

State tuition and fees at public 4-year institutions have risen 8.3 percent in 2010 and now in the classes in 2011.

As a result of these increases, tuition at public and private universities now has caused student loan debt to exceed credit card debt, totaling \$870 billion, and it's expected to reach \$1 trillion this year. Students graduating from college between 2006 and 2010 had a median student loan debt of over \$20,000. Not only are young adults in debt, but recent graduates are also facing one of the toughest job markets in recent memory.

In 2007, when I started here in Congress, we worked to pass the College Cost Reduction and Access Act which, among many other things, lowered the interest rate of subsidized Stafford loans from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent. As a result of these lower interest rates on federally subsidized student loans, more students were able to afford to go to college. In order to keep college affordable, Democrats in Congress and President Obama are urging the House GOP leadership to bring forward the legislation that would prevent these interest rates on student loans from doubling this July.

I'm a proud cosponsor of H.R. 3826, the Student Loan Affordability Act, which will prevent the interest rate on subsidized Stafford loans from doubling in July. By extending the current interest rate, we are making an investment in our country's future. Our economy depends upon the educated workforce to out-compete and to out-innovate the rest of the world, which is something we've been known to do for quite some time.

Statistics tell us that it also makes a difference if you're able to go to college. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for those 25 years and older who've got their bachelor's degree is only 4.2 percent, but for those, unfortunately, who were not able to attend and graduate, the unemployment rate exceeds over 10 percent.

Unlike Pell grants, which provide a vital benefit to low-income families and students, Stafford student loans also benefit middle-income families who need financial assistance as well. Congress should not wait and allow this increase to take place. It would, for all intents and purposes, be a tax increase on middle- and low-income families and students during this very fragile economic recovery.

I urge the Republican majority and Speaker BOEHNER to take action now to prevent this increase. We are seeing right now the impact on the American economy when Congress waits too long to act on issues of national importance such as our Nation's debt. Students and families cannot wait any longer to know how much they will have to pay and owe coming out of college. Why? Because that might impact whether they can even go at all.

HONORING COACH PAT SUMMITT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FINCHER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FINCHER. Today, I rise in order to honor Coach Pat Summitt. Pat Summitt is most well known for her coaching career with the Lady Volunteers at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, but her basketball legacy at UT began long before she won her first national championship as a coach.

I am proud to represent Weakly County, which is home to the University of Tennessee at Martin where Coach Summitt played on the women's basketball team from 1970 to 1974. While there, Coach Summitt was named an All-American player, led her team to the first women's national championship basketball tournament in 1972, and graduated as UT-Martin's all-time leading scorer with 1,045 points. Today, UT-Martin's basketball court is named the "Pat Head Summitt Court," honoring Coach Summitt's leadership and achievements on the university's women's basketball team.

Her love of basketball, enthusiasm, and competitive spirit have defined her career and inspired young women across the State of Tennessee and throughout our Nation.

It's no secret that Coach Summitt has an incredible record as the head coach for the Lady Volunteers and has been a driving force behind the development of women's college basketball over the last 38 years. Her legacy as one of the greatest basketball coaches ever is solidified by her achievements, but more importantly, because she has been a friend and mentor to her players and staff. During her tenure as head coach, every Lady Vol that completed her eligibility at UT earned a college degree or is in the process of completing her degree requirements.

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I saw a video recently about how former players and managers presented Coach Summitt with a book of personal letters, sharing their memories and putting down in writing what Coach Summitt has meant to them. This video mentions that the letters not only speak of her influence as a coach, but how she has helped players, past and present, through some of the most difficult times they faced in life. The effort to organize this book is incredible, and it speaks volumes about who Coach Summitt is to her players and her passion for helping student athletes discover what they want in life.

I am confident that Coach Summitt will continue to approach each of life's new opportunities and challenges with as much intensity, determination, and integrity as she did during her career as head coach of the Lady Vols. In fact, Coach Summitt is in D.C. this week to receive an award recognizing her efforts to promote greater understanding of Alzheimer's disease and its effects on diagnosed individuals, families, and

caregivers. She is already proving she's a force to reckon with as she faces this disease head-on.

