

second American women's gymnastics team ever to win the gold medal. These teenagers will also be awarded \$25,000 each for being the best in the Olympic world—but what they've earned they're not going to be able to keep because part of the medal and the prize will be confiscated by our government, so sayeth Uncle Sam.

That's right, Mr. Speaker. Each one of the Fierce Five has to pay a medal tax of up to \$236. Then they also have to pay a prize tax on their cash award that could be up to \$8,750. So that brings the total up to about \$9,000 that they could owe the taxman. Leave it to our government to punish Team USA for their success on behalf of all Americans.

Yesterday, Senator RUBIO introduced a bill to exempt Olympic medalists from paying taxes on their medals and their prizes. I am a cosponsor of a similar bill in this House. The long arm of the internal taxman reaches far across the seas to grab a piece of the gold from kids that it neither earned nor deserves.

And that's just the way it is.

ON THE ATTEMPT TO ADJOURN

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

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to this body's attempt to adjourn until September 10.

The people of southern Arizona sent me here to work on their behalf, and while it is essential that all of us go back home from time to time to hear from our constituents, we attempt to leave here today with many critical issues unresolved.

We have done nothing about sequestration. We are facing \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board cuts in defense and domestic programs. These arbitrary cuts will harm the people of my district.

Yet we took a vote to leave Washington.

We have done nothing about the postal service, which is bleeding billions of dollars because of congressional mandates; and it is wrongfully planning to shut down a crucial processing facility in my district.

Yet we took a vote to leave Washington.

We have done nothing to approve budgets to maintain vital programs that assist veterans, seniors, and children.

Yet we took a vote to leave Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stay here and work.

ERIN CAFARO, WINNING THE GOLD

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

Mr. DENHAM. I rise today to honor Modesto native, two-time Olympian,

and five-time U.S. National Team member Erin Cafaro, who this morning successfully defended, along with her teammates of the United States women's eight rowing team, the gold medal they won at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Erin's victory today is the culmination of years of training, and it is an example of how personal dedication to a goal is the cornerstone of success.

The London games are Erin's second Olympics, having first represented the team in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In 2008, Erin and the women's eight rowing team were the first to bring home a gold medal to the United States in this event. In this morning's race, faced with strong competition from Canada and the Netherlands, Team USA won in a time of 6 minutes, 10.59 seconds.

Erin Cafaro, you and your teammates have made Modesto, the State of California, and the Nation proud. Please accept my sincere congratulations on a gold medal today.

RESTORING CONFIDENCE IN OUR DEMOCRACY ACT

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

Mr. DINGELL. *Citizens United v. FEC* is one of the most destructive Supreme Court decisions in the history of this country.

It unleashed the floodgates for unlimited expenditures on elections; ignored factual records; disregarded congressional intent; and opened up the floodgates of crime, misbehavior, and scandal. In addition to that, people are going to be spending money without knowing who is having it spent, why, or for how much or by whom.

That is why, today, I, along with a number of my colleagues, will be introducing the Restoring Confidence in Our Democracy Act. This legislation makes findings of fact about the negative effects of unlimited spending which the Court cannot ignore. It reinstates the law that was in place on the day before *Citizens United* was adopted by the Court. It prohibits corporate spending in elections, and it subjects super PACs to \$5,000 contribution limits.

Don't wait for a constitutional amendment to undo *Citizens United*. Support the Restoring Confidence in Our Democracy Act, and let us do it by an enactment of Congress preceded by the necessary findings pointing out the evils of this scandal. We will be back in less than 30 days, and we are going to find out after the primary elections and after the general election what an outrage this is.

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ROSALIND FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science for 100 years of educating and training physicians and health care providers.

Since they opened their doors in 1912, Rosalind Franklin has had a non-discrimination policy in place and has embraced a diverse student body. These students have gone on to treat patients throughout the world and contribute to vital research.

At Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, their focus is on interprofessional education, where students are encouraged to learn and share experiences with members of the health care team outside of their chosen profession. This provides a strong foundation for graduates of the program and enriches their clinical practice. The president, Dr. Michael Welch, has received numerous accolades for his leadership, including winning the 10th District Congressional Leadership Award for education this year.

I want to congratulate Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science for an impressive 100 years of educating some of our best and brightest health care providers, and for giving back to the community and working to better the world around them.

REPUBLICAN HOUSE FIDDLES WHILE AMERICA BURNS

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

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Republican do-nothing congress. With all the problems we're having in our Nation's transportation and infrastructure, we had a full committee meeting today on Amtrak food and beverage service. We could have been talking about critical rail issues that we left out of the surface transportation bill, like positive train control, the railroad rehabilitation improvement financing program, or the freight congestion plans. Or we could have been talking about real debt restructuring of Amtrak. We could even have gotten crazy and talked about how we were going to finance future transportation bills or hold a markup on a Water Resource Development Act. And if we really want to talk about food, we could have had a hearing on the repeated instances of needles being placed in airplane sandwiches. Most importantly, we could have had a hearing on the near fatal plane collision that happened just 2 days ago at Washington National Airport.

Once again, the Republican House fiddles while America is burning.

