

Those who were tragically killed in the attack were holding up their end of the democratic bargain—active citizens eager to connect with their representative. Also, there were other public servants, a federal judge who had sat on the bench for nearly 20 years, and a member of Gabby's staff, whose dedication reminds me so much of the young people who work for me. My heart goes out to those who loved Christina Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard and Gabriel Zimmerman. Even as we mourn their deaths, may we celebrate their rich and glorious lives. Let's also send our get-well wishes to all of the wounded and our undying gratitude to the first responders, including the courageous intern who may have saved GABBY's life.

There is every expectation that GABBY will make a full recovery. And hopefully she will return to the House of Representatives to continue a promising career in public service. I can think of no greater gift we can give her—no better way to honor her—than to put this House in better order.

I hope we can dedicate this session to her, conducting our debate on health care and other issues with passion and conviction, but also with maturity and respect. As we take up our important business, let's do it in a manner worthy of GABRIELLE GIFFORDS. As a tribute to her, to those who died, and to everyone whose lives are forever changed by this senseless shooting, let's do our work in a way that showcases the very best of our democracy, just as it was on display in that shopping center the morning of January 8.

CELEBRATING LOUDOUN CARES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work of Loudoun Cares, an innovative organization in Virginia's 10th District that promotes the sharing of community services under one roof to save on the overall costs to other nonprofits in the surrounding community. Loudoun Cares is a leader in the local effort to develop a multi-tenant nonprofit center which provides affordable and stable office space and shared services for Loudoun County charities serving families in need.

On October 1, 2010, Loudoun Cares celebrated the completion of renovations to its facility. This innovative collaboration promotes efficiencies and enhances service delivery to citizens in need. It also serves as a model for other communities seeking to develop nonprofit infrastructure that will improve, streamline and consolidate human service deployment.

The ongoing success of the 6-year-old Loudoun Cares is a direct result of a collaboration that includes nonprofits, faith communities, business partners and government.

I would like to recognize and thank Loudoun Cares and its board of directors, staff, volunteers and contributors for their work on behalf of the Loudoun community, especially Andy

Johnston, the executive director, and Jennifer Montgomery, director of operations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO REPEAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

**HON. PAUL C. BROUN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I am honored to introduce a bill that repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and the accompanying Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and replaces it with four specific health care reform policies which will improve the challenges facing our country's health care financing.

Americans desire true health care reform that lowers premium costs, meets their medical needs regardless of what job they currently have or which state they live in, strengthens the doctor-patient relationship, and provides an affordable approach for medical insurance coverage for those uninsured or with pre-existing medical conditions. Many Members in Congress have expressed support for the ideas listed above and for the following specific solutions to these issues:

(1) Individuals should be afforded the same tax advantages that businesses have by being able to deduct their 100 percent of all of their health care expenses from their taxes, including insurance.

(2) Strengthen and expand new avenues for affordable health care for sick Americans through high-risk pools.

(3) Expand choice and competition by allowing consumers to shop for health insurance across state lines.

(4) Create association health plans, which would allow small businesses and other entities to form pools that will increase availability and allow their sheer size to negotiate lower costs for their employees or members.

While it's understood that these concepts do not make up a complete solution to our nation's health care financing problems, they would be a strong foundation to start to address the inequities inherent in the health care financing system, while still allowing for future additional reforms.

COMMEMORATING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

**HON. ALBIO SIRE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Martin Luther King Federal holiday. This milestone gives us the opportunity to reflect on Dr. King's profound legacy and revel in the incredible example he has given all public servants.

As a vital figure of the modern era and instrumental leader during the Civil Rights Movement, he paved the way for equality and justice for all. His lectures, dialogues, and leadership inspired, and continue to inspire,

generations of individuals to question the status quo and demand change.

Throughout his life, he also emphasized the importance of public service, which he continuously participated in through his work as a minister, community organizer, and civil rights activist.

It is for this reason that MLK Day is the only Federal holiday observed as a national day of service. The MLK Day of Service empowers citizens to volunteer in their communities, discuss social problems, and create viable solutions.

