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RECOGNIZING EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to recognize Eisenhower High School in my hometown of Rialto on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. This Saturday, October the 17th, the Rialto community will celebrate this important milestone.

Eisenhower first opened its doors in the fall of 1959, and since then has achieved great success in academics, athletics and community involvement. Eisenhower athletic teams have consistently won titles in a wide range of sports, including football, basketball, wrestling and swimming. In fact, this past winter the Eisenhower boys' basketball team won the California Interscholastic Federation's State title, marking the first time ever a school from San Bernardino County held the State title.

Eisenhower's impressive list of alumni include NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott, baseball star Jeff Conine, golfer Brandi Burton, and Olympic speed skating gold medalist Derek Parra. In addition, my two sons, Joe Baca, Jr., former State Assemblyman and now Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Rialto, and Jeremy Baca, who has done an outstanding job in work in the Inland Empire area, have also graduated from Eisenhower High School.

For their outstanding academics, Eisenhower High has been recognized both as a National Blue Ribbon School and a California Distinguished School.

I thank all the students, teachers and parents who have contributed so much to Eisenhower High and the Inland Empire community these past 50 years.

SCRAP H.R. 3200

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, as a physician and a father and a Member of Congress, I join the majority of Americans that do not want the government takeover of our health care system. They are demanding Congress scrap H.R. 3200 and come together in a bipartisan fashion to craft a commonsense plan to reduce costs, expand access and increase the quality of care in a way that America can afford.

We need to create a health care plan that will ensure that the government does not interfere with the doctor-patient relationship, ensure that the government does not deny care on the basis of disease or years of life left, ensure that government does not break the bank at a time when America simply cannot afford it, ensure that if you lose or change your job, you and your

family would continue have to access to affordable health care coverage, ensure that if you have a preexisting condition you will not be denied access to coverage, and, finally, ensure that any medical liability reform will be real and meaningful.

I challenge my colleagues to put principle above politics and represent the will of the American people when it comes to health care reform.

GIVING PEACE OF MIND AND HEALTH SECURITY

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with my colleagues a letter I recently received from a constituent in Niles, Illinois. He writes:

"As one of your constituents, I urge you to move forward and pass comprehensive health reform, including a public option. I have been self-employed for 18 years. My continued ability to afford medical insurance and health care has been my biggest concern. Without a public option, those of us who do not have an employer-provided medical insurance are at the mercy the insurance industry. As an example, six years ago when I turned 55, my medical insurance premium increased 33 percent in 7 months. Each year I wonder if I will have to give up my business, because I will no longer be able to afford medical insurance on my own."

We need to pass comprehensive reform this year to give my constituent and other self-employed individuals peace of mind and health security.

TESTIMONIAL ON SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOUNDATION AND BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. BROWN of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I stand as a proud cosponsor of a resolution honoring Nancy Goodman Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. This October marks the 25th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the 27th anniversary of Komen for the Cure.

In the Palmetto State, breast cancer occurs in over 5,000 women a year and kills over 1,000, but according to the American Cancer Society, these numbers have been falling since the 1990s. However, there is always more to be done, and we can all get involved in promoting breast cancer awareness.

This Sunday is the 16th Annual Komen Lowcountry Race for the Cure in Charleston and I congratulate our local affiliate staff, Lindsay Wiltshire, Michelle Temple, Lucy Spears, Taffy Tamblyn and Patricia Simon for their hard work organizing this event. Their efforts bring us all closer to the ulti-

mate goal of a world without breast cancer. We are very proud of them and all of their efforts in the First Congressional District.

EDUCATION KEY TO REBUILDING ECONOMY

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

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, as we continue working to strengthen our economy and put Americans back to work, it is important to note that our economy has stabilized a great deal since the economic collapse a year ago. But there is still much more work to be done.

Because of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, an estimated 8,500 teaching jobs have been saved in my home State of Missouri alone. Without the Recovery Act, thousands of teachers would have lost their jobs. Hundreds of thousands of students would be losing out on individual attention vital to their education. It was the right thing to do to provide States with the resources to keep America's teachers teaching and continue investing in our children's education.

This stimulus is putting us on the road to recovery by putting money back in the pockets of middle-class Americans and making critical investments in our future, like education and preparing for today's clean energy jobs.

We must continue our aggressive push to put Americans back to work and make investments in ourselves for this new era of global competition. Rebuilding our economy must continue to be our top priority.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to ask a simple question: Where are the jobs?

When Congress was asked to rubber stamp the President's trillion dollar stimulus proposal last February, we were told that legislation was the only way to keep the national unemployment rate from rising above 8 percent and that it would create jobs. Unfortunately, as we all know, this so-called stimulus bill has failed to do either of these things.

Nearly 3 million people in the private sector have lost jobs in America since the stimulus bill was signed into law. And the national unemployment rate? 9.8 percent and climbing, the highest level in 26 years. Moreover, 15.1 million people who are unemployed are looking for work, again the largest number in history, and it includes my son, who is celebrating his 38th birthday today standing in the unemployment line.

