

TRIBUTE TO MIKE LANDSBERRY

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

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, Mike Landsberry, a math teacher at Sparks Middle School, passed away just about 50 hours ago. He was 45 years old, an Alabama native, high school athlete, coach, husband, brother, dad, marine, Nevada Air Guard senior master sergeant, and a friend.

Mike Landsberry observed the horror of an active shooter at his school Monday morning, and simply moved without hesitation, instinctively, into harm's way to protect others. In so doing, Mike made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the end to his students, his school, and his community.

Coach, you humble us all with your warrior spirit and compassion. They will be your lasting legacy. Thank you for your service, and may you rest in peace.

HONORING STEPHEN ADUBATO, SR.

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

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stephen Adubato, Sr., the founder of the North Ward Center and an inspiring figure of the Newark, New Jersey, community. To recognize Mr. Adubato's achievements and contributions, a statue of him reading to two young children will be placed on the main campus of the North Ward Center.

Mr. Adubato began his career in education and as a teacher in Newark, and went on to develop the North Ward Center in 1970, a group of five institutions designed to provide educational, cultural, and meaningful social services to low- and moderate-income families in the area.

From its humble beginnings as a small preschool, the center now includes an adult medical daycare, business training center, as well as the Robert Treat Academy, a charter school that has received national recognition and the honor of being named a Blue Ribbon School.

Since the founding of the center, Stephen Adubato, Sr., has continually worked to improve the quality of life for everyone in the community, from young to senior citizens. Mr. Adubato has been honored by numerous organizations and institutions, such as Kean University and the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, for his contributions and dedication to education.

Today, I recognize the accomplishments of Stephen Adubato, Sr., and thank him for his continued dedication to the residents of Newark, particularly the North Ward.

WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the legislation to be considered on the floor this afternoon, H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013.

Mr. Speaker, my amendment, ruled in order and to be considered en bloc, addresses an issue very important to my district in northeast Indiana, as well as other similarly situated districts around the country.

I am proud to represent Fort Wayne, Indiana's second-largest city, which has more than 10 miles of levees that protect residents and businesses. In response to recent Army Corps of Engineers guidelines requiring levee revegetation, local governments across the country affected by this policy have made their voices heard. Unfortunately, this unnecessary policy will cost taxpayers in my district millions of dollars.

My amendment saves the city of Fort Wayne \$25 million and makes levee safety the highest priority while allowing the Army Corps of Engineers to fully examine the guidelines study authorized in the underlying bill.

I thank Chairman SHUSTER for his assistance and look forward to further pursuing solutions to this issue.

POWER OF THE PURSE

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

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, later today, the WRRDA bill will come before this body. I intend to vote against it. The reason is that there are 23 earmarks in it. I support all of those projects, but I don't have an earmark in it—and I want one.

I am not one of those people who is going to pretend to the public, as many of us have, that earmarks cost the budget any more money than they do. They do not. We go around and talk about the "bridge to nowhere." There is a bridge. It is called the Gravina Island Bridge.

The worse thing about this is that, constitutionally, we have the power of the purse. We have given it to the administration. So they put 23 projects out here and said, Well, they used to be earmarks. That is like cutting off the tail of an alligator and putting some little ears on him and saying, It used to be a dog.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is wrong. The public needs to understand that this earmark business is damaging the Constitution because it is our job to spend the purse.

WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013

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

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to encourage my colleagues to support today's jobs bill, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act, because it is not an earmark. It authorizes—not appropriates—money for 23 projects identified by the Corps of Engineers as important. They are important for a number of reasons, not the least of which is their primary purpose is the movement of goods and services into the global marketplace, which creates wealth and jobs for Americans.

Further, it authorizes projects that are important to flood protection in flood-prone areas like the Red River Valley of the North, in my area. In addition to that, the real reforms that are impressive are things like it de-authorizes old projects to the tune of \$12 billion worth. Furthermore, it gives more leverage and flexibility for the use of non-Federal funds, which is, I think, the very thing that the taxpayers of this State are looking for—the type of flexibility that allows local governments and local communities to do the right thing for themselves.

OXI DAY

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, nearly 73 years ago, as countries across Europe were falling to Hitler's forces, an emissary from Mussolini arrived in Athens to demand the Greeks surrender and allow the Axis forces to occupy that country. In response, the Greeks courageously replied, "oxi," or "no."

The Axis forces quickly descended on Greece, but they failed to anticipate the courage of the Hellenic people, who led a passionate resistance in defense of their freedom and their beloved country. On the island of Crete, for example, with only broomsticks and plowshares as weapons, women and children held the Germans at bay for 10 days, breaking the back of the assault.

The story of this bravery has largely been overlooked in the history books, but the Greek refusal to surrender proved to be one of the most decisive moments in the war. As Winston Churchill said:

If there had not been the virtue and courage of the Greeks, we do not know what the outcome of World War II would have been.

On August 28, Greeks around the world celebrate Oxi Day to honor the great legacy of the Greek people and share with the world the story of their bravery. I commend them and say, "Happy Oxi Day."

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THE OBAMACARE WEB SITE—
BROKEN AND CAN'T BE FIXED

(Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, if you go into a restaurant and you order two eggs over medium with sausage and toast and if the server brings you two eggs scrambled with bacon and a muffin, you have got two choices. You either eat what you have got or you send it back, and you start over—double the cost, double the time.