I see no better way to commemorate this incredible individual than by continuing on with his legacy of service and encouraging others to find ways to serve their communities.

OPPOSITION TO H. RES. 5

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H. Res. 5, the new Republican Majority's rules for the U.S. House of Representatives.

H. Res. 5 contains a provision that reverses a long-standing policy, known as Clause 3, which requires the Appropriations Committee to fully fund transportation requests at levels authorized in the highway bill. The purpose of this rule was to ensure that the level of spending from the Highway Trust Fund was not greater than revenues that come in, which are paid by the users and taxpayers. This mechanism works; it ensures that obligation levels are known and fully used on an annual basis for transportation improvements.

Instead, the new rules package eliminates this guarantee of minimum annual spending from the Highway Trust Fund and puts road, transit and airport projects—and jobs—at risk. Removing the funding certainty that States rely on to secure contracts, make long-term infrastructure plans and hire employees will have a negative effect on the economy. Further, the proposed modification to current House rules could lead to reduced transportation obligation levels, less efficiency, a backlog of transportation projects, and unexpected cuts for states already facing severe budget deficits.

In Illinois, lower national obligation levels will translate into a reduced highway improvement program. With reduced Federal funds, the Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, will not be able to deliver its planned program, and many important projects that need additional Federal funds may be deferred.

As a senior member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am opposed to this process of using the rules package to strip budgetary planning certainties from States. Repealing Clause 3 will not cut transportation spending; rather it will merely allow the gas tax and other revenues being put into the trust fund to accrue without being spent, leaving critical infrastructure safety improvement projects languishing.

In the 112th Congress I expect to debate a new transportation reauthorization bill to replace the current law, which expired in September 2009. The Highway Trust Fund and obligation limitations are issues that will be

discussed as the gas tax has not been increased since 1993 and available funds are decreasing every year.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly believe that maintaining an efficient, multi-modal transportation system is critical to regional and national economic growth. H. Res. 5 repeals an important policy that will hurt investment in transportation infrastructure and reduce jobs. Twenty-one transportation and economic groups are also opposed to this change in the rules package, including State Departments of Transportation.

I urge my colleagues to vote against H. Res. 5.

#### ATTACKS IN EGYPT

### HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the families and communities of the Egyptians who lost their lives in the recent New Year's bomb attack. The horror of this tragedy continues to reverberate across the world—a tragedy in which those peacefully practicing their faith were attacked and brutally murdered.

The Government of Egypt has a responsibility to protect all its citizens. Sadly, it has not done that. Over the last decade, there has been a disturbing pattern of the Government allowing, condoning, or responding with apathy to attacks against Christians in Egypt. There is simply no excuse for the lack of protection in this recent attack, last year's Christmas attack, and any other attacks against the Christian community or their places of worship and service.

When will the Egyptian Government wake up to its duty to protect its citizens?

Until Egypt is a free country where all Egyptians are able to peacefully practice their faith without fear or restriction, none of Egypt is truly free. Those in the government who would support the extremists who engage in these attacks are the ones who undermine democracy, freedom, and stability for the Egyptian people.

Again, governments do not need to take overt action for discrimination or persecution to occur. Denial of justice occurs by governments when the governments themselves, though not directly involved in persecution, indirectly encourage it by their statements, actions and subsequent policies. Instead, they look the other way when injustice happens. A prime example of this is the 1998 Al-Kosheh case in which the government exonerated individuals charged with persecuting, arresting, and torturing over 1,000 Coptic Christians, and even gave job promotions to the state security officials responsible for the persecution. That is not protection of citizens and that is not justice.

I call on the Egyptian Government to ensure that the perpetrators of this heinous crime against the Copts, and ultimately against the people of Egypt, are brought to justice.

To the Coptic community, please know that our hearts and prayers go out to you in this time of grief and loss. We stand with you.

