

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF RICE UNIVERSITY

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

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Rice University's centennial.

One hundred years ago, in Houston, Texas, the Rice Institute opened its doors to 48 male and 29 female students. Since that time, it has grown to be one of the most respected universities in all of the world.

World history has been made on Rice's campus. As all Texans know, in September of 1962, President John F. Kennedy stood in Rice stadium and committed a Nation, founded by explorers, to the greatest exploration in human history—a Moon landing. Space City USA was born at Rice.

I am a proud alumnus of Rice University, class of 1985, Jones College. What gives Rice such a special place in my heart is an uncommon feeling—a feeling of family and home—that transcends my 4 years on campus. It's a feeling you can see in this picture of my son, Grant, and me on campus this year.

Happy centennial, Rice. I can't wait for the next 100 years. Go Owls!

MONTROSE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

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

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Montrose Search and Rescue team.

For over 65 years, Montrose Search and Rescue has been conducting lifesaving operations throughout the Angeles National Forest and the neighboring areas. These brave men and women have risked their own lives to rescue stranded hikers, victims of natural disasters, and anyone in need of assistance.

Two weeks ago, their heroism was on full display. The team spotted a little girl who was face down, drowning in a pool of running water in the forest. The 18-month-old girl was unconscious and had stopped breathing when they pulled her out of the water. Thanks to them, this little girl was brought back to life to the unimaginable relief and gratitude of her family.

That young girl, along with so many others, is alive today because of the heroic actions of the Montrose Search and Rescue team. They do all this for their community without asking anything in return, and their humbling dedication to service and their selfless desire to help those in need deserve our respect and gratitude.

So, today, I rise to say thank you, Montrose Search and Rescue, for the great work that you do and for the lives that you save through your efforts.

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE DESIGNATION FOR THE UNIVER- SITY OF KANSAS

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

Mr. YODER. Madam Speaker, many of the smartest minds in America work tirelessly every day to discover a cure for cancer. I am happy to say we will soon take another step towards the ultimate goal of winning the battle against cancer, and it will happen right in the Kansas City community as the University of Kansas Cancer Center will soon receive a National Cancer Institute designation by the National Institutes of Health.

This NCI designation at the KU Cancer Center will affirm that the highest quality of cancer research will be conducted at the University of Kansas and that this research will directly lead to improved cancer care and lifesaving treatments across the country.

Madam Speaker, nearly 1.7 million Americans this year will be diagnosed with the horrible disease of cancer. It touches all of our lives personally, and we must remain committed as a Nation to ultimately winning this war against cancer. That's why I am proud today to stand in support of the University of Kansas' efforts in this battle and to congratulate all involved for this important milestone.

REPEALING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my Republican colleagues to move beyond the attacks on health care for Americans and to move forward by getting our country back to work.

The majority thinks that it's a badge of honor to claim that it will have had 31 votes to repeal the Affordable Care Act. I completely disagree.

They will have voted 31 times to strip patients of basic protections. They will have voted 31 times to reverse the progress made by the Affordable Care Act, including protecting up to 17 million children who now have coverage even if they have preexisting conditions. In fact, the 31st vote that we will take is nothing more than a reaction to Chief Justice John Roberts' opinion that the law is constitutional. Yet the GOP continues to dispute this. Let's move on.

If they were serious, they would have presented us with a plan 31 votes ago to help us fix any flaws that this law may have. So I plead for the 31st time: let's get back to work.

GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE IS NOT THE AN- SWER

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, the sad reality in our country today is that Americans are faced with skyrocketing health care costs. Rather than address the situation, Democrats passed a \$1 trillion health care takeover that costs too much, taxes too much, and borrows too much.

Americans don't deserve this.

Americans deserve commonsense ideas, like medical liability reform, encouraging health savings accounts, strengthening association health plans, and allowing people to purchase health insurance across State lines—commonsense ideas. These reforms would make health care more affordable and accessible without passing on crushing debt to future generations.

Unlike the current health care law, which has raised taxes, cost jobs, and limited personal control of health care, Americans deserve meaningful and affordable health care reform that will lower costs, protect consumers, and increase accessibility while allowing Americans to control their own health care decisions. This misguided takeover of the health care system is not the answer.

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I rise today to congratulate our hometown university, Rice University, for their 100-year celebration—a university known for advancing education in the arts, humanities, and sciences. It is a leading university, and it has been ranked among the top 20 universities in the United States by the U.S. News & World Report every year since the rankings began in 1983.

As a former member of the House Science Committee, I am reminded of their great work in nanotechnology, space, cellular technology, bioinformation in energy and health, and their collaboration with the Johnson Space Center. I am also delighted that they have decided in years past to eliminate the bar against African American students and to open the opportunities of a grand education to Latinos and African Americans and to young people who have a last name such as Qadeer.

They have a bright light in Dr. Roland Smith, who has led the effort in diversifying their campus, and I was delighted to go and join them in honoring the Honorable Barbara Jordan, one of my predecessors in the 18th Congressional District. They, of course, have a group of astute athletes who have made them proud, and they represent the diversity of America.

It is great to congratulate a university that understands its brilliance and its necessity in teaching the next generation of scientists, thinkers and humanitarians, and to also be called an excellent university.

