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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to family obligations today, May 17, 2013, I will miss certain votes related to H.R. 1062. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Representative Hurt Amendment—I would have voted "no."

Representative Carolyn Maloney Amendment—I would have voted "yes."

Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 1062—I would have voted "yes."

On final passage of H.R. 1062—I would have voted "no."

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, today, May 17th, I missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted:

"nay"—rollcall vote 155—On Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 216—Providing for consideration of H.R. 1062, the SEC Regulatory Accountability Act.

"nay"—rollcall vote 156—On Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 216—Providing for consideration of H.R. 1062, the SEC Regulatory Accountability Act.

"nay"—rollcall vote 157—On Agreeing to the Amendment—Hurt of Virginia Amendment No. 2.

"aye"—rollcall vote 158—On Agreeing to the Amendment—Carolyn Maloney of New York Amendment No. 3.

"aye"—rollcall vote 159—On Motion to Recommit with Instructions on H.R. 1062—To improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders.

"nay"—rollcall vote 160—On Passage of H.R. 1062—To improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders.

#### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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

There was no objection.

#### HONORING JUAN MANUEL SALVAT

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to honor Juan Manuel Salvat, owner of Miami's first Spanish-language bookseller: Libreria Universal, which will sadly be closing after his retirement in June.

Having fled Castro's totalitarian grip, Juan Manuel was eager to rescue the essential works of the Cuban culture.

He sought to tell the story of the Cuban exile, and that is how in 1965 he

founded Universal Publishing and its subsidiary, Universal Bookseller & Distributor.

Since then, this company has been dedicated to the distribution and publication of books from Hispanic and Cuban authors, including my father, Enrique Ros.

I thank Salvat for playing a major role in illustrating the road traveled by the exile community through the more than 1,600 published titles, while giving readers a deeper understanding of Cuba and Latin America's culture, history, politics, and literature. We will miss this great cultural leader.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I implore my colleagues to address the global climate process.

A recent academic study found that 97 percent of scientists agree that human activity is mainly responsible for climate change. That same study concluded that the public has been misled into thinking that there is a difference in thinking among scientists on this, but 97 percent of scientists agree that this is a problem.

How much longer will science deniers and their supporters in Congress spread misinformation about the facts and the dangers of climate change? It is a fact that we have more carbon dioxide in our atmosphere than at any time in the past 3 million years.

As a member of the Safe Climate Caucus, I urge all of my colleagues to recognize the dangers of climate change and to come together and address this problem ASAP. We don't have much time to lose.

#### CONGRATULATING CANDICE GLOVER

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

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure of rising today to congratulate Lowcountry native and St. Helena Island's own Candice Glover on winning the title of "American Idol." She is the daughter of John and Carole Glover. Candice is a graduate of Beaufort High School.

I think that her story ultimately is inspirational, because what she does is she teaches and reminds every one of us on the importance of this simple notion of trying, trying, and trying yet again. Because it was, in fact, on her third attempt that she actually made it, and it made all the difference.

I was there for "hero's welcome" just a couple of weeks ago in Beaufort, South Carolina, and I can only imagine the welcome that she will now receive. She was then one of three. She won it this week.

Her career is one that started at Oaks True Holiness Church back home

at the age of 4 when she was singing literally to the Lord. It was only the beginning. And as South Carolina's new congressman from the First Congressional District, I speak for many who could not be more proud of Candice for, indeed, the way that she reminds every one of us of the importance of trying, trying, and trying yet again.

Congratulations, Candice.

#### KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my grave concern about the Keystone XL pipeline and H.R. 3, the Northern Route Approval Act, which, unfortunately, passed through committee this past week. It will allow accelerated building of this pipeline and give certain advantages to a foreign country—Canada—against our citizens that otherwise would have rights to go to court, which are being deprived.

The world's foremost climatologist, former NASA scientist Dr. James Hansen, was one of the first scientists to warn of the dangers of burning carbon fuel. He has likened the building and the use of the Keystone XL pipeline to the lighting of the "fuse to the biggest carbon bomb on the planet," and nothing less.

Dr. Hansen warns that the completion of the Keystone XL pipeline will only reinforce our dependence on fossil fuels, not strengthen our Nation's energy independence, which has been argued by some on the other side.

By furthering our dependence on fossil fuels, we only push Earth farther and farther away from the point of no return. Just last week, the highest rating of carbon in our atmosphere ever was recorded in Hawaii—400 points. This portends a hotter summer even than the hottest summers we have ever faced on this planet.

Building a pipeline that carries the dirtiest of oils—tar sands—from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico on their way to China is exactly the opposite of addressing climate change in America. So, next week, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on H.R. 3 in the interest of preserving our Earth for generations to come.

#### STUDENT LOAN BILL

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, for too long Congress has kicked the can down the road and avoided putting forward a long-term plan for college affordability. Yesterday, the House Education Committee took a strong step forward by strengthening our student loan programs and passing H.R. 1911, the Smarter Solutions for Students Act.

Absent congressional action, interest rates on student loans will double from 3.4 to 6.8 percent on July 1. This bill prevents this from happening and ends what has become an annual debate within Congress on how to set the rates for student loans, a process that has served neither students nor taxpayers.