HOUSE STANDS READY TO WORK

(Mr. HARRIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a shame that the Democrat controlled Senate voted today to adjourn for over a month, and they haven't even voted on a budget for 1,191 days.

Mr. Speaker, this is a \$3.5 trillion enterprise, and the Democrat-controlled Senate, led by Majority Leader REID, voted to adjourn for over a month so that when they come back it will be 1,240 days since they haven't voted on a budget.

Mr. Speaker, the House did what it had to do. It voted on a budget. It voted to extend the current tax rates to all citizens, and we are here ready to work. We ask the Senate to reconsider the decision, Mr. Speaker. That's what we ought to do. We ask them to come back in and work with us to finally pass a budget.

A CALL FOR BIPARTISANSHIP

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I listened to my Republican colleague in disbelief because the fact of the matter is that the Republican House has now adjourned, or at least is trying to adjourn, and go home for 5 weeks, as far as I can tell.

The fact of the matter is that when you go home and you talk to your constituents, they talk about jobs, they talk about the economy. When the gentleman says, Oh, we already passed a bill and why doesn't the Senate take it up, he knows very well that in order to accomplish anything here in terms of tax cuts and extending tax cuts for the middle class, that we have to get together on a bipartisan basis with the Democrats. That's simply not happening here.

The Senate has passed bills that seek to create jobs, larger infrastructure bills, bills that would actually send money back to the States so that we can rehire some of our public employees, our police, our firemen, and our teachers.

The fact of the matter is that the House Republicans really do not want to do anything to create jobs, whether it's in the public sector or it's in the private sector. We see no action here on the House side under the Republican leadership that would do anything to stimulate the economy or create jobs.

ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JULIAN L. COLVIN

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

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life and service of Alabama's own fallen soldier, Army Private First Class Julian L. Colvin, a courageous soldier, loving son, an American hero.

PFC Colvin was a dedicated soldier assigned to the 508th Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, North Carolina. PFC Colvin lost his life at the age of 21 on July 22 while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

PFC Colvin, a Birmingham native, proudly joined the United States Army on March 9, 2011 as a combat engineer. As a remarkable paratrooper and outstanding engineer, he was considered a shining example of excellence in our military service.

Born on March 2, 1991 in Birmingham, Alabama, PFC Colvin was the loving son of Carla and Alfred Colvin. As a young man, PFC Colvin dutifully answered the highest call to duty for this country. PFC Colvin was a selfless servant leader who bravely sacrificed for the love of his country. During his brief military career, PFC Colvin earned numerous honors, including the distinguished Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal.

The Seventh Congressional District in the State of Alabama and this Nation have suffered a tremendous loss. Our Nation is eternally grateful for PFC Julius Colvin and his dedicated service and patriotism. I ask those present today to join me in honoring the life and legacy of this heroic soldier, PFC Colvin.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my 1-minute speech.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing the U.S. House to honor Army Private First Class Julian Colvin of Birmingham, who lost his life in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on July 22, 2012, in the defense of his country.

Pfc. Colvin was a dedicated paratrooper and combat engineer assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Although just 21 years of age and on his first deployment, Pfc. Colvin was highly decorated for his service, with awards including the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, and the Basic Parachutist Badge.

But perhaps the highest honors have come from the innumerable testimonials to his high character.

Pfc. Colvin was, according to Lt. Col. Peter Levola, commander of the 508th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, "a shining example of the inspiration and promise of our young, remarkable Paratroopers—a selfless hero who willingly took on one of the most difficult jobs in the Brigade by leading patrols with a mine detector."

Services for Pfc. Colvin will be held at the 6th Avenue Baptist Church in Birmingham on Saturday, August 4. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

We will always remember Pfc. Colvin as a young patriot and hero to us all and it is appropriate for our nation to remember his service today.

As the senior member of the Alabama delegation, we join with Congresswoman Terri Sewell in her tribute to our Alabama hero, Army Private First Class Julian Colvin.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JON TIBBETTS

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

Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jon Tibbetts, who died last week in a car accident. This tragic accident cut short the life of a man who had devoted his career to helping others as a first responder.

Jon Tibbetts served as fire chief of the Sandoval County Fire Department for the past 8 years. Earlier in his career, he was a paramedic in San Juan County. I had the pleasure of working with Chief Tibbetts during my time on the Public Regulatory Commission, and I saw first hand his commitment to the firefighters he commanded, as well as to the people of New Mexico that he helped protect.

Thanks to his hard work and determination, Chief Tibbetts improved the way that emergency medical services and firefighters responded to better serve the community. Because of his dedication, there is no doubt that more people in New Mexico are safer.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Tibbetts' family during this difficult time, especially his wife Connie and his daughters Natasha and Amy.

We'll miss you Chief Tibbetts.

END THE POLITICAL GAMESMANSHIP

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, the American people expect Congress to work to get our economy back on track, to promote economic growth, and to provide families and small businesses with some certainty when it comes to their taxes.

The Senate passed legislation to ensure that middle class families do not see a tax increase at the end of the year. Yesterday, House Democrats offered the identical bill, one that the President would sign, yet our Republican friends passed a plan that will raise taxes on 25 million middle class families by preserving tax breaks for the wealthiest among us.

We need to end this kind of political gamesmanship that has held our economy back. Against this backdrop, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle