

and extended family and friends may take comfort in John's many accomplishments and knowing that his lifetime of public service has left a lasting legacy for which they can be most proud.

REMEMBERING AND MOURNING JOHN ADLER

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

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise in shock and sympathy at the loss, the death of John Adler, and send my sympathy and condolences to Shelley and the family.

I won't recount his many accomplishments or paint a full picture of John Adler, a truly wonderful public servant. I hope there will be occasion for the testimonial and memorial here at another time. But I do want to express to his many friends and many admirers sympathy and condolences.

John Adler was dedicated to the service of the people of New Jersey. And you will hear again and again, if you didn't know John, about his wonderful cheerfulness and humor that he showed in good times and in bad.

A good friend to many of us, a friend to the people of New Jersey—a real loss.

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PASSING OF JOHN ADLER

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

Mr. LANCE. I am shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of John Adler at age 51. John was a friend of mine for 20 years. We served together in the New Jersey State Senate for 7 years sitting next to each other, divided only by the center aisle.

When we arrived in Washington in 2009, John and I were the only freshmen Members of Congress from New Jersey. We worked together on many issues here and served together on the Financial Services Committee. I believe John Adler worked for the best interests of New Jersey and, more recently, for the entire Nation.

My wife, Heidi, and I are friends with the Adler family, including John's beloved wife, Shelley, and their four sons—Jeffrey, now at Harvard, Alexander at Cornell, Andrew, and Oliver.

Heidi and I extend our deepest sympathy to the Adler family. Today our hearts are broken and we are devastated.

REMEMBERING JOHN ADLER

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

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, for those of us who've known John for a

long time and who have loved and cherished him, this is a very tragic and difficult occasion. I hope that Shelley and his boys know, in the depths of their grief, the breadth of love and respect for John that people feel tonight.

His loss is tragic beyond words, but we can, for a moment, celebrate a victory over tragedy tonight that one person in 51 brief years could touch the lives and achieve the achievements that John Adler did in his life. His life was far too short, but it was rich, it was filled with laughter and achievement, and those of us who have been touched by his friendship count ourselves richer for the benefit of that.

May God bless his family and rest his soul.

RECOGNIZING EXPLORAVISION REGIONAL FINALIST FROM OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize the success of a local group of ninth grade students from my congressional district in south Florida, Our Lady of Lourdes Academy.

Guided by their teacher, Susan Fleming, these four young ladies—Gabriela Ballesteros, Christina Gutierrez, Lauren Lopez, and Diana Lopez—have been selected as regional winning finalist in the Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision competition.

This group of intelligent young ladies envisioned an innovative proposal for medical technology, a surgical procedure that would treat patients whose vocal cords have been paralyzed, allowing them to speak again. Their groundbreaking idea was selected from over 4,000 entries and over 13,000 students.

Innovative students like these four impressive girls will help lead our Nation into the future, and I wish them much success in the upcoming national judging phase.

LOCAL TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT OF 2011

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

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, before I talk about the bipartisan Local Taxpayer Relief Act, to reauthorize Impact Aid, before I go to that, I, too, would like to add my condolences to the family of John Adler.

John and I used to do yoga and tai-chi together—he much more often than I—at 6:30 in the morning. I got to know him and to really admire him for the commitment that he had to be of service. And the times that I would miss our tai-chi sessions, he would say, “We missed you, Mazie.”

We miss you, John.

IMPACT AID

Most public school funding comes from local property taxes. However, in areas with Federal property, Indian lands, or military bases, school districts cannot collect these needed revenues. Without relief, taxpayers in these federally impacted areas would need to pay more to support the same level of education as other districts.

The bipartisan bill that I am introducing today would make sure that these districts would have the kind of Federal support through Impact Aid that they need to ensure that all of our students, our children, have the kind of good education they deserve. Impact Aid supports over 12 million children in more than 1,300 school districts in every single State, D.C. and the U.S. territories.

I want to acknowledge the work of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, NAFIS, who worked tirelessly to bring this bill to the floor. The Impact Aid Coalition includes 105 Members of Congress.

I thank my principal cosponsor Congresswoman KRISTI NOEM of South Dakota for her partnership, and I urge all my colleagues to support the bill.

DEMOCRATS' PLAN TO SHUT DOWN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for one reason—to expose the Democrats' carefully designed plan to shut down the Federal Government.

This Friday, the short-term continuing resolution expires, but the Democrats have yet to offer any real solutions for our budget mess. They just want to keep on spending, taxing, and borrowing. I believe they're dodging their responsibilities on purpose.

The Democratic leadership is trying to back us into a corner with only two ways out: keep spending money at their outrageous levels or shut down the government. We are in an economic emergency, and neither of these options will do anything for America's financial crisis. I believe they actually want to shut down the government for their own political purposes.

Mr. Speaker, I implore my Democrat colleagues to do what is right for America—to get serious about cutting spending before we find ourselves so deeply mired in debt that digging out becomes impossible.

THE CLEAN AIR ACT MUST BE KEPT ALIVE

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, we will all breathe easier if we are able to reach a bipartisan consensus about this budget impasse that we now have. But we will

not all breathe easier if the Republicans succeed in essentially eliminating the ability of Uncle Sam to enforce the Clean Air Act.

