

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1151

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 1151.

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

There was no objection.

STEVE, THIS SONG IS FOR YOU

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

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Congressman STEVE ISRAEL and his beloved New York Mets after they defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers last week—and I will have no interest in extending my remarks. I lost a bet with Congressman ISRAEL.

So now, Steve, this song is for you:

Meet the Mets,
Meet the Mets,
Step right up and greet the Mets.
Bring your kiddies,
Bring your wife,
Guaranteed to have the time of your life;
Because the Mets are really sockin' the ball,
Knocking those home runs over the wall.
East side, west side, everybody's coming
down,
To meet the M-E-T-S, Mets of New York
town.

Mr. Speaker, please tell me my time has expired.

I don't want to give the impression I am not happy for the Mets. I am, really. I say: Thank God the Mets are going to the World Series—and not the Yankees.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TOTI
MENDEZ

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

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in remembrance of Ramiro "Toti" Mendez, who tragically passed away 15 years ago.

Toti was an accomplished baseball player. While at Westminster Christian School in 1998, he was the Miami-Dade County Player of the Year. He was sitting out the season as a medical red-shirt at Florida International University when he suddenly and heartbreakingly passed away from viral cardiomyopathy, which is an inflammatory disease of the heart muscle. It was a tragedy that came so unexpectedly for family and friends, including me. Toti was just 20 years old, with a bright future ahead of him.

New developments in the diagnosis and treatment of patients suspected of having this condition are starting to be utilized, but the early detection of cardiac issues is imperative to saving lives.

Earlier this week, I had the honor of participating in the dedication of the Toti Mendez Cardiopulmonary Diag-

nostic Suite at Florida International University. This facility will give medical students an opportunity to enhance the art of auscultation, allowing for cardiac abnormalities to be detected sooner. I am proud that FIU is honoring Toti's legacy with the opening of this important facility.

I also want to recognize the work of Toti's mother, Maruchi Mendez, to bring awareness to this very important issue through the establishment of a scholarship fund and a foundation in honor of her son, who was beloved by every single person who knew him.

HEAD START'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of our Nation's flagship program for young children: Head Start. October is National Head Start Awareness Month, and 2015 marks 50 years since the program's founding.

President Lyndon Johnson said Head Start would open up "a new war front on poverty . . . to make certain that poverty's children would not be forevermore poverty's captives."

I have the honor of counting the father of Head Start, Edward Zigler, among my constituents. When Professor Zigler recently went for surgery at the Yale-New Haven Hospital, he discovered that his anesthetist, Dr. John Paul Kim, was a Head Start alumnus. Dr. Kim credited his success in life directly to Head Start, and he is not alone.

Research proves that Head Start graduates are less likely to be held back a grade or to get into trouble with the law and are more likely to go on to college and professional careers.

But our work is not yet done. Head Start currently only has the resources to reach 4 in 10 eligible students. If we are serious about helping children thrive, we must meet this demand.

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PINE KNOB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the achievements of a school in my district, Pine Knob Elementary School, in Clarkston, Michigan.

For generations, Americans have held on to the longstanding belief that their children's future should be better than their own, and the key to a brighter future starts with the best education possible.

Pine Knob Elementary School embraces that vision by setting their students on a path to success early on in the educational experience. Teachers and faculty are focused on emphasizing

personal growth in addition to excelling in numerous areas. They encourage students to think outside the box and be kind to one another all along through the process.

Their mentorship goes beyond the classroom where teachers assist with a variety of clubs and activities that their students participate in after school. In addition to student council or the broadcast news, kids can join a computer coding club where they can learn to write programs. It is popular choice among students today and, obviously, a highly sought-after skill in today's workforce.

Above all, these students love learning. The results are in the 96 percent attendance rate their school has held for several years.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to see Pine Knob Elementary School become one of the 335 schools in the country to earn a Blue Ribbon Award this year, a highly regarded symbol of excellence.

I applaud their effort, and I wish their school many more years of success.

WEEK IN REVIEW

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, some of the good news this week is my introduction, with 16 original cosponsors, of H. Res. 489, congratulating Texas Southern University for 88 years. TSU is celebrating their 88 years at their homecoming this weekend.

TSU is a school that has graduated not only Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland, but tens upon tens of great NFL football players. Tonight we will honor TSU. I pay tribute to Texas Southern University by introducing H. Res. 489.

Unfortunately, there are some bad things that have happened. Let me cite H.R. 3762, the Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act, that cuts \$278.2 billion in discretionary funding that would help many of our children and education and the environment and health care and, as well, providing, if you will, the cuts in the Affordable Care Act. I like the idea of the Cadillac tax provision, but that is not the basis of the bill. H.R. 3762 is a bad bill.

Then, of course, there were 11 hours of testimony. What did we find in the Benghazi hearing? We found that Secretary Clinton could, in fact, present the facts to the American people and be transparent as we knew; but we found no new facts, no smoking gun. It is time to end the Benghazi hearings and committee.

OBAMACARE AND RECONCILIATION

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, after 2 years, the full impact of ObamaCare on