

which as we know is invaluable for enduring what can be a long legislative process, and she often served as the ringleader for the merry band of County staff that joined her for the annual sessions in Richmond. The revolving door included staff from the legislative office, the Office of the County Attorney, and the departments of transportation, tax administration, zoning enforcement, housing, public safety, public works, stormwater management, environmental quality, and many more.

Sue's other professional accomplishments include being a graduate of Leadership Fairfax, serving as a board member of the Liberal Arts and Human Resources Development Committee at Virginia Tech, and serving as a member of the National Association of County Intergovernmental Relations Officials. In 1996, she was recognized by Virginia Tech as an Outstanding Woman Graduate for her contributions to her community and her profession. She also serves on the education committee of her local homeowners association in Northern Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, Sue Mittereder's commitment to our community and the mission of local government are unparalleled, and she leaves behind a legacy that will benefit our community for generations to come. Her career in public service, beginning with her service in the classroom, is truly commendable and deserving of our sincere appreciation. When I was Chairman of the County Board, we often joked when retirement announcements like this came before the Board that we should not allow such talented and dedicated staff to leave public service, and I certainly wish that was the case here. I wish Sue the best of luck in her retirement, and I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in expressing our appreciation for her commitment to serving the residents of Fairfax County.

RECOGNIZING THE CAMPBELL FAMILY AS THE 2013 SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Keith Campbell family as the 2013 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Family.

The Campbell family's extensive history in farming began in Scotland before they immigrated to South Carolina and then eventually to Chumuckla, located in Northwest Florida, in the early 1800s. A sixth generation farmer on his father's side and a fourth on his mother's side, Keith began farming with his grandfather, W.T. Stewart, in 1983 and has since taken over the complete operation. The once 500 acre farm has grown to more than 1,300 acres and produces a variety of crops, including cotton, peanuts, and wheat. The Campbell family also raises livestock—approximately sixty beef cattle—and maintains an apiary for honey production and crop pollination.

Always seeking better ways to improve the efficiency of his farming operation, Keith has reaped the benefits of technological advances that reduce costs while increasing total crop

yield. For instance, the adoption of herbicide-resistant crops in the 1990s allowed him to reduce soil erosion, business costs, and the amount of herbicides used. In the more recent years, precision tools such as field mapping and GPS equipment guidance have allowed for a further stimulation of the farm's operating effectiveness.

In addition to Keith's wife, Robynn, several other members of the family contribute to the overall success of the farm, including their daughters, Ashleigh, a teacher at Bennett C. Russell Elementary School and Brittney, a student at the University of West Florida; their nephew, Dale Campbell, who helps out after school; and Ashleigh's husband, Adam Bondurant, a senior at the University of West Florida. Their neighbors are also crucial to the farm's growth and development. Keith has spread his ideas on efficiency throughout the Santa Rosa County farming community, by initiating equipment sharing and custom planting programs with his fellow farmers.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the Keith Campbell family as the 2013 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Family. There is no question that the Campbell family and its farm will continue to be an important component to the success of farming in the First Congressional District of Florida for many generations to come. My wife Vicki and I wish the Campbell family all the best as they continue to serve the citizens of Northwest Florida.

IN HONOR OF SCOT MCKAY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and remarkable public service of my friend, Scot McKay. Scot passed away on July 10th at the young age of 59. Scot was a visionary businessman, a respected citizen, a dear friend, husband, father, and somebody who made the world a better place to live in.

Mr. McKay was born and raised in Evanston, Illinois. He achieved remarkable success as a young businessman. He founded McKay Spoke 'n Sport and McKay Front Runner, acquired McKay Nissan which he expanded into Mazda and Suzuki, acquired Acura of Libertyville and, among others, was a partner of the Clean Plate Restaurant Group. In 2003, he moved his family to Carmel, California, where he quickly embraced the local community, buying, renovating and dramatically improving the Carmel Valley Athletic Club, developing and building his relaxation spa, revamping an iconic local radio station and most recently acquiring the Gardener Tennis Ranch, where I once lifeguarded. He turned it into a premier wedding and business retreat facility. Scot also served on the boards of directors of the American International Automotive Dealer Association and The Big Sur Land Trust.

