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SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 9, the so-called Small Business Tax Cut Act. This bill is an incredible waste of taxpayer money that will do nothing to grow America's economy or create jobs.

House Republicans admit that H.R. 9 will add \$46 billion to federal deficits and force our country to borrow more money from foreign countries such as China. They argue deficit-spending is worthwhile because their bill will create jobs and stimulate economic growth. Unfortunately, there is absolutely no evidence to support their claim. The nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation determined the economic impact of this Republican bill is "so small as to be incalculable."

The country's wealthiest individuals and corporations are the true beneficiaries of this legislation. H.R. 9 will provide over 125,000 millionaires with an average tax cut of \$58,000. According to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, nearly half of the bill's benefits go to individuals with annual income over \$1 million even though this group comprises just 0.5 percent of all taxpayers and 4 percent of all small-business employers. The largest tax breaks in this bill go to law partners, corporate consultants, lobbyists, hedge fund managers, and other highly profitable, private enterprises that do not need extra support from America's taxpayers.

The tax benefits in H.R. 9 are so poorly targeted that reality-show stars Donald Trump, Paris Hilton and Kim Kardashian qualify as

"small businesses" and will receive taxpayer-financed handouts. In fact, this legislation provides tax breaks to pornography shops and corporations that ship American jobs overseas.

This legislation represents a new low point for the House Republican majority. It is so flawed that even fellow conservatives are mocking the bill. The Wall Street Journal editorial page calls H.R. 9 a "tax gimmick." Former economic advisor to President Reagan Bruce Bartlett said H.R. 9 "will do nothing whatsoever to increase employment. It is nothing more than an election year give-away to a favored Republican constituency and should not be taken seriously."

H.R. 9 is a signal to the American people that House Republicans are officially out of ideas for creating jobs. This bill merely recycles the Bush Administration's failed economic policies that ballooned the national debt and produced the lowest rate of job creation since World War Two. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office analyzed a range of policies that could be enacted to strengthen the economy and promote economic growth: this measure ranked second to last.

I urge my Republican colleagues to abandon this dead-end legislation and instead, join with Democrats to support proven job creation measures, including bonus depreciation for main street businesses.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF WAYNE AND KATHY FOWLER

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 50th wedding anniversary of Wayne and Kathy Fowler.

Wayne and Kathy Fowler nee Pierce were married on March 17, 1962, at Kathy's parents' home in Kissee Mills, Missouri, where her father was postmaster and owned a grocery store and gas station.

Kathy graduated from Forsyth High School, where she was salutatorian of her class. She then attended Draughon's Business College and went to work for Charles A. Moon, attorney at law. She left the law office to work for Frisco Railroad, later Burlington Northern and then Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, where she retired after 32½ years. She then worked for Burrell Behavioral Health for over 6 years before retiring and starting a home transcription business. She always had a huge love for horses, with her dad buying her first Fox Trotting mare for her 12th birthday. The horses have always remained her passion.

Wayne was originally from Waterloo, Iowa, and had moved to Kissee Mills with his family in 1961. Wayne was a car enthusiast and drove stock cars for several years at the Fairgrounds Speedway, Bolivar Speedway, Odesa Speedway, and Fort Smith Arkansas. When he got out of racing, he took up bass fishing. Wayne is a welder and retired from the Paul Mueller Company several years ago. He now has a portable aluminum/stainless welding business and specializes in marine repairs. They have one son, Ken Fowler, and three grandchildren, Chase, Katie and Nick, who reside in Camdenton, Missouri.

Kathy and Wayne have resided in Springfield for the past 28 years, operating horse boarding and training stables in Republic for 13 years. Wayne and Kathy are both very busy pursuing their hobbies. Wayne still participates in bass fishing tournaments and Kathy trains and rides her Fox Trot horses. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a stay at Downstream Casino, one of their favorite things to do.

I am proud of Wayne and Kathy Fowler and am honored to call them my neighbors in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri. I wanted to take this opportunity to commemorate their 50th anniversary. May God bless them with many more happy and loving years together.

ARISAI GURROLA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Arisai Gurrola for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Arisai Gurrola is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Arisai Gurrola is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Arisai Gurrola for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,628,266,498,708.04. We've added \$5,001,389,449,794.96 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF OF POLICE, ROBERT "BOBBY" HYATT

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retiring Chief of Police, Robert

"Bobby" Hyatt of the City of La Vernia in Texas. He has dedicated his career to assisting and protecting the south Texas community through his work and efforts. Chief Hyatt retired from the City of La Vernia Police Department on November 30, 2011, after 17 years of faithful service, making him the longest sitting Chief in the State of Texas.

Mr. Hyatt grew up in San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from Burbank High School. He began his law enforcement career at the young age of 21. Mr. Hyatt joined the San Antonio Police Department in 1963. Chief Hyatt retired from the San Antonio Police Department after 31 years of faithful service on Friday, July 29, 1994, and began work as the Chief of Police for the City of La Vernia on Monday, August 1, 1994. Some of his notable career accomplishments include escorting many dignitaries while they visited the City of San Antonio, including Presidents of the United States and the Queen of England. Towards the end of his career in San Antonio he worked as an applicant processing officer, conducting background checks on new cadet candidates for the San Antonio Police Department.

