

HIV/AIDS, and the environment. Each volunteer's work represents a legacy of service that has become a significant part of America's history and positive image abroad.

These accomplished volunteers come from very diverse backgrounds, including prestigious universities like the University of California in Santa Barbara, located in my district. I am proud to represent this campus, which consistently provides one of the highest numbers of recruits for the Peace Corps.

Again, congratulations, Peace Corps, on your anniversary, and thank you for the wonderful work you do.

ORANGEBURG PREPARATORY SCHOOL

(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. This morning, 79 students from Orangeburg Preparatory School in South Carolina's Second District are in the Capitol to learn about the legislative process and the history of the Nation's Capitol Building. Under the leadership of Head Master Kelly Mills, the students at Orangeburg Preparatory School excel both in and out of the classroom. Such success is achieved through partnerships between the community, teachers, parents, students, and alumni.

As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, I am grateful to spend time with these bright young students and will continue to pursue policies that advance fiscally responsible reforms that will improve their educational opportunities through higher education and beyond. We need insurance reform, not big government takeover. I also want to note that when you meet them, the students here today from Orangeburg Prep continue a tradition to be the best-dressed student group to visit the Capitol.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE RECOVERY ACT

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

Mr. SIREs. Madam Speaker, it has been now over a year since we took sweeping action to recover our economy. The Recovery Act has consistently grown our economy by creating or saving more than 2 million jobs, giving 95 percent of American workers a tax cut and beginning to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure, all while making investments in a clean energy future and working to improve our Nation's health care.

In the past year, the Recovery Act has provided \$120 billion in tax cuts for working families and business, loaned nearly \$20 billion to small businesses to

expand and create jobs, founded more than 12,500 transportation projects, and helped keep over 300 educators on the job. The Recovery Act has also put us on a path towards a green economy through investments in green job training programs. Furthermore, the Recovery money has funded the creation and expansion of community health centers all over the country as well as increased investment in health information technology.

Madam Speaker, while there is still much to be done to fully recover our economy, it would be a lot worse had we not passed the Recovery Act.

RESIGNATION AS ACTING CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as acting chair of the Committee on Ways and Means:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 4, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, The Capitol
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I hereby resign as acting chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sincerely,

PETE STARK,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

WASHINGTON IS NOT LISTENING

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it's deja vu all over again on the health care bill. The people have tried every way they know to have their voices heard. Town halls, tea parties, even special elections. The people don't want Washington bureaucrats making their medical decisions. But Washington's not listening. People don't want the Feds forcing them to buy health insurance or pay a fine, an idea that's unconstitutional. But Washington's not listening. And when the Senate bill fully kicks in, it will cost \$2.5 trillion. We don't have the money. Spending on bailouts and stimulus bills, the taxpayers are out of money. We're broke, and we're borrowing billions of dollars from the Chinese.

But Washington's not listening. The massive health care bill now is 2,700 pages long. Churchill once said, "This report, by its very length, defends itself against the risk of being read." Americans don't want a European-style Nanny State where government makes all our decisions. Government-run health care is unhealthy for Americans, but Washington's not listening.

And that's just the way it is.

INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(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. Madam Speaker, it's past time to boost sustainable job creation by making strong commitments to our Nation's education and infrastructure. The results of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act actually prove the point, but it can't be a one-shot deal. The hemorrhaging of jobs has stopped. In fact, jobless claims fell last week by 29,000. But now it's time to send all our people back to work. We can't do it on the cheap, and every State across our Nation has to be included. We need investments in plants and equipment to bring our manufacturing capacity into the 21st century before the rest of the world outpaces us.

And let's find the political courage to buy America in order to build America, encouraging our businesses to create jobs here at home and not ship them abroad. We need sustained investments in vocational and technical training, community colleges, and retraining to grow a workforce to retain our competitive edge. And we have to foster innovation and creativity among our small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Madam Speaker, our economic future relies on the strength of our education and the breadth of our opportunities. We must act quickly or risk being left behind.

REMEMBERING SKIP NELSON OF ARIZONA

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

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Skip Nelson, who passed away earlier this week, leaving us all far too early. Arizona was blessed that Skip called the State home for most of his life. He was known by many and respected by all. Countless individuals, groups, and organizations have benefited from his good work, his generosity, and his wise counsel.

I had the distinct privilege of knowing Skip for more than a decade. From my vantage point, for all the notable accomplishments and achievements in his life, it was within the walls of his own home that Skip's most important and lasting work was accomplished. Along with Judy, his beloved wife of more than 30 years, Skip raised three upright and honorable children, Mike, Ryan, and Erin, who will surely carry on his legacy. In fact, Mike and Ryan have already done much good here on Capitol Hill. Every State and community deserves to have a man of the caliber of Skip Nelson. We count ourselves fortunate in Arizona to have had him as long as we did.

HONORING WOMEN VETERANS

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

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, March is Women's History Month, and I rise today to pay tribute to the women who have served our country with honor and distinction. Women such as Major General Susan Lawrence, the commander of the Army's Netcom and 9th Signal Command at Fort Huachuca. She is a true inspiration to soldiers in Arizona and women everywhere.

