

What this Congress has done, and it has done it over and over again, is tried to repeal the law containing the reforms I fought for over many years to better enable our miners stricken with black lung—and their spouses and widows—to get the benefits they are owed.

I believe that the fight for the coal miner should not end when a miner retires. That has been the long-time policy of our government—during both Republican and Democratic Administrations going all the way back to Harry Truman and Franklin Roosevelt. But this Congress seems utterly indifferent and ignorant of that commitment.

This Congress is bent on cutting budgets for the agencies that help to provide medical care and monthly benefit payments to miners stricken with black lung. It seems content to allow black lung victims to languish for years in a legal limbo, waiting for review of their claims.

This Congress is bent on cutting funds for the health and safety protections that ensure miners return home after every shift.

This Congress, which boasts about its commitment to the future of coal, is bent on cutting funds for the research and development of new technologies critical to ensuring coal's place in our Nation's long-term energy portfolio.

This Congress, in the worst and most callous way, has been utterly indifferent to the plight of retired miners whose health and retirement benefits are stripped away in bankruptcy proceedings.

The closure of the mine research facility in Pennsylvania, the rewrite of grant guidelines for black lung clinics, the denial of sufficient funding for long-time organizations providing essential mine rescue team training required by Federal and State laws—these are all priorities that have fallen by the wayside in the bureaucracy of this Administration and, apparently, in this uncaring and indifferent Congress.

I have always felt that fighting for our miners meant fighting for a decent wage, fighting to ensure that they could retire with dignity, fighting to ensure that they had access to medical care, and that their children had access to the opportunities afforded by a college education.

But the leadership in this House is blocking an increase in the minimum wage. It is promoting cuts to Medicare and is prepared to put Social Security on the chopping block. It is axing worker training and college grants. It is refusing to close the loopholes that allow unscrupulous operators to walk away from the health and retirement benefits promised to their workers.

Where is all the anger when it comes to the coal miner now? Where is all the rage?

There is much more to defending coal country than fighting against the EPA.

I say to all my colleagues who regularly come to this floor and raise the roof in defense of coal, we must recommit ourselves not just fighting the anti-coal zealots of this Administration, but also to the intense and long-term battle for the well-being of America's coal miners.

We should start by moving meaningful mine health and safety legislation that honors the memories of the 29 miners who perished in the Upper Big Branch Mine on April 5th, 2010. Our obligation to them is long overdue.

RESTORATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with the Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Committee and my colleagues to call for the immediate passage of legislation in the House concur with the Senate in the restoration of unemployment benefits to the more than 2.2 million Americans who have been cut off extended unemployment insurance because Republicans continue to block extension of the program.

It is inconceivable that as a government and as a nation, we would leave all of these people hanging, many of them since December of 28 of last year 2013. Nationally, nearly 72,000 people are losing unemployment insurance on average every week, adding to the 202 million people who have already lost their benefits.

The Department of Labor estimated that the bipartisan Senate agreement to extend the emergency unemployment insurance program would benefit nearly 2.8 million people.

Illinois, my state of Illinois is estimated to have lost 296,763,435 just under 300 million dollars in unemployment dollars in unemployment benefits during the first three months of 2014 due to the Republican shutdown of the Federal benefits program. 153,400 Illinoisans would benefit from extending emergency unemployment benefits. And let's do it now.

SECOND ANNUAL TURQUOISE ART AND LANGUAGE CONTEST

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, The Chicagoland area is proud to host the Second Annual Turquoise Art and Language Contest, organized by the Turkish American Society, to be held at the Rosemont Theater in Rosemont, Illinois on April 12, 2014; and

Whereas, The Turquoise Art and Language Contest is held annually to promote intercultural understanding, friendship, and dialogue; and

Whereas, The contestants will demonstrate diverse talents such as folk dancing, singing and poetry recitation, in a multitude of languages including English, Spanish, and Turkish; and

Whereas, The Turkish American Society began operating in 2005 in the city of Mount Prospect, Illinois to facilitate and encourage cross-cultural experiences and interfaith cooperation; and