Now, I know it seems pretty shocking, but the fact of the matter is, tonight, as these discussions are going on, the Republicans want to put a rider—one of these noxious viruses on a bill—a rider that would make it illegal for the Environmental Protection Agency to protect our children's health against asthma in enforcing the Clean Air Act.

Now, this is pretty amazing. It cannot stand. We are encouraged that the majority leader has said they will not allow these riders.

Let's get a compromise to deal with this deficit, not make it harder for our kids to breathe, not make it easier for asthma to ravage our kids, and let's preserve a bipartisan success in the Clean Air Act.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MICROSOFT IN FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

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

Mr. BERG. Today I would like to recognize the 10th anniversary of Microsoft having invested in Fargo, North Dakota. Since coming to North Dakota, Microsoft has helped to create hundreds of jobs, and it's increased the economic opportunity in our State.

Ten years ago tomorrow, Microsoft acquired Great Plains Software in Fargo, a local homegrown company. At the time, Great Plains employed 800 people. Today, there are more than 1,500 people working in Fargo for Microsoft. And the Microsoft campus continues to grow. In fact today, there are more than 60 open positions at Microsoft looking for people.

This is what our country needs throughout all the States. I am pleased that companies like Microsoft have felt confident in investing in our State and our people.

Congratulations to Fargo Microsoft employees on your 10-year anniversary, and thank you for the positive work you've done for the Fargo community.

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IN MEMORY OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ADLER

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, it is on days like this in the House when you lose a colleague, John Adler, who passed, served in the previous Congress, that you realize how many good men and women come and serve in this House of Representatives, and what an honor it is to serve with them and to spend time with them while they are here on this Earth. It is also a reminder on how sometimes good people

pass early, so we need to all enjoy each day the opportunity that God has given for us to live.

John Adler was a fine man, he served honorably in this Congress, and he cared about human beings. He was my friend, and I will miss him.

CELEBRATING THE PATTERSON FAMILY

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

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to celebrate an American family in Colorado. Steve and Angie Patterson, in Denver, Colorado, have three wonderful children, Caid, Marin, and tonight we pay special tribute to their son Jake, celebrating his 10th birthday. They will soon be the next generation of Americans leading this country, making choices. The choices that we make in this place will impact their lives and their future. They are counting on us to do the right thing.

Mr. Speaker, tonight I wish that they have a very happy celebration together for the family, and we wish them the best.

IN MEMORY OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ADLER

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

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I too am here to acknowledge the passing of a wonderful human being and my friend, John Adler. Congressman John Adler served in the House of Representatives representing a portion of our State of New Jersey. John was a hysterically funny guy, brilliant. He was a loving husband, a loving father to four outstanding young men.

He was a leader in the New Jersey State Senate, recognized for his intelligence and his contribution to the people of New Jersey. I am still in shock at his passing. He did not deserve to die young. He was such a good man. I want to convey my thoughts and prayers to his wonderful wife, Shelley, and to their four sons, Jeffrey, Alex, Andrew, and Oliver, on the passing of this great and good and wonderful man, John Adler.

HONORING JERRY SLOAN

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate a native southern Illinoisan and a living legend in the sport of basketball, Mr. Jerry Sloan of McLeansboro, Illinois, who retired recently as head coach of the NBA's Utah Jazz. Jerry never forgot his humble roots. Throughout his playing and coaching career, he exhibited a hard-

work ethic, a down-to-Earth demeanor, and an unassuming style.

Jerry ended what was the longest tenure with the same team of an active head coach in the four major sports leagues. He is third on the all-time NBA wins list with 1,221.

Jerry was an outstanding athlete at McLeansboro High School and played college basketball at the University of Evansville, leading the Purple Aces to consecutive Division II national championships. He was drafted into the NBA by the Baltimore Bullets and then went to the Chicago Bulls in the expansion draft. He played 10 years with the Bulls and has his No. 4 jersey retired by the team.

In 1979, Jerry was named head coach of the Bulls. He resigned in 1982 and joined the Jazz as an assistant coach in 1984. He became the Jazz head coach in 1988. Jerry led the Jazz to the NBA finals twice. He was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009. Jerry is a gracious, honest, tractor-loving guy. He will be missed in Utah, but those of us in southern Illinois will welcome the chance to see him more often.

IN MEMORY OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ADLER

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

Mr. WELCH. John Adler was in the class just after me, and I got to know him well because the freshman and sophomore classes went through learning how to serve in this Congress together. I also got to know him because we happened to have our lockers in the same section of the gym. And I am stunned, as we all are.

But what was so amazing to me, in my getting to know John Adler, was I learned about his Harvard education, the college and the law school. I had some assumptions about him that he had a much more prosperous early life than he did. He had to earn everything that he got. I also learned about the challenges that he faced. And what was clear to me, as it was to all of us who got to know him, is that he was a person who made a decision that whatever the challenge, he was going to face it with good humor, with optimism, with a sense of doing the work because it was worth doing in and of itself.

I also remember many times asking him about his weekend; and what he always responded with was something about his family. It wasn't about the speech he gave; it wasn't about the press release or a story in the paper on TV. It was always, every single time, about his family. John Adler was a good friend. He will be missed. A wonderful, wonderful servant in Congress.

GOP DOCTORS CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBBS). Under the Speaker's announced