

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 620 on H.R. 1105, on Agreeing to the Amendment offered by Mrs. MALONEY of New York, I am not recorded because I was absent due to the birth of my daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 621 on H.R. 1105, on Motion to Recommit with Instructions, the Small Business Capital Access and Jobs Preservation Act, I am not recorded because I was absent due to the birth of my daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 622 on H.R. 1105, on Passage, the Small Business Capital Access and Jobs Preservation Act, I am not recorded because I was absent due to the birth of my daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3313

Mr. LAMALFA Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Representative RUIZ, at his request, be removed as a cosponsor from my bill, H.R. 3313.

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

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. LAMALFA Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

THE PRESIDENT WILL DO AS HE PLEASES

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the President has taken an oath to uphold the Constitution, but this President has refused to follow and enforce certain laws.

He doesn't enforce all immigration laws. He doesn't enforce the mandatory minimum punishments. He doesn't enforce the work requirement for welfare recipients. He doesn't enforce the marijuana laws.

He illegally made recess appointments. He illegally changed ObamaCare by postponing implementation for Big Business, Small Business and individuals, and granting arbitrary waivers to special people.

He unconstitutionally took America to war in Libya.

All of these actions are unilateral, unlawful, and unconstitutional. The Constitution requires the President to execute and enforce law, not create his own laws or ignore the rule of law. However, this President, the former constitutional law professor, seems to think the Constitution is a mere suggestion, and he will do as he pleases.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

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

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a woman who is considered the modern mother of the civil rights movement, Rosa Parks. This past Sunday, we celebrated the 58th anniversary of Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat on that bus in Montgomery, Alabama.

I am so proud to stand here from the great State of Ohio, because it was the great State of Ohio that was the first State in this Nation to name December 1 Rosa Parks Day.

On Thursday and Friday of this week, in our district, we will bring people from all over the State to pay tribute to her, and we will bring in more than 600 little children who will learn about civil rights and understand the value of working together.

That day in 1955, she started something larger than herself. She sat down so we could stand up. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to be a part of the legislation that created December 1 in Ohio as Rosa Parks Day.

RESTORING MEDICARE ADVANTAGE CHOICE FOR OUR SENIORS

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

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, Medicare Advantage provides quality coverage to many seniors in western Pennsylvania. It is popular because it provides more options and increased care coordination.

Until 2011, seniors were able to take advantage of an annual open enrollment period from January through March and make adjustments if the plan they chose did not meet their needs. Unfortunately, the Affordable Care Act eliminated this option.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that one of the Nation's largest Medicare Advantage providers had dropped thousands of doctors from its network. As a result, seniors may be unsure about whether they need to switch plans to continue seeing their doctors when the current open enrollment period ends this Saturday.

This uncertainty underscores the importance of the Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act, H.R. 2453, which Congressman KURT SCHRADER and I introduced earlier this year. This bill would restore seniors' freedom to try their plans and make changes.

I thank my 13 Republican and Democrat colleagues for joining me in advocating for our seniors, and I encourage Members on both sides of the aisle to support this commonsense and bipartisan legislation.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT SUCCESS STORY

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I have risen before to talk about the fact that the congressional district that I represent has the highest uninsured rate out of any congressional district in the entire country.

About 40 percent of the constituents that I represent don't have health care insurance, and I wanted to talk today about how the Affordable Care Act is already helping many of those constituents in the very district that I represent.

Yesterday, I found out that a constituent who resides in the district I represent, Jason Roberts, had suffered from cancer and that he had been running out of options, but when the Affordable Care Act kicked in, he found out that his COBRA benefits would be saved.

Because of the options offered through the Affordable Care Act, Jason, who, again, had suffered from cancer, he actually dropped his monthly premiums by \$251 and his deductible by \$1,500. That is an overall savings of about \$4,500 a year for what Jason describes as "great coverage."

The simple fact that he and so many others are actually able to keep their insurance, even if they have a pre-existing condition like Jason had with cancer, is a true testament to the benefits of the health care law.

Let's work together to make sure that this health care law works for all of the uninsured like Jason and that it continues to work for all Americans.

THE INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH IRAN IS A BAD DEAL

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

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, last month I was joined by my colleagues in sending a letter to Secretary of State Kerry to express concern about a potential interim agreement with Iran.

Two weeks ago, such a deal was reached. It is a bad deal. The world rolls back sanctions without Iran fully dismantling its nuclear weapons program.

Sanctions have impacted Iran's economy, leading its people to elect a less confrontational President. This recent political shift, in addition to pressure from sanctions, drove Iran to the negotiating table. Regardless, the Ayatollah, the real power in Iran, continues spewing hateful language at Israel and the West.

Now is not the time to ease sanctions that have been effective for a mere promise that Iran's nuclear weapons program will be temporarily suspended. The sanctions' intent was to prevent a nuclear Iran. Anything less than the

complete dismantling of its nuclear weapons program is unacceptable.

THEFT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. motion picture and television industry has broad economic benefits in many districts across the Nation. This vibrant industry supported 1.9 million jobs and \$104 billion in total wages in 2011. U.S. film exports enjoy a positive trade balance, with a surplus of \$12.2 billion recorded in 2011. However, theft of intellectual property threatens our industry's success, and India is a major source of that threat.

