Perhaps inspired by these heady words, many graduates have chosen a life of public service. This includes Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen; Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez; Governors Maggie Hassan, Jack Markell, Bobby Jindal, and Rhode Island's own Lincoln Chafee; as well my colleague, Congressman CICILLINE.

In addition to the many individual contributions Brunonians have made to the civic community, Brown has been, itself, a leader among institutions of higher education. The New Curriculum is a model for academic exploration that encourages students to take intellectual risks and reflect deeply about their scholarly choices. These values can be seen in the exemplary Program in Liberal Medical Education, an innovative synthesis of traditional and professional courses of study, and in the University Steering Committee on Slavery and Justice, which examined the connections between the school's namesake family and the slave trade.

For the past 250 years, Brown has stood as a shining example of the success of free inquiry and the powers of creative discovery. Under President Christina Paxson's leadership, Brown is continuing to build on her past successes and remains a global leader in education. Just as her founders could not have envisioned the breadth of research being done today, I am excited to see what new fields Brown will lead in the future.

I join all of my Rhode Island colleagues in wishing Brown well on her 250th Birthday, as we all look forward to even greater things to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BEURT R. SERVAAS, M.D.

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rife today to pay tribute to Dr. Beurt R. SerVaas of Indianapolis, Indiana. He passed away on February 2, 2014, at the age of 94. Beurt was an exceptional civil servant, businessman and philanthropist who was devoted to bettering the city he loved. He served both Indianapolis and his country with integrity and honor.

A lifelong Hoosier and resident of Indianapolis, Beurt graduated from Shortridge High School and later from Indiana University. After completing his degree, he bravely served in the United States Navy during the Second World War as a member of the American Intelligence Command's Office of Strategic Services in China. He later continued his service to our nation as a member of the newly formed Central Intelligence Agency.

Returning to Indianapolis, Beurt began his storied career as a businessman in 1949 when he purchased his first company. Over the following decades, he would buy and sell nearly fifty businesses in Indiana and around the world, including the venerable Saturday Evening Post. An avid learner, he obtained his M.D. in his forties from the university he helped create, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Beurt SerVaas exemplified the best of the Hoosier spirit: hard work, determination and entrepreneurship.

Beurt was not only a business leader, but also a civic leader whose work fundamentally shaped the city of Indianapolis Along with then-Mayor Richard Lugar, he was instrumental in the creation of Unigov, the government consolidation that expanded the boundaries of Indianapolis to include all of Marion County. After the transition, Beurt served on the City County Council for forty years, including twenty-seven as the president, and served under four different mayors. I was immensely proud to work with Beurt during my time as Deputy Mayor of Indianapolis. He was always kind and generous, and he provided invaluable guidance on how to keep the residents of Indianapolis safe and secure.

Dr. Beurt SerVaas is an irreplaceable pillar of the Indianapolis community whose legacy will continue to inspire Hoosiers for generations to come. Without his tireless devotion and visionary leadership, Indianapolis would not be the world-class city it is today. He brought the world's attention to his beloved hometown and helped Indianapolis compete on the global stage. My condolences and well wishes go out to his wife, Cory Jane SerVaas, his five children, his nineteen grandchildren, and his two great-grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

SUSPENDING THE INDIVIDUAL MANDATE PENALTY LAW EQUALS FAIRNESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, the more we learn about the President's healthcare law, the more the facts show it's hurting more than it's helping.

The President said premiums would go down by two thousand dollars, but instead his chief actuary finally admitted that premiums will go up for two-thirds of Americans working for small businesses.

While the administration continues to provide delay after delay, admitting that the law is unworkable, they continue to let the individual mandate take effect. Millions of people will be hit with a mandate and new financial penalties, while losing the coverage they like, not being able to see the doctors they want, and facing higher premiums and out of pocket costs. Why is the administration willing to give big businesses a delay but not do anything to help hardworking Americans? Today, we have an opportunity to also delay the individual mandate in order to protect all Americans.

Minnesotans needed genuine healthcare reform before President Obama signed his healthcare law—and they still do now. It's time to act and spare the American people of Obamacare's costly and burdensome mandates and enact true, bipartisan healthcare reform that improves quality, increases choice, and reduces costs.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rockford Rescue Mission in Rockford, Illinois, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Rockford Rescue Mission first opened in 1964 with a sign on the door reading ''All are welcome here. The alcoholic, the addict, the stranger, the sojourner, the pilgrim, the poor. There is hope for all who enter here.'' Over the last 50 years, Rockford Rescue Mission has continued to open its doors to those in our community who need help, operating 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. The Mission offers meals, short term housing, and prevention and recovery services for addictions, abuse and destructive relations.

In one year, Rockford Rescue Mission provides almost 60,000 nights of lodging and over 160,000 meals, as well as more than 10,000 counseling sessions to people all across northern Illinois. The Mission relies on private donations and support from over 500 volunteers annually providing almost 45,000 hours of service.

Mr. Speaker, I again congratulate Rockford Rescue Mission for reaching this impressive milestone. I want to thank them for their incredible efforts over the past 50 years and their continued dedication to providing services to those in need in our community.