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Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Carla Dean for her continued service to Collier County and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON
THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2014

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023:

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H. Con. Res. 25, the Ryan Republican Budget, and the coarse meanness it embodies. I rise today in defense of those who are the subject of this legislation's contempt. I rise today in support of the New Deal, the Great Society, and the programs that have pulled our people out of poverty and our Nation out of depression—the programs that Mr. RYAN's budget demolishes to pay for tax breaks to the already wealthy.

There is so much wrong with the Chairman's budget I do not know where to start. It attacks the poor, the working, and middle class; it guts programs that protect our seniors, our children, and our environment; it relies upon fuzzy math and budgetary tricks that are not befitting of federal legislation. It is quite simply a perfect distillation of the disdain its authors have for everyone who is not a millionaire.

Mr. RYAN's budget is one of the cruelest that has been introduced in the House of Representatives. It shifts Medicare to a voucher system, which virtually assures that many seniors will be unable to receive the care that they need. It destroys two million jobs with the same wrongheaded austerity measures that have Europe standing on the precipice of economic calamity. It hands a six-figure tax cut to millionaires. But then you see the other side of the Chairman's budget—the fantasist side. That is the side that imagines all those tax cuts will be paid for by eliminating deductions; the side that imagines that those deduction eliminations will not harm the middle class; the side that imagines that after a majority of Americans roundly rejected this "tax cuts now, tax revenues later" platform last fall, it is a good time to double down.

Earlier this week my friends across the aisle seemed to admit a hard to swallow fact: they are out of touch with Americans. The report that came out Monday suggested that Republicans need to reach out to a broader segment of society; that they need to court voters outside the insular world of the million dollar a year club. Given that a majority of Americans last fall cast their vote for a Democratic Presi-

dent, a Democratic Senator, and a Democratic Representative—I would tend to agree. But let me offer you some friendly advice about outreach—the answer is not to keep making the same base attacks on the poor we heard last summer and last fall. The answer is not to weaken Medicaid and TANF; the answer is not to weaken Social Security, or turn Medicare into a voucher system; and the answer is not to eviscerate all labor laws—as the Republican Study Committee budget would. The answer is none of the above—the answer is creating a budget that helps more than just the small crescent of the wealthy who make it into rooms where they can hear about how much better they are than 47% of Americans.

If you want answers, take a look at the budgets put out by the Congressional Progressive Caucus' "Back to Work Budget" and the Congressional Black Caucus' "Pro-Growth, Pro-People, Pro-America Budget." If you want to show Americans that your party cares for those who are not already millionaires, you need to provide the answers they are asking for. Those answers involve federal investment in the programs critical to having Americans who are prepared in mind, body, and spirit to build a new economy for the next generation. Those answers address concerns about our educational system, our infrastructure, and the critical services that will make sure our children are prepared to lead the world in the 21st Century. Those answers understand that any changes to Social Security need to be made separate from the yearly budget process. Those budgets understand that Social Security is a multi-generational pact—not a "pay for" and that it should not be changed to reflect the whims of a particular wing of a particular party.

The answers that the American people are looking for reflect the fundamental proposition they voted for last fall—that those who have benefited the most from our society's bounty are blessed to have the most to give back.

The American people recently spoke to the Budget Committee Chairman, but sometimes I wonder if he was listening.

As much as you may wish that it is the answer to your political problems and the economic issues facing our country, the answer Americans are searching for does not involve continuing to repeal the Affordable Care Act again and again and again—you'll excuse me if I don't say "again" for each time my friends across the aisle have voted to repeal the ACA. It would seem a rather pointless exercise and it would take quite a while. While we may be tired of the gimmicks and the pointless political theatre, we are not too tired to defend a century of progress. You cannot exhaust the conviction of Americans that Social Security is a promise to our seniors; that Medicare should not be a voucher; that Medicaid should not be a block grant left to the states; and that children should not be left to fend for themselves. These repeated attempts to do so are wastes of our, and by extension, America's time.

I know sometimes it is tempting for my friends across the aisle to engage in name-calling and class warfare: implying that those who need federal services are lazy, laying about on hammocks. But not everyone is born into a family made wealthy through government infrastructure contracts. Some children are born to parents who simply are not prepared to provide all the skills and knowledge that our modern society requires of students,

workers, and citizens. That is where Medicaid and CHIP come in: ensuring that children grow up healthy. That is where food assistance comes in: ensuring that children are not too hungry to learn, too hungry to care about their future. That is where Head Start comes in: ensuring that children receive the early engagement critical to success.

When we consider the Chairman's budget—I want us to think what we would want for our own children if we were rendered unable to help them. I hope you will consider that question. What if it was my child who needed the programs I am cutting to give six-figure tax cuts to everyone who makes more than a million dollars a year? What if it was my child who was struck by a chronic ailment—but they could not get treatment? What if it were my child who needed the support I am now denying to other people's children? No, we would want them to have the services protected and improved in the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus' budgets. Whether you care to admit it or not, no child who goes to sleep hungry or in pain, is comforted by the thought that millionaires have a few extra hundred thousand dollars in their banks.

