

Over the 25 years, he hasn't changed. As a matter of fact, he has become international. I'm so proud that in our State we nominated him for President in one of his runs. Obviously, now the connection is clear—from Jackson to Obama. Rev. Jackson, we owe you this victory that we celebrate today.

GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE

(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 oppose a government takeover of our Nation's health care system, like the one the House passed late in the night on Saturday, November 7. The Democratic legislation—a 1,990-page, \$1 trillion bill—will raise taxes, it will increase our national debt, and, worse, it will put government bureaucrats between patients and doctors.

I agree it's important to reform our health care system, Mr. Speaker, but this is not the way to do it. I've spent the last 10 months trying to share my perspective as a physician for over 30 years with my colleagues. This legislation that the Democrats put on the floor of the House proves that the Speaker doesn't care what practicing physicians or indeed the American public think.

This legislation is the wrong direction for America, and it is a death knell for quality care for American patients, and I'm disappointed in my colleagues who voted to pass that measure.

Mr. Speaker, I reject any government takeover of our Nation's health care system.

REV. JESSE JACKSON: A GOOD SAMARITAN

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

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I am privileged to join my colleagues this morning to celebrate a man who I call a Good Samaritan—who battled for the impoverished, those without voices, those who cannot speak for themselves. Rev. Jesse Jackson, who is with us here today, is a man of all seasons. He rescues, he discovers, he challenges. And there is no doubt in my mind that as Martin Luther King rests in peace, he is proud of Rev. Jesse Jackson. Jesse is the reason that we now can celebrate the election of President Barack Obama. But I know that he is also a man that finds problems and solves problems.

I thank him for coming to Houston, Texas, in the midst of the debacle of the Enron Company, and giving empowerment to the employee victims. As we stood outside that building and employees cried, Jackson was there with me to empower them and to give them, for the first time in history, a stake-

holder position in receiving benefits that they would not have gotten. I thank him for coming to Galveston, Texas, and announcing and analyzing that insurance companies benefited from the work of slaves, and derived their wealth from unpaid labor—he demanded reparation for the people who were taken advantage of.

This is a man who goes and seeks those who, again, cannot speak for themselves. We are gratified that he is a Good Samaritan on the battlefield, fighting for those who, again, are voiceless. We're gratified that he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000 and was the third largest Democratic vote-getter when he ran for President in 1984.

Rev. Jackson, thank you, the Good Samaritan, our Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

TERRORIST IN NEW YORK

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, can anything top this last week's lesson in absurdity and perversity? I'm talking about the administration's decision to bring Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and three other terrorist suspects from Guantanamo to New York. Absurd, because they have been charged before military tribunals, where they ought to be. Absurd, because it serves no purpose to bring them to the site of their worst action, just a stone's throw from Ground Zero. Perverse, because now, if you kill Americans on the battlefield, you will see justice done when you are captured by a military tribunal. But if instead of being a soldier on the battlefield, you attack Americans in their own home, you attack innocent Americans, you will now be privileged to get constitutional rights. The worse the terrorist, the greater the constitutional rights given to them. What a perverse action by this administration.

RECOGNIZING THE WORKS OF JESSE JACKSON

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker and Members, 1984 and 1988 were the proudest and most productive periods of my life. Jesse Jackson ran for President both in 1984 and 1988, and I served as the national co-Chair and the Chair of the California campaign. I was so pleased to be a part of the Rainbow Coalition he formed that included African Americans, Hispanics, Arab Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, family farmers, the poor and working class, homosexuals, as well as white progressives. It truly was a Rainbow Coalition.

Listen to Jesse Jackson's campaign platform. Jobs. Creating a Works Progress Administration-style program

to rebuild America's infrastructure; reversing Reaganomics-inspired tax cuts; cutting the budget of the Department of Defense by as much as 15 percent over the course of his administration; supporting family farmers by reviving many of Roosevelt's New Deal-era platforms; creating a single-payer system of universal health care; and applying stricter enforcement of the Voting Rights Act.

Jesse Jackson, thank you for the leadership that you provided. It is because of you and the hope that you created that has caused Barack Obama to be the President today.

NET NEUTRALITY VS. FREE SPEECH

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the different ways we get our information in America have changed dramatically over the last few decades. We've gone from rabbit ears on our TV sets to cable satellite dishes and broadband. In the next decades, everything—radio, television, Internet, telephones—everything will use broadband.

"Net neutrality" is a new legislative scheme cooked up by the government fairness police to ration broadband access. It's not about keeping the Internet "neutral"—it's about government control. Anybody who's ever downloaded pictures over a slow Internet connection knows that some things use more Internet bandwidth than others. Under net neutrality, a plan disguised to make Internet access fair to everybody, the government actually rations how much bandwidth people can use. No one gets more than anyone else.

If the fairness police control broadband, they limit the amount of information people receive and how they receive it. This is the newest threat to free speech in modern times. It's yet more government control over all communication and information.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING REV. JESSE JACKSON

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

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Today, I rise to recognize 25 years ago one of our leaders of this world, Rev. Jesse Jackson, ran for President. I was honored in 1988 to be a delegate when he ran again. Rev. Jackson, as was mentioned earlier, 25 years ago called for single-payer health care. Unfortunately, we weren't able to get it last week, but we're on the way to new health care competition.

