

VA to work with and support clinical programs for veterans. This bill merely builds on what some law schools have begun to do for the last several years while providing vital legal services to our veterans and reducing the backlog that has plagued the VA for many years. However, more needs to be done to sustain these programs and to recruit and retain qualified attorneys to supervise law students.

Mr. Speaker, just as we honored our veterans on Veterans Day, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, which would further honor and assist our veterans in their daily lives.

### OBAMACARE—HURTING THE HARDWORKING MIDDLE CLASS

#### HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks, I have received far too many heart-breaking stories from the people of the 2nd District about how government-run healthcare is impacting their lives.

Today, I rise to put a face on the horrors of ObamaCare and tell Jim and Kim Curtis's story who hail from Arnold, in Missouri.

This is their story in their own words.

We, the working middle class, are the ones who are being hurt by this law.

We struggle every day to make ends meet.

But now, because of Obamacare, we received a notice from the insurance company that the plan we currently pay for does not meet the guidelines and we will no longer be covered on January 1st, 2014.

"Now we have to find an extra \$500 to \$600 minimum per month to cover the insurance that is comparable to what we had before. I have no idea how we will afford that kind of money and pay our bills and mortgage each month."

This is just one of the millions of examples of real people being hurt by ObamaCare.

This story is from Kim Curtis, a Senior Underwriter at an insurance company in Saint Louis, MO:

We, the working middle class, are the ones who are being hurt by this law.

We struggle every day to make ends meet. The one bright spot is that the middle sized family owned company that my husband works for paid 100% of both of our health care and dental premiums on a very good PPO plan. That was a huge benefit and a saving grace.

But now, because of Obamacare, we have received notice from the insurance company that the plan that they currently pay for does not meet the marketplace guidelines and we will no longer be covered effective on January 1st, 2014. They are not paying anything towards our insurance at all.

So now we will be trying to scramble to come up with an extra \$500-\$600 min per month to cover the insurance that is comparable to the plan that we had. I have medical issues so I have quite a few doctor visits and bills each year so I am not cheap to cover so it may even be more than that.

Thanks for your time and again thanks for standing up for us. Someone needs to help us before we all go bankrupt and lose everything we have worked so hard to build up during our lifetimes.

From: Kim Curtis (Kim.Curtis@cmgmi.com)  
Received: 10/27/13

DEAR ANN, I comes as quite a shock to me on how much of an impact Obamacare is hav-

ing on myself and the country as a whole. Let alone the fact that I feel it was NEVER really explained very well to the American people let alone very well thought out by law makers when this plan was put together. This will further hurt our economy and drive it back possibly to the brink of another recession.

My husband had already taken over \$10,000/year cut in pay a couple years ago and I at the same time took over a \$20 000 cut in pay, but we looked at it that at least we still had jobs. We struggle every day to make ends meet. The one bright spot is that the middle size family owned company that my husband works for paid 100% of both of our health care and dental premiums on a very good PPO plan. That was a huge benefit and a saving grace.

But now due to Obamacare we have received notice from the insurance company that the plan that they currently pay for does not meet the "market place" guidelines and we will no longer be covered effective on January 1st, 2014. My husband approached his employer and the comment that he received is that we will probably have to go out to the market place and get insurance from there because they don't feel that they will be able to afford the insurance that is now being required by the new "LAW". So along with that they are NOT paying anything towards our insurance AT ALL. So this will now along with cuts in pay, we will be trying to scramble to come up with probably around \$500-\$600 min per month to cover the insurance that is comparable to the plan that we had. I have medical issues so I do have quite a few Doctor visits and bills each year so I am not cheap to cover so it may even be more than that.

I have no idea how we will be able to afford that kind of money each month and pay the mortgage and other bills that we have let alone be punished with a penalty if we do not have insurance. That is ridiculous. You should have been able to put together a plan that would BENEFIT the people not PENALIZE the majority of them.

If the "PLAN" is that good why did they have to make it a law for everyone to participate. If it was done correctly people would WANT to participate. THAT is the "PLAN" that they should have put into place.

Thanks for your time and again thanks for standing up for us. Someone needs to help us before we all go bankrupt and lose everything we have worked so hard to build up during our lifetimes.

