

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, hardworking Americans across this country are trimming their budgets and finding ways to save and make sacrifices. In these tough economic times the Federal Government should be held to that same standard.

During a time of economic instability, we cannot start raising taxes to pay for more government spending. Unfortunately, that's exactly what the President has proposed in his budget that he has submitted to Congress. The administration proposes to raise taxes \$1.4 trillion over the next 10 years, which includes taxes on small businesses, the backbone of our economy.

Let's be clear about what \$1 trillion is. If you started counting to \$1 trillion, 1, 2, 3, it would only take you 31,708 years to count to 1 trillion. Yet we are talking about \$1.3 trillion in new taxes.

The American taxpayers deserve a better plan for individuals and small businesses. We must empower American individuals and families. The road to economic recovery is paved with healthy small business communities creating jobs and opportunity.

Congress and the administration should focus on solutions that empower individuals and businesses to succeed in the economy, rather than solutions that spend too much, borrow too much and tax too much.

**PRESIDENT'S BUDGET IS RECIPE FOR HIGH INFLATION**

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

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, the President's budget is a recipe for high inflation, higher interest rates and a permanent downsizing of the U.S. economy.

For the President to say that this budget has fiscal year discipline defies all common sense. The President says he will cut the deficit in half over the next 5 years. However, that is only after he hikes it to over \$1 trillion in the first year. His promise of never having a balanced budget has even caused our largest public debt holder, the People's Republic of China, to take notice and express concern over the lack of fiscal responsibilities in this budget.

When the economy begins to recover, public borrowing under the President's budget will compete with the demand for private borrowing, leading to a dramatic rise in interest rates and inflation, weakening the value of the dollar and lessening the value of U.S. Treasury notes.

Mr. Speaker, this budget taxes too much, spends too much and borrows too much and must be defeated.

**HONORING UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING NORDIC SKI CLUB**

(Mrs. LUMMIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LUMMIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an achievement of the University of Wyoming Nordic Ski Club.

Two weeks ago, this team swept the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association Nationals, with the men's and women's team both bringing home the gold.

I would like to congratulate coaches Christi Boggs and Rachel Watson, who led this team to double championship titles at Devil's Thumb Ranch in Colorado. This is the fourth national title for the University of Wyoming's women's program and the second for the men's program in 10 years.

Particular recognition should also go to Daniel Lewis, who came away with three individual championships, as well as his fellow teammates on the men's championship relay team, Eliah Pedersen and Evgeniy Panzhinskiy. In addition to these three accomplished young men, John Kirlin was named an Overall Individual All-American.

On the women's team, this title was awarded to Gracey Lewis, Kari Boroff, Gwynn Barrows and Marie Cartwright.

Again, I congratulate the University of Wyoming ski teams, my alma mater ski teams, on all their success. The Cowboy State is proud of these young men and women.

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**CAP-AND-TAX PROVISION HURTS AN AILING ECONOMY**

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. The President today said that he was frustrated at the Republicans' "just say no" attitude. Well, this is what I am going to say "no" to. I am saying "no" to a 686 billion carbon tax increase. What does that mean?

This is Peabody Mine No. 10 in 1990. After the last Clean Air amendments, this mine was shut down. We lost over 1,200 mineworkers' jobs because of that.

The carbon tax, the cap-and-tax provision in the budget bill, will raise costs to every energy user in this country, hurting manufacturing, hurting retail industries. It's egregious, it's not necessary, and it only hurts an ailing economy.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

**SUPPORTING PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH AND WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY**

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 240) to support the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

**H. RES. 240**

Whereas social workers have the demonstrated education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices;

Whereas social workers help people in all stages of life, from children to the elderly, and in all situations from adoption to hospice care;

Whereas social workers are in schools, courtrooms, drug clinics, hospitals, senior centers, shelters, nursing homes, the military, disaster relief, prisons, and corporations;

Whereas social workers are dedicated to improving the society in which we live and connecting individuals, families, and communities to available resources;

Whereas social workers stand up for others to make sure everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities;

Whereas social workers, such as Harry Hopkins, Frances Perkins, Whitney M. Young, Jr., and Dr. Dorothy I. Height have been the driving force behind important social movements in the United States and abroad;

Whereas, according to the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for social workers is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations;

Whereas Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, which is March 17, 2009, will build awareness of the role of professional social workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and communities everywhere through service delivery, research, education, and legislative advocacy; and

Whereas the 2009 Social Work Month theme—Social Work: Purpose and Possibility—highlights the special characteristics of those who choose social work as a profession, and underscores the goals of their work: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day;

(2) acknowledges the diligent efforts of individuals and groups who promote the importance of social work and who are observing Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day;

(3) encourages the American people to engage in appropriate ceremonies and activities to further promote awareness of the life-changing role of social workers;

(4) recognizes with gratitude the contributions of the millions of caring individuals who have chosen to serve their communities through social work; and

(5) encourages young people to seek out educational and professional opportunities to become social workers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from

Colorado (Mr. POLIS) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. POLIS. I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous materials on House Resolution 240 into the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day. Social workers are valuable members of all communities, helping people in all stages of life, from birth through the elderly, and in all situations, from adoption to hospice care and end of life. Dedicating their education and experience, social workers help to guide individuals, families, and communities through complicated issues and complex choices.

