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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber today. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 207, 208 and 209.

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed due to flight delays as a result of air traffic control issues and runway repairs at LaGuardia Airport. I was in New York for a press conference with Mayor Bloomberg addressing the Swine Flu Pandemic.

On Monday, April 27, 2009 I missed votes on H. Res. 329, H.R. 1746 and H. Res. 335. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the following votes:

H. Res. 329—Recognizing the anniversary of the tragic accident of the steamboat ship *SS Sultana* (Representative SNYDER—Armed Services).

H. Res. 1746—Pre-Disaster Mitigation Act of 2009 (Representative OBERSTAR—Transportation and Infrastructure).

H. Res. 335—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Volunteer Week (Representative PLATTS—Education and Labor).

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. Con. Res. 49

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my name as a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 49.

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

There was no objection.

CORPORATE INJURY, ILLNESS, AND FATALITY REPORTING ACT OF 2009

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

Mr. HARE. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is the 39th anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. While this law has resulted in great strides for workplace safety, too many workers are still at risk of injury, illness, or even death in their jobs. In fact, each year, 6,000 workers are killed on the job and thousands more are injured.

On the eve of Workers' Memorial Day to honor all the workers who have been injured or killed at work, I rise to introduce the Corporate Injury, Illness, and Fatality Reporting Act of 2009. This legislation would require America's largest employers to accurately report to the Department of Labor on the numbers and rates of work-related

deaths, injuries, and illnesses at all of their work sites. They must also supply compliance data regarding OSHA inspections and citations that have occurred at any and all of their work sites.

OSHA is not currently required to conduct nationwide investigations into large companies with multiple establishments. Therefore, serial offenders can hide in the weeds and avoid making their workplace as safe as possible. This legislation would bring these companies into the light of day and provide OSHA invaluable data so they can protect workers in danger of illness, accidents, or worse.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this legislation, ensuring safer and healthier working conditions to workers across the country.

REMEMBERING SARVELIO DEL VALLE

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, our south Florida community has suffered a deep loss with the passing of Sarvelio del Valle, a well-known sports commentator for Radio Mambi, part of the Univision family.

Sarvelio was respected not only for his encyclopedic knowledge of sports, but also for his great love of his family, especially his pride for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was an outstanding sports commentator who was respected by all.

Every day on Radio Mambi, Sarvelio would get the latest sports news to our community, and his segments were indeed the most listened to of that station. Just a few years ago, in fact, he was actually voted as the "Most Popular Radio Personality in Sports."

He started his broadcast career in sports in Puerto Rico in 1962, moved to Miami in 1970, and was well-known for his Spanish language broadcast of the Miami Heat basketball games and the University of Miami football games. He also narrated boxing matches around the world, but it was in the Florida Marlins' games where he excelled.

My deepest sympathy goes to his family, his great and loving friend, Armando Perez-Roura of Radio Mambi, and his countless fans throughout the south Florida community.

Te vamos a extranar, Sarvelio—we will miss you, Sarvelio.

SINGLE-PAYER PLAN FOR THE STATES

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

Mr. KUCINICH. As the effort to reform health care gathers momentum, States have taken it upon themselves to enact their own reforms out of des-

peration to increase quality, provide care for the uninsured and underinsured, and rein in uncontrolled cost increases. Many have turned to the model that has proven to meet those goals inside and outside the U.S., the single-payer health care model.

In the last 3 years, the California State legislature has twice passed a single-payer bill. Pennsylvania, Colorado, Illinois, Montana, New York, Washington, Ohio, and Minnesota are also home to single-payer bills with strong grassroots movements. Unfortunately, if the bills were to pass, Federal barriers would need to be overcome. ERISA could preempt the States from enacting their own health care reform. Waivers would need to be granted that would allow the States to redirect the Federal funds they currently receive for health care. Federal financial assistance, if necessary, could also be imperative.

Enabling the States to meet their own needs would be a strong complement to a national health care reform plan. Congress should call for language that allows the States to implement a single-payer plan if they so choose.

CONGRATULATING RENEE MONTGOMERY AND UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the University of Connecticut women's basketball team for their incredible accomplishments on the court.

Led by head coach Geno Auriemma, the Huskies went undefeated to win their sixth national title by defeating the University of Louisville 76-54 in the NCAA Division I championship.

But today I want to commend one of West Virginia's most accomplished student athletes, a member of that team; a young woman I have seen play since she was a young girl, and someone that my daughters competed against since they were little girls. I would like to commend my congratulations to senior Renee Montgomery of Saint Albans, West Virginia.

During her high school career, she helped Capital High School win a State championship, and subsequently led South Charleston High School to three appearances in the State championship game. Her performance with the Huskies as a point guard was an integral part of the team's success this season. She was a 4-year starter for the Huskies, scoring an impressive 1,500 career points and 500 assists, one of only three players ever to do so. She is the only player in school history to rank in the top 10 in points, assists, steals, and 3-pointers.

Renee is from a wonderful West Virginia family. She is the best of West Virginia, and we are very proud of her and the Huskies.