HONORING U.S. ARMY SERGEANT  
1ST CLASS JOHN P. FLEMING,  
RECIPIENT OF THE SILVER STAR  
MEDAL

### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Army Sgt. 1st Class John P. Fleming, who was recently awarded the Silver Star Medal by U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates while on active duty in Afghanistan.

The Silver Star Medal is the third highest military decoration to be bestowed by the U.S. Army, after the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross. First established as the Citation Star by an Act of Congress in 1918, the Silver Star is awarded for gallantry in action while engaged in military operations. The required gallantry must have been performed with marked distinction.

John Fleming grew up in Alton, Illinois, and attended Marquette High School, graduating in 1996. He enlisted in the Army in 2001. John's family has a proud tradition of military service. Both of his grandfathers served in the Army and he has a brother who served in the Air Force.

In 2010, Sgt. Fleming was in his first deployment in Afghanistan after three deployments to Iraq. On November 17 his platoon was engaged with the enemy in a Taliban stronghold in the Pech Valley of Kunar Province. Cut off from their main support, Fleming and his men came under heavy fire. Fleming had just put on his helmet before the bullets and shrapnel came raining in on them which no doubt saved his life. He took three shots to the helmet and one to his chest, which was protected by his body armor.

While under intense enemy fire, Sgt. Fleming tended to his platoon, including patching wounds in a fellow soldier's chest and back. When support aircraft were sent to his position, Sgt. Fleming provided directions to the enemy locations so covering fire could enable evacuation of the wounded. Six soldiers from Fleming's platoon died as a result of wounds suffered during the battle.

Sgt. John Fleming's courage and decisive action under the most extreme circumstances contributed to saving the lives of many in his platoon. For this tremendous gallantry, he was awarded the Silver Star, which was presented to him in a ceremony on December 7, 2010, by Secretary Gates.

Sgt. Fleming and his wife, Helen, have two sons, Thomas, and John Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sgt. John Fleming on receiving the Silver Star and expressing our sincere gratitude for his service to our country.

HONORING CHARLES "CHUCK"  
DANIELS, JR.

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 18, 2011*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor Charles "Chuck" Daniels, Jr., of San Rafael, California, who passed away December 28, 2010, at the age of 84.

A businessman in Marin County for many decades, Chuck developed the House of Daniels beverage distributing company which had originally been founded, as Golden Gate Distributing Co., by his father at the end of Prohibition. What began as a small warehouse in San Anselmo eventually moved to Black Point in Novato where it became a \$20 million business with 75 employees.

House of Daniels was known for its fine collection of wines and also distributed beer, spirits, and other beverages. Its last beverage interests were sold in 2005, and the Novato site changed to a storage operation with Chuck as CEO.

Chuck also played a larger role in the industry including involvement in Robert Mondavi winery, the North Coast Growers Association, the Old Timers Wine Club of Northern California, and as director or president of statewide groups such as the Spirits Wholesalers Association of America, the Northern California Wine and Spirits Wholesaler Association, and the California Beer Distributors Association. Trellis Vineyards, his own winery, was located in Sonoma County.

Involved in the Marin County community, Chuck was particularly active in public safety issues. He served on the California Crime Commission and the Fire Commission of the San Rafael Fire Department as well as working on arson investigations with local enforcement. He also supported a variety of youth activities, and, in 1997, the Marin Council of Boy Scouts named him their Distinguished Citizen of the Year. While a member of Dominican University's Leadership Forum, he promoted the renovation of historic buildings on campus.

Chuck's sense of fun was as integral to his personality as his passion for service. He was a founder of the Marin Republican Council as well as the Tocaloma Temperance Society, a social club for retired politicians. He loved spending time at the beaches of Lake Tahoe and in the mountains of Yosemite, as well as seeking out fine wine and dining experiences with his wife Carol.

In addition to Carol, he is survived by his three sons, Charles III, Peter, and Jonathan, and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, although we mourn the loss of Charles Daniels in our community, I am proud to celebrate his many accomplishments and his dedication to making Marin County a better place.