There are more than 600,000 people in the United States who have devoted their lives to social work and to the improvement of the society in which we live by obtaining social work degrees. Many social workers have been the driving force behind important social movements in the United States and abroad.

A few examples include Harry Hopkins, who relocated to New Orleans in order to work for the American Red Cross as Director of Civilian Relief, Gulf Division; or Francis Perkins, who championed the minimum wage laws and reduced the workweek for women to 48 hours.

My late grandmother, Ruth Schutz, was a social worker for over 20 years in New York City, as well as a progressive activist. These are the frequently unsung heroes of our communities, and that's why it's important that we recognize them here today, Mr. Speaker.

Social workers labor in schools, courtrooms, drug clinics, hospitals, senior centers, shelters, nursing homes, the military, disaster relief, prisons, and corporations all over the country as they stand up for others to make sure that everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities.

This is hard work, emotionally difficult, and frequently thankless work, which is why it's so important that our body take this step to honor social workers here today.

However, the need for social workers is expected to grow twice as fast as other occupations, especially in gerontology and home health care issues as our aging demographic requires more services for our seniors. Substance abuse, private social service agencies, and school social work also continue to increase.

Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, which is March 17, 2009, will build awareness of

the role of professional social workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and community everywhere through service delivery, research, education, and legislative advocacy.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution honoring those who choose social work as a profession in their endeavors to better society.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 240, which supports the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day.

As a health care professional of three decades and a former licensed nursing home administrator, I observed personally every day social workers making meaningful contributions throughout the Nation.

They are on the front lines helping people overcome life's most difficult challenges—poverty, abuse, addiction, illness, disability, discrimination, and more. Social workers are the Nation's largest providers of mental health services, delivering 60 percent of mental health treatment.

However, these highly trained professionals also work in schools, hospitals, health care agencies, senior centers, crisis centers, and military bases. Social workers also actively advocate changes in policy and legislation to strengthen the social safety nets critical to so many. Whether in direct practice, administration, education, research, or policy development, social workers promote social justice for all.

According to the International Federation of Social Workers, social work grew out of humanitarian and democratic ideals, and its values are based on respect for equality, worth, and dignity of all people.

Since its beginnings over a century ago, social work has focused on meeting human needs and developing human potential. Human rights and social justice serve as the motivation and justification for social work action. In solidarity with those who are less fortunate, the profession strives to alleviate poverty and to promote inclusion for the most vulnerable populations.

This year's Social Work Month theme—"Purpose and Possibility"—truly highlights the special characteristics of those who choose social work as a profession and underscores the goals of their work. While their day-to-day work often goes unnoticed, we stand today to recognize with gratitude the contributions of the millions of caring individuals who have chosen to serve their communities through social work. I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. POLIS. By passing this resolution and by bringing attention to Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, which is March 17,

2009, we can not only bring attention and appreciation to an important profession, but engage in a discussion about the important role of social workers in keeping and weaving our community fabric together.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this important bill.

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to speak on behalf of House Resolution 240, which honors the dedication and compassion of professional social workers. Our highest calling is to provide service to others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves.

In the early 20th century, thousands of people lived in despair and poverty, and it was the early progressive moment in which the social work movement was born, providing food, clothing, health care and education to the less fortunate.

Social workers had a role in civil rights and in women's freedom. Today, social workers continue this fight to ensure that vulnerable families have the support and the health care that they need.

Social workers are everywhere in our society, caring for all of us. They help people in all stages of life, from children to the elderly, and in all situations, from adoption to hospice care. You can find social workers in hospitals, police departments, mental health clinics, military facilities and corporations.

Professional social workers are the Nation's largest providers of mental health care services. They provide more mental health services than psychologists, psychiatrists and psychiatric nurses combined.

The Veterans Administration employs more than 4,400 social workers to assist veterans and their families with individual and family counseling, client education, end-of-life planning, substance abuse treatment, crisis intervention and other services.

Today we thank all those who have toiled in the fields of our community, including my grandmother, who left the comfort of her home each day at the turn of the century and went to the Lower East Side to help immigrants. And we praise all of those who reach out to others every day in their community.

Social workers' service makes our communities stronger. March is National Professional Work Month, and Tuesday, March 17 is World Social Work Day. I honor their service and thank them for caring for all of us each day.

