

As we know, the Affordable Care Act has provided health security to nearly 18 million previously uninsured Americans since enacted in 2010. Nearly 9.9 million Americans have enrolled in the health insurance marketplaces, with millions more enrolled in expanded Medicaid programs, including an estimated 2.3 million in California alone.

In addition to repealing the ACA Medicaid coverage expansion, this bill eliminates ACA tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies for households with modest incomes. This poorly conceived bill terminates ACA tax credits available to small businesses, and undermines important community-based programs in the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Overall, the Congressional Budget Office estimates this bill will take affordable health coverage away from 22 million Americans after 2017, without providing a workable alternative to help Americans secure health care coverage.

Additionally, the reconciliation package puts women's health at risk by defunding Planned Parenthood, a provider serving millions of men and women throughout the country, and in some cases serves as the only provider within a given community. Planned Parenthood offers preventive services to millions of women, such as screenings for cancer and sexually transmitted infections, and family planning services.

Mr. Speaker, this ill-conceived reconciliation bill increases the number of uninsured Americans and puts women's health at risk. I strongly oppose this measure that will harm my constituents and prevent millions of Americans from accessing affordable health care.

113TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 113th anniversary of Korean American Day, which commemorates the start of Korean immigration to the United States.

On January 13, 1903, 102 brave souls set course from Korea and landed in Honolulu, Hawaii. Since then, the Korean American community has been a vital part of our country, serving with distinction in the Armed Forces during times of war as well as contributing in every field from science and medicine to entrepreneurship and the arts.

As their numbers have grown over the years, Korean Americans have become involved in local communities, organizations and politics. Our long-lasting and continued partnership has been and continues to be an extremely important one in today's world.

We continue to recognize the crucial role Korean Americans play in maintaining the strength and vitality of the partnership between our two countries and I congratulate and join in with the Korean American community today in celebrating this time-honored tradition and look forward to seeing the continued success of this vibrant community in our country.

TRIBUTE TO MARYANN SHERMAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose commitment to the Corona, California community is truly exceptional. Next week, on January 21, 2016, Maryann Sherman will be honored as the 2015 Citizen of the Year by the Corona Chamber of Commerce. Maryann has dedicated herself to the Corona community.

Maryann Sherman has been a pillar of the Corona, California community since 1966. She initially worked in her father's music store on Main Street, while she was an active parishioner and teacher at her church, St. Edwards Parish. Maryann later became employed with the Corona Norco Unified School District in the 1980s, and has recently retired as the Librarian at Jefferson Elementary School.

During her time as Librarian at Jefferson Elementary, Maryann developed ways to help engage and give back to the school community. She helped coordinate funding and programming for parents on how to use the computers, applications and a variety of other programs. Additionally, she always looked for ways to assist less fortunate students through finding resources for them. Maryann also helped serve her community while working as a Corona Public Library Trustee. She utilized the library's resources to help promote literacy to community individuals who may have not had the opportunity otherwise. Her commitment to giving back to the community has followed her from Jefferson Elementary to her new project, heading a fruit and vegetable program for the needy in our city twice a month.

Maryann is also dedicated to her family. She has been married to her husband, Tom, for 43 years. Together they have two children, Colonel Thomas Sherman and a daughter, Nancy Sherman. Maryann is a devoted mother and was very active in both of her children's school Parent Teacher Organizations. It was this involvement that helped lead her to working full time with the Corona Norco Unified School District.

Maryann's tireless passion for her family, community service and giving back has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California. I am proud to call Maryann a friend, fellow community member and great American. Today, I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Maryann achieving the Citizen of the Year award.

TRIBUTE TO KAY MOCHA

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Kay Mocha of Missouri Valley, Iowa, on her retirement as the Director of the Pottawattamie County Planning and Development Department. Kay has served in that capacity for over 30 years.

During her tenure Kay has seen a number of changes in the Planning and Development

Department. Since she was appointed in 1984 the office has grown into a full service planning and development department that focuses on floodplain management, onsite wastewater treatment and disposal, private water wells, and the county's waste transfer station. Kay has served with 22 different county board members during her years of service.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Kay on her retirement and for her many years of dedicated and devoted service to the citizens of Pottawattamie County. It is because of Iowans like Kay that I am proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Kay and in wishing her and her family the very best moving forward.

