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WHAT PEOPLE GAVE FOR THEIR COUNTRY

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday it was my birthday, and it didn't quite go as planned. One of the things I did is I went to Arlington Cemetery and spent 4 hours looking at the graves and thinking about American history and the people who wished they had a birthday, and what they gave for their country. Some gave their lives, some gave part of their lives.

I visited the Kennedy graves and let the word go forth. I visited Robert Kennedy's grave and the tiny ripples of hope that can wipe down the mightiest walls of oppression. But I found Earl Warren's grave, along with John Foster Dulles and Arthur Goldberg together.

I would like to read from Earl Warren's tombstone. I think it is something we should reflect on.

"Where there is injustice, we should correct it. Where there is poverty, we should eliminate it. Where there is corruption, we should stamp it out. Where there is violence, we should punish it. Where there is neglect, we should provide care. Where there is war, we should restore peace. And wherever corrections are achieved, we should add them permanently to our storehouse of treasures."

This from the vice presidential candidate of the Grand Old Party in 1948, the nominee for the Supreme Court and the Chief Justice, nominated by Dwight Eisenhower when Republicans were Republicans. Thank God for Earl Warren.

God bless the United States, and may God save the Gulf of Mexico because it doesn't look like anybody else is going to.

LACK OF COMMITMENT ENFORCING NATIONAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

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

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I am troubled by this administration's commitment, this lack of commitment of enforcing our national immigration laws.

Just last week, John Morton, Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said that "his agency will not necessarily process illegal immigrants referred to them by Arizona officials," in light of their new State law.

My district contains two permanent ICE offices, and I am seriously con-

cerned that one of the top officials in the Obama administration in charge of enforcing our Nation's immigration laws is refusing to do his job. Regardless of his personal feelings on the Arizona immigration law, Assistant Secretary Morton has an obligation to enforce the rule of law and protect U.S. citizens and legal residents.

Arizona is under siege with both human and drug smuggling, and it is on the front lines dealing with Mexico's drug violence that is spilling over into the United States.

On behalf of my constituents and millions of Americans, I urge President Obama and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Secretary Morton to enforce our immigration laws.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TAM NGOC TRAN

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember an extraordinary young woman, a scholar, a student activist, Ms. Tam Ngoc Tran of Garden Grove, California, who was recently killed in a head-on collision with her close friend, Cinthya Perez.

Tam was the daughter of a refugee couple who fled Vietnam over two decades ago after escaping from a communist reeducation camp.

She graduated from Santiago High School, attended Santa Ana College, transferred to UCLA, earned a bachelor's degree in American literature and culture and was a doctoral student at Brown University.

Tam was also a courageous leader who inspired many through her personal story of immigration. In 2007, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency raided the Tran home and subsequently arrested Tam and many of her family members.

Representatives LOFGREN, SMITH, and I then wrote a letter to then-Secretary Rice urging her to uphold the U.S. policy regarding the return of refugees to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. That allowed them to remain in the United States.

CONTINUE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF CHILDREN UNTIL AGE 26

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, on May 7 United Technologies Corporation, the largest private employer in the State of Connecticut, announced that they were going to take advantage of the health care reform law and extend age 26 coverage to all their employees' families. A few days later, Mohegan Sun Casino, which employs 10,000 in the State of Connecticut, made the same decision.

Prior to health care reform, during graduation time, graduating students get a diploma in one hand and a notice from their parents' insurer that they are being kicked off their parents' insurance coverage. Because of health care reform, 1.2 million up to age 26 Americans will now be able to use their parents' health insurance.

For the voices who call for repeal, I challenge them to tell those families that we should repeal that provision and kick their kids off health insurance.

In a few days, we are going to pass a Defense authorization bill which will extend age 26 coverage for TRICARE so that military families will also be able to insure their kids up to age 26. That's why health care reform was needed in this country. We are going to provide 14 million young adults with health insurance coverage by 2014. It is because we took that step that we are going to provide access to that population.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, our immigration system is broken and yet there are those that refuse to do anything about it. The misguided Arizona law S.B. 1070 has made it so difficult for families that some have started to leave the State.

The general atmosphere in Arizona is one of distrust and fear, not just for Hispanic families, but for all communities of color. In the media, blatant attacks, hate speeches, negative images of Latinos only adds to the fuel and fire.

Immigration reform is about people, all of us. It's about families, our neighbors, our fellow parishioners, our classmates, our children. Make no mistake, our immigration problem will not go away by just attacking those without a voice.

I urge my colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans, to roll up their sleeves and pass comprehensive immigration reform that will reinforce strong security at our borders, strong sanctions against employers who hire the undocumented workers, and unite our families.

We need comprehensive immigration reform now.

STRAIGHT FROM BP'S WEB SITE

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, here is an excerpt straight from BP's Web site. "Code of conduct is the cornerstone of their commitment to integrity." You can't make this stuff up.

It goes on to say "Great companies are built on trust. Trust is earned through the achievement of consistently high standards of behavior and care."

