

we're now completely remaking our health care system with extensive government oversight, taxes, and thousands of pages of new regulations.

With all of these things together, it's perfectly understandable why we have weak job growth. Uncertainty about the United States business climate is directly caused by what Congress is doing to the American economy. We need to stop harming our economy with new taxes and complicated regulations and opportunity for new litigation and, instead, free American entrepreneurs and businesses to be able to compete on a global level to create jobs.

HONORING DR. PAM CARBEANER

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

Ms. KOSMAS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and privilege today to recognize on the floor of the United States House of Representatives Dr. Pam Carbeaner for her extensive community service and her spirit of volunteerism.

Dr. Carbeaner has dedicated her life's work to helping people in need. She's had a particular focus on women and children, and she has dedicated her energies to a wide range of causes including eating disorders, children's advocacy, sexual assault, and maternal health.

Additionally, she has served the public with her expertise on the Halifax Health Board of Commissioners, which is the governing body of the area's largest health service providers. Dr. Carbeaner currently practices medicine at Halifax OB/GYN Associates in Daytona Beach, Florida, and she resides in Ormond Beach with her husband, Frank, and their three wonderful children, Sarah, Charlie, and Katie.

Today I would like to officially thank Dr. Carbeaner for her tireless work and her dedication to the health, wellbeing, safety, and care not only of her patients but also to the countless citizens who her volunteerism has served. She is recognized as an accomplished and outstanding community leader for the greater Halifax region of central Florida.

Thank you, Dr. Carbeaner.

HONORING MITCH MENLOVE

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

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, just days ago the State of Arizona lost a kind and gentle soul when Mitch Menlove passed away at the tender age of 36.

Mitch leaves behind a record of honor and integrity among those he worked with in a successful career in public affairs. He leaves behind a rich heritage of service in his church and his community.

Most important by far, however, is the legacy Mitch built, a legacy that

will continue for generations to come with his wife Elizabeth, his children Max, Morgan, and Makenna, and a fourth child, Mitchell Kent, Jr., who will be born any day now.

Just hours before Mitch passed from this life, he climbed Arizona's highest peak. He stands even higher today.

Those of us who are left momentarily behind will be forever grateful for the exemplary life he lived, the service he rendered, and for the wonderful family that will carry on his legacy.

PRESIDENTIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Mr. BACA. Today when President Obama signs into law sweeping Wall Street reform, it will mark another important change—I state, another important change—from the failed Republican policies of the past.

The irresponsible policies of the Bush administration and the Republican Congress cost us 8 million jobs. Thankfully, this new financial reform puts us on a path of restoring accountability to our financial system and ending the era of tax-funded bailouts.

President Obama and the congressional Democrats have fought to move America forward. We have enacted significant new laws to create new jobs and increase small business lending, end pay discrimination in the workplace, extend Medicare sovereignty, and make college education more affordable.

Unfortunately, my Republican colleagues continue to support policies that will ship jobs overseas, privatize Social Security, and dismantle Medicare. We can no longer afford the policies of the past. We must continue to work with our President and move America forward.

NINE COUNTRIES VERSUS ARIZONA

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, seven more countries now join Mexico and the United States to sue the State of Arizona. They are Nicaragua, El Salvador, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay and Guatemala. Not exactly all champions of human or civil rights.

They say their illegals in Arizona might be mistreated if Arizona enforces Federal law. But here's the real kicker: our own State Department has sided with these other nations against the American people. It has filed a declaration in the lawsuit saying the Arizona law is causing an international incident and hurting foreign policy. Now it's nine countries versus Arizona.

The nerve of our government to side with foreign powers and sue American people. Foreign countries have no business meddling in and dictating Amer-

ican national security. Our government is on the wrong side. It should support and defend the Constitution and the people of Arizona. It should not be siding with nations that have illegals in our country.

It's nine countries versus Arizona. I cast my lot with the people of Arizona. And that's just the way it is.

CUBA'S ELECTION TO U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I am outraged by the persistent failure of the United Nations Human Rights Council to fulfill its responsibilities to promote and protect human rights. The U.N. Human Rights Council has consistently targeted Israel and recently displayed a flagrant disregard for a strong human rights agenda with the election of the Cuban ambassador as vice president of the council.

The State Department 2009 report on human rights described Cuba as a totalitarian state that continues to deny its citizens their basic human rights and commits numerous and serious abuses. It is appalling that a country with such a poor human rights record has been elected as a leader of a body to create, to protect, and promote universal human rights.

While these election results are absurd, they are reflective of a larger problem—the overall state of the U.N. Human Rights Council. The council doesn't need to improve its record on protecting human rights; it needs to reverse its record. If the council continues to ignore its own members' egregious human rights records and persists in its anti-Israel campaign, then maybe the United States should move its funds and participate elsewhere.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL LARRY D. HARRIS, JR., USMC

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

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero: United States Marine Corps Corporal Larry D. Harris, Jr., of Thornton, Colorado.

Corporal Harris, a Marine Corps veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, graduated in 2003 from Boulder High School where he played football and ran track. He loved being an infantry marine on the front lines.

