

ON THE DOORSTEP OF PROMISING  
HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENTS**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 24, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, when talking to non-partisan health care financing experts about the ideal health care system, their preference is clear: they usually agree that a single-payer system that prevents the health insurance companies from getting between you and your doctor is the way to go. But they usually follow up with a caveat—the health insurance industry and the pharmaceutical industry are too powerful to allow it to happen: it is not politically feasible.

I am thrilled to say that argument is now a relic. On January 19, Harvard economist William Hsiao released a report that examined three health care systems for Vermont, whose new governor campaigned on a single-payer platform. The report found that a true single payer system would save Vermont 8–12 percent off their health care spending upon implementation and another 12–14 percent as the system gets up and running. The result is that 5000 new jobs will be created because of the burden lifted off of businesses. And it would cover every Vermonter.

An article by VTDigger.org announced that “Even the private insurance companies, many of whose policy-holders would presumably be diverted to the new ‘single pipe’ which would channel all payments to doctors and hospitals through set rates for procedures cautiously welcomed Hsiao’s proposal.”

We are at the doorstep of one of the most promising developments in health care of our time.

JUSTICE FOR THE PERRONE-  
LEMONS FAMILY**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I recently introduced a private bill (H.R. 355) on behalf of two extraordinary individuals, Pablo Perrone and Cristina Lemos.

In 1987, Pablo and Cristina, labor union leaders in Uruguay, were persecuted by the radical socialist group, the Tupamaros. After receiving multiple death threats for refusing to join forces with the group, they fled to the United States and immediately claimed asylum after entry. Due to an incompetent lawyer, the judge denied their asylum cases. An appeal was made but was mishandled by the lawyer and eventually lost by the Department of Justice for 10 years. As a result of this injustice, Pablo and Cristina were never given an opportunity to state their case, a case that if heard, would have granted them lawful presence in the United States.

Now, over 20 years later, the same party that persecuted Pablo and Cristina is now in power. Pablo and Cristina have two U.S. citizen daughters, Loredana and Victoria, who speak limited Spanish and have lived in San Diego, California all their lives as excellent students. As contributing members of their

community, Pablo and Cristina pay taxes every year and devote countless hours to community service. Pablo and Cristina have no living family members in Uruguay. If deported, they will be forced to take their two U.S. citizen daughters with them, to a country where they risk persecution, and face exceptional economic, educational, and emotional hardship.

## SUE TUFFIN TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Sue Tuffin of Grand Junction, Colorado, for her dedication to her community. She has a unique and exceptional success story and has quickly risen through the ranks in her career in public service.

Ms. Tuffin is of exceptional character, and has shown discipline, tenacity, and savvy in her career and personal life. As a single mother, Tuffin realized she needed to go back to school to provide a better life for her son and herself—she was making 90 cents an hour to make ends meet. When she was married, she had worked in an office to put her then husband through college. Wanting to do the same, Ms. Tuffin enrolled at Southern Colorado State College to pursue a four-year degree. She finished her coursework in two. During this time, she worked four jobs to support herself and raise her young son.

Following college, Ms. Tuffin quickly received promotions at Manpower, an employment services company in Pueblo. She jumped from receptionist to counselor to supervisor. After Manpower, Tuffin worked at the Delta Department of Human Services, and eventually became director of both the Delta Health Department and Human Services Department. Ms. Tuffin spent a decade working for the State of Colorado reforming welfare. Recently, she was chosen to direct the Mesa County Workforce Center which provides employment resources and training programs.

Tuffin’s own success story will surely inspire those she serves at the Workforce Center. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask this body to commend Sue Tuffin for her perseverance in her personal and professional life. We wish her the best of luck in her new position.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
CAPTAIN DAN HOFFMAN**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 24, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the contributions of Captain Dan Hoffman, a longtime public servant and Chief of the Parma Police Department. A natural leader and dedicated law enforcement officer, Captain Hoffman devoted nearly four decades of his life to protecting the people of Ohio.

