

the care he needs. When I told her that under our bill we could very well save his life because he would never get insurance under the present situation and that he would never be denied coverage under our bill, she had a little bit of a conversion right on the spot.

A second was a woman who owned a gift shop in Louisville. She said she was against health care reform because she is a diabetic. She said, I can't wait until 2014 to get the help I need. She wasn't against health care reform. She needs it now, and she needs it desperately. Under our bill, there will be a high-risk pool so she can immediately get coverage that she can't get now.

The fact is health care reform as proposed by the House Democrats will save lives, will save money, will save jobs, and will save Medicare. It is time to pass health care reform.

GOOGLE'S INTENTION TO PULL OUT OF CHINA

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

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong support of Google's intention to consider pulling out of China due to a "highly sophisticated and targeted attack" on its corporate infrastructure and email service. Google is making a principled stand reminiscent of the companies that pulled out of apartheid South Africa and fascist Germany.

The Washington Post reported today that Google said it has evidence that a primary goal of the attackers was accessing the gmail accounts of Chinese human rights activists. They found that the gmail accounts of literally dozens of brave human rights advocates "appear to have been routinely accessed by third parties."

This is unconscionable but is not surprising given China's long history of cracking down on free speech, human rights, and religious freedom. China is regressing. They are increasingly brazen in their human rights abuses.

This principled stand on the part of Google will surely give hope to the millions of Chinese people who yearn for freedom and who cry out for basic human rights.

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

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

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Urban League, an organization dedicated to bettering the lives and protecting the rights of minority groups across our country.

The National Urban League is the oldest and largest community-based organization in our Nation. Locally, the Greater Stark County Urban League, located in my northeastern Ohio dis-

trict, formed out of the integration of the Massillon and Canton affiliates, has been serving our Stark County communities for over 90 years.

Under the direction of interim president and CEO Vince Watts, the work of the Greater Stark County Urban League is bettering Stark County at precisely the time we need it. Ohio's unemployment is still high, and we are recovering slowly, but now more than ever, as we are rebuilding our local economy for future success, the Greater Stark County Urban League is connecting minority groups in our communities to the employment and housing services and to the health and youth programming necessary.

Last year, the local Urban League began a new scholarship program for 20 high school juniors and seniors. This year, they hope to provide 30 scholarships. The League is also offering classes this year to help 60 people in Stark County obtain their GEDs.

I commend the Stark County Greater Urban League for making critical investments in our people, in our country, and in our future. This is the type of service that we all talk about here and should applaud every day on the floor of the House of Representatives.

BURMESE AMERICAN IMPRISONED

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

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, an American citizen is being held illegally and unjustly by the Burmese Government today, and we should do all we can to return him to the United States and to his family.

Nyi Nyi Aung has been imprisoned in Burma since September 3, and has been held under a revolving array of charges—all bogus. Aung has been deprived of food and sleep, has been beaten, then has had medical treatment withheld, and he remains in prison while his trial is pending.

The Burmese Government has ignored its obligations under international treaty, and it violates the standards of human rights and basic decency.

Aung has a heart for the oppressed people of his native country, a heart to bring true democracy to Burma, and his offense is promoting freedom in a country that is like a vast prison camp.

I urge Secretary Clinton to publicly call for Aung's release and to use all possible diplomatic means to return him to the United States where he can receive medical care. His life hangs in the balance, and we cannot afford to wait.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MIEP GIES AND HER IMPACT ON THE WORLD

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, last week, a lady died, named Miep Gies, a Dutch lady. She died at age 100.

The reason her death is worth noting is that she was a Dutch Catholic who, with her husband, hid the Frank family—Anne Frank, Otto Frank, that family—and another Jewish family for 25 months in Amsterdam when the Nazi regime came and was taking Jewish people from Amsterdam and throughout Europe to concentration camps. For 25 months, their family protected the Franks. They were then betrayed, the Frank family, and sent to concentration camps where all died but Otto Frank.

Ms. Gies found the diary of Anne Frank. She preserved it and gave it to Otto Frank when he was released from his concentration camp—the only surviving Frank. It was published, the story of a young girl and her hopes during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam and the persecution of Jews.

There are people today who do not believe that the Anne Frank diary was real. It was indeed real. This lady saved it. She saved history and taught us what people can do, just ordinary citizens, in acts of heroism to protect others in the face of injustice. I am pleased to recognize her in the United States Congress. We are lucky she came this way. She had a significant impact on the world.

RECOGNIZING THE 188TH FIGHTER WING AND ITS ROLE IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, more than 8 years after the September 11 attacks, our country is still fighting against terrorism. The attempted attack on Christmas Day has renewed the discussion of how to keep our country and its citizens safe and our Nation's interests protected. Our military is fighting every day to protect the world from these extremists.

Arkansans have proudly served to defend our country since the global war on terror began. Most recently, last week, 50 members of the 188th Fighter Wing, based in Fort Smith, Arkansas, left for a 120-day deployment in Afghanistan. These men and women are continuing the Arkansas tradition of service to our Nation. In the coming months, an additional 250 members of the 188th will deploy to provide close air support for ground troops in Afghanistan. This is an important mission that I am confident these men and women will accomplish successfully.