Congratulations, Rice University, for your 100th year, for your service to this Nation, and for your reflection of the diversity of this great country.

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RICE UNIVERSITY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I have the singular privilege of representing Rice University, and I join my colleagues from Houston in recognizing and congratulating them on their 100th anniversary this year.

Rice has consistently been ranked as one of the Nation's greatest universities and recognized by U.S. News & World Report as among the Nation's top 20 universities. And they've consistently ranked in the top 50 universities in the world.

Rice University researchers are pioneers in a broad spectrum of fields, including space, energy, and my personal passion, nanotechnology. Nanotechnology is an absolute game-changer, revolutionizing everything that we will touch and see in the 21st century. Rice University is the birthplace of nanotechnology research.

Nanotechnology holds incredible potential for everything from curing cancer to improving the storage and transmission of electricity and moving electricity in ways that we cannot even imagine today, allowing us to miniaturize devices. Multistage nanoparticles will allow the delivery of cancer-curing drugs to individual structures within cells, allowing scientists to identify diseases at the cellular level, things that could not have been possible without the groundbreaking work at Rice University.

I congratulate them on their 100th anniversary today.

GET SOMETHING DONE

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

Mr. BARBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today as the Member who most recently faced an electorate, and I have heard loud and clear that the people of southern Arizona elected me for the very same reason the people of every other district elect their representative, to stand up for them.

I wasn't here to vote on the Affordable Health Care Act when it passed, but I appreciate its benefits and that we must work to improve it. I rise today to speak against this repeal.

We should be here having a robust discussion about how to make this law

better. We should be acting to ensure that Medicare doesn't pay more for prescription drugs than the VA, and to keep rising insurance costs from hurting small businesses. We should be looking for ways to create jobs, to strengthen our middle class, to bolster our economy. We should rise above partisan bickering, move on, and get something done.

This repeal bill sends a message to American families that this body cares more about political grandstanding than improving their lives. Let's put aside this charade and do the work for which we were elected.

DRACONIAN CUTS

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

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, the House farm bill calls for draconian cuts that hurt our most vulnerable Americans. I'll be blunt and just get straight to the point. The House-proposed cuts are completely unacceptable.

The SNAP program puts healthy food on the table for 46 million Americans every month. In my home State of California, close to 6½ million people struggle to put food on the table. An even worse statistic—and one that really breaks my heart: almost 2½ million children each year in California have had to go to bed hungry, and it's simply because their families couldn't afford food.

These proposed cuts to SNAP would quite literally take food out of the mouths of children. In my district, SNAP helps provide food for seniors, kids, veterans, and working families. About 20 percent of my constituents report that at some point last year, they couldn't buy food for themselves or their family. I don't understand why in good conscience Congress would ask millions of struggling Americans to go hungry in order to subsidize big agribusiness.

As a country, we cannot afford to turn our backs on those who need us most now.

DYSFUNCTIONAL POLITICS

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

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, yesterday, a Republican Representative from my State actually told the truth about the 31st attempt to repeal the new health care law. He told a St. Louis newspaper that today's vote is just because "we want to get people on the record." We've done that 30 times already.

The Affordable Care Act is the law of the land. It was passed by the Congress, signed by the President, and found constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

This Republican health care repeal bill isn't about people. It's about more divisive, dysfunctional politics. They

know the repeal bill is pointless, and there is no way we're going backwards to the broken health care system of the past. Let's use the time to pass a jobs bill. Let's pass the middle class tax cut extension that we all agree with. Let's pass my bill that will protect veterans returning from war zones from the impacts of psychological damage.

Today, our troops are killing themselves at a rate of nearly one a day. They urgently need our help. Let's do something for them. Let's do something that actually matters to the American people. Let's put ourselves on record for the people, for jobs, rather than wasting time casting the same vote 30 times.

PROTECTING AMERICANS AND THEIR LOCAL BANK ACCOUNTS

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

Ms. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, on my way home from work, I stopped at the local grocery store, and I stopped at the bank. My bank is located conveniently between my grocery store and the gas station, only minutes from my home.

I thought about the last 4 years and the fights that Democrats in Congress are waging to make sure working families can see more money in their bank accounts. It's been tough, but we've had some successes: reducing out-of-pocket health care expenses with preventive care, closing the prescription drug doughnut hole, protecting consumers from overdraft and ATM fees, even getting the American auto industry back on track as a mainstay of American manufacturing.

But we have some important fights ahead us. We are fighting to keep in place critical middle class tax cuts. We know Americans can't afford those tax hikes. We know American seniors can't afford the drastic cuts in Medicare in the Republican Tea Party budget.

Democrats are focused on growing the economy, creating jobs, and ensuring that Americans see more money in our neighborhood bank accounts—not on some other shore, not in some other country, and not on some island. Republicans say they worry about the same things, but today they're repealing health care and protecting the interests of millionaires because they care more about those folks than they do about hardworking Americans and their local bank accounts.

SAY "NO" TO CUTS IN FOOD ASSISTANCE

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

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the proposed \$16.5 billion in cuts to SNAP in the farm bill.

SNAP is the most important antihunger program in the Nation,