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**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barr Benyamin, Jacqueline Brittain, Diego Sanchez, and Matthew McCabe for their dedication and hard work for the people of Colorado's Sixth District as interns in my Washington, DC office for the fall 2013 session.

The work of these young men and women has been exemplary and I know they all have bright futures. They served as tour guides, interacted with constituents, and learned a great deal about our nation's legislative process. I was glad to be able to offer this educational opportunity to these four and look forward to seeing them build their careers in public service.

All four of our interns have made plans to continue their work in public service next year with various organizations around Washington. I am certain they will succeed in their new roles and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Barr Benyamin, Jacqueline Brittain, Diego Sanchez, and Matthew McCabe for their service this fall.

RICHARD WILLIAMSON: A TRUE  
PUBLIC SERVANT

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit a letter a Washington Post obituary commemorating the life and legacy of Richard Williamson who passed away this weekend at the age of 64.

I had the distinct privilege of working with Rich on a myriad of issues, including Sudan. Rich had a keen understanding of the issues marked by a welcome sense of moral clarity. His advice and counsel were reliably sound.

Many will mourn his loss, not the least of which are the Sudanese people whose basic human rights he championed.

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RICHARD WILLIAMSON, R.I.P

(By Jennifer Rubin)

Richard S. Williamson was not a household name, but for decades he was a tireless public servant and resolute defender of America's national security. He passed away suddenly this weekend; he was 64. A release from the McCain Institute recounts, "He was involved in a wide variety of civic organizations, including serving as a nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution, as senior fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and as a trustee of Freedom House. Williamson was also Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs in the Reagan White House, Ambassador to the United Nations Offices in Vienna (including the International Atomic Energy Agency), Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, member of the

President's General Advisory Committee on Arms Control, Ambassador to the United Nations for Special Political Affairs, Ambassador to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, the Republican Party's nominee for U.S. Senate in 1993." While he lost that Senate race to Carol Moseley Braun, he was an accomplished lawyer, author and speaker.

I came to know Richard in his capacity as a senior foreign policy adviser to Sen. John McCain's presidential campaign in 2008 and Mitt Romney's 2012 campaign. He was a staunch advocate for his candidates, and beyond that for the principle that foreign policy is the most critical aspect of any presidency and therefore must be a topic of debate in presidential elections. When other policy advisers pleaded to downplay foreign policy, Richard insisted it deserved a full airing. Many of the positions he helped his candidates articulate—the danger of Russian aggression, the Obama administration's duplicity in Libya, the rise of the Iran-Syria axis, the need for adequate national security spending and the need to speak boldly on behalf of human rights—have proved entirely accurate. The country would have been greatly served had he returned to public office.

In the hurly-burly of a presidential campaign Richard was unflappable, honest and gracious treasured qualities in a public servant. In the best sense of the phrase, he was an old-school gentleman.

Elliott Abrams, a former deputy national security adviser who knew Richard well, e-mails: "Rich Williamson was a happy warrior. He was an unflappable soldier of freedom, serving several Republican presidents in the Cold War and then the war against terror, and always, always, in the peaceful but often very rough battle against the Democrats. His ready smile, his sharp political instincts, and his dedication to public service will be long remembered." He adds, "In politics there's a lot of ego and self promotion, but Rich was there to help the party and serve the nation. In the next Republican administration he would have had a very senior foreign policy position, and when that day comes we will miss his counsel, his calm, and his unchanging good humor. He was a wonderful man."

His passing reminds us how essential a strong foreign policy is to the country's well-being. He stood up for a strong America, one that leads the Free World. In addition to conservative groups, including the RNC, which have remarked on his passing, I would hope in the near future our current U.N. ambassador and others in the elite foreign policy establishment who knew him well will honor his achievements. He, as they know, was never one to put partisanship above country. He will be missed.

RECOGNIZING THE DEARBORN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the Dearborn County Commissioners to the success of the 6th District Job Fair.

On October 21, 2013, over 150 job seekers from across the district met with 36 businesses looking to hire new employees. In a time when jobs are still hard to come by,

these job fairs are an important tool in linking job seekers with prospective employers. I am proud we were able to bring community leaders together and provide this service to the people of the 6th District.