I ask my colleagues to keep the members of the 188th and their families and friends in their thoughts and prayers during this time.

THE EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATION IN HAITI

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn yesterday of the 7.0 Richter scale earthquake that struck Haiti yesterday. As I speak, President Obama is preparing to address the Nation about our response and support. My heart goes out to the Haitian people.

I would also like to express our condolences to the United Nations peacekeeping organization there. Currently, it is expected there will be casualties from Brazil, China, Jordan, France, and other countries. The Montana Hotel, where I have been, was one of the places where the soldiers stayed and where many of the deaths were.

So as an earthquake of this magnitude and this aftershock have wrought extensive damage to Port-au-Prince, we say that we are here to add our support, and our prayers go out to the people of Haiti.

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DEPUTY KENT MUNDELL, JR.

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

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, the people of the State of Washington are in a state of shock once again. They are in disbelief at the news that yet another police officer has been shot and killed in the line of duty. That makes six in the last 2 months in western Washington.

As a former cop myself, I will never forget the devastating time that we have gone through in the last couple months in losing these cops.

Last week, I attended the memorial for Pierce County Deputy Kent Mundell. He was 44 years old, and he died after being shot in the line of duty. He was able to kill the suspect, save other family members, his partner Sergeant Nick Hauser, and the community he had sworn to serve and protect. He paid the ultimate price.

Visiting at the hospital and attending his service and memorial, it is clear that Deputy Mundell had a heart full of life. He was willing and ready to serve. He was full of compassion for other human beings. And, now, that heart is silenced, and we all mourn this profound loss.

Deputy Mundell leaves behind his mom, his wife, his son and daughter, his partner, his entire law enforcement community, countless friends and loved ones. I ask this body, please, to keep them all in your prayers.

Deputy Kent Mundell, out of service, gone, but not forgotten.

JOBS

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Madam Speaker, 2010 may be a new year, but our top priorities remain the same: jobs, jobs, and jobs. We must stay focused on job creation to end this economic downturn.

With our national debt well over \$12 trillion, we cannot just rely on more spending to achieve our goals. Washington has to find the right balance between investing in our future and doing more with less.

This year, I will continue to push for projects that require common sense, not millions of dollars; projects that help communities attract new industries that will create jobs, get folks back to work, and put the economy back on track. I will also work to remove barriers to success for small businesses and curb excessive regulations that can slow growth.

These low-cost job creation efforts will spur economic recovery without further increasing the debt. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting them.

FOUR KEY HEALTH CARE MESSAGES FOR VOTERS 55 AND OLDER

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, seniors who express concern about the Democrat plans for a government takeover of health care in our country are correct to be concerned for at least four reasons:

The Democrat health plans do not address the fundamental concern of lowering the cost of health care. Indeed, the Democrat plans do exactly the opposite by raising health care costs.

Not only will the Democrat health care plans cause health care costs to go up, they will raise taxes, increase the deficit, raise premiums, and hurt the quality of health care that Americans receive.

The funding mechanisms envisioned to pay the cost of Democrat health care will harm Medicare and devastate Medicare Advantage.

Passing the Democrats' health care bill will harm our economy at a time when we need to focus on creating jobs. I urge seniors to tell their Democrat representatives to vote "no" on this job-killing, deficit-raising bill.

ONE HUNDRED WAYS TO A HEALTHIER JOB MARKET

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, the Joint Economic Committee, which I chair, has just launched a non-partisan outreach looking for new and creative ideas to accelerate job creation in our struggling economy.

The JEC is looking for ideas that come from outside the bubble of the

Beltway and that may be outside the box of conventional thinking. We are surveying executives at Fortune 100 companies as well as at leading small businesses across America looking for their ideas and innovations.

The administration has already identified some of the things we must do to create jobs, including the passage of health care reform.

Under the status quo, the soaring costs of medical care serves as a hidden tax on employers in the form of higher health care premiums. But we are committed to doing more, and we are eager to hear the best ideas from the sharpest minds in the country, looking for innovative new ways to create jobs and produce an economy that is stronger, fairer, and brighter.

HEALTH CARE REFORM AND JOBS

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

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, Democrats in Congress have devoted job creation as the number one top priority that we are focusing on in this period.

The fact is that the Republican recession has created some of the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression. But it is important to note that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has actually helped our economy begin to recover, and it is important to make sure that Americans know this.

It is important for Americans to know that the Recovery Act has created more than 640,000 jobs since it was enacted almost a year ago, and could produce as many as 1.6 million jobs.

More is needed, but the Recovery Act has reduced job losses, reduced unemployment rates and the increase in the unemployment rate, and increased the gross domestic product.

So, Madam Speaker, the Democratic caucus will continue to focus on job creation and will continue to work well, and we hope to do this in a bipartisan way. But even if we can't, we will continue to make jobs first on the agenda.

VIETNAM

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today representing the voice of my Vietnamese American constituency to once again bring attention to the deteriorating human rights conditions in Vietnam.

Last Wednesday, a number of Catholics were attacked by the police for reporting an incident where Vietnam Government officials destroyed a holy cross at the Dong Chiem parish. The removal of the cross was only one incident in a series of violent actions