KIM CURTIS,  
SENIOR UNDERWRITER,  
CMG Mortgage Insurance Company.

### CONGRATULATING BILL DE BLASIO ON HIS ELECTION AS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY

#### HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate former Public Advocate and a dear friend of mine Bill de Blasio on his election as Mayor of New York City. He will be New York's 109th Mayor and the first Democrat to hold the office in 20 years.

Mr. de Blasio is a compassionate and intelligent man who believes that every person in New York should have access to a quality education, attend college or vocational training, find a job, and start a family.

He is ready to address the enormous challenge that income inequality poses for New York City and our nation, which threatens to undermine our shared commitment to the American Dream. This is a great victory for the people of New York City, and I know that he will unify all New Yorkers and lead the City forward into a new era.

New York City has a new incredible leader and I look forward to working with him on initiatives that will keep New York City and our nation on the path to prosperity. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the election of Bill de Blasio, and urge us all to continue the fight for an America that is a true champion of equity and opportunity.

### HONORING RICHARD AND LEE LASTER

#### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituents and good friends Richard and Lee Laster on the occasion of his 90th birthday and their 65th wedding anniversary. The Lasters have called Chappaqua, New York, home for 50 years.

Born in Vienna, Austria, Richard came to the United States in 1940. After graduating in 1944 from the Polytechnic Institute of New York, Richard began his long career with General Foods Corporation. He became President of the Maxwell House Coffee Division, Executive Vice President and a Director at General Foods. Following his retirement from General Foods, Richard helped build DNA Plant Technology Corporation and WellGen. Richard has also served on the Board of Directors of RiceTec, Inc., The Prince of Liechtenstein Foundation, Bowater Incorporated, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, and Peptor Ltd.

Richard has been a strong and committed community leader, generously sharing his wisdom and skills with a myriad of civic and educational organizations. These include serving as a Director of The American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, Trustee of Temple Beth El, Chairman of the Purchase College Foundation, Trustee of Polytechnic University, Chairman of the Westchester Education Coalition, a member and Deputy Supervisor of the New Castle Town Board, President of the Chappaqua School Board and Vice President of the United Way of Westchester.

Richard and his beloved wife, Lee, are both Holocaust survivors. Their experiences in 1938 led to a deep and abiding commitment to fighting the evils of hatred and bigotry by teaching tolerance to young students. In 2011, the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center presented Richard and Lee with its Spirit of Humanity Award as recognition for Richard's 14 years as Chairman and Lee's longtime service as a board member. Lee has also volunteered on the board of The Chappaqua Orchestra.

I am proud to recognize Lee and Richard Laster of Chappaqua, New York for their extraordinary contributions to our community and beyond. I wish them happiness on the double celebrations of their 65th wedding anniversary and his 90th birthday.

HOYT LIBRARY, KINGSTON PA

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Hoyt Library in the Borough of Kingston, Pennsylvania which is celebrating its 85th anniversary this year.

In January 1928, the Borough of Kingston opened the first free lending library on the West Side of the Susquehanna River. The building was donated to the town by Frank Weston Hoyt who recognized the need for a community library. Throughout its existence, the facility has been updated to meet the needs of the citizens of Kingston. In 1987, an addition was built to house much of the collection. Tragedy struck in February 2007, when the roof of that addition collapsed in a heavy snowstorm, and a large portion of the Library's collection was destroyed. In October 2009, a new two story addition was opened. Today, Hoyt Library continues to be an important part of the Kingston landscape.

Mr. Speaker, for 85 years Hoyt Library has served as an important site to the citizens of the Borough of Kingston, Pennsylvania. Therefore, I commend those individuals who have dedicated their time to working and learning at this community asset.

TO RECOGNIZE THE UPPER BUCKS  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S 60  
YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce is preparing for their 60th year by celebrating several decades of partnership with businesses in the Upper Bucks region.

The mission of the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce is to build strong liaisons within the region's business community in order to progress the principles of free enterprise and enhance the quality of life in Upper Bucks County. The UBCC is a membership based non-profit organization comprised of local non-profit and for profit businesses and community associations. Representing over 1,000 businesses with the purpose of strengthening the local economy, the UBCC works to encourage business and consumer commerce. Through connection building, regional promotion, and services which endorse and protect interests, the UBCC is able to accomplish their mission.