Whereas, The Turkish American Society is involved in generous philanthropic ventures and projects benefiting the people of the State of Illinois while addressing the social and cultural needs of the Turkish-American community living in the Chicago area; creating a welcoming environment for new immigrants adjusting to life in the United States; providing communities with educational services; intro-

ducing Turkish culture to the Chicago area; uniting the Turkish-American community; and establishing dialogue between diverse communities with the goal of leading to global peace; and

Whereas, The Turkish American Society's efforts to forge a stronger bond amongst all Illinoisans and spread the wonders of Turkish culture are worthy of the greatest respect; now therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the United States of America, that best wishes are extended to the participants of the Turkish American Society's Second Annual Turquoise Art and Language Contest, and the Turkish American Society is honored and commended for its wonderful work.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2014 HEFLIN TAEKWONDO TIGER PRIDE DEMO TEAM

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to pay special tribute to a group of young people in my Congressional district from Heflin, Alabama. These boys and girls, the Heflin Taekwondo Tiger Pride Demo Team, recently traveled to Jackson, Mississippi to compete in a National Taekwondo competition. They were awarded with the 2014 Taekwondo United Demo Team National Championship, the highest honor.

The Tiger Pride team consists of 14 kids that range in age from 8 to 15. These students have shown tremendous dedication as they have practiced over the past 10 months to perfect a six-minute routine they performed at the competition. The Tiger Pride team competed against four other teams from California, Texas, Louisiana and North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating this team for their extraordinary efforts that led to their National Championship title.

HAJJI SALEEM AAKHIR MUHAMMAD

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the very distinguished Hajji Saleem Aakhir Muhammad for his service in our armed forces.

Mr. Muhammad of Elizabeth, New Jersey, departed this life on January 6, 2012, at the age of 83. He served in the United States Army Air Force and was a decorated World War II veteran. Mr. Muhammad was also an original member of the 332nd Fighters Group Squadron, an all Black unit known as the Tuskegee Airmen, for which he received Congress' highest and most distinguished civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor. Following his service, Mr. Muhammad was a small business owner and entrepreneur in New Jersey.

Last week the City of Elizabeth saluted a legend and honored the life of Mr. Muhammad

and his dedication to our country. Mr. Muhammad and his contributions are outstanding examples of service in our military and service to our communities.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF FORT
LAUDERDALE CITY COMMIS-
SIONER CARLTON MOORE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, scripture tells that "joy cometh in the morning." I don't know, but I certainly hope so. I do know, however, that heaven has gained an angel. Carlton Moore, a tireless advocate for the poor, and my friend, passed away on April 2, 2014. He will certainly be missed by his loving family and those of us honored enough to call him a friend.

I had the good fortune of witnessing Carlton's entire career. He served with distinction in our community, and he was a businessman par excellence. He was first elected City Commissioner in 1988, a position from which he was a tireless champion of the poor. Carlton worked passionately for the impoverished northwest section of Fort Lauderdale. Indeed, the people of Fort Lauderdale can thank Carlton for the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency; the post office on Northwest Seventh Avenue; the Negro Chamber of Commerce building; a \$550 million water and sewage project; and the Seventh Avenue Family Health Center. These accomplishments led to public housing that had swimming pools, tennis courts and child care centers. Carlton was also the first black City Commissioner to be elected Vice Mayor.

Mr. Speaker, no one could ever accuse my friend Carlton of sitting on the sidelines while others did the work. As if the accomplishments noted above were not enough, Carlton was the President of the Fort Lauderdale Branch of the NAACP and did endless hours of work for many boards that benefited our community. He sat on the board for the Broward League of Cities; the Broward County Water Advisory Board; the Florida League of Cities' Blue Ribbon Committee; the Strategic Planning Committee; and the Broward Commission on Substance Abuse and Leadership. Carlton garnered many accolades for his dedicated efforts, including the 2008 National Forum of Black Public Administrators' National Leadership Award, and the Broward League of Cities' President's Award.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Carlton achieved so much in his all too brief time with us—so many things that we can point to with pride and say "look what he did." However, perhaps his greatest legacy will not be the tangible achievements he leaves us with. Perhaps his greatest gift will be the inspiration he instilled in others to work for the common good. As many of my friends in Fort Lauderdale know, Carlton was a surrogate father to many of our young people. It will be upon Carlton's shoulders that these young people stand as they strive to continue the work that Carlton so ably accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, we all have that person in our life that inspired us to achieve more than we

