

MENTAL ILLNESS RESEARCH

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, with the tragic shooting at Fort Hood this past week, our country has once again been ravaged by the convergence of mental instability and gun rampages.

As President Obama did today, let us honor those lost to this terrible tragedy—Sergeant First Class Danny Ferguson, Sergeant Timothy Owens, and soldier Carlos Lazaney—and continue to pray for the injured as they recover, as well as all those in uniform who serve our Nation.

As this is now the second shooting at Fort Hood in recent years, Americans and we, in Congress, must again ask ourselves: Isn't it time for a national conversation on untreated mental illness?

As a member of the Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, we must use this moment to support early diagnosis, as well as pathbreaking neurological research, building on the President's BRAIN Initiative. We must probe the undiscovered functions of the human mind and human performance.

Advanced research and treatment will benefit both our deserving veterans and all Americans who struggle with the unknown reaches of the unquiet mind.

Again, I lend my support to honor the heroes lost at Fort Hood, and I implore my colleagues to make certain this latest tragedy is, indeed, the last tragedy. Let us measure up to this worthy challenge.

THE RYAN BUDGET

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

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the 2015 Ryan budget, a budget that will hurt middle class Americans while, at the same time, giving breaks to some of the wealthiest people in this country.

Early childhood education is important, but the Ryan budget cuts Head Start. Millions of Americans are still struggling to find work in a changing economy. Instead of investing in programs to prepare the unemployed for new careers, this budget cuts job training.

Nearly 16 million children are food-insecure, and we know that growing up hungry is directly correlated to a child's academic success. This budget guts the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and for millions of young people with dreams of attending college, this budget offers them no hope; instead, it cuts Pell grant aid.

We must do more to invest in this great Nation if we want to continue our economic recovery and create a brighter future, and instead of robust investments in infrastructure and transportation, the Ryan budget takes

us backward. Mr. Speaker, we can and we should and we must do better.

A TRIBUTE TO ANNE TAYLOR

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with an extremely heavy heart to pay tribute to the life of our beloved Anne Louise Taylor who passed away last week.

Words cannot really express my sadness as we mourn Anne's untimely death. She served as my district director for more than 5 years, but more importantly, she was a trusted and loving friend.

Anne's contributions to the residents of the East Bay were enormous. With true compassion and commitment, she touched the lives of thousands of people. Prior to joining my office, Anne's accomplished public career included working for California Assembly Member and California State Board of Equalization Member Johan Klehs; was district director for Assembly Member Ellen Corbett; and was head of government relations at California State East Bay during the administration of President Mo Qayoumi.

Not only was she a true public servant and a phenomenal woman, but she was deeply passionate about her community of Alameda, California, where she attended high school and loved the Fourth of July parade and the Alameda Point Antique Faire.

Our deepest condolences from my office, my community, and my staff. Our condolences go out to Anne's two exceptional daughters, Eleanore and Grace Guenon, and to her entire family, whom she loved deeply.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with them during these very difficult days. May her spirit continue to soar and her memory stay very close to our hearts. She touched so many lives. We know that her soul is resting in peace.

HONORING KRISTIN FULFORD

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

Mr. BARROW of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristin Fulford, a member of my 12th District staff for the past 9 years. Kristin has been an invaluable part of our team, handling thousands of casework issues for folks all over my district.

Kristin has made sure that folks received their Social Security and Medicare payments, helped high school students prepare to enter one of our Nation's military institutions, and has done almost everything else in between.

You would be hard-pressed to find anyone in the 12th District who doesn't know someone that Kristin has helped. She has been a team player who, for nearly a decade, has taken pride in helping the folks in our communities.

All of us in Congress know how hard our staffs work, and we know we wouldn't be here if it weren't for people like Kristin, who are our eyes, ears, and helping hands when we can't be home.

I wish Kristin, her husband, Edward, and their daughter, Wren, all the best as she begins her new journey, and I know the folks in my district will miss her as much as I will.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF "THE GRAPES OF WRATH"

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

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of one of the greatest pieces of American literature, John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." The National Steinbeck Center in his hometown of Salinas, California, is celebrating all year, with events throughout the country.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning novel was published on April 14, 1939. Set during the Great Depression, the novel captured the brutal honesty, the story of migrant farmworkers fleeing Oklahoma's Dust Bowl in search of new opportunity in California. Steinbeck wanted to shine a light on the social injustices that plagued the working poor.

