

yearly ride across the 400 miles from Jerusalem to Eliat.

I thank Rabbi Levenson for his commitment to improving our community and for his profound words this morning.

Rabbi Levenson, we thank you for leading us in today's invocation.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1379. An act to amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to revise certain administrative authorities of the District of Columbia courts, and to authorize the District of Columbia Public Defender Service to provide professional liability insurance for officers and employees of the Service for claims relating to services furnished within the scope of employment with the Service.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. ROSELEHTINEN). The Chair will entertain 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

REPEAL OBAMACARE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, tomorrow House Republicans will vote for the 32nd time to repeal, defund, or dismantle the President's government health care take-over bill. Not only will this legislation grow the size of government, limiting freedom, it will also levy 21 new or higher taxes on Americans and small businesses, causing the destruction of jobs.

If ObamaCare is not repealed beginning on January 1, 2013, a 3.8 percent capital gains tax on investment income will go into effect, destroying jobs in the home building and real estate industries.

The National Federation of Independent Business, NFIB, America's largest association of small businesses, has estimated ObamaCare will destroy 1.6 million jobs.

In order for our Nation to recover, ObamaCare must be repealed, and the government and Congress must pass legislation that encourages job creation through private sector job growth.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS

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

Ms. HOCHUL. Madam Speaker, after a week of traveling my district from

Lancaster to Warsaw in upstate New York, I heard one consistent message. Our constituents, particularly the middle class, want to know their economic situation. They want to know, they're asking this Congress: Are you going to extend the tax cuts that they've now enjoyed to the tune of \$1,500 to \$2,500 a year? That's an important answer we should be able to give them this week.

Instead of looking backwards and relitigating old battles, why don't we look forward and give them the confidence they need as they're making their plans?

Families all across my district are doing what I did as a mother for 15 years every summer trying to figure out how much are you going to spend on school shopping in the fall. Are you going to be able to plan that vacation with your family? What about Christmas shopping? You're thinking about it now. Maybe you can even squeeze in enough money to go to a Buffalo Bills game with your family.

Let's give them the certainty they need now. Let's work in a bipartisan way, Democrats and Republicans together. Let's enact a permanent middle class tax cut.

THE DOJ IS ON THE WRONG SIDE OF JUSTICE AGAIN, PART II

(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. Madam Speaker, at this moment, Attorney General Eric Holder is going to deliver a speech at a conference in Houston, Texas.

A media advisory issued by the Department of Justice said, "NOTE: All media must present government-issued photo ID (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials."

In order to hear him speak, media must present a valid government photo ID. I assume this is to prevent unauthorized individuals from being able to enter the auditorium.

I suspect Mr. Holder will rant about Texas' having a voter ID law to vote, however. You see, Madam Speaker, the Justice Department is also in court today suing Texas, claiming that the Texas voter ID law disenfranchises people. It seems to me the law would only disenfranchise fraudulent voters.

Never mind the Supreme Court has already upheld voter ID laws. Madam Speaker, the DOJ just ignores Supreme Court decisions it doesn't like and continues its war against Texas.

Holder is inconsistent. He believes in security and photo IDs for people when he speaks, but rejects ballot security and IDs for people when they vote.

Security is important. Security prevents unauthorized individuals from entering an auditorium or voting who shouldn't enter the auditorium or shouldn't vote. But the DOJ doesn't care about being hypocritical.

The DOJ, Madam Speaker, is once again on the wrong side of justice.

And that's just the way it is.

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HEALTH CARE REPEAL

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, last week I visited with seniors who live at Wilfred Manor in Central Falls, Rhode Island. They asked me to deliver a message when I returned to Washington: The time for fighting over health care reform has ended. Now our elected officials should work together to make sure this law works effectively for all American families.

Instead, Republicans have chosen to once again spend valuable legislative time trying to score political points.

What concerns me the most is how their actions would impact my constituents, folks like Rita Manley, a senior who lives in Central Falls. Rita was recently diagnosed with cancer, and if Republicans did succeed in repealing health care reform, millions of men and women like Rita could be denied coverage based on preexisting conditions.

I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to refrain from starting this debate all over again and instead focus their energy and attention on getting people back to work by taking up critical jobs legislation.

OBAMACARE RULING

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. You know, last month, the Supreme Court made its regrettable ruling to uphold the President's job-killing tax program known as ObamaCare. While the High Court may have deemed it constitutional as a tax, Americans deem it burdensome and unaffordable.

ObamaCare boasts \$500 billion in tax hikes, 150 new Federal bureaucracies, and \$1.76 trillion added to the growing national debt, not to mention the massive amounts of red tape and legalese that get in the way of patients and their doctors.

Before we know it, going to the doctor will feel more like a trip to the DMV, the Department of Motor Vehicles. Our Tax-and-Spender-in-Chief needs to stop throwing more hard-earned tax dollars at a broken health care system and start working with Congress to implement commonsense reforms.

We can make coverage more accessible, more affordable, and give Americans the freedom to choose their health care plan. Our first step is to repeal ObamaCare this week.