The job fair would not have been the success it was without the help of the Dearborn County Commissioners. I want to recognize the work of Commissioners Kevin Lynch, Art Little and Shane McHenry and Dearborn County Administrator Terri Randle. Their efforts show a deep commitment to their community and the well-being of the people they serve.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in recognizing Dearborn County Commissioners Kevin Lynch, Art Little and Shane McHenry and Dearborn County Administrator Terri Randle. I look forward to working with them often on behalf of the people of Dearborn County and Southeastern Indiana.

IN RECOGNITION OF DON AND  
LOIS MOORE

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Don and Lois Moore, proprietors of the Quartzsite General Store. Mr. and Mrs. Moore opened the Quartzsite General Store in Quartzsite, Arizona on December 12, 1972. This December 12 will mark the 41st anniversary of its opening. The store's western-themed storefront has been a mainstay of Quartzsite's Main Street for those 41 years, adding to the town's character and economy. Known for its fresh meats and produce, cleanliness, and great customer service, the General Store has consistently contributed to the community of Quartzsite.

The store could not have been successful without Don's and Lois's hard work and dedication. Don retired from the store in 1999 and Lois retired from school teaching in 1995, but they both work at the store again today. Their determination to achieve their American dream is a shining example not only to their 6 children and 15 grandchildren, but to all current and future entrepreneurs. Small businesses like theirs are the backbone of our economy, and it is those businesses that will lead us out of our current economic problems.

Congratulations to the Quartzsite General Store and to its owners, Don and Lois, on 41 years of success. May they have continued success for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 12, 2013*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 633, I was unable to be present for H.R. 2319. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING MAGGIE W. FORREST

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Maggie W. Forrest who is a remarkable Director and extraordinary public servant.

Mrs. Forrest was born in Winona, Mississippi, which is located in Montgomery County, on December 5, 1958 to Johnny and Birdie Woods. Mrs. Forrest is one of ten children.

Mrs. Forrest attended J.J. Knox School in 1965 and graduated from Winona High School in 1976 and completed some courses at Wood Jr. College. Mrs. Forrest worked at Winona Elementary School for sixteen years. Her first job was a first grade teacher's assistant. Later, she became an assistant for a third grade class and afterward an assistant for a kindergarten class. During her last three years in Winona School System, Mrs. Forrest served as a library assistant. She enjoyed working with all students. Reading to classes was her most favorite thing to do. After leaving the school system, Mrs. Forrest would see former students and some would tell her how much she inspired them to enjoy and appreciate reading.

February 5, 2001, Mrs. Forrest became the first African American Executive Director for Winona Housing Authority. She seized that opportunity to reach out compassionately and serve people in the community. As Executive Director, not only does Mrs. Forrest provide safe and sanitary housing for eligible low income families but she counsels and encourages her residents when needed and financially donates when someone falls on hard times.

Mrs. Forrest serves on the Zoning Board for the city of Winona. She serves as secretary for the United Methodist Women in her church and a substitute Sunday school teacher. She is the Vice President for Member Services for MAHRO, the Mississippi Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, and serves on the Member Services committee for SERC NAHRO, the Southeastern Regional Council National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Mrs. Forrest is married to Pastor Nelson Forrest. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Forrest loves God, her family, her church, her job and all people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a Director Extraordinaire, Mrs. Maggie W. Forrest for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

**OBAMACARE ADS****HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2013

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, we all know that this administration is desperate to enroll young, healthy Americans in new exchange plans.

A recent ad campaign from Progress Now Colorado shows just how low some groups

are willing to go to catch young people's attention. The ads depict young men drinking right out of kegs of beer and objectifying young women. They try to encourage people to sign up for health care by making light of unhealthy behaviors.

I recently received a letter from Dr. Julie Welch, which I'll submit for the RECORD, an emergency room physician in Indianapolis, specifically concerned about how the ads promoted risky sexual behavior. The "Let's Get Physical" ad depicts a young woman thanking Obamacare for the words "for providing birth control pills." Dr. Welch writes "As a taxpayer, I am puzzled at why advertising campaigns for health insurance appear to promote high-risk behaviors."

Promoting health coverage by condoning binge drinking and promiscuity is not a step toward a healthier America. What good is it to enroll young people in plans if their actions make them unhealthy?

It's just another way that Obamacare just doesn't work.

McCordsville, Indiana, December 1, 2013.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I am writing to bring to your attention a recent advertising campaign for the new Obamacare government health insurance marketplace through ProgressNow Colorado. The ad campaign was launched by ProgressNow Colorado and the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative for the online marketplace called "Connect for Health Colorado" in October 2013. The ads are housed on the website of Progress Now Colorado (<http://doyougotinsurance.com>).