Corporal Larry Harris displayed heroism and service to others both overseas and at home. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for helping civilians severely injured in an automobile accident near Camp Pendleton.

On July 1, 2010, while on patrol in Helmand province in Afghanistan, another marine was shot in the leg. Picking up his fellow wounded marine to

carry him to safety, Corporal Harris tripped an explosive device, absorbing the blast. Though he died in the explosion, his effort saved the life of the wounded marine.

Corporal Harris is a shining example of the Marine Corps' service and sacrifice. As a Marine Corps veteran, my deepest sympathies go out to his family and to all who knew him.

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JOBS

(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. Mr. Speaker, day after day my Republican colleagues stand in the well of this Chamber blaming Democrats for failing to create jobs. As a Democrat who voted time and time again in this House of Representatives to create jobs for working families, I am shocked.

Right now, and today, Senate Republicans are blocking the passage of five critical bills that would create at least 1.5 million jobs for the American people, and House Republicans, after not having cast votes for these bills, have the audacity to accuse Democrats of not doing enough to create jobs? Shame on them.

I urge Republican Senators to vote for the America COMPETES Act, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act, the Jobs for Main Street Act, and the Small Business and Infrastructure Act to provide desperately needed jobs. If they're serious about creating jobs, then they will urge their Senate Republicans to take immediate action and pass these bills.

Senate Republicans, it's payday for the American workers. It's time to write a check to the American people and finish the job that the House started.

CONGRATULATING FORMER SHREVEPORT POLICE CHIEF HENRY WHITEHORN

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate former Shreveport Police Chief Henry Whitehorn on being sworn in as the United States marshal for the Western District of Louisiana. Prior to becoming the first African American police chief in Shreveport's history, Marshal Whitehorn served 29 years in the Louisiana State Police, eventually becoming appointed to the posts of deputy secretary for Public Safety Services and Louisiana State Police Superintendent by Governor Kathleen Blanco. Marshal Whitehorn also served 4 years as a sergeant in the United States Air Force.

I thank Marshal Whitehorn for his many years of public service and wish

him the best as he continues to serve the people of Louisiana in this new position.

WALL STREET REFORM

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

Ms. KILROY. Mr. Speaker, today our President signs the Frank-Dodd Act, the Wall Street reform bill. I was very proud to be able to serve on the Financial Services Committee and conference to help craft a bill and to stand with the people of Main Street, to stand with the regular people of our community against the special interests that have had too much power in Washington. We were able to put in place a bill that has a real watchdog with teeth, to protect our consumers and our country, to protect American savings and pensions and investments, and be on the lookout for those unscrupulous financial practices that can hurt our economy. It has a consumer protection bureau. It has an early warning system and a plan so that any future failing institution will not be bailed out at taxpayer expense. Taxpayers will no longer be on the hook or be forced to deal with something that's called too big to fail. It puts an end to TARP. It brings transparency to the market, and because of this bill Wall Street will no longer be able to act like a casino that will do such damage to our economy again.

STATE JOBS NUMBERS

(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, the new State job numbers confirm that 47 States are suffering since the so-called stimulus bill passed while D.C. bureaucrats are benefiting from increasing jobs. The Politico reported on such a discrepancy in an article titled, "Reality gap: U.S. struggles, D.C. booms."

The article says, "America is struggling with a sputtering economy and high unemployment, but times are booming for Washington's governing class."

"The massive expansion of government under President Barack Obama has basically guaranteed a robust job market for policy professionals, regulators and contractors for years to come. The housing market, boosted by the large number of high-income earners in the area, many working in politics and government, is easily outpacing the markets in most of the country."

The American people want Congress to focus on small business job growth instead of spending more of the people's money to create more government jobs. Americans understand TEA, Taxed Enough Already.

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

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the 75th anniversary of the Social Security program, two things are very clear. First, the program which keeps fully half of our seniors from living in poverty must be preserved and sustained for the long run. Second, preservation of Social Security must not, cannot mean increasing the risk that we ask our seniors to take.

Already, just a year or two after financial disaster obliterated \$17 trillion of American household wealth, we hear the proposals of privatization, of turning Social Security money over to the vagaries of the market. Mr. Speaker, could you imagine if that monthly Social Security check that 50 million Americans get was hammered the way retirement accounts have been hammered?

Every American who can should have private accounts that they fund with their savings. They shouldn't just rely on Social Security. But when things go wrong, they need to be able to rely on that Social Security with no risk that it disappears.

MARIJUANA ON PUBLIC LANDS

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government must do more to dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations operating marijuana plantations on our Nation's Federal lands. This is a severe and growing problem in the northern California congressional district I represent. These traffickers pose a threat to the visitors of the national parks and forests, and local law enforcement, and the Federal Government is fundamentally responsible for addressing it. I have introduced a resolution that I hope will garner sufficient support to focus more attention and begin a process of greater cooperation and coordination among the agencies responsible for protecting our Federal lands and the citizens who want to enjoy them.

Mr. Speaker, it's essential that we stay focused on addressing this important issue.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NICKY DANIEL BACON

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

Mr. SNYDER. With the death of Nick Bacon from cancer, Arkansas and