planning to lock up more than 13 million acres of land in 11 Western States, including more than 2.5 million in Montana alone, much of which is privately owned. And they can do it without so much as one single public hearing or a vote in Congress.

Some of that land belongs to private citizens who have no idea that the Federal Government is planning to kick them off their ranches. If the government can do this to them, what can it do to you?

When policies like cap-and-trade, government-run health care, and establishment of new Federal lands are unpopular, you don't merely bypass Congress or change the rule to ram it through. Americans are sick of secret bureaucratic overreach and Washington, D.C., tricks.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, Monday marked the kickoff of Women's History Month, and in celebration, every day of this month the House will be opened by a woman Member. As co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues, I am honored to be a part of the largest number of women ever to serve in the House of Representatives. It is 76; still too few.

It is a testament to the women's rights movement that my female colleagues represent the full political spectrum, bringing a diversity of thoughts, ideas, and opinions to the House.

Women have made great strides in the last decade. Fifty years ago, high school and college students across the country were not given support for their sports activities; and yet last week, women of Team USA, our Olympiads, brought home 13 medals from Vancouver.

It was not long ago that girls were discouraged from obtaining a degree in higher education. Today, 57 percent of graduating undergraduates in this country are women; and according to the Center for American Women in Politics, the number of women serving in State legislatures has more than quintupled since 1971. And this is not just a trend in the United States. Women across the globe are breaking barriers.

We have a long way to go, but we need to celebrate how far we have come.

NO GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, as most people know, Warren Buffett was an early adviser to President Obama. Just this week, Buffett said the President should scrap the health care bill and start over. He noted the American people are not behind this bill. He said the goal is to lower cost. I completely agree with Mr. Buffett. The American people don't want a trillion dollar government takeover of health care. Also, people don't want to raise taxes, cut Medicare, and giveaways to Washington special interests.

We need to reduce costs by taking a few simple steps: one, medical malpractice reform; two, increase competition; three, sell insurance across State lines; four, expand health savings accounts. That is a prescription the American people will support.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, my mother, Nancy Kanchelian, was born in 1915

in Fresno, California, the same year the Ottoman Empire began its systematic killing and deportation of millions of her fellow Armenians and members of her own family.

A year ago this week, my mother passed away at the age of 93. And for her entire life on Earth, her country, the United States of America, refused to officially acknowledge what we know to be true. Our own Ambassador to Armenia at the time, Henry Morgenthau, informed the Secretary of State: ". . . excesses against peaceful Armenians is increasing, and it appears that a campaign of race extermination is in progress."

Mr. Speaker, the facts here are not in dispute. The one thing left to question is not whether the Armenian genocide took place but, rather, if we in this Chamber have the moral and political backbone to stand for truth. The House Foreign Affairs Committee will have the opportunity this week to pass H. Res. 252 and stand up for truth.

FEEDING NEW ORLEANS' SOUL

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

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Black History Month to recognize Ms. Leah Chase. Known as the "Queen of Creole Cuisine," Ms. Chase is a chef, a television host, a cultural ambassador, and the owner of the famous Louisiana landmark Dooky Chase restaurant. Dooky Chase is located in the historic Tremé neighborhood of New Orleans and was immortalized in the television show "Frank's Place." But, it was established as a spiritual, cultural, and historical landmark long before television producers came knocking.

During the 1960s, Dooky Chase was a meeting place for civil rights activists and NAACP members coming from all around the region. And during segregation, notable African American artists such as Ella Fitzgerald and Lena Horne dined there.

When Hurricane Katrina flooded the restaurant, forcing it to close its doors for the first time since 1941, Ms. Chase could have left, leaving behind all of the history and prominence of this historic spot. But she returned, rebuilt, and reopened to serve, nourish, and inspire the bodies and souls of future generations.

Today, I am proud to recognize Leah Chase for her unwavering commitment to the recovery of Orleans and Jefferson parishes.

ENERGY EDUCATION LOAN FORGIVENESS ACT

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

Mr. WILSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this week I introduced the Energy Education Loan Forgiveness Act, a bill to provide student loan forgiveness to