HONORING MAE DUKE

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mae Duke, who is being recognized by the Century Village Democratic Club for her distinguished service to the West Palm Beach community.

As part of the "greatest generation," Mae's life embodied the American dream. Mae is a first generation Jewish immigrant raised on Coney Island, New York and overcame numerous obstacles to complete her education and work as a laboratory technician. Mae married Sam Duke, a New York City Police officer, in 1947, and together they raised four children in Brooklyn.

Since her youth, Mae has believed in the importance of public service, civic duty, and participation in democracy. After her four children enrolled in public school, Mae ran for the local school board. Later, she and her husband started a youth league at their local synagogue. Today at age 89, Mae lives in West Palm Beach where she is admired by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is still active with local community groups and is the President of the Century Village Club.

Wherever her life has taken her, Mae Duke has selflessly volunteered her time and efforts to better her community. I am pleased to join in honoring Ms. Duke for her enriching, lifelong community service.

BAYLOR'S 2015 SEASON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Baylor Bears football team entered into this season with lofty expectations to go along with a pre-season top-5 ranking in the polls. The coach, the players, and the fans all expected the Bears to vie for a national championship or a berth in the College Football Playoff. However, it wasn't meant to be. Despite an 8-0 start, the Bears went on to drop 3 of their remaining 5 games, finishing with a record of 10-3.

At the start of the season, a 10-win season would have been a huge disappointment for

the Bears. But given what happened in the last couple of months, 10 wins ain't so bad.

With an 8-0 record, one of the best of fenses in recent memory, and perhaps the nation's best quarterback-receiver tandem, this team was looking more and more like a shoo-in for the Playoffs. But, that 8th win came with a price. Baylor's quarterback, Seth Russell, left the game in the third quarter with what appeared to be a strained back. As it turned out, Russell broke a bone in his neck, and would soon be ruled out for the rest of the season. The team now had to turn to a true freshman quarterback in Jarrett Stidham. Stidham—though a highly touted prospect with loads of talent—was still only a teenager and had never played in a meaningful college football game in his young career. His first start came on the road against Kansas State. Stidham would go on to have one of the best performances by a true freshman quarterback in NCAA history, going 23-33 for 419 yards and 3 touchdowns. As a reward for that performance, Stidham got to play top-10 Oklahoma the following week.

In his second career start, Stidham wasn't nearly as fortunate as he was in his first. He threw two interceptions in the game and was punished by the Sooners defense, often seen limping. Baylor would go on to lose on their home turf, 44-34. The season could still be salvaged, especially with a trip to Oklahoma State coming up, ranked sixth in the nation. Stidham was only able to play a half as he left the game in the third quarter, but the Bears would wind up with a win on the road against the undefeated Cowboys, obliterating them 45-35, though the game was never as close as the final score indicated.

After leaving the Oklahoma State game early with an injury, Stidham was soon also ruled out for the rest of the season, meaning the Bears would have to turn to third-string quarterback, Chris Johnson, for the remainder of the season. Given how he played in relief of Stidham against Oklahoma State, the Bears felt pretty confident in Johnson's abilities. But in Johnson's first career start on the road against an equally battered and bruised TCU, he faced an additional opponent—the weather. Near freezing temperatures coupled with non-stop rain and gale-force winds messed up with both offenses, as the typically high-scoring Baylor Bears and TCU Horned Frogs were held to just 14 points each through 4 quarters. TCU would end up pulling off the win in double overtime, 28-21.

In the regular season finale, Baylor played an old rival at home, the Texas Longhorns. After Johnson, Baylor's third-string—and only remaining—quarterback left the game in the first quarter, Baylor was forced to play the remaining game with a receiver at quarterback, almost solely running the football. Baylor went on to lose that game 23-17, though it wasn't for a lack of effort. After falling behind 20-0 in the third quarter, the Bears came storming back with 17 unanswered points. After a Texas field goal made the score 23-17, Baylor would get the ball back with a chance to win the game in the closing minutes, though not having the ability to throw the ball competently made this prospect all the more daunting. After a failed Hail Mary attempt in the closing seconds—which was thrown by the team's third-string running back—the Bears fell to the Longhorns 23-17.

There they were, sitting at 9-3, after coming into the season hoping for a 12-0 record and

a berth in the College Football Playoffs. As disappointing as 9-3 might have seemed, the team and its fans had to be proud of the way this team overcame the many obstacles put in front of it. Coach Briles and his team never gave up, despite all of their setbacks.