Sparking controversy, it quickly rose to the top of the bestsellers list. It was banned and burned in many parts of the country.

Inspired by the novel, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt helped pass new labor laws after touring the shocking conditions of the California camps. "The Grapes of Wrath" changed the way we viewed poverty in this country.

This is why it figured prominently in the decision to award Steinbeck the Nobel Prize. Even today, the novel still offers us hope—hope that our best days lie before us. Steinbeck's words resonate just as true today as they did 75 years ago.

THE RYAN BUDGET

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

Mr. RUIZ. Once again, through the Ryan budget, House leadership is seeking to balance the budget on the backs of hard-working American families and seniors, undermining the economic recovery, and ending the Medicare guarantee.

As an emergency medicine physician, I know firsthand that many of the seniors I care for rely on the Medicare they have earned. In fact, in Riverside County, California, alone over 250,000 seniors rely on Medicare.

Our priority should be reducing health care costs in order to make Medicare stronger and more sustainable, but this budget transforms Medicare into a voucher program, shifting

the costs of health care to our seniors and ending Medicare as we know it.

We must work together to protect and preserve Medicare, reduce our deficit, and decrease health care costs. The Ryan budget is not the way to do that. This proposal has the wrong priorities for Riverside County, California, and our Nation.

I urge my colleagues to end the partisan political gamesmanship and put American families and our seniors first.

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BASKETBALL

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a great sense of pride on behalf of the entire delegation of the State of Connecticut who are, indeed, honored again to be national champions. Our entire delegation will have an extended period of time in which we can amplify the great accomplishments of the University of Connecticut.

For an unprecedented second time, first and foremost, our women's basketball team went undefeated and was perfect, as they are; and of course, the men's team down in RALPH HALL's great State of Texas, where we have won the national championship three times, again, was able to win the national championship in Kevin Ollie's first year as the coach when the team was eligible for it.

This is remarkable. Fourteen national championships in the game of basketball. We are very proud not only of our coaches and our student athletes, but of all the hard work and effort that goes into this.

Our delegation will be down here at another time to further extoll the virtues of the University of Connecticut and the great State it represents.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CAREER OF KENT HANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. NEUGEBAUER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise tonight to recognize a great friend and great public servant and a great chancellor at Texas Tech University.

When Chancellor Hance was first appointed to be the third chancellor of Texas Tech University, his motto was "Dream no little dreams." I think this is a perfect motto for the chancellor to use because that really expresses the way he has lived his life.

Kent Hance was born to Raymond and Beral Cole Hance on November 14, 1942, in the great city of Dimmitt, Texas, which is in my congressional district, a town known for grit and determination, which clearly was passed along to Hance.

He enrolled in Texas Tech University in 1961 and joined the fraternity Delta Tau Delta, where he often mentioned that he became friends with a guy named John Deutschendorf, who later became a guy by the name of John Denver.

Now, I think, sometimes, Kent Hance claims that he helped John Denver with some of his material, but we have not been able to actually verify that.

Hance graduated from Texas Tech in 1965 with a business degree, and despite his better judgment, he entered law school at the University of Texas. While he was at that school, they named him president of the Student Bar Association and, of course, in the true Red Raider spirit.

After graduating with his law degree, he returned to west Texas to practice law and teach business law at Texas Tech. While teaching, undoubtedly, the most momentous meeting in his career was when he had this student by the name of RANDY NEUGEBAUER in his business law class.

Now, what was kind of unique about that class, with Professor Hance and his student RANDY NEUGEBAUER, was that little did either one of us know that both of us would go on to be congressmen for the 19th District of Texas.

In 1974, Kent Hance decided to run for the Texas Senate and won in that west Texas seat. He served in the senate from 1974 through 1978, when he decided to run for Congress for the 19th Congressional District.

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Interestingly enough, in that race, he defeated a young man in Midland, Texas, by the name of George W. Bush. Many of us know that he became the future President of the United States.

One of the things that President Bush would occasionally say is that, Mr. Hance and I accomplished something he was not able