So instead of Chairman RYAN's budget, which guts federal assistance to the poor and threatens to plunge us into a deep recession, I encourage all my colleagues to endorse the budgets offered by the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus. These bills get Americans back to work; they invest in infrastructure improvements and repairs which necessity dictates must happen eventually. They know that the key to addressing our deficit is not cuts, but economic growth, that is why the Congressional Black Caucus adopts my Humphrey-Hawkins legislation, which puts every American who wants a job to work. And they provide trillions in deficit reduction over the next decade, but they do so through cuts and revenues that reflect a balanced approach. For example, they keep the Bush-era tax cuts for those making less than a quarter million dollars a year. And they treat the income of hedge fund billionaires just like they treat the income of a bus driver, something even President Ronald Reagan supported.

I want to praise these budgets for their focus on the future. In the great choice that we face as a Nation, they do not simply abdicate responsibility as H. Con. Res. 25 does. They do not simply shovel money to the wealthiest Americans in ruinous tax breaks that are all but assured to explode the deficit—instead, they invest. They invest in infrastructure across the nation; they invest in our youth, providing increase in Pell Grants and workforce training; they invest in our public servants, the men and women who teach our children, guard our streets, and pull us from burning buildings. And they actually pay for all that with specific proposals rather than accounting gimmicks.

Mr. Chair, let us end the division. Let us end the giveaways to those already lucky enough to make more than a million dollars a year. Let us come together—not just some, but all of us—and pass a budget—one that benefits not just some, but all of us. I urge all my colleagues to vote against H. Con. Res. 25, and for the CBC and CPC alternatives.

HONORING MS. ANOLAN PONCE

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month I rise today to honor Ms. Anolan Ponce, an outstanding individual and someone who has been an inspiration in the South Florida community.

Ms. Ponce was born in Las Canas, Cuba and arrived in the United States in October of 1961. Her father, who had taken part in the Bay of Pigs invasion, had been imprisoned and insisted his family leave the country. The family settled in Miami and after graduating from high school, Anolan started working as a stenographer for Eastern Airlines. She eventually worked her way up to Senior Systems Engineer while obtaining her Bachelor's degree from Florida International University, and a Master's degree from the New York Institute of Technology.

Currently, Ms. Ponce is President and Owner of FAM and FAM-West Warehouse Corporations, companies which specialize in leasing their own commercial properties. In the past she also owned and managed Ponceana Travel, and ventured into construction by developing a warehouse complex in the Doral area. In the future, Ms. Ponce has plans for further commercial development of real estate in Miami-Dade County.

In addition to her professional work, Ms. Ponce is also an avid writer, and is currently finishing up her novel based on the true story of ten young men from her hometown in Cuba that were executed by the communist regime in 1961. She is also committed to democracy in Cuba through her work as a member of the Board of the U.S.-Cuba Democracy PAC. Annually she is responsible for organizing the PAC's seminal event, a concert in support of a Cuban Democracy. In addition to the PAC, Ms. Ponce is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Mothers Against Repression for Cuba, and serves on the Advisory Committee of the Cuban Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Anolan Ponce for her continued service to the Miami community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

TRIBUTE TO DAVE LILLARD
HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Des Moines Assistant Chief of Police Dave Lillard, and to express my appreciation for his commitment to the community in his years of service in law enforcement.

For the last 32 years, Mr. Lillard has served Des Moines honorably as a member of the Des Moines Police Department. Dave truly has been a versatile asset to the force, taking on roles in patrol, narcotics, tactical, gang and traffic units, in addition to internal affairs and the police academy. Since 2009, Dave has been the Assistant Chief of Police, and he was honored recently by Police Chief Judy Bradshaw with an Exemplary Service Award for his lifetime of achievement and invaluable contributions to the force.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Lillard has never wavered in his commitment to justice and security. Dave is a testament to the high quality of character instilled in Iowans, and the city of Des Moines owes him a great debt of gratitude for his service. While Mr. Lillard's leadership will be missed, he leaves behind a more secure community and a better trained and equipped police force that will continue to benefit from his service for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent Dave Lillard and all the people of Des Moines in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in thanking Mr. Lillard for his years of service and wishing him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING MS. MARY BARLEY

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month I rise today to honor Ms. Mary Barley, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported South Florida and the Everglades.

Ms. Barley relocated to Florida in 1971 from Wisconsin. Shortly after arriving in our state she became an advocate for the Everglades and Florida Bay. Along with her husband George, who passed away in 1996, Ms. Barley spearheaded campaigns to build awareness around the Everglades and headed initiatives aimed at amending Florida's constitution to include the protection of it.

Ms. Barley has served as Chairperson and/or Vice Chairman of the Everglades Foundation since her husband's untimely death in 1995, and currently sits on its Board. She also holds the position of President of the Everglades Trust, and serves on the National Parks Conservation Association's Board of Trustees. She is a Board member of the World Wildlife Fund Marine Leadership Committee, and its National Council; the National Coalition for Marine Conservation; the Atlantic Salmon Federation; and the Sierra Club Foundation.

With her instrumental support Florida passed the Restoring the Everglades, An American Legacy Act, a bill which authorized \$8 billion towards the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. Ms. Barley, has consistently been recognized for her achievements and has received awards such as Audubon of Florida's "Lifetime Achievement Award," as well as its "Champion of the Everglades Award." Other awards include the Everglades Coalition's "Steward of the Everglades" award, and she was named a 1999 "Hero for the Planet" by Time Magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Mary Barley for her continued service to South Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.