H.R. 1911 builds on a proposal put forward by President Obama in his fiscal year 2014 budget request which would move to a market-based interest rate. The bill would allow students to take advantage of low interest rates but also protect them with reasonable rate caps during higher rate environments.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join in support of this bill, which will offer students the lowest possible cost for higher education and ensure the solvency of these important programs.

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#### REMARKABLE WOMEN OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

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

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of six phenomenal women who have positively influenced the lives of the people of my hometown of West Palm Beach, Florida:

Sheri Brooks, Renee Kessler and Ilene Silber, dynamic educators who have devoted their lives to the future of the youth of our community;

Sherry Hyman, an exceptional lawyer who has helped shape our county's physical environment;

Mona Reis, a courageous crusader for women's health and reproductive rights;

and Young Song, a brilliant architect whose projects bring joy to thousands of visitors each year.

Best yet, these phenomenal women have beautiful hearts and remarkable children.

#### IN HONOR OF THE SERVICE OF FIRE CHIEF KENNETH BRISCOE

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

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lenoir Fire Chief Ken Briscoe as his term of president of the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs comes to an end this August.

It is a well-earned rest after serving 7 years and traveling across the State of North Carolina and the United States in representing more than 1,500 fire chiefs and 45,000 firefighters in North Carolina.

Chief Briscoe has been the fire chief for the city of Lenoir since 2004 and has worked in the fire service for over 35 years. During that time, his main focus has been improving the training and

education of firefighters in North Carolina. Chief Briscoe will continue to serve on the board of directors as the past president of the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs.

Today, we honor his years of service and express our appreciation for his continued commitment to North Carolina firefighters. We are grateful to Chief Briscoe and to his fellow firefighters across North Carolina for their bravery and selfless dedication to protecting our communities in the face of danger.

#### OPPOSING THE REPEAL OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, instead of taking steps to create jobs and grow the economy, Republicans yesterday voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act for the 37th time.

The Affordable Care Act is working, and its benefits are being felt throughout the country, especially in my home State. Almost 525,000 New Mexicans now have access to free preventative services, such as mammograms, flu shots and colonoscopy screenings. Almost 19,000 seniors have benefited from lower prescription drug costs, and over 26,000 young adults in New Mexico can stay on their parents' insurance plans until they are 26.

So why in the world would we want to hurt seniors, women and young people by repealing the Affordable Care Act?

Let's not forget that the Affordable Care Act is a job creator. The Medicaid expansion alone will create 6,000 to 8,000 jobs in New Mexico and will pump more than \$5 billion into our economy over the next 6 years.

Mr. Speaker, let's stop trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act, and let's get back to work on behalf of the American people.

#### DIABETES

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

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to address a mounting health crisis and on behalf of nearly 26 million Americans and 532,000 Kentuckians who suffer from diabetes.

This disease kills more Americans each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined and costs our Nation more than \$200 billion in health care expenses each year. Tragically, every 17 seconds, someone is diagnosed with diabetes, and current estimates project that, by 2050, as many as one in three Americans will suffer from diabetes.

We cannot sit idly by and accept the likelihood of this bleak future. Diabe-

tes can be devastating, but it can be managed. Like most chronic diseases, diabetes can be attributed to poor behaviors, such as lack of physical activity, poor nutritional choices and other risky behaviors. By not only changing our behaviors but by improving access to education, proper diabetes care and continued funding for research to find a cure, we can truly make a positive, sustained change in the quality of life for millions of Americans.

#### REDEFINING THE NATION'S CAPITAL AS A FREE-STANDING FEDERAL AGENCY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Ms. NORTON. I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I come to the floor to discuss a bill addressed only to my district, the District of Columbia, which will come to a hearing next Thursday in the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, chaired by Chairman TRENT FRANKS.

In point of fact, over the last month, there have been two such bills introduced in this House, bills that can only fairly be characterized as abuse of power. They are both directed against only one jurisdiction—my own district.

H.R. 7 would appear to be a Federal matter. That bill would make permanent the Hyde amendment, which annually passes this House every year, barring the use of Federal funds for abortion. Wherever you stand on abortion, at the very least, that is a Federal matter. In the very same bill however is an outrageous abuse. The bill seeks to do the same for the District of Columbia, barring permanently the use of local funds—funds raised by local taxpayers—for abortions for low-income women. Local funds are similarly used for abortions for low income districts in districts across the United States because, after all, they are local funds. But H.R. 7 redefines the Nation's Capital which was given home rule in 1973, as a free-standing jurisdiction—instead of a Federal agency for purposes of abortion.

Imagine having your district defined as a Federal agency so that the Congress can make ideological points by overturning local legislation at will. Yep, this is still America. That bill is H.R. 946. As to the District of Columbia, it's simply an expanded way to interfere with the business of a local jurisdiction.

I must say that I think that H.R. 7 and H.R. 1797 I will discuss shortly do point to the bankruptcy of the Republican agenda in the 113th Congress essentially does what is done anyway every year with respect to abortion. It hasn't come to the floor yet.

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It hasn't come to the floor yet, and indeed very few bills have come to the