India accounts for more than half of all illegal movie recordings in the Asia-Pacific region. These pirated copies are sold online and on the black market, not only in India, but around the globe. India's irresponsible policies need to change. They need to pass anticamcording laws.

We want to share our onscreen treasures with the world, but we can't stand by and let them be stolen at the expense of the hardworking Americans who bring these films to life.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF WILLIAM D. RICKETT

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, for 14 years, Bill Rickett was the man who kept Bucks County moving. Mr. Rickett served, since 1999, as the founding Executive Director for the Bucks County Transportation Management Association.

Under Bill's leadership, the Bucks County TMA successfully completed a number of projects to improve transportation access and mobility throughout the area, including connecting commuters to regional rail service by shuttle and improvements to the Route 13 corridor in Lower Bucks County, as well as many others.

Aside from his service at the TMA, Mr. Rickett worked with community organizations to make Bucks County a better place to live and to work, including serving on boards of both the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce and the Development Advisory Board of the Bucks County Enterprise Zone.

Thanks to his efforts, Bucks County continues to find new and innovative ways to enhance the quality of life for its residents. On behalf of his coworkers and a grateful county, I want to thank Mr. Rickett and wish him nothing but the best in his well-deserved retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAJOR THOMAS E. LAMB'S DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR NATION

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, one of the great pleasures of serving on the Defense Committee is that we get to be associated with a large number of people who are in the Armed Services, and one such acquaintance and friend is Major Tom E. Lamb.

Tom Lamb is the congressional budget liaison for the Army to the Appropriations Committee, does an excellent job in that capacity. He was also the military fellow in our office and got to know the good folks in south Georgia and our staff, and we all grew to love Tom.

I am going to submit for the RECORD a number of things about Tom's life, but I have got to tell one story about him. And you, Mr. Speaker, as a member of the military, will appreciate this.

We were traveling in a remote part of the world and had to make an unexpected stop because of a weather delay in our travel and had to get into a dirt runway in a particular location, and then we had to split up the group because of a weight problem and weather problem and just complications. So one of Tom's duties was to reassign people on a new and a different airplane that was a smaller airplane, and he was having trouble getting everybody on board because of the weight issue. And finally, I said to Tom: Tom, what is the problem? I am counting up the number of seats, and there should be enough room.

He said: Sir, we have to go by weight, and I have asked each Member of Congress what their weight is and, sir, not everybody is giving me their accurate weight, and so I am having to do a little bit of balancing and avoid embarrassment to everybody.

It was just amazing to me that here is this guy, a military officer, an Iraqi and an Afghan veteran, and yet he had the aplomb and the diplomacy to handle a situation like this with a smile, with humor, and get us out of this location by splitting up everybody and not causing any turmoil or friction.

That is just a small example of the kind of things that today's military leaders can do. And I know there were a lot bigger issues that he dealt with when he was in Iraq and Afghanistan and, indeed, working in the budget office—I worked with him on lots and lots of different issues—but Tom Lamb, to me, Mr. Speaker, represents the finest in the military and the finest in the United States of America.

I wish Tom and his wife, Emilie, the best in their next duty assignment.

Tom, thank you for all the great service you have given the United States Government, the Congress, and our office in particular.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Thomas E. Lamb for his extraordinary dedica-

tion to duty and service to the U.S. Army and the United States of America. Tom has served for the last 2 years as a Congressional Budget Liaison for the United States Army and will soon depart for his next duty assignment. A native of Washington State, Tom earned his commission at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2002. As our nation's armed forces were at war combating the evils of terrorism, Tom prepared to join that fight soon after graduation. At his first duty assignment with 1-4 Air Defense Artillery in Germany, Tom deployed and led an infantry scout platoon in combat in Iraq. Following his first combat tour, he then served in the 2nd Infantry Division, forward deployed on Freedom's Frontier in the Republic of Korea from 2004 to 2005. After returning to the United States for five months, Tom again deployed to Iraq in 2006 to serve as a staff officer and deputy commander of a Military Transition Team charged with training Iraqi Security Forces. After a year and a half stateside, Tom deployed once again, this time to Afghanistan in 2009, as a company commander.

After returning from his third deployment and a total of 35 months in combat, Tom began his studies as an Army Congressional Fellow, earning a Master of Professional Studies degree in Legislative Affairs from The George Washington University. He was then assigned as a Congressional Fellow in my office and served as my principal advisor on defense matters. He provided critical insight and assistance to me in my role on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. As Representative to four major military installations and the many brave Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines that call the 1st District of Georgia home, I relied daily on Tom's military acumen. He transitioned to the Pentagon for assignment as a Congressional Budget Liaison Officer in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller where he was tasked with managing the Army's challenging military construction, installations, energy and environmental portfolios. Tom skillfully advised the Army's senior leaders, fostering and strengthening the relationship between the Congress and the United States Army.

Major Lamb's leadership throughout his career thus far has positively impacted his peers and superiors, Soldiers and civilians alike. As a Congressional Budget Liaison Officer he worked directly with the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to inform Representatives, Senators, and staff about the diverse and important Army installations and infrastructure that support the training and well being of our Soldiers. On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Major Tom Lamb for over a decade of active service in the United States Army.

We wish Tom and his wife, Emilie, all the best as they continue their journey of service to our great Nation.

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF HAZEL REED

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