Wait, but it gets better. The document also says that among the "basic rules you must follow" at BP is always to "make sure you know what to do if an emergency occurs at your place of work." Straight from BP's Web site.

Well, 40 days into one of the worst ecological disasters of our time, BP has yet to meet its own commitment in its Web site to its own integrity. If the code of conduct is consistently violated, causing massive destruction and loss of life, then that employee or contractor would be terminated. The American people should demand no less.

Today I plan to introduce an amendment to the Department of Defense authorization bill to begin the process of terminating BP's business with the American people. Please join me in supporting my amendment to ensure that BP is permanently banned from profiting off the American taxpayer.

HONORING MELISSA BEYRUTI OF UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

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

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the achievements of an inspiring student athlete, Melissa Beyruti of Kean University.

Melissa, an All-American senior basketball guard from Union City, New Jersey, finished her career this past March to become the NCAA Division III leader in all-time games played with 128. She also became Kean's all-time leading scorer, closing out her career with 1,974 points, and she holds the NCAA all-division record for career three pointers with 397.

In addition to being chosen for the 2010 NCAA Division III State Farm Coaches' All-American Team, Melissa has been named as both the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Metro Region Player of the Year and the New Jersey Athletic Player of the Year. Highlights of her career have been featured in *The New York Times* and *Sports Illustrated*.

Melissa has served as both an exemplary student athlete and role model for young girls and women, making her family, university, and the community of Union City very proud. She is an inspiration to many, and I want to congratulate her and her family. I look forward to her many future successes on and off the court.

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE EPA

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

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, this past Friday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee released a report that outlines the economic impact of the EPA's

holding up perfectly valid mining permits. This report brings to light yet another example of the EPA's war on coal that threatens our country's economic energy and security.

The report found that 190 coal mining operations are being held up. These mines are expected to produce over 2 billion tons of coal, and 81 small businesses rely on these permits to keep their doors open. The EPA is jeopardizing 1 out of every 4 coal mining jobs and over 162,000 indirect jobs in Appalachia.

Enough is enough. With nearly double-digit unemployment throughout the Appalachian region, the Obama administration should tell its EPA to stop its political attacks on coal. Now is the time to put politics aside so thousands of citizens in Appalachia can return to work.

AMERICAN JOBS AND CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES

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

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about H.R. 4213 and the impact it will have on an economy that may be improving but has not gone far enough yet. This important bill will put the folks in Maine back to work by increasing investment in our communities and businesses and by closing tax loopholes.

Because of this bill, small businesses that are the backbone of our economic recovery will have increased access to credit. The Build America's Bonds program will continue to allow towns to invest in improving their infrastructure and provide good-paying construction jobs for many Americans. In my home State of Maine, extending the research and development tax credit helps important businesses like IDEXX in Westbrook to grow and develop innovative new products.

I am proud to say this bill also cracks down on tax loopholes that allow hedge fund managers to avoid paying income tax on much of their salaries, and the bill makes sure that multinational corporations don't avoid paying taxes by shifting their profits to offshore tax havens.

Closing tax loopholes generates billions of dollars to pay for the provisions that create jobs in our communities. I look forward to voting "yes" on this important bill.

BUSINESS ECONOMIC HISTORY THAT MIGHT MAKE PINOCCHIO BLUSH

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

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we heard some business economic history that might make even Pinocchio blush.

Our friends on the other side of the aisle sometimes want the public to forget we inherited an economy in free fall last January. GDP had plummeted 5.4 percent and 741,000 Americans lost their jobs that month. This Congress took decisive action to halt that downward spiral known as the Great Recession.

Those efforts are yielding results today, fostering 290,000 jobs last month, 600,000 jobs so far this year, on a track to create more jobs this year than in the previous 8 years under their rule. In my Virginia district alone we created 4,000 jobs last month and saw the unemployment rate drop.

The national economy has posted positive growth in each of the last three-quarters, jumping 5.6 percent alone in the first quarter. Mr. Speaker, our Republican colleagues continue to advocate for the bankrupt policies that previously drove our Nation into the economic ditch. We have chosen a new path, and it's those actions and investments that are putting Americans back to work today.

ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and the remarkable contributions the Asian and Pacific Islander community have made to our Nation. I am a proud member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and my district includes some of the most robust and active Filipino and Chinese communities in America.

For centuries our Nation has been strengthened by the enormous courage, sacrifice, and dedication of immigrants from across the globe, and the Asian American Pacific Islander community is no exception. As the daughter and granddaughter of immigrants, I know firsthand how weaving values and principles from our cultures into our national fabric is a part of what makes our country great.

The heroes of the AAPI community represent the very best aspects of American life, and their contributions have been invaluable to my district, the State of California, and to our country.

PUT LIMITS ON CORPORATIONS' ABILITY TO INFLUENCE AMERICAN ELECTIONS

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, when the Supreme Court handed down a decision in the *Citizens United* case, which allowed corporations, including foreign corporations, to spend money to advocate candidates in American elections, many people might have thought this