I'm proud to call her a fellow Tennessean and wish her the best as she transitions into a new role with the Lady Vols. God bless you, Coach Summitt. And thank you for all you've done and will continue to do for the great State of Tennessee, women's basketball, and for the fight to find a cure for Alzheimer's.

REMEMBERING LEVON HELM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievement of my dear friend, Levon Helm, who passed away last week surrounded by close friends and family members.

Levon will be remembered by many as the acclaimed vocalist and drummer for the Levon Helm Sextet, which then became Levon and the Hawks, and later what we all know now simply as The Band, which gained international critical acclaim.

The Band was given its name by Bob Dylan in 1967 when he lived with the band members in a house known as "Big Pink" near where I grew up in West Saugerties. That's where the famed "Basement Tapes," which featured Dylan, were recorded. When the album was later released in 1975, it rose to be number seven on the Billboard 200 list.

We all remember Levon's unique drumming style and soulful country voice from songs like "The Weight" and "Up on Cripple Creek." These songs and others have stood the test of time and will be remembered for how they helped shape a generation of rock music and everything that came thereafter.

Without a doubt, Levon's contributions to American music cannot be overstated. But beyond the music, we cannot forget Levon, the man. I knew him well. He was a beacon of our Hudson Valley community. He was always willing to open his doors to help raise money for important local causes. He was a tremendous supporter of local agriculture. He worked to bring music into our schools and communities. He was a great person and a great friend.

After the release of his "Dirt Farmer" album, Levon put on free concerts for the community at Gill's Farm in Ulster County, New York. Once, he attracted so many fans that State Route 209 was effectively closed down.

He would host Midnight Rambles at his barn in Woodstock, inviting some of the world's premier musicians and artists to perform well into the night. Also, his amazing dog named Bear, everyone loved that dog. People traveled from hundreds of miles away to attend. I lived just a few miles down the road and had the privilege of attending many of those events, and they were really something else—wonderful and amazing.

Watching Levon perform over the years, you got the sense that despite all the fame, awards, and notoriety, at his core he was a man who felt music deeply in his bones. It's what made him one of the world's great performing artists.

His passing is a loss for all of us. But when I think of the sadness we all feel, I am reminded by some of his lyrics in a recent song, entitled, "When I Go Away":

Don't want no sorrow,
For this old orphan boy;
I don't want no crying,
Only tears of joy.
I'm gonna see my mother,
Gonna see my father;
And I'll be bound for glory,
In the morning,
When I go away
I'll be lifted up to the clouds,
On the wings of angels;
There's only flesh and bones,
In the ground,
Where my troubles will stay.
All my kin who love me,
All my friends who care,
Look beyond the dark clouds;
We're gonna meet up there.
When they lay me in the cold ground,
Bow your heads and pray;
And I'll be bound for glory,
In the morning,
When I go away.

Levon will forever be remembered in our community and throughout the world and in our hearts. He was our neighbor and my good friend. I miss him dearly. Levon has gone home, but his music will live on for all of us forever.

HONORING COACH PAT SUMMITT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DESJARLAIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, in today's society, we throw around terms like "legendary" or "iconic" to describe individuals or events that quite often are not worthy of such praise. But in talking about Pat Summitt, even lofty words like these fail to fully do justice to the extraordinary career that Coach Summitt has had at the University of Tennessee.

Throughout her 38 years of coaching the Lady Volunteers, she has built a list of achievements both on and off the court that would rival those of any other coach in the history of college basketball. These include 1,098 wins—more than anyone in NCAA basketball history—16 Southern Conference Championships, 16 SEC Tournament Championships, 18 Final Four appearances, eight national championships, and two Olympic medals.

Without a doubt, Coach Summitt is a monumental figure in the world of college sports. Her leadership and sportsmanship, along with her sheer talent as a coach, are universally admired by her competitors, colleagues, and fellow coaches.