Mr. Hoffman grew up on the near west side of Cleveland and graduated from Old Lincoln

High School. He began his career with the East Cleveland Police Department in June of 1973, and moved to the Parma department five years later. Over the last 33 years, Hoffman has worked in many areas of the Parma Police Department. In his early years, he served on the Uniform Patrol Division, the Motorcycle Unit, the S.W.A.T. Unit, the Detective Bureau, the Special Investigations Unit, and the Services Division. He later moved up to work as Commander of the Uniform Patrol, Records, and Services divisions before being promoted to Executive Officer and finally Chief. Somehow, Hoffman still made time to attend both the FBI National Academy and Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command.

Like a true leader, Hoffman credits his employees and colleagues for the department’s success. In a letter announcing his retirement, he wrote “As I think about all of the past and present employees who have worked so hard to get us where we are now I am filled with a sense of pride for all of their and your accomplishments. It is apparent that everyone has committed to ensuring the safety and quality of life for the citizens of Parma.”

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in applauding Dan Hoffman for his outstanding service to the people of Parma. May every American citizen feel deep gratitude for the bravery, dedication, and talent of men and women who spend their lives keeping our communities safe. Captain Hoffman had a true calling to law enforcement and he leaves behind a legacy of public spirit, excellence, and camaraderie.

STOP THE OVERPRINTING (STOP)  
ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ERIC CANTOR**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, Washington has a dangerous spending problem that poses grave risk to future American prosperity. The only way we can start producing results for the people again is to transform the culture of spending in this town into a culture of savings.

Over at least the past two years, the House did not cut spending on one single occasion. Those days are over. Under our majority, government will learn to do more with less.

We may not eliminate the entire deficit overnight, but this House will fight to make tangible progress by cutting unnecessary spending and needless regulation, and growing jobs and the economy. We call it cut and grow.

It is in this light that we will bring spending back down to 2008 levels, and bring to the floor a spending cut each and every week. Two weeks ago, we sent a clear signal of fiscal discipline by trimming our own congressional budgets by 5 percent. This week, we have brought to the floor a spending cut picked by the public through our YouCut program begun last year. This reduction would eliminate mandatory printing of bills and resolutions by the Government Printing Office for the use of Members of the House of Representatives and Senate. In the digital age, there’s no reason we can’t save taxpayer dollars by forcing congressional offices to receive bills and resolutions through the Internet.

This legislation is a small but still important and largely symbolic step towards getting spending under control. I urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
ASHLEY TURTON

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 24, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Ashley Turton, a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Mrs. Turton's devotion to public service, and her passionate love for her family and children, has left a mark on countless lives.

Mrs. Turton dedicated her life to serving the American public. She served as press secretary, and later, chief of staff to Congresswoman DeLauro. She also worked as an aid to Congressman Richard Gephardt. She was a leader during her career as a public servant and she worked for the benefit of the people.

Upon leaving the public sector, Mrs. Turton continued to promote responsibility and good work ethics as a regulatory affairs analyst for Progressive Energy. She was a valued employee and a cooperative colleague, always happy and enjoying life's pleasures.

For everything Mrs. Turton was, she was a kind and caring mother first. A mother of three, Mrs. Turton was an active part of her neighborhood, where she was commonly seen playing with her children.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Ashley Turton, whose legacy of professionalism, service to others, and love and cheerful radiance will forever remain in our hearts and minds. I extend my sincere condolences to Mrs. Turton's husband, Dan Turton, a colleague of ours and a friend to many, and to Mrs. Turton's parents, siblings and children. Mrs. Turton's commitment to the common good and love will remain an example for us and those to come.

TRIBUTE FOR MARTA TAYLOR

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a new United States citizen and an outstanding contributor to America's armed forces and her community, Marta Taylor of Montrose, Colorado. Ms. Taylor and her late husband began Operation Sweet Tooth in 2003, and organization which has delivered over 140 tons of supplies to troops abroad.

Ms. Taylor moved to the United States in 1980 after spending most of her life in Poland under Soviet rule. Shortly after arriving, she

met Landy Taylor and married him ten years later. The two started a family, eventually having seven boys.

