

my district that was done by NAFTA a decade ago. I mentioned a woman I had met at the Buffalo Airport who, after 23 years working in a textile factory, was now selling energy drinks because her jobs had been shipped south and then overseas.

That's why I am fighting for policies that support making it in America. And that is why I am so proud that a company—Kittinger Furniture, a company that makes furniture that's found today in the White House—is being recognized by the 2012 Best: Made in America Award in recognition to their strong commitment to American manufacturing.

This Congress must work together to level the playing field for domestic businesses like Kittinger Furniture against unfair competition, particularly from China. The American Government and American consumers must commit to buying American so we can have more success stories like Kittinger's.

#### WINDMILL OF WILLFUL WASTE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Secretary Clinton is giving away \$2 billion of taxpayer money for green energy development in third-world countries. This isn't money for vaccines. This isn't money for clean water. This isn't money to help child hunger. This is money for green energy.

Don't we need to make sure that people have electricity before we worry about what kind of light bulb they are using? People are starving, being ransacked by terrorists, taken away as child soldiers, and dying of preventable diseases like diarrhea. So our government decided the best use of taxpayer money was to put billions in those countries for green energy.

Our government wasted millions of taxpayer dollars on phony loans for green energy right here in the United States to companies like Solyndra. Congress didn't even approve this \$2 billion giveaway.

With all the problems of debt in the United States and disease in other countries, government is providing subsidies for green energy. Who would have thought? The government is out of control. More taxpayer money thrown into the windmill of willful waste.

And that's just the way it is.

#### THE SUPREME COURT RULING

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that I'm proud of the decision of the United States Supreme Court today. I was proud to serve on the Energy and Commerce

Committee that actually drafted this bill. I read it many times, and I actually had a lot of amendments.

The Affordable Care Act has already benefited millions of Americans and will continue to help those who are in the greatest of need—children, young adults, people with preexisting conditions, and our seniors. In my own congressional district in Texas, this is particularly important because we have one of the highest rates of uninsured individuals in the country.

Our Constitution gives the U.S. Supreme Court the job to be the decider on what is constitutional. The Affordable Care Act is constitutional. Just like Social Security and Medicare, now it's the law of this great Nation.

#### TODAY IS A GREAT DAY

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today is a great day. It's a great day for children who want to stay on their parents' health insurance until they're 26—or parents who want their children on their health insurance until they're 26. It's a great day for seniors that are concerned about the doughnut hole, for women who have been discriminated against in health care, for all people who don't want to have copays for preventative care. It's a great day for people who don't want lifetime caps on their insurance or to be denied because of preexisting conditions. And it's a great day for America because the rule of law has been upheld.

Justice Roberts rightfully ruled that this was appropriate and constitutional. Let us not forget Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor and Kagan and Breyer, the five Justices who upheld the Supreme Court belief that the American people have that it is a rule of law and that the Court is not political.

It was a great day for American health care and for American law and jurisprudence.

#### TODAY'S VICTORY

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today is not a victory for one party or another. It is not a victory for an ideology. It is a victory for the American people and for the millions who had, for years, gone without access to quality health care. It is a victory for women who will no longer be discriminated against in their insurance premiums and for preexisting conditions and for women and children and seniors and families.

This is a great day for our country, as we finally join the community of economically advanced nations that see to it that all their citizens have access to quality care.

Let's get on with the unfinished business of helping create more jobs and putting a Nation of healthy Americans back to work.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DR. WENDY WAYNE

(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 to pay tribute to the life of Dr. Wendy Wayne, who passed away on June 17, 2012, at the age of 64 after fighting a courageous 4-year battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Wendy was a loving wife and mother, a committed activist and respected community leader who touched the lives of many. Wendy led a courageous and energetic life filled with love and adventure. She joined the Peace Corps at an early age and served in Kenya. As a seasoned traveler, Wendy swam the Earth's five oceans.

Her work as an educator, a nurse, and a community leader demonstrated her dedication to fostering and preserving and improving the health and safety of children throughout the world. And her compassion and concern for the community also served as a testament to her extraordinary character.

Wendy Wayne's unwavering loyalty to Kern County and her commitment to the well-being of future generations will ensure that her legacy will live on. She stands as a role model for her family, her friends, and all that knew and worked with her.

And we will all miss her. I will miss my dear friend Wendy Wayne.

#### IN OPPOSITION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTEMPT VOTE

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

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Chairman, today I rise to speak in opposition to the House resolution to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress.

With total disregard of the fact that the Attorney General and the Department of Justice have cooperated with each inquiry from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee during the last 15 months, Chairman Issa decided to pursue this extreme and unprecedented action.

To take action on this resolution is a gross misuse of this Chamber's time and energy, given that the information requested by Chairman Issa will shed no light on the person or persons responsible for the death of Agent Brian Terry, and that is where our time and energy should be focused.

Instead of wasting the time of the committee, the Department of Justice, and the American people with political distractions, the House should be addressing the issues important to the welfare of this country and its people, and that is jobs.

