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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012, at 2 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

Reverend Robert Ballecer, S.J., Jesuit Conference, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

God of mercy and of kindness, God of patience and of action, God of energy and forgiveness, we give You thanks for this new day, of what is, and what is to become.

We pray that You help us draw closer to You, that we may bear witness to Your presence among us, and face the day with courage and confidence.

Send Your spirit upon the Members of this assembly. May Your grace descend upon them as they meet the difficult task of working for the common good. May they be blessed with wisdom and compassion, enough to serve their fellow citizens with dignity and humility.

Provide them with the strength to be faithful to their duties and to serve honorably, always remembering the sacred trust they have with their fellow citizens.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BARLETTA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARLETTA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 5 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### FIGHTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

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

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, in the minute or so I'm speaking this morning, two more illegal aliens will be added to America's population. Maybe they'll climb over a fence. Maybe they'll sneak off a boat. Maybe they'll overstay an expired visa. All expect to find a better life here in the United States, but all are breaking the law.

The millions of illegal aliens in this country right now impose a huge burden on America's cities. One of them was my city, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. That's why, as mayor, I was the first in the country to enact a local law cracking down on illegal immigration. Now other municipalities and States have taken up that fight.

Seeing Arizona defend its law this week, I'm reminded how the Federal Government has failed to stop illegal immigration. States like Arizona and cities like Hazleton are forced to act because this administration—and prior administrations—refuse to enforce immigration laws.

On Wednesday, Chief Justice John Roberts said it best:

It seems to me that the Federal Government just doesn't want to know who is here illegally or not.

Well, Mr. Speaker, take it from someone who's been fighting against illegal immigration for 6 years now. Sadly, that sounds just about right.

### REMEMBERING OTIS BROCK, III

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

Mr. BARROW. It's with sadness that I rise to honor the life of Otis Brock, III, who passed away Tuesday at the age of 41. Otis's time with us was too brief, but his life serves as a shining example of service to others.

A leader from the beginning, Otis was inspired by the example set by his parents, Otis J. Brock and Annette K. Brock, both prominent educators. After graduating from Sol C. Johnson High School and Savannah State University, Otis rose to become the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System's operations chief.

Otis served in many civic capacities, but the accomplishment he took most pride in was the role of father. Otis and

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his wife, Nailah, are the proud parents of two young daughters, Zuri and Zoey, and are awaiting the birth of their third child.

Otis, we thank you for your life and legacy. You will be missed.

#### RECOGNIZING JOHN ALLEN

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. I rise today to recognize John Allen and his lifetime of service to his community, the State of Arkansas, and to our country. John currently serves on the board of directors for the Lawrence County Children's Shelter and Northeast Arkansas Public Water Authority. In the past, he served as an alderman of Hoxie; chairman of the Lawrence County Chamber; president of the Walnut Ridge Jaycees; a lay leader at Hoxie United Methodist Church; and president of the Walnut Ridge Lions Club.

In the 1980s, John served on the Arkansas Transportation Commission and the National Motor Safety Regulatory Review Panel. During this time, he was instrumental in obtaining funding for Arkansas State University to start a transportation-related program within the College of Business. Thanks to John's efforts, ASU now has a Logistics and Supply Chain Management program. Additionally, John served as director of the Arkansas Assessment Coordination Department and Arkansas State director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development.

John has achieved much as a public servant, but he would be the first to say that his family is the center of his life. John and Elaine Allen have been married for 49 years. Together, they have three children: Andy, Andrea, and Matt. John is also the proud grandfather of Anna, Hayden, and Ella.

Mr. Speaker, today I honor John Allen for his lifetime of service. Arkansas, and indeed our Nation, is a better place to live because of John's efforts.

#### INTEREST RATE REDUCTION ACT

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

Mr. FARR. I rise today in opposition of H.R. 4628, the Interest Rate Reduction Act. Keeping student loan rates at their current level should be an easy, bipartisan bill. However, it should not be at the cost of an assault on women's health. Of all the offsets available to the majority, they chose to undermine the well-being of America's women and children by gutting investments in screening for breast and cervical cancer, childhood immunizations, and initiatives to reduce birth defects.

