

Act would enhance our economic security; it would enhance our national security; and it would help create over 1 million jobs here in America.

I call on the leadership of this House to bring this legislation to a vote, and I call on all of my colleagues to support it.

#### JOHN 3:16 MINISTRIES

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on the important role that John 3:16 Ministries plays in the lives of recovering addicts in the First District of Arkansas, which I am privileged to represent.

John 3:16 Ministries is a nonprofit, faith-based recovery center, located in Cord, Arkansas, which offers men an opportunity to overcome their addictions through faith and service to others. This organization was founded by Bryan and Beverly Tuggle, who were inspired to open a spiritual boot camp for addicts after Bryan sought help for his own addictions years earlier at the New Beginnings Ministry.

John 3:16 Ministries took its first resident on May 5, 2003, and it has been helping men who struggle with addiction ever since. Residents receive lodging, are taught skills to help them become more productive citizens in their communities, and are encouraged to enroll in classes offered through the local community college. Most importantly, residents of John 3:16 Ministries are given an opportunity to heal physically and spiritually.

Unlike most recovery centers, John 3:16 Ministries offers these services free of charge and is funded by donations only from local churches, businesses, and individuals. When asked about the cost of the services that John 3:16 Ministries provides, Bryan always has the same response: Jesus Christ has paid the cost in full.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuggle provide an incredible service, and I am honored to serve such selfless constituents in the First District of Arkansas.

#### GREAT LAKES RESTORATION

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, the Great Lakes are one of America's most overlooked and underappreciated resources. They are the largest source of surface freshwater in the world, providing more than 30 million people with drinking water and supporting a multibillion dollar boating, shipping, fishing, and recreation economy. The Great Lakes fishery alone generates \$7 billion in economic activity and directly supports 75,000 jobs.

Yet the lakes are threatened by toxic algal blooms that are fueled by agriculture runoff, sewer overflows, and other pollution. Lake Erie, in par-

ticular, as the shallowest of the lakes, is exceptionally vulnerable to excess nutrients and phosphorus.

According to a recent report by the National Wildlife Federation, this summer, Lake Erie saw the most severe algal blooms since the 1960s. Madam Speaker, the Brookings Institution reports that every dollar invested in Great Lakes restoration results in a \$2 return in the form of increased fishing, tourism, and home values.

This program is cost-effective, and I urge Congress to reject cuts to Great Lakes restoration.

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#### TRIBUTE TO RAY REID

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

Mr. WOMACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Arkansas' "fifth Congressman," Colonel (Retired) Raymond T. Reid, who passed away last weekend at the age of 90.

Ray Reid had an amazing love for his country. At the outbreak of World War II, he left school to join the Army and over the ensuing 31 years, faithfully served his Nation in uniform. His record of service placed him among our Nation's most unique: a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

And, Madam Speaker, as if his distinguished military service was not enough, Ray Reid came to Capitol Hill and served a quarter-century on the staffs of John Paul Hammerschmidt, Tim Hutchinson, and Asa Hutchinson, where, upon his retirement, he earned the nickname of Arkansas' "fifth Congressman."

Ray Reid was an institution. He enjoyed a long and adventurous life. Married to his sweetheart, Jean, for 51 years, he was the father of four, grandfather of six, and great-grandfather of two.

I am honored to acknowledge the dedicated service of this great American hero.

#### OPPOSITION TO THE KOREA, COLOMBIA, AND PANAMA TRADE AGREEMENTS

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

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the need to keep good-paying jobs in America. I voted "no" on the trade agreements passed in this House last night, but in that same vote I voted "yes" for American jobs, I voted "yes" for jobs on American soil, I voted "yes" for human rights and "yes" for labor protections.

The trade agreements will cost us jobs at a time when we should be investing in America, and they will lead to further decline of the middle class.

These agreements are toxic for Ohioans who work in manufacturing and other sectors.

The U.S.-Korea trade agreement alone will cost almost 160,000 jobs in this country in the first 7 years. Stand with me for the middle class and against shipping jobs overseas.

#### MESSAGE FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: BACK OFF

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, when I meet with businesses across southeast Texas, their message for the Federal Government is clear. Back off.

Over 14 million Americans are unemployed because companies are not hiring. Companies are not hiring because of the uncertainty in the economy.

The Federal Government redtape, high taxes, and unnecessary regulations are crippling job creators and adding to the uncertainty. America has become an unfriendly place to do business, so businesses are either not hiring or they move out of the country.

The Judiciary Committee will soon vote on the REINS Act. I support this bill because it says that Congress must approve every major rule proposed by the executive branch before it could be imposed on the American people and the American companies.

So the EPA's dust regulation, among several, would be no more. It is the responsibility of Congress to rein in the administration's runaway regulators. That is how we get America back to work.

The Federal Government cannot create jobs, but its self-inflicted overregulation is destroying jobs. It's time to end the out-of-control Federal regulation terror on American businesses.

And that's just the way it is.

#### URGING ACTION ON JOBS LEGISLATION

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

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, 2 days ago the United States Senate, the Republicans in the United States Senate, unanimously decided to not bring for consideration the jobs bill. I don't understand the workings of the United States Senate, and I don't understand the logic behind that decision, but I do understand why on a good day the approval ratings of the United States Congress are 12 percent.

Maybe the bill wasn't perfect. The only justification for not bringing the jobs bill today is because you've got a better bill.

So I ask the Senate and I ask the leadership of this House, there are 14 million Americans who today need a job; so if the bill's not perfect, that's fine; let's make it good. But let's do it today.