She brought an unmatched level of pride and notoriety to both the sport of

basketball and the University of Tennessee. But most importantly, she has been a guiding force in the lives of so many young people. Time and time again, she has led her players to victory both on the court and in the classroom. Under her guidance, every Lady Volunteer player who has finished her eligibility at Tennessee has graduated.

Coach Summitt's life should serve as a model for anyone to strive toward. She is a fierce competitor, a selfless mentor, and a dedicated advocate of women's athletics. I was glad to hear that she will still remain an important part of the program, and I know that all Lady Vol fans will look forward to her continued presence. I think we would all agree that if a Mount Rushmore of college coaches existed, her image would be etched upon it. There will never be another Pat Summitt.

Now, as she moves towards a new chapter in her life, I wish her and her family all the best.

HONORING COACH PAT SUMMITT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who is a living legend in my home State of Tennessee. A star basketball player, Pat Summitt played at the University of Tennessee at Martin and served as co-captain on the 1976 U.S. Olympic women's basketball team.

Pat Summitt began coaching Lady Vols basketball at the University of Tennessee just before the start of the 1974-1975 season. Starting as a graduate assistant, she was quickly promoted to head coach, where she earned \$250 a month and drove the team van. Thirty-eight years and 1,098 wins later, Pat Summitt is now the winningest coach in NCAA basketball history for either a men's or a women's team. She is the only NCAA coach with over 1,000 wins, and she still has never had a losing season as head coach.

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This is a pretty impressive record in its own right, but the legacy of Pat Summitt does not end there. Indeed, I could speak about her accomplishments through the entire morning-hour. I could mention her eight NCAA championships, 16 Southeastern Conference seasons, 16 SEC tournament championship titles, or her unmatched career .840 winning percentage. It is clearly evident that Pat Summitt is an unmatched coach on the field.

Her off-the-field accomplishments are even more impressive. In an era rife with collegiate sports scandals, Pat Summitt has upheld the track record of uncompromised integrity, while encouraging and maintaining a 100 percent graduation rate for her team.

Coach Summitt produces more than just great athletes. She produces young women of character whose academic

success prepares them to be good citizens in the world, as well as great basketball players. Eleven of her former players were on the WNBA roster last year, and she has coached two WNBA MVPs. Sixteen collegiate head coaches have either played or coached under her. The success of her players, both on and off the court, is a testament to the dedication she has given to the well-rounded development of her players.

When I return back to the University of Tennessee—my alma mater—the legacy of Coach Pat can be found everywhere, from the students in Lady Vols attire, to Pat Head Summitt Street in Knoxville, and the Summitt basketball court in the Thompson-Boling arena.

Throughout Tennessee, her legacy is strong as well. She has a gym named after her at UT-Martin and at her high school. Pat Summitt's true legacy, however, is the alumni who have succeeded due to her hard work and the thousands of young women who have pursued excellence in sports and have been successful due to her example.

Pat Summitt retired from coaching April 18 and will continue to serve the Lady Vols as head coach emeritus. She now faces a battle against early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Like her coaching career, I know she will face this battle with courage and determination. We will be praying and thinking of her throughout this battle, and I know we will miss her input on the landscape of Tennessee.

THE CYBER INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the Government Accountability Office says that cyberattacks have grown by 650 percent in 5 years and that the annual cost of these attacks is estimated to be \$388 billion. Allowing these trends to proliferate is bad for job creation, consumer protection, and the future of the Internet, whose future success will greatly depend on improving user trust and security online.

The U.S.-driven digital revolution has created countless opportunities, freedoms, and economies of scale. We're the envy of the world in that regard. This revolution is continuing to be driven by information and data. Data is really the natural resource that will power our Nation's future, but only if we safeguard it appropriately.

Your online presence and digital diaries are what I like to refer to as the "virtual you." It's consistently growing and expanding as individuals and businesses operate online. We need to have the certainty that we can freely continue our business online without virtual Peeping Toms and digital thieves enjoying total, uncontrolled access on the online ecosystem. That's why I was troubled to read an article in