Yet, for all of his accomplishments, he was proudest of his family. Being home each evening was a top priority and when asked about his life, he frequently spoke fondly of his children's recent accomplishments and family trips. Scot was well-known throughout his community for his friendly greetings and inter-

est in knowing how he could help any cause. He grabbed onto life fully and made the most of his time here. His curious nature led him to explore a variety of experiences. His humor and charm will be remembered and the love he has shared with his family and friends will long endure.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in remembering Scot McKay and extending condolences to his father and loved ones, especially his wife Heidi and his children Ashley, Jacob, Justin, Kyle, Paige, Matthew and Ian. I would like to express my gratitude for his selfless service to the people of Monterey County, and indeed to our whole Nation. He will be remembered for all the lives he touched. We will miss you, Scot.

BRING ARMANDO TORRES HOME

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Armando Torres, an American and former Marine who was kidnapped in Mexico. Armando served in the Marine Corps from 2005 to 2011, completing tours in Iraq and Africa. He is a native of Texas and the father of two small children.

In the Marines, we were taught to leave no person behind, and we must uphold that commitment to Armando. The United States and Mexican Governments have been working to find Armando, but it is clear that much more can be done. That is why the State Department and Justice Department must raise the visibility of this issue, and send a clear message to his captors that the United States will not tolerate the kidnapping of one of its citizens. Marines and their families from across our Nation have been rallying around Armando's cause, and it is time for all of us to join them, so we can ensure that Armando will be safely returned home to his family.

FAIRNESS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I oppose H.R. 2668 the Fairness for American Families Act; which would seek to delay until 2015 the requirement that individuals maintain minimal essential health care coverage.

Once again, for the 38th time, Republicans are voting to repeal parts of the Affordable Care Act.

The individual responsibility requirement under the Affordable Care Act, which calls for purchasing coverage or paying a penalty, covers only those who have access to affordable coverage. If an individual does not have access to coverage with premiums that are 8 percent or less of their income, the individual is exempt.

Individuals are also exempt if their income is so low they do not have to file a federal tax return; or if they qualify for an exemption

based on hardship, religious beliefs, and certain other factors; or they spend less than three consecutive months without coverage.

Therefore, the Republicans' disingenuous concern that Americans will be punished if they are unable to afford coverage is simply not true!

The Affordable Care Act's individual responsibility provision is a critical component of the additional patient protections and reforms that go into effect in 2014. Health experts have determined that if, beginning in 2014, insurers can no longer deny coverage to people with pre-existing conditions and can no longer charge them higher premiums, premiums in health insurance marketplaces would rise sharply unless all Americans with access to affordable insurance either purchase it or pay a penalty.

This is yet another attempt to obstruct and undermine the successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

The result of this bill's delay of the individual responsibility provision would be to limit access to affordable coverage for millions of Americans and thereby, weaken one of the primary premises of the Affordable Care Act.

Don't fall for this trick! I ask my colleagues to stand in with me in solidarity and vote no on this bill.

LETTER TO LEADER REID AND
LEADER PELOSI

HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

DEAR LEADER REID AND LEADER PELOSI: When you and the President sought our support for the Affordable Care Act (ACA), you pledged that if we liked the health plans we have now, we could keep them. Sadly, that promise is under threat. Right now, unless you and the Obama Administration enact an equitable fix, the ACA will shatter not only our hard-earned health benefits, but destroy the foundation of the 40 hour work week that is the backbone of the American middle class.

Like millions of other Americans, our members are front-line workers in the American economy. We have been strong supporters of the notion that all Americans should have access to quality, affordable health care. We have also been strong supporters of you. In campaign after campaign we have put boots on the ground, gone door-to-door to get out the vote, run phone banks and raised money to secure this vision.

Now this vision has come back to haunt us.

Since the ACA was enacted, we have been bringing our deep concerns to the Administration, seeking reasonable regulatory interpretations to the statute that would help prevent the destruction of nonprofit health plans. As you both know first-hand, our persuasive arguments have been disregarded and met with a stone wall by the White House and the pertinent agencies. This is especially stinging because other stakeholders have repeatedly received successful interpretations for their respective grievances. Most disconcerting of course is last week's huge accommodation for the employer community—extending the statutorily mandated "December 31, 2013" deadline for the employer mandate and penalties.