Riddled with injuries, the Bears were now looking forward to playing the top-10 ranked, 11-2 North Carolina Tar Heels in the Russell Athletic Bowl, fresh off a close loss to number 1 ranked Clemson in the ACC championship game. About a week before kickoff, the Bears learned that not only would they be without their first- and second-string quarterbacks, but that they would also be without their first-string running back and their best receiver, Bilitnekoff winner and NFL-bound Corey Coleman. Nobody in the world of college football would have batted an eye if the Bears lost, as they were expected to. But, much to the chagrin of the number 10 team in the land, the Bears tossed out the script and wrote their own version of the game.

The Bears put together one of the best performances of the season, amassing a record-breaking 645 rushing yards against a previously stout defense. The Bears, known for their prolific pass offense, only threw for 111 yards. But with the way the team was running the ball they didn't need to throw it. The Tar Heels were no match for Baylor's quick running backs and powerful offensive line. The Bears' physicality and Coach Art Briles' ability to adapt to ever-changing circumstances led to the team's 49-38 victory in the Russell Athletic Bowl, but once again the game was never as close as the final score indicated. With the win, the Bears finished the season at 10-3, their third-straight 10-win season and fourth in the past five years. This is a far cry from where the program was 10 years ago.

Though the Bears came into the season with national title hopes, this team should be proud of what it accomplished. Given the hand it was dealt, nobody would have blamed the Bears if they finished at 8-4 or 8-5. But this team pushed through the pain and battled, defeating two top-10 teams in their last four games of the season, despite missing several of its best players.

I'd like to congratulate the Baylor Bears for their successful 2015 season and exhilarating win over the number 10 North Carolina Tar Heels in the 2015 Russell Athletic Bowl. They made the state of Texas proud. I look forward to watching the team play next season. If the Bears got the injury curse out of the way in 2015, then watch out. I'm not a betting man, but if I were, I wouldn't bet against a healthy Bears squad in 2016.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO CHAD CARLSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chad Carlson, Bondurant-Farrar Middle School Principal, on his recent award as Administrator of the Year from the Iowa Association of Student Councils. Chad has been a dedicated public servant helping to educate the future of Iowa—its students.

Chad was nominated for this award by the Bondurant-Farrar Middle School student council. Students cited his ability to integrate a number of programs to help the students: anti-bullying awareness, welcoming efforts for new students, and assisting with educational student travel to Washington, D.C. Through Chad's leadership, students were able to represent Iowa at the Leadership Excellence and Development Conference in the nation's Capital.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent dedicated public servants like Chad in the United States Congress. It is Iowans like Chad that make me proud to represent our great state. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Chad on receiving this prestigious award, and wishing him and his students nothing but continued success in the years to come.

HONORING CHRISTENE CHADWICK MOSS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Christene Chadwick Moss for her 25 years of service to the students and schools of Fort Worth as a member of the Fort Worth ISD Board of Education.

Mrs. Moss is a product of the Fort Worth Independent School District, having attended Como Elementary School and graduated from Como High School. She continued her education at Tarrant County College, earning an ADA degree before going on to earn her Bachelor of Science at Texas Wesleyan University and a Master's degree from Texas Women's University.

First elected to the Fort Worth ISD Board of Education in 1990, Mrs. Moss's leadership has been critical to the continued success of Fort Worth's schools and students. Long committed to improving community and student input, she created the first FWISD Community and Student Forums in 1994 and 1995.

Additionally, Mrs. Moss was able to balance budget priorities while reinstating art and music into primary school curriculum as well as establishing Fort Worth ISD's first strategic performance plan with high standards and accountability measures.

The Fort Worth community has long recognized Mrs. Moss's contributions to the area's students. C.C. Moss Elementary School was named in her honor and the Salvation Army named its children's library in her honor to commemorate her assistance in establishing a facility for homeless students.

Along with her commitment to education, Mrs. Moss is an active member of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, singing in the church choir and participating in their health ministry. She serves on the Executive Manager's Board, Usher Board, the Nurses' Guild and is president of the Vision of Women Ministry.

As a registered nurse by training and vocation, Mrs. Moss currently works with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. She has also served as an adjunct professor of financial management at Tarrant County College.