HONORING HEROES OF NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD'S 145TH AIRLIFT WING

(Mr. MILLER of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of four North Carolinians: Lieutenant Colonel Paul K. Mikeal of Mooresville, Major Joseph M. McCormack of Belmont, Major Ryan S. David of Boone, and Senior Master Sergeant Robert S. Cannon of Charlotte.

The four airmen of the North Carolina National Guard's 145th Airlift Wing were supporting firefighting efforts throughout the Rocky Mountains when their aircraft crashed on July 1. Their sacrifice reminds us of the selflessness of those who put their lives at risk to protect our lives and property.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire North Carolina National Guard community. We are grateful for their service and for their courage.

FARM FAMILY RECOGNITION

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, tomorrow the House Ag Committee will vote on a farm bill that will give producers across our country the certainty they need to continue producing the safest, most abundant, and most reliable source of food on the planet. As the committee works to produce a responsible farm bill that works for all regions of the country, I would like to recognize Farm Families in my home State.

In my home State of Arkansas, farming is a family business. Young people begin helping with chores on the farm almost as soon as they can walk. In many cases, generations of family farmers work side by side cultivating the land. Families take great pride working together and continuing a tradition of hard work.

Agriculture is the backbone of Arkansas' rural economy, and each year the Arkansas Farm Bureau recognizes families across Arkansas for their contributions to our State. I congratulate all the county Farm Family winners across Arkansas on this achievement. All Arkansans take great pride in our State's Farm Families that were recognized this year.

Congratulations once again to all the county Farm Families recognized by the Arkansas Farm Bureau. I applaud them for their commitment to agriculture and hope for their ongoing success.

SNAP CUTS

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

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, tomorrow the House Agriculture Committee

will mark up the farm bill that will devastate many of our children, seniors, and veterans. This misguided bill will cut \$16 billion from the SNAP program, a program that puts food on the table for over 46 million Americans.

This debate isn't just about the numbers; there is a human cost. If these cuts are allowed to stand, 2 to 3 million low-income individuals will lose SNAP eligibility, and 280,000 children will lose access to free school meals. These are children who may have the only meal provided to them in school, and it will change their attitudes and their behaviors in school. And 210,000 households in my State of California will receive reduced benefit levels.

In California, 6 million people rely on SNAP, including 2 million children. In my district, they suffer from the fourth highest rate of food insecurity in the Nation.

It is a moral responsibility that we protect the SNAP program. We must pass a responsible farm bill that includes no nutritional cuts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VOICES OF LEE

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Voices of Lee for their outstanding performance and representation of Lee University. Lee University is located in my current district within Bradley County, Tennessee, and presently has a little over 4,400 students enrolled in their undergraduate program.

Under the direction of Mr. Danny Murray, Voices of Lee has grown into a nationally recognized singing group, having released seven music albums and several DVDs since their debut in September of 1994. The group performs a cappella around the country, and their current schedule includes locations in North Carolina, Indiana, Florida, and many other States.

The energy and feeling placed in each and every song is a talent that deserves praise, as this talent is not easily learned. I believe that anyone who listens to them cannot hear the music without being moved.

Each student who receives the opportunity and honor of participating in the Voices of Lee is put through grueling training and given demanding work. However, the results of their labor are not in vain, and I am pleased to take this opportunity to commend them for such dedication.

DON'T REPEAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Ms. HAHN. Madam Speaker, I think it's worthwhile to remember why Congress passed health care reform in the first place. It's because our system was broken; it wasn't working.

But just this morning, Speaker BOEHNER said that we needed to repeal the Affordable Care Act because we didn't need it because we had the best health care system the world has ever seen. Well, I don't think that was true for 17 million children who were being denied health insurance for preexisting conditions. I don't think that was true for about 3.1 million young adults who were denied coverage because they were kicked off their parents' insurance plans. And I don't think that was true for 40 million Americans who couldn't get coverage and for every family threatened with losing their coverage because of rising costs.

If we need to tweak the law, let's work together to fix it, but let's not repeal it. I think that would be bad for our health.

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HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ARMY MAJOR PAUL C. VOELKE

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

Ms. HAYWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise this morning to honor the life and service of Army Major Paul C. Voelke. Major Voelke died on June 22, 2012, in Balkh province, Afghanistan, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. This was his second deployment to Afghanistan, and had also served two tours in Iraq.

Major Voelke was in the Army for 14 years and during that time he was awarded a Bronze Star, which is given for bravery or meritorious acts or service, and a Purple Heart, given for injuries received in combat.

I was privileged last Friday to join the major's family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors at the funeral service. It was held on the grounds of his alma mater, the United States Military Academy at West Point. Major Voelke was a native of the Hudson Valley, and he spent his career in service to our Nation, and he died defending its freedoms.

His wife, Traci, movingly described his perseverance and dedication, and I know that Major Voelke's life will continue to inspire all of those who knew him and served with him.

NO CUTS TO FOOD STAMPS IN THE FARM BILL

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

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, as the founder and cochair of the Out of Poverty Caucus, this morning many of us stood with advocates and faith leaders to say in one voice: no cuts to food stamps in the farm bill.

Food stamps provided that critical bridge over troubled waters for me and my family when I was a young mother, and I thank our government and the