He also called for increased funding for public education. Public education. Just what we need today. The Equal Rights Amendment—thank you, Rev. Jackson—has now become law. He called for a work program, an employee program, 25 years ago.

The things that you called for then, Rev. Jackson, in your leadership, still exist today. Thank you for standing up, for speaking out, for being the man that God intended that you be. We love you.

HONORING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR BOBBY PARKER

(Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a leader in my community, Miami-Dade County Police Department Director Bobby Parker. After serving honorably in the Army, Director Parker joined the Miami-Dade Police Department in 1976 and worked his way up the ranks, culminating in his promotion to director in April, 2004.

The Miami-Dade Police Department is the eighth-largest in the Nation, with over 4,700 personnel, serving almost 2.5 million residents and countless visitors to our community. Under Director Parker's leadership, the department has been at the forefront of effective law enforcement, and he's implemented numerous programs that have had a major effect in ensuring the safety and quality of life of our citizens.

Director Parker retired from the department earlier this month. His leadership and vision will be sorely missed, but his standard of excellence will surely carry on. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish to thank Director Parker for his outstanding service and wish him well in his future endeavors. May you long enjoy your retirement with family and friends, Director Bobby Parker.

RECOGNIZING PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. I rise today to commend the tireless efforts of the Pleasanton Military Families on behalf of the brave men and women in our Armed Forces. Created in 2004, the Pleasanton Military Families is a support group for active military personnel and their families based in my hometown of Pleasanton, California. The Pleasanton Military Families leads a public recognition program for our servicemembers by hanging yellow streamers along Main Street marked with the names of residents serving in our Armed Forces.

My family was honored that the Pleasanton Military Families hung a yellow pennant for my son, Michael, when he was serving in the Air Force. In addition, the Pleasanton Military Families hold warm welcome home ceremonies and sends packages to troops overseas.

All of these efforts to support our active duty personnel and their families

give due honor to the sacrifice and service of these young men and women. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Pleasanton Military Families for their dedication and commitment to our men and women in uniform.

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NETWORKS IGNORE PRESIDENT'S REVERSAL

(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, during the Presidential campaign, then-Senator Obama made a "firm pledge" that he would not raise taxes on any family "making less than \$250,000 a year." President Obama reversed himself on that pledge by supporting a health care bill that imposes, "new taxes on people who don't buy qualified health insurance, including those making (much) less than \$250,000 a year," according to the Associated Press.

Not a single network news report mentioned the President's flip-flop in the days following his reversal, according to an analysis by the Business and Media Institute, and BMI found that less than one-third of the health care stories on the three networks even mentioned the \$550 million in new taxes in the health care bill.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not ignore the truth. And, Mr. Speaker, if you'll indulge me for a second more, I have noticed that several individuals today have rightfully made speeches honoring the Reverend Jesse Jackson. I think it is very appropriate and fitting that his son, a Member of Congress, is presiding over the Chamber right now as temporary Speaker. I appreciate both his presence and his father's contributions.

THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON, OUR CAPTAIN

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

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, back during the time when I played football in high school and college, I ended up on the corner. And it was at that time that most teams ran what was called "student body right" and "student body left," which meant that there would be a sweep around the end and you would have a pulling guard, a pulling tackle, a wide receiver who was in motion, a fullback all leading a running back. The only people who could play that position were those who were willing to run into this interference. Now, the person who ran into the interference would rarely ever make a tackle, and only people who understood football would understand the job that

this cornerback played. So playing that position, I never led my team in tackles, but my team elected me as its captain. They understood football.

And so, on the 25th anniversary of the Presidential run of the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Mr. Speaker, I nominate him as our captain. He is our captain because he was willing to go in and knock down the interference so that somebody else would make the tackle and get the recognition.

RECOVERY.ORG

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I represent the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. I'm not quite sure who represents the 23rd District or the 65th District, since these districts don't actually exist. They only exist in the fictional world created by recovery.gov, the administration's Web site that shows how many jobs were "saved or created" by the billions of dollars in so-called stimulus money.

For \$18 million, the Treasury Department has produced a Web site that creates new congressional districts and then places saved jobs in those fictional districts. In one case, the purchase of a single riding lawnmower supposedly saved 50 jobs. Some companies have claimed that they have saved and created more jobs than the number of employees that they actually have. Now the leaders are talking about yet another stimulus package. We are about to spend our way into a fiscal tsunami, not economic recovery.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

(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 to join my colleagues in recognizing the 25th anniversary of Rev. Jackson's candidacy for President. He is a strong iconic voice for civil rights and social justice. It was his unwavering determination and leadership that inspired me to take action, first volunteering in 1984 and then again in those cold, snowy days in New Hampshire 4 years later.

Rev. Jackson's historic campaigns forever changed the political and social landscape of this country. He brought people together across the rainbow, regardless of social and economic status, race or religion, who shared a common vision for this country where everyone could achieve the American dream. Without question, Rev. Jackson's run 25 years ago laid the foundation for us to realize the rainbow in 2008 by electing Barack Obama.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Jackson. And I salute his efforts