Mr. Speaker, that is exactly what has happened with Healthcare.gov, the ObamaCare Web site. It doesn't work. These are not glitches. It is broken and it can't be fixed.

The President needs to own up to this. He needs to reimburse the American people for the over-\$400 million that has been spent; he needs to hold those in his administration accountable who misled him and the American people; and he needs to give the American people a break on this individual mandate until the Web site does work.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we recognize the final days of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I ask Congress to pass legislation that helps put an end to domestic violence.

This issue impacts Americans of all backgrounds regardless of age, race, religion, or economic status. One victim of domestic violence is too many; but the heartbreaking reality is that, in this country, three women are killed daily by intimate partners. Young women are at a greater risk to be victims of domestic violence. Four out of every 10 teen girls know people their ages who have been abused by a boyfriend.

Last week, I introduced H.R. 3297, the Teen Dating Violence Education Act, which is to protect teenage victims of domestic violence. My bill helps provide schools offering domestic violence inclusion programs with the resources to inform students of their legal rights as they relate to dating violence.

Our teens deserve to be empowered with the knowledge to create a safe and secure environment free of domestic violence. Ending teen domestic violence now is a good first step towards preventing future domestic violence among adults. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor H.R. 3297.

THE TRAIN WRECK OF OBAMACARE CONTINUES

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

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, the train wreck of ObamaCare continues.

In 2007, before he was elected President, the President said that family policy prices would go down \$2,500 per family. That was the promise. In 2009,

the President promised that, if you liked your policy, you would get to keep it.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know what the President is going to say to Charles from northern Baltimore County, who wrote me yesterday and said:

I just received my cancellation letter from Blue Cross regarding my family's insurance policy. My \$697-a-month Health Savings Account qualifiable policy is no longer compliant. To have a similar product in an ObamaCare-compliant plan, my premium will increase nearly 40 percent and will have a \$7,000 deductible. Yikes. So much for, "if you like your policy, you will get to keep it."

Charles and his family are not getting a \$2,500 cut in their premium. They are getting a \$3,300 increase in their premium. Their deductible is going up to \$7,000 a year. Mr. Speaker, they like their plan, but they don't get to keep it.

The train wreck continues.

FOOD DAY, OCTOBER 24

(Ms. PINGREE of Maine asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, October 24, is Food Day, a nationwide movement to promote healthy, affordable and sustainably produced food; and next week, Congress will begin the process of reconciling the House and Senate farm bills.

I know this is a big job, but I want to urge my colleagues to work to come up with a farm bill that promotes healthy, affordable and sustainably produced food.

Without exception, everywhere I go and every group I talk to—from bankers to teachers unions and from veterans to college students—people nod their heads when I talk about locally grown, sustainable food. People want to know where their food comes from, and they want to see the farmers in their communities succeed. There is nothing more fundamental than food, and it is time we got serious about creating a food system that works for everyone—for families, for farmers, and for our local communities.

If we are going to change our food system, Congress must take this historic opportunity to reform agriculture policy by producing a farm bill that re-invests in our local economies.

DOMESTIC GAS PRODUCTION

(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, according to a Federal report issued yesterday by the Energy Information Administration, natural gas being produced in the Marcellus shale region is growing faster than expected. Production has now reached 12 billion cubic feet a day. That is six times the production rate of 2009. The vast ma-

jority of production is coming from Pennsylvania, including the areas of the State that I represent, along with West Virginia.

To put this in perspective, the Marcellus alone produces more natural gas than Saudi Arabia. If the Marcellus were its own country, production would rank third in the world after Russia and the rest of the United States. This has led to record low gas prices. It is the reason companies are moving manufacturing back to the United States. It is why consumers have more money in their pockets after paying their bills. Also, Mr. Speaker, data released Monday by the EIA indicates that carbon-related emissions dropped by 3.8 percent from 2011 to 2012—to their lowest levels since 1994.

Mr. Speaker, domestic gas production is helping create a stronger American economy. It is helping us improve the environment. It is helping America remain competitive.

A BALANCED AND REASONABLE FISCAL PLAN

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, the President was right last week when he said that nobody won after last week's political spectacle—instead, it was America that lost—but I am glad that we finally came together and reopened the government.

If we had followed the Republican plan, we would only have funded 17 percent of the entire Federal Government. Such haphazard funding is really a recipe for a long-term, manmade disaster—a colossal failure to invest adequately in our Nation's future.

So, in the next few weeks, we will have an opportunity to come together and, once and for all, put these funding battles behind us. We all understand that agreeing on a budget will not be easy, but that doesn't mean we should wait until the last minute to start talking to one another. Let's get back to work now and start the process of figuring out how we can agree on a balanced and reasonable fiscal plan that puts middle class American families first and the American Dream back in reach.

THE LIFE OF RUBY SESSION

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a truly remarkable woman, Ruby Session, who passed away earlier this month.

In 1985, Ms. Session's son, Timothy Cole—a veteran, a student at Texas Tech University and a Black man—was wrongfully convicted of the rape of a woman in Lubbock County and was sentenced to 25 years in prison. He died there of an asthma attack while incarcerated. In 2009, DNA evidence proved