Ms. Taylor has always felt strongly about supporting U.S. troops—six of her sons are U.S. veterans. In 2003, as some of the first troops were preparing for deployment to Iraq, Ms. Taylor and her husband delivered 30 pizzas and offered thanks to the men and women about to serve at war. Once the couple realized the impact their recognition had on soldier morale, the two organized Operation Sweet Tooth two months later. Marta has involved herself in the packing of nearly every box since 2003. Since her husband's passing in 2007, Marta has solely fundraised and organized for Operation Sweet Tooth. Ms. Taylor's exceptional efforts for our uniformed service members are an inspiring example of selflessness.

On December 21, 2010, Ms. Taylor received full U.S. citizenship after scoring 100 percent on her citizenship test. On January 3, 2011, Ms. Taylor attended the deployment of the Montrose National Guard as a VIP guest. For her almost decade-long efforts and continued generosity and service, Ms. Taylor deserves the commendation of this body.

JUSTICE FOR FLAVIA

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I recently introduced a private bill (H.R. 356) on behalf of an exceptional woman, Flavia Maboloc Cahoon.

Over 18 years ago, Flavia legally immigrated to the United States from the Philippines. She was accompanied by her four-year-old daughter, Jane Drury, now serving in the U.S. Navy on the USS *Bunker Hill*. In 2005, after several failed appeals were made to correct a mistake she made on her original naturalization application, Flavia was taken from her home in January and was subjected to inhumane conditions at an over-crowded detention facility near the U.S.-Mexico border for two weeks. Flavia is a hardworking, law-abiding woman who has lived her life being of service as a nurse and volunteer. If deported, Flavia will most certainly face economic and emotional hardship without family or financial support.

TRIBUTE FOR BOB LUNA

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere honor to rise and pay tribute to Mr. Bob Luna. Through his charitable efforts to bring the beauties and joys of the outdoors to our na-

tion's veterans, Mr. Luna has been able to provide many soldiers with cherished hunting experiences and memories.

Since 2008, Bob Luna and his Colorado Hunting Expeditions, along with the National Rifle Association Foundation, have sponsored the Mark Ecker II Memorial Heroes Hunt. This annual January tradition gives the opportunity for 20 veterans to participate in a Rocky Mountain hunt. Many of the veterans are mentally or physically disabled due to injuries and experiences resulting from their bravery in combat. The chance to participate in big game pursuit means everything to these soldiers. The Memorial Heroes Hunt, which takes place in Dolores, Colorado, will be continuing with its fourth installment this January, and Mr. Luna's efforts and passion serve as an exemplary example of what one citizen can give back to our nation's soldiers.

It should also be noted that many local businesses from Montezuma County, Colorado donate food, equipment, and lodging in an effort to make sure this wonderful tradition continues.

Mr. Speaker it is my honor to recognize Mr. Bob Luna before this Congress today. The efforts of Bob Luna's actions speak volumes about his dedication to our country.

TRIBUTE FOR MATT PETERS

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Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Matt Peters of Durango, Colorado, for his efforts in co-founding Unite Our World, a non-profit charity that provides medical assistance and builds schools for impoverished children abroad.

Mr. Peters and his friend Riley King have always been entrepreneurially inclined and focused on giving back to society. After their high school graduations, both men started a few seasonal businesses to fund their travels abroad. When Mr. King had the opportunity to visit a school in Uganda in 2009, both of the young men decided to found Unite Our World. After being born into a country full of opportunity and wealth, both men felt they needed to give back to the world at large.

Unite Our World's core mission is to advocate and provide assistance for children who do not have sufficient educational resources within their own countries. Recently, the organization expanded its mission and involved itself in the battle against the AIDS epidemic in Uganda. Mr. Peters currently serves as vice president of the non-profit.

Mr. Speaker, America is lucky to have committed citizens such as Mr. Peters and Mr. King. I am proud to commend both these young men for their leadership and contribution to our world community.