The UBCC has provided these invaluable services to businesses in the community for the past 60 years and I commend their dedication to building a strong local economy and wish them the best in the future.

HONORING MARTYL LANGSDORF,  
CREATOR OF THE BULLETIN OF  
THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS'  
DOOMSDAY CLOCK

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Martyl Langsdorf, who created the image of the now-iconic Doomsday Clock for the June 1947 cover of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, a publication founded by University of Chicago scientists who had worked on the Manhattan Project, including her husband, physicist Alexander Langsdorf. Martyl's Clock remains a singular reminder of the risks we face from nuclear weapons and the effects of climate change.

A renowned landscape painter and longtime resident of Schaumburg, Illinois, Martyl died at the age of 96 on March 26, 2013, and will be remembered tomorrow at the Bulletin's Fifth Annual Doomsday Clock Symposium here in the nation's capital. Fittingly titled "Communicating Catastrophe," the Symposium will reflect Martyl's sensitivity to the urgency of existential threats—and her brilliance in using art and design "to move past the numbness and create new ways of feeling, just as we tap science for new ways of knowing," said Bulletin Executive Director Kennette Benedict.

Martyl's legacy continues as members of the Bulletin's Science and Security Board annually assess the state of world affairs and use the hands of the Clock to signal humanity's capacity to meet the challenges of nuclear weapons and climate change. World attention to the Doomsday Clock confirms the impact of what designer Michael Bierut, in a 2010 tribute to Martyl titled "Designing the Unthinkable," called "the most powerful piece of information design of the 20th century."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the late Martyl Langsdorf for raising the world's awareness about grave threats, and also the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists for providing information and analysis that points to a safer world.

And to close on a personal note, it was at one of Martyl Langsdorf's annual "Peony Parties" at her garden in Schaumburg, during a long conversation with wise old lawyer and Bulletin stalwart Lowell Sachnoff, that was one of the first times I began seriously considering stepping away from my career in science to begin one in public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF DELANO-  
EARLIMART IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District on its 75th anniversary.

The Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District was organized in 1938 to protect the underground water resources in the area and to secure a long-term surface water contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Since 1950, the District has delivered more than 7.7 million acre-

feet of water to water users in the Delano-Earlimart area of California.

Water is the lifeblood of the Central Valley's economy because of the strong agricultural industry in the region. Ensuring adequate supply of water is important for both farmers and families in the Central Valley. The investments and improvements to water infrastructure made by the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District over the past 75 years have played a vital role in ensuring water resources are available to the farmers who feed the nation, and the families who call the Central Valley home.

The efforts made by the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District have helped create a district comprised of 56,500 acres that annually produce more than \$360 million in crop value.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District in celebrating 75 years of staying true to its mission to protect, enhance, and manage the District's water and energy resources and related assets to benefit its growers, the community, and the region it serves through outstanding customer service, commitment to quality, and leadership on the water resources industry.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT PITTENGER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote Nos. 571–572, I am not recorded because I was absent from the U.S. House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

On rollcall No. 571, had I been present, I would have voted "yea". On rollcall No. 572, had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

## RECOGNIZING PROJECT HOPE

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Project HOPE, an international non-profit organization in Millwood, Virginia dedicated to providing quality and sustainable healthcare to people around the world. I want to highlight their recent medical outreach to Syrian children, who make up half of Syria's refugee population from the current crisis.

I travelled to the region in February and spent time with Syrian refugees in Lebanon, hearing firsthand their accounts of the horrific civil war that was ripping apart their nation. Over two million refugees have fled and are living in refugee camps or trying to survive on their own in neighboring countries.

Last month, I had the opportunity to visit Project HOPE in Millwood. I was pleased to learn that they recently delivered 186,000 doses of a vaccine to infants and young children at the Al Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan to combat the potentially deadly rotavirus. The virus is highly contagious and spreads rapidly in crowded encampments with inadequate sanitation.

Project HOPE is also trying to help other vulnerable refugees, including individuals with