

liberalism and the agenda of this administration and this Congress. The American people said in deafening terms that they are tired of the borrowing and the spending and the bailouts and the takeovers and the tax increases of the recent past. They voted for change.

That's why it's so remarkable, Mr. Speaker, that this Congress is poised to allow one of the largest tax increases in American history to take effect in January of this year. A historic \$3.9 trillion tax increase could take effect, impacting every American, if Congress fails to act. The average tax increase will be more than \$1,500 per household. American families will see the marriage penalty reinstated, the child tax credit cut in half, and tax rates on investments and savings and inheritance will all increase.

It is absolutely imperative, if Congress accomplishes nothing else in this lame duck, that we take immediate action to make permanent all of the current tax rates. And let's be clear, this is not a debate over tax cuts. If the tax rates are not preserved permanently, it will result in one of the largest tax increases in history.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting legislation that we will introduce today to make those rates permanent.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would ask all Members to heed to the gavel, please.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF LANCE CORPORAL IRVIN CENICEROS

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of America's bravest, Lance Corporal Irvin Ceniceros of Clarksville, Arkansas, who was taken from us while supporting combat missions in Afghanistan.

After graduating high school in 2007, Lance Corporal Ceniceros enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Family members say it was the strength and character of the Marines that drew him to serve with the Corps, and his friends and comrades say he was a great machine gunner.

Lance Corporal Ceniceros served with the Marines all across the globe, and less than 2 weeks after arriving in Afghanistan, at the age of 21, he made the ultimate sacrifice for our great Nation.

My prayers and the prayers of the people of Arkansas are with the Ceniceros family. I humbly offer my thanks to Lance Corporal Irvin Ceniceros, a true American hero, for his selfless service to the security and well-being of all Americans.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, ON ITS 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1475) congratulates the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1475

Whereas, in 1759, Joseph Howell deeded 150 acres of land along the Tar River to establish a town;

Whereas the first town commissioners Reverend James Moir, Aquila Suggs, Lawrence Toole, Elisha Battle, and Benjamin Hart laid out a town that included 121 half-acre lots surrounded by 50 acres of town common;

Whereas the North Carolina General Assembly on November 30, 1760, approved the charter of a town called Tarboro along the banks of the Tar River;

Whereas Tarboro is the 11th oldest colonial town in North Carolina;

Whereas Tarboro has the only town common outside of Boston originally chartered with the town;

Whereas President George Washington slept in Tarboro during a visit on his southern tour in 1791;

Whereas Tarboro was home to former United States Congressman George Henry White who was elected to the Congress in 1896 and 1898, and was the last African-American to serve in Congress until World War II;

Whereas Tarboro was home to Henry Lawson Wyatt, the first North Carolina soldier to die in the Civil War;

Whereas Tarboro was home to former Congressman Lawrence H. (L.H.) Fountain who served North Carolina's Second Congressional District from 1953 to 1983;

Whereas Tarboro was home to General Henry "Hugh" Shelton who served in the United States Army and served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1997 to 2001;

Whereas Tarboro is home to a 45-block historic district which was created in 1977 by the National Park Service;

Whereas the historic district boasts over 300 structures, from the residential dwellings to historic churches to original 19th century storefronts along Tarboro's Main Street;

Whereas the vibrant downtown is listed on the National Register of Historic Places;

Whereas Tarboro is known for its rich history, low crime rate, and high quality of life;

Whereas Tarboro offers extensive recreation opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors;

Whereas Tarboro is home to the Edgecombe County Veterans' Military Museum, the Tar River Paddle Trail, and the North Carolina Civil War Trail, and is a part of the Historic Albemarle Trail;

Whereas, in 1999, Tarboro was devastated by the flooding from Hurricane Floyd;

Whereas through hard work and unity, Tarboro was able to fully recover from the event to become an even stronger community; and

Whereas Tarboro today is home to approximately 11,000 residents and is known for its diversity and viable industrial base: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. BILBRAY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia?

There was no objection.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I now yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to present H. Res. 1475 for consideration. This measure congratulates the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on its 250th anniversary.

H. Res. 1475 was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from North Carolina, Representative G.K. BUTTERFIELD, on June 24, 2010. The measure was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered it reported favorably by unanimous consent on July 15, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of over 50 Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, the North Carolina General Assembly approved the Tarboro town charter 250 years ago this month, November 30, 1760. It is one of the oldest colonial towns in the State. Its downtown is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and it has the only town common outside of Boston to be originally chartered with the town.

It was home to such notable figures as former United States Congressman George Henry White, who was elected to the Congress in 1896 and 1898. He was the last African American to serve in Congress until World War II.

Tarboro is also the home of General Hugh Shelton, who served in the United States Army and served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1997 to 2001.

Mr. Speaker, let us join together in congratulating the town of Tarboro on reaching this historic milestone. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1475.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.