NATIONAL HEALTHY SCHOOLS
DAY

(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, I rise today to recognize National Healthy Schools Day, which is being celebrated around the country today.

National Healthy Schools Day recognizes the importance of having a clean and healthy indoor environment in our Nation's schools. And today I introduced a House resolution officially recognizing National Healthy Schools Day.

Some 54 million children spend their days in our Nation's schools, half of which have problems with indoor air quality. Children are more vulnerable than adults to environmental hazards in their schools because of their developing immune systems and small bodies.

Poor indoor environmental quality has been linked to asthma and other illnesses in children. With one out of every 13 children suffering from asthma—the number one cause of missed school days—it is very important that we address this issue. Healthy and high-performance schools are the answer to this problem. They reduce indoor environmental hazards and are energy efficient.

I was proud to work with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to develop New York State's High Performance Schools guidelines, and I am proud to recognize National Healthy Schools Day.

AMERICAN FAMILIES DEMAND
FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, families in South Carolina are fed up with reckless Washington spending. They are fed up with the massive borrowing that threatens their children's future, their own retirements, and Social Security. They are concerned about future tax increases on American families and small businesses destroying jobs.

If we are to restore fiscal sanity to Washington, then Congress needs to listen to the American people because they get it. They have had to make tough decisions to balance their budgets, and it is past time that Congress put the taxpayers' checkbook down and make some tough choices too.

House Republicans have and will continue to offer our set of bold and fiscally responsible proposals to encourage job creation, limit growth in government, and help American families rebuild their savings. We stand ready to work with anyone who believes, as the American people do, that we can-

not simply continue to throw money at the challenges we face.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th and the global war on terrorism.

WATER SAVES LIVES

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, what do six terrorist attacks, Gitmo, dead Americans, and Khalid Sheik Mohammed—also known as KSM—have in common? Waterboarding.

Last week, several top secret national security papers were released to the public. We learned from these documents that waterboarding is apparently saving American lives. After being waterboarded numerous times at Gitmo, KSM, the killer responsible for planning 9/11, started talking. He told the CIA about plans to hijack an airplane and crash it into a skyscraper in Los Angeles and kill Americans. He disclosed the 17-member terrorist cell charged with executing that plan. He also exposed plans of another terrorist cell in New York plotting to destroy the Brooklyn Bridge.

The enhanced interrogation encouraged KSM to disclose information by naming the ringleaders of four other terrorist attacks. Americans are alive because this individual was doused in water.

Terrorists are not victims. The only victims are thousands of people who have died at the hands of these outlaws. The CIA interrogators have saved American lives by baptizing these criminals in water.

And that's just the way it is.

REMEMBERING SARVELIO DEL
VALLE

(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 to pay respects to a friend who passed away this weekend, Sarvelio del Valle. Sarvelio del Valle was the director of the sports department, sports broadcaster, and commentator for Radio Mambi, WAQI in Miami. He was also so much more.

A lifelong journalist, he possessed an unparalleled knowledge of sports and sports history. And he was also the personification of cordiality, grace, good humor, patriotism, decency, and friendship.

To his beloved wife, Yaya, and his entire family, my most sincere condolences. I will greatly miss Sarvelio del Valle. And like his many friends and the countless thousands who were his devoted listeners, I will never forget him.

May God bless the soul of my friend, Sarvelio del Valle.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

BORDER WAR CONTINUES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I bring you news from the second front, and that's the border war that the United States has on the border with Mexico down in the southern part of the United States.

I had the opportunity for the last couple of weekends to spend some time with our Texas border sheriffs and the Air National Guard. In fact, I got to fly with the Texas Air National Guard and their helicopters on a mission a couple of weeks ago, and I want to give my compliments and thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Drew Daugherty, Major Bill Taylor, and others yet to be named whose identities should remain confidential.

In any event, we had the opportunity to fly up and down the Rio Grande River at dusk and then at dark to see what has taken place on that border with Mexico. We saw a couple of incidents where individuals had crossed into the United States. They were later apprehended by the Border Patrol. We saw one incident where there was obviously a smuggling operation getting ready to take place on the Mexican side of the river, where we could see from the American side a drug cartel apparently, in my opinion, was loading up duffel bags so that they could move those into the United States. That information was given to the Border Patrol, and I suspect that the Border Patrol apprehended those individuals when they came across the United States. These low-altitude helicopters are very important in the fight against the drug cartels that come into the United States.

There are some issues, however. The Air National Guard, like the National Guard, does not have enough equipment. For this massive 1,800-mile border here in Texas, there are only four helicopters that the Air National Guard has. And when something else occurs in the State like a hurricane or like a fire, those helicopters are pulled off surveillance and they're taken somewhere else in the State.

So the first issue is that we as a Nation should support the National Guard and the Air National Guard in their work with the border sheriffs and with the Border Patrol, the ATF, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and anyone else in the Federal Government that's working to protect the dignities of our borders.

As I mentioned earlier, I had the opportunity also to be with our Texas