Women such as Lori Piestewa, a U.S. Army soldier killed during an attack in Iraq in 2003. A member of the Hopi tribe, she was born and raised in Arizona and became the first woman in the U.S. Armed Forces killed in Iraq and the first Native American woman to die in combat while serving in the United States military. And women such as Air Force Lieutenant Meredith Doran. Working from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, she is an aircraft traffic controller involved in the Haitian earthquake relief effort underway today.

Women have voluntarily served in every conflict since the early days of the Revolutionary War, and their significant accomplishments are often overlooked. Every day, women fly jets in combat, engage enemies on the battlefield, and will soon also serve alongside their male counterparts on submarines.

This month and all year long, we should recognize and remember the service, sacrifice, and the lives of the women in our United States Armed Forces and everything that they have given to our country.

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UNSUSTAINABLE HEALTH CARE COSTS

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

Ms. JENKINS. Health care costs are unsustainable. They are bankrupting families. They are bankrupting small businesses, and if they are not reformed, they will bankrupt our government. No one denies we need reform, but what Americans do not want is for D.C. politicians to centralize health care decisions in Washington and create another entitlement program when everyone knows we haven't paid for the entitlements we already have.

Instead, what Americans need are reforms that actually reduce health care costs for families, help folks with pre-existing conditions, and make it easier for small businesses to provide health care. The American people have rejected a government takeover of health care. So I urge my colleagues to support commonsense plans to fix what's broken without throwing out the rule book and without destroying what works for millions.

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 the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE CENSUS AND NATIVE
AMERICAN PARTICIPATION

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1086) recognizing the importance and significance of the 2010 Census and encouraging each community within the Indian Country to name an elder to be the first member of that community to answer the 2010 Census.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1086

Recognizing the importance and significance of the 2010 Census and encouraging each community within the Indian Country to name an elder to be the first member of that community to answer the 2010 Census.

Whereas the decennial census is a responsibility of the Federal Government, mandated by article I, section 2 of the Constitution;

Whereas, in the 2000 Census, 4.3 million people, or 1.5 percent of the total United States population, stated that they were American Indian or Alaska Native;

Whereas, in the 2000 Census, 2.4 million people, or 1 percent of the United States population, stated that they were solely American Indian or Alaska Native;

Whereas Native Americans are the descendants of the aboriginal, indigenous, native people who were the original inhabitants of and who governed the lands that now constitute the United States;

Whereas the 2010 Census data is strictly confidential and Federal law prevents the information from being shared with any entity;

Whereas the 2010 Census is quick, safe, and easy to complete;

Whereas the census is a source of data on a number of issues of national importance, such as school attendance, educational attainment, and employment;

Whereas areas are underserved by the Federal Government if significant portions of the population, especially those in low-income and minority neighborhoods, fail to participate in the census;

Whereas full participation in the census is necessary to ensure an accurate depiction of the population of the United States;

Whereas, April 1, 2010, is the date for the 2010 Census;

Whereas the San Manuel Band Serrano Mission Indians in California propose to name an elder to be the first member of that community to answer the 2010 Census;

Whereas it is hoped that the naming of an elder to be the first member of that community to answer the 2010 Census will encourage other members of that community to answer the 2010 Census;

Whereas it is hoped that each other community within the Indian Country will name

an elder to be the first member of their community to answer the 2010 Census;

Whereas elders are looked upon as the trusted ones in the tribe who will have the most influence in carrying the message of how important an accurate 2010 Census count is; and

Whereas elder participation in the 2010 Census count will encourage others to participate in the 2010 Census: Now, therefore, be it;

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance and significance of the 2010 census and encourages full participation in this critical process; and

(2) encourages each community within the Indian Country to name an elder to be the first member of that community to answer the 2010 Census.

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

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. BACA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this legislation and to insert extraneous materials thereon.

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

There was no objection.

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

Today I rise in strong support of House Resolution 1086, a resolution that recognizes the importance and significance of the 2010 census and encourages each community within Indian Country to name an elder to be the first member of that community to answer the 2010 census.

I would like to thank the majority leader, STENY HOYER; Chairman ED TOWNS; and Ranking Member DARRELL ISSA for their support of this resolution that was introduced on February 22, 2010. I also want to recognize all committee staff and my personal staff for their hard work on this. I also would like to take the time to thank my colleagues in the House of Representatives for their bipartisan support, because it is a bipartisan bill that is good for all of us.

This resolution serves to raise the awareness of the importance of the 2010 census count and urges Indian Country to name an elder to be the first person to complete the 2010 census from each tribe. That shows respect and dignity for that elder. An accurate census count is very important because the data gathered will determine the allocations of dollars to State, local, and tribal governments.

Census data can help tribal leaders understand what their community needs are. Many tribal communities use census information to attract new businesses and plan for growth in the future. In fact, many tribes and tribal organizations use census data to plan