I remain committed to preventing an increase in student loan costs for over 7.4 million Americans. I would like to see a new, bipartisan bill sent to the President's desk well in advance of the

July 1 deadline when the rates are scheduled to go up. But any student loan relief should not come at the expense of funding for childhood immunizations, screening programs for breast and cervical cancer, and birth defects.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this flawed legislation.

#### HONORING THOMAS C. DETWILER

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas C. Detwiler, a constituent and friend from Ridgway, Pennsylvania. Tom is the mill manager of Johnson Domtar's Johnsonburg mill, and earlier this week he was awarded the prestigious Mill Manager of the Year Award from the Paper Industry Management Association at their international conference.

Tom was named vice president and mill manager on July 1, 2006, which is the pinnacle of a professional journey that began over 38 years ago at the same facility when he was hired as a process engineer. Over the years, Tom has become a recognized leader in the industry. His work and dedication is an inspiration to all of us, and his concern for the mill and the employees over the years is truly commendable.

While being diagnosed with a severe health issue that began almost 6 years ago, Tom is devoted to the Johnsonburg area, the mill, and especially the 378 employees. A native of Johnsonburg and 1970 graduate of Johnsonburg High School, Tom holds a bachelor of science degree in medical technology from Penn State University. He resides in Ridgway, Pennsylvania, with his wife Kathy. They have two grown daughters, Lauren and Lynn, who reside in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

I want to thank Tom for his service to the community and congratulate him on this esteemed award.

#### HONORING U.S. ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL METCALF

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, when the doorbell rang at 5 a.m., Kimberly Metcalf of Boynton Beach, Florida, knew her worst fear had come true. Her only child, 22-year-old Michael Metcalf, U.S. Army private first class, died in Afghanistan on Sunday following an IED attack. Michael was killed while at the wheel of his armored vehicle that was going to rescue other soldiers that had been struck by a roadside bomb. Described by his mother as tough and strong, with a sensitive side, that he performed this one last act of bravery came as no surprise to all who knew him.

Michael attended Park Vista High School and graduated from St. John's

Northwestern Military Academy. He loved surfing, skim-boarding, and spending time by the water.

On Monday, Michael's friends and family gathered at the inlet to light candles on his surfboard. Winds blew out all but one. As his friends said, The candle wouldn't go out. He wanted to hang out with us all night.

We will never forget Michael Metcalf's sacrifice, and our Nation is forever grateful for his service.

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#### TRIBUTE TO CHARLES COLSON

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, most people can point to at least one or two leaders, historical figures, or personal mentors who significantly affected their lives or callings. Chuck Colson was all three of these things to me and to many, many others. Charles W. Colson went to be with his Lord on April 21, 2012.

Chuck Colson was a profound example of someone saved by grace. As a State legislator, I was truly grieved by our State's sky-high recidivism rates and got involved with several prison ministries, including Koinonia House, which was founded by yet another man whose life was turned around after he converted in prison and met Charles Colson.

Then, a year before I ran for Congress, I was part of Chuck Colson's fantastic discipleship program. My wife and I chose to name our youngest son Koleson. I pray for my Kole that his life, like Chuck Colson's, would reflect the life-changing grace and redemption offered to us by the cross.

#### NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. As co-founder and cochair with Congressman TED POE of the bipartisan Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus, we are well aware that far too often the victims of crimes suffer in silence.

Just last week, members of the caucus honored advocates nationwide for their work in supporting crime victims, including the University of California-Merced and Candy O'Donel-Browne of Mountain Crisis Services and the good work that she and her folks have done. Every day, these advocates work tirelessly to guarantee that every survivor has a place to turn for support in the aftermath of crime.

Though we wish that commemorative weeks such as this were not necessary, they help educate the public and remind survivors that they are not and