When he began his tenure in the City of La Vernia, he was the only police officer in the City—making him a vital asset in the area for their law enforcement. When he retired, he had a department consisting of six full-time officers, including him and eight reserve officers. Chief Hyatt retired from the City of La Vernia Police Department on November 30, 2011, after 17 years of committed service. Mr. Hyatt has been married to his wife Pat for 54 years. The couple has three children and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and privileged to have the opportunity to recognize the extraordinary commitment to former Chief of Police Robert "Bobby" Hyatt for serving and protecting the communities in Texas.

A TRIBUTE TO HEARTSAPART.ORG

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to HeartsApart.org, a truly outstanding organization providing a creative and invaluable service to the men and women of our Armed Forces. As their name implies, HeartsApart.org serves the members of our military while they are apart from their hearts—their families and loved ones—as they serve our Nation across the seas and around the world. HeartsApart.org pairs soon-to-be deployed men and women with local photographers, who donate their time, resources, and skills to give soldiers a precious gift: a portrait of their children and spouses. These photographs, printed on waterproof and durable bi-folded cards, which fit securely in a uniform pocket, serve as reminders of home and encouragement for those who serve us so readily.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that HeartsApart.org began as a local organization in my own state of North Carolina. For Wilmington, NC photographer Brownie Harris, it was a way to show his support and apprecia-

tion for America's service members one photo shoot at a time. From humble beginnings and a simple mission, HeartsApart.org has grown to become a national organization, with volunteer photographers in states from Virginia to Nevada and California to Illinois. On April 11, HeartsApart.org was one of 20 organizations honored by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden as finalists for the Joining Forces Community Challenge, an initiative aimed at encouraging citizens to honor, support, and celebrate our military families. The vision and commitment of the staff of HeartsApart.org is to be commended and applauded. Today, I offer my heartfelt thanks to those who give of their time and talents to serve our brave men and women. May God continue to bless their efforts, and may God bless America.

BROOKE BALLANTYNE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brooke Ballantyne for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Brooke Ballantyne is an 11th grader at Two Roads High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Brooke Ballantyne is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Brooke Ballantyne for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

LAUNCH OF NORTH KOREAN MISSILE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, the recent launch of a three-stage rocket by North Korea was a clear provocation that cannot be ignored. Although the launch was a technical failure, it was an aggressive statement that shows the new regime in North Korea intends to continue down the dangerous path of saber rattling to intimidate other nations, particularly South Korea.

For years now, the United States, South Korea, and other countries have been trying to engage the North Korean regime diplomatically to end its program to develop nuclear weapons and the delivery devices that could threaten Northeast Asia and the Western Pacific.

Despite offering many positive incentives in the form of humanitarian aid, the Stalinist government of North Korea has persisted in its belligerence and has stubbornly refused to ad-

here to peaceful international protocols that engender stability and economic prosperity.

By contrast, South Korea is one of the world's most economically successful countries. Many of us have seen that dramatic satellite image of the Korean peninsula at night, which shows South Korea lit brightly while North Korea is in near total darkness. This image serves as a metaphor for the freedom and enlightenment that governs South Korea and the enslavement and barbarism in North Korea. Indeed, were it not for its dalliance with advanced technologies in rockets and nuclear bombs, North Korea could truly be said to be living in the Dark Ages.

My father served in the Korean War. He fought side by side with South Korean soldiers who were struggling to save their homeland from the onslaught of communism. For 60 years, the two Koreas have lived under a fragile armistice that masks a tinderbox threatened by a match held by the Kim family dynasty.

I visited South Korea just last year. I saw economic prosperity and political liberty that never could have been imagined when my father was there in the 1950's.

South Korea is one of the largest trading partners of the United States. The recently-implemented U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement will open up many more opportunities for American businesses to engage our Korean partners.

In the 29th congressional district of New York, which I am privileged to represent, farmers, small business owners, and larger firms are already benefiting from the Free Trade Agreement's Launch of North Korean Missile effects. That doesn't even take into account the substantial benefits to consumers who are able to buy high-quality products at lower prices.

Political stability and the security of the Korean Peninsula are vital to U.S. interests and to our allies. Beyond South Korea, nations such as Japan and the Philippines could be threatened by the existence of North Korean nuclear missiles. Further North Korean provocations could easily and seriously disrupt the trans-Pacific trade relations that have developed over the past six decades.

It is the obligation of Congress to speak out when U.S. security and our economic interests are under threat. Even though North Korea's ill-considered missile experiment failed last week, that does not mean that the next launch will fail.

Therefore, I urge my colleagues to join me in condemning the Pyongyang regime's belligerent behavior as a threat to regional and global security.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MRS. IDA COOK-CROWDER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mrs. Ida Cook-Crowder, a long-time member of the Greater Cleveland community.

Born on April 8, 1930, in Marshville, North Carolina, Ida was the daughter of Raymond and Annie Belle Hailey. She moved to Cleveland, Ohio, after graduating from high school.