Mr. POLIS. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 240, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

## SUPPORTING NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 211) supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

## H. RES. 211

Whereas the purpose of National Women's History Month is to increase awareness and knowledge of women's involvement in history;

Whereas as recently as the 1970s, women's history was rarely included in the kindergarten through grade 12 curriculum and was not part of public awareness;

Whereas the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978 centered around International Women's History Day, which is celebrated on March 8th;

Whereas in 1981, responding to the growing popularity of women's history celebrations, Congress passed a resolution making Women's History Week a national observance;

Whereas during this time, using information provided by the National Women's History Project, founded in Sonoma County, California, thousands of schools and communities joined in the commemoration of National Women's History Week, with support and encouragement from governors, city councils, school boards, and Congress;

Whereas in 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to include the entire month of March;

Whereas educators, workplace program planners, parents, and community organizations in thousands of American communities, under the guidance of the National Women's History Project, have turned National Women's History Month into a major local learning experience and celebration;

Whereas the popularity of women's history celebrations has sparked a new interest in uncovering women's forgotten heritage;

Whereas the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History was established to consider how best to acknowledge and celebrate the roles and accomplishments of women in American history;

Whereas the National Women's History Museum was founded in 1996 as an institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating this rich heritage fully into the Nation's teachings and history books;

Whereas the House of Representatives recognizes March 2009 as National Women's History Month; and

Whereas the theme of National Women's History Month for 2009 is women taking the lead to save our planet: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month; and

(2) recognizes and honors the women and organizations in the United States that have fought for and continue to promote the teaching of women's history.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) and the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleagues in consideration of H. Res. 211, which is designed to provide recognition and support for National Women's History Month, which is commemorated annually during the month of March.

Sponsored by our colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY of California, H. Res. 211 was introduced on March 5, 2009, and is currently cosponsored by 115 Members of Congress, both men and women, as well as from both sides of the aisle. The measure was considered by Chairman TOWNS and the Oversight panel on March 10, 2009, where it was passed without objection by voice vote.

Mr. Speaker, I contend that it would be challenging to recount history without recognizing the profound role that women have played in every community, State, and country throughout the world. While only a small measure of appreciation, today's consideration of H. Res. 211 is designed to express the appreciation and the gratitude of this legislative body for the priceless and timeless contribution of women throughout history.

The origins of National Women's History Month dates back to 1978 when organizers in Sonoma County, California, established a public celebration of women's history, calling it "Women's History Week." In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month-long commemoration by declaring March as Women's History Month.

Since the 1970s, we in America have seen notable growth in the study and expansion of women's history. In fact, today almost every college offers women's history courses and most major graduate programs offer doctoral degrees in this important field of study.

Even today, we continue to witness women history makers—from our very own Speaker of the House to the Speaker of the California State Assembly. From Governors and mayors to successful businesswomen, scientists, athletes, teachers and, of course, mothers, women are clearly making a difference in our country and in our world.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ISSA. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in recognizing Women's History Month. This is important. We rec-

ognize a great many days and months here in the Capitol, and sometimes we get disparaged for it. But I think when we look at the important role and the partnership since Colonial times until this very day that women have spent and made in our history, we do so without it being properly marked in history.

One needs to dig a little deeper in order to see the equal participation of women. Our Founding Fathers did not make the decision to go to war without the support of their families because their land, their property, and their very lives were at stake when they made that decision.

Since 1987, this country has recognized Women's History Month in this month, and we should. National Women's History Month has also received the support of Federal, State, and local officials that allow for public fora to raise the awareness and perhaps to inspire a next generation of women to do all that they can do, be all that they can be, and participate in ways that women throughout our history have, and more.

So I join with my colleagues, and particularly my California colleague, Representative WOOLSEY, in asking that we take a moment to recognize Women's History Month.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the sponsor of the resolution, Ms. WOOLSEY of California, for 4 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Women's History Month. Women were once considered second-class citizens whose rights were restricted, from voting to property ownership. But today, women serve in the Senate and the House of Representatives, they serve as members of the President's cabinet, and as Speaker of the House of Representatives. It is important that the role that women have played in shaping this country is honored. However, it wasn't until the late 1970s that women's history was taught in our schools. It was almost completely absent in media coverage and cultural celebrations.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, in 1998, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women, when I was the Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, initiated a women's history week celebration, a celebration that centered around International Women's History Day. The National Women's History Project, located in my district, was founded in 1980 by many dedicated women who poured their hearts and their ideas into promoting and expanding the weeklong celebration. Because several dedicated women, including Molly Murphy MacGregor, Mary Ruthsdotter, Maria Cuevas, Paula Hammett, and Bette Morgan, decided to write women back into history, thousands of schools and communities then started to commemorate Women's