The campaign is titled "Got Insurance" and is a play on the "Got Milk" phrase. But unlike the health benefits of milk, the "Got Insurance" ads do not universally advertise healthy choices; rather, many celebrate the unhealthy, high-risk behaviors of young adults. The ads of concern are referred to as "Brosurance," "Brosurance for the Ladies," or "Hosurance," by the media and depict keg-stands, alcohol consumption, and women picking up guys.

Many of the ads have gone viral on the Internet and social media. Although I have heard numerous comments from the public, I have not seen your administration take a stand one way or another on the messages being presented in this ad campaign. Silence can only be interpreted as complacency and acceptance. I, however, am neither complacent nor acceptant of the ads that overtly objectify women and promote high-risk behaviors. And as an emergency medicine physician, medical educator, woman, mother, and taxpayer I would like to express my concerns.

Although the ad campaign has expanded to pertain to a broader audience, I am concerned about the message conveyed in several specific ads. One of the ads, titled "Let's Get Physical," depicts a woman holding birth control pills and contemplating how she will get a guy to have sex with her. Five of the ads depict or blatantly celebrate alcohol consumption, titled "Brosurance," "Club Med," "Friends with Benefits," "Keg ER," and "Get Your Shots." What message are these ads sending to our young people and our children? As these ads go viral on social media, young people may think that keg stands and one-night stands are okay. Especially since they are being advertised in association with healthcare, Obamacare specifically.

Being an emergency department physician, health insurance ads should not glorify alcohol consumption, doing keg stands, drinking shots, or promiscuous sex. In the emergency department, cases of trauma, physical as-

sault, sexual assault, and motor vehicle crashes are commonly associated with substance abuse, including alcohol consumption. In addition, alcohol consumption, for some patients, becomes a lifelong disease of alcohol addiction leading to serious health effects including hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver, bone marrow dysfunction, esophageal varicosities, intestinal bleeding, and death. And it typically begins with partying as a young adult, a time when the message is "it's cool to drink" and "you have to drink to have fun." The message I want my patients and medical students to understand is the opposite message I see in these ads. In fact, many of these ads could be used to educate patients (including our teenagers) to the potential negative health consequences of high-risk behaviors. For instance, if you go to a party and do keg stands, then hook up with a girl because she is on birth control pills, what are all of the negative outcomes you can foresee? Having health insurance will be the least of your worries the next morning.

The ad I am most concerned about is "Let's Get Physical." (I have included a copy with this letter.) It depicts a young woman hold a packet of birth control pills standing next to a young man and reads: "OMG, he's hot! Let's hope he's as easy to get as this birth control. My health insurance covers the pill, which means all I have to worry about is getting him between the covers. I got insurance. Now you can too. Thanks Obamacare!" There is an asterisk at the bottom of the ad that reads in tiny print: "The pill doesn't protect you from STDs, condoms and common sense do that." The message from this ad is alarming in several ways and sends the wrong message to women, men, girls, and boys.

1. This ad objectifies women, making her the object of sex. This alone is the most damaging consequence of advertising such as this. This ad seriously harms the progress we have made in women's rights and the way in which women are depicted in the media. It is degrading and offensive.

2. Promiscuous sexual behavior has serious risks for a woman including increased risk of cervical cancer, transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STI), unintended pregnancy, as well as psychological aftermath.

3. Birth control pills do not protect against HIV, herpes, gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, or other sexually transmitted diseases. And the small asterisk message at the bottom of the ad does not outweigh the message put forth in the ad. In fact, using a condom does not eliminate the risk of STD transmission via other routes.

4. Birth control pills are not 100% effective in preventing pregnancy.

5. Birth control pills and reproductive health rights do not equal healthy sexual choices. This ad does not depict responsible reproductive rights. In fact, this ad seems to say that women with birth control pills are sexually promiscuous and just take them to hook up with a guy. This ad also seems to insinuate that now that she has birth control pills, the barriers to a having a sexual relationship are nearly gone. Just getting the guy into bed is all that's left.

6. Finally, what message does this ad send to men? Or teenage boys? That a female just wants to get "him between the covers"? I fear this ad could promote aggressive behavior towards women, especially if combined with the people in the ads doing keg stands and drinking alcohol.

In 2013, we are in an age when women make up 51% of the workforce and 50% of medical students. Women cannot be silent as advertising emerges that sends the wrong message about our healthcare choices and us.