Time is running out: Congress wrote this law; we voted for you. We have a problem; you need to fix it. The unintended consequences of the ACA are severe. Perverse incentives are already creating nightmare scenarios:

First, the law creates an incentive for employers to keep employees' work hours below 30 hours a week. Numerous employers have begun to cut workers' hours to avoid this obligation, and many of them are doing so openly. The impact is two-fold: fewer hours means less pay while also losing our current health benefits.

Second, millions of Americans are covered by non-profit health insurance plans like the ones in which most of our members participate. These non-profit plans are governed jointly by unions and companies under the Taft-Hartley Act. Our health plans have been built over decades by working men and women. Under the ACA as interpreted by the Administration, our employees will be treated differently and not be eligible for subsidies afforded other citizens. As such, many employees will be relegated to second-class status and shut out of the help the law offers to for-profit insurance plans.

And finally, even though non-profit plans like ours won't receive the same subsidies as for-profit plans, they'll be taxed to pay for those subsidies. Taken together, these restrictions will make non-profit plans like ours unsustainable, and will undermine the health-care market of viable alternatives to the big health insurance companies.

On behalf of the millions of working men and women we represent and the families they support, we can no longer stand silent in the face of elements of the Affordable Care Act that will destroy the very health and wellbeing of our members along with millions of other hardworking Americans.

We believe that there are common-sense corrections that can be made within the existing statute that will allow our members to continue to keep their current health plans and benefits just as you and the President pledged. Unless changes are made, however, that promise is hollow.

We continue to stand behind real health care reform, but the law as it stands will hurt millions of Americans including the members of our respective unions.

We are looking to you to make sure these changes are made.

JAMES P. HOFFA,
*General President,
International Brotherhood of Teamsters.*

JOSEPH HANSEN,
*International President,
UFCW.*

D. TAYLOR,
*President, UNITE-
HERE.*

TRIBUTE TO RAJ NARAYANAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Murrieta are exceptional. The City of Murrieta has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Raj Narayanan is one of these individuals. On July 20, 2013, Raj will be hon-

ored as the "Citizen of the Year" at the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Celebration.

Raj is the epitome of the values that the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce holds true, with a focus on strengthening the local economy, providing networking opportunities, promoting the community, representing business and government, and political advocacy. Currently, Raj serves as a Board Member of the Chamber, where he will soon serve on the Ambassador and Membership Committees. He is a highly motivated community builder and hardworking professional with proven organizational abilities. During his time at the Chamber, Raj has proven to be an effective leader.

Raj's involvement and vision have grown during his time serving on the Murrieta Chamber Board. Raj has always been quick to accept a challenge, especially if it means betterment for the community. He is co-chair for both the Chamber Golf Tournament and Chamber Installation Dinner. While serving as co-chair for the Chamber Golf Tournament, Raj effectively rebranded the tournament as the "Brew Masters Tournament" and successfully raised more money than in previous years. His success does not stop there. As co-chair of the Installation Dinner, Raj has tirelessly worked to rebrand the event as the "Awards Celebration" hosted at the Pechanga Resort and Casino with the hope of growing it annually. Raj has always been eager to help new Chamber members and is an active volunteer in Chamber events, including the Murrieta Chamber Reverse Drawings and the Special Olympic Games Bocce Ball Tournament.

In addition to the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce, Raj is a member of many other community organizations whose programs help fundraise for businesses and organizations in the area. These organizations include the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Valley Young Professionals. He was recently appointed to the Advisory Council of the Assistance League of Temecula Valley. He has helped events come to life through multiple planning stages, including the Boys and Girls Club Annual "Field of Dreams" Dinner, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk which raised over \$90,000, and the Reality Rally. Raj has also been a participant in the Murrieta Veteran's Day Parade, Field of Honor, Boys and Girls Club "Our Kids Rock" fundraiser, and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Walk/Run. He is also an active participant in the Temecula Noon Rotary Club where he serves as a member of the International Committee and is the Membership Co-Chair. For the Past three years, Raj has been committed to his title as "Food Chair" for the annual Rotary Taste of the World Fundraiser, which helped generate over \$40,000 in 2013.

In light of all Raj has done for Murrieta, the Murrieta Chamber of Commerce named Raj their Citizen of the Year. His tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of Murrieta and the surrounding area. He has been the heart and soul of many organizations and events and I am proud to call him a fellow community member and American. I know that many are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.