ever thought possible. For Carlton, that person was his mother, Ada Moore. Carlton rightly gave Ada the credit for instilling in him a social consciousness—a sense of civic responsibility—that gave him the fuel to work tirelessly on behalf of the poor. As Carlton's friend who saw his work up close, I can tell you that Ada did a magnificent job, and we thank her. Indeed, Carlton often referred to Ada as his "hero." I hope the knowledge of his love for her provides solace in these undoubtedly dark hours. I know his friendship does so for me.

Mr. Speaker, when asked how he was doing, Carlton would often reply, "better than good!" Yes you were my friend, yes you were. I will miss his good cheer and friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with his mother Ada, and with his sons, Martin and Forrest Moore. My thoughts and prayers are also with Carlton's sister DeNese Moore as well as his two brothers, Benjamin Moore, Jr. and Dennis Ronald Moore.

46TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASSAS-
SINATION OF REV. DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, 46 years ago today, one of the greatest leaders in the history of our country was felled by an assassin's bullet in Memphis, Tennessee.

The assassin may have killed the dreamer, but he could not kill the dream because as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said in August 1963, the dream is "deeply rooted" in the American Dream.

The life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds us that nothing is impossible when we are guided by the better angels of our nature.

So it is fitting that we pause to remember the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America.

It is proper that we remember the man of action, who put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day.

Dr. King knew that it was not enough just to talk the talk, that he had to walk the walk for his words to be credible.

Dr. King walked the walk. He went to jail 29 times to achieve freedom for others. He knew he would pay the ultimate price for his leadership, but kept on marching and protesting and organizing anyway.

Dr. King once said that we all have to decide whether we "will walk in the light of creative altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness."

"Life's most persistent and nagging question," he said, is "what are you doing for others?"

And when Dr. King talked about the end of his mortal life in one of his last sermons, on February 4, 1968 in the pulpit of Ebenezer Baptist Church, even then he lifted up the value of service as the hallmark of a full life:

I'd like somebody to mention on that day Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others," he said. "I want you to say on that day, that I did try in my life . . . to love and serve humanity."

Above all, Dr. King was always willing to speak truth to power.

When the life of Dr. Martin Luther King was stolen from us, he was a very young 39 years old.

People remember that Dr. King died in Memphis, but few can remember why he was there.

On that fateful day in 1968 Dr. King came to Memphis to support a strike by the city's sanitation workers.

The garbage men there had recently formed a chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to demand better wages and working conditions.

But the city refused to recognize their union, and when the 1,300 employees walked off their jobs the police broke up the rally with mace and billy clubs.

It was then that union leaders invited Dr. King to Memphis.

Despite the danger he might face entering such a volatile situation, it was an invitation he could not refuse.

Not because he longed for danger, but because the labor movement was intertwined with the civil rights movement for which he had given up so many years of his life.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will never overshadow his life. That is his legacy as a dreamer and a man of action.

It is a legacy of hope, tempered with peace. It is a legacy not quite yet fulfilled.

I hope that Dr. King's vision of equality under the law is never lost to us, who in the present, toil in times of unevenness in our equality.

For without that vision—without that dream—we can never continue to improve on the human condition.

It is for us, the living, to continue that fight today and forever, in the great spirit that inspired the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HAY-
WARD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
REACCREDITATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2014

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, today I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Hayward Police Department, which was recently reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This is an honor received by very few of the thousands of state and local law enforcement agencies across the country, and it is one that is well deserved.

CALEA is a joint effort of major law enforcement executive associations. It seeks to improve the workings of public safety organizations, in part by offering its accreditation program.

The program is voluntary, so public safety departments have to want to go through the process. I applaud Hayward Police Chief Diane Urban for being willing to take on the challenge.

To be reaccredited, the Hayward Police Department had to meet a variety of standards. They were reviewed by independent assessors, which closely observed officers in action as well as spoke with community members.

The Department passed with flying colors. The assessment summary noted that out of