Happy birthday, Billy.

In my home State of Georgia, my State has lost 116,000 jobs since the

stimulus was signed. I ask again, Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs?

BRINGING DOWN HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, a lot of us have gotten a good chuckle over the last few days over the PricewaterhouseCoopers study of the impact of the Senate Finance Committee health reform bill on health insurance premiums. I mean, after all, after only a few days, they had to come out and say, well, we really didn't analyze the whole bill, and in fact if some of the cost reform measures were put into place, we would save money.

But they missed the important point. The most important point is that the Senate Finance Committee bill doesn't include the public option that provides real competition for America's health insurance companies. The House bill, H.R. 3200, does include that public option competitive force.

As I was home over the weekend, I talked to many people who just opened their renewal forms from their insurance companies and saw increases projected of 20, 25 and 30 percent. That is why the public option is so important.

We can bring down health insurance costs and we can provide competitive pressure on the health insurance companies if we adopt the public option in the House bill.

MEDIA GIVING PRESIDENT A FREE PASS

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, unemployment under President Obama is at a 26 year high. The last time unemployment was this high was when President Reagan took office.

Despite the similar unemployment figures during the Obama and Reagan Administrations, the media have treated President Obama far more favorably than they treated President Reagan, according to an analysis by the Business and Media Institute. BMI found that 91 percent of the stories mentioning the Reagan Administration and unemployment were negative, while only 7 percent of the Obama administration stories were negative. That is absolutely astounding. Furthermore, the networks connected the Reagan White House to negative job numbers almost twice as often as they have the Obama administration.

Why is the media giving President Obama a free pass? The media should report the facts, not play favorites.

PASS COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday, America's Health Insurance Plans, the trade group representing the largest health insurance companies in this country, released a report. The insurance companies contend that health insurance reform will raise premiums on families by as much as \$4,000 in the next 10 years.

I am here to tell you this morning, Mr. Speaker, that this is simply not true. Just last week, the Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan tax research group, released a report that said middle-class American families will see a savings of about \$1,900 from the House's health reform bill.

Insurance companies are worried that health insurance reform is going to cut into their profits. This report is a last-ditch effort to stop this Congress from providing real relief to the millions of Americans who already are struggling with the high cost of health insurance.

Even the company hired to produce the report has issued a statement saying that they produced a skewed report that analyzes only part of the bill because that is what the insurance industry paid them to do. That company has since distanced itself from this report.

This report completely ignores critical policies that hold down the cost of health insurance, such as the grandfather policy that allows you to keep the plan you have, affordability credits, and the health insurance exchange.

PROVIDING MORE FREEDOM AND BETTER HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICANS

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I respect the President of the United States of America. I pray for this President often in my private devotions. But after months of extraordinary public opposition to a government takeover of health care, opposition that spontaneously drew more than 1 million people to the West Front of this Capitol just one month ago, President Obama spoke words this weekend that were, frankly, hard to take.

He said in his radio address, "What is remarkable is not that we have had a spirited debate about health insurance reform, but the unprecedented consensus that has come together behind it."

Unprecedented consensus that has come together behind a government takeover of health care? Well, maybe here in Washington, D.C., but not across America.

There is an unprecedented consensus. The American people are fed up with runaway Federal spending and government takeovers. And now that the committee work is done and both chambers of the House and Senate are

headed to the back rooms to write up health care reform, let's home and let's pray that the unprecedented consensus that will shape this bill will be based upon the consensus of the American people for more freedom and lower health care costs, and not the consensus in Washington for more government and higher taxes.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY

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

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today just weeks before Halloween to unmask the health insurance industry. At long last they've revealed themselves to the American people as profit-mongers and protectors of CEO salaries.

For months, the industry engaged in a game of pretense. They danced with the President, the Congress and the American people, pretending that they care about reform. Now we see the industry and their lobbyists for what they are: a little shop of horrors. They're so opposed to reform that they're making up their own data, manipulating the results, and writing a so-called independent report to threaten the American people with increased premiums.

Mr. Speaker, this industry is not interested in health care or reform. For them it's profits, profits, and more profits at the expense of millions of Americans. Enough.

We have one message for the insurance industry, its lobbyists and millionaire CEOs: with or without you, we will achieve quality, affordable, and accessible health care for all Americans, with choice. What they've done is proved the need for a robust public health insurance option for real competition, affordability and accountability for the industry.

Let me close by thanking the health insurance industry for delivering this gift that proves that they can't be trusted. It's time for the industry to turn in their costumes. Happy Halloween. We're on to you.

HONORING THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 81ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues this morning in honoring the members of the Army National Guard 81st Brigade Combat Team and Air National Guard of the State of Washington on the completion of their recent deployment to Iraq.