### THERE HAS NOT BEEN FULL COMPLIANCE

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

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, despite what has been said here, it is the duty and obligation of this body to address a duly issued subpoena that has not been complied with. There has not been full compliance here. There has not been cooperation here. There has not been a willingness to share the information that is found within the Department of Justice.

We have a dead Border Patrol agent. We have more than 200 weapons that were used to kill people in Mexico. We have thousands of missing weapons. We have an Attorney General who said that this Fast and Furious program was fundamentally flawed. And yet here we stand today after doing more than just bending over backwards for more than a year, not having been given the documents that we need, as a body, to make a proper decision.

This should be bipartisan in our quest to right a wrong. It's not about Eric Holder, but it is about the Department of Justice and it is about justice in the United States of America. I am proud of the fact that we are bringing up this contempt.

It's sad that we got to this day. We have no other choice. But we, as a body, as an institution, as a separate branch of government, have a duty and an obligation, and we are fulfilling that here today.

### WHAT CHANGES HAVE REALLY OCCURRED?

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

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Chairman, I come here today because when I was 6 years old, in 1968, I saw the hate-filled work of the civil rights movement, of laws that needed to be changed. And now I'm here with an opportunity to be here in Congress, and I kind of wonder what changes have really occurred.

I see today that Chief Justice Roberts stood, and he did the right thing because he ruled on behalf of the American people. And I will say that this motion that's going to come forward will not have bipartisan support of this Member because it's not done in a bipartisan manner. It's done in a hateful manner.

And why?

Because we have an Attorney General where this has never been done—we need to stress that again—never been done in this Congress, where materials have been provided, and where this committee has failed to accept a single witness requested by the other side. That's not bipartisanship. That's politics at its worst.

I urge the American people to look and to urge us to get back to work and

do what you sent us here to do, which is to take care of you.

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### WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE TRUTH?

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

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, my question is simply this: What percentage of the truth do you want? When we're asked to negotiate; when the Attorney General comes and asks us for an extraordinary accommodation, whatever that means; when we're asked to compromise; my question for our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, Mr. Speaker, is this: What percentage of the truth will you settle for? If you have ever sat on the other side of the table from parents who have lost a loved one, is 50 percent enough? Is that enough of the documents? Seventy-five percent? A third?

The truth, the whole truth, so help me God—that is what we ask witnesses to do, jurors to do, and that's not too much for us to ask for the Attorney General of the United States of America to do.

### HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to declare that the Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act affirms there's no going back to the health care of 2009 or even to the health care of 1789. Improvements to health care are taking root right now in this country. That progress must continue. The Supreme Court decision today is a welcome victory for middle class families and bolsters the necessary changes taking place in health care today.

Now we must keep Medicare sustainable and affordable by closing the prescription drug doughnut hole and cracking down on fraud. Now we must make sure middle class families have diverse options for high-quality, affordable health care. Now we must ensure that we meet the needs of northwest Washington State seniors, veterans, and families. Northwest Washington has already seen improvement. Seniors in the Second District who were in the doughnut hole have saved more than \$800 on prescription medications so far this year. More than 173,000 people in northwest Washington State have health insurance that covers preventive care without copays or deductibles.

It is time to move forward on health care. And today, America took a great step.

### AFFORDABLE CARE ACT DECISION

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, as a former judge of the North Carolina State Supreme Court, I've come to the well today to applaud the United States Supreme Court for its courage and for ruling on the side of constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act. This is a win, Mr. Speaker, for 48 million Americans, Democrats and Republicans alike, who will receive stable, secure, and affordable health coverage forever.

I believe that much of the public confusion surrounding the bill was because Americans outside of the Washington Beltway simply did not understand what the Affordable Care Act means for them. So to put it plainly, Americans can now enjoy coverage without worry or jeopardy, regardless of pre-existing conditions. Uninsured young people up to age 26 will be able to receive coverage. If you become gravely ill, there are no limits on your benefits. If you are a woman, you can't be charged higher premiums. If you need preventive care, you won't have a copay or deductible. If you lose your job, you won't lose your coverage. And if your employer doesn't provide coverage, you will be able to buy it at affordable prices.

The political theater Republicans orchestrated around health care is over. Congress debated, the Court decided. This is done.

### WE DESERVE TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED

(Mrs. ADAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only as a congressional Member but also a widow of a law enforcement officer who lost his life in the line of duty. I rise to speak on behalf of all those families that have lost a loved one in the line of duty, and especially for Brian Terry and his family. The Terry family deserves to know what happened. The American people deserve to know what happened. And Congress deserves to know what happened. But let us not forget, Officer Terry's family deserves to know what happened.

I stand here on behalf of all of those families who have lost law enforcement officers throughout our great Nation in the line of duty. We must not waiver. We, as a Congress, need to find out what happened so it never happens again. And that's something that we never should lose sight of. We need to make sure that whatever took place, it doesn't happen again. We should not be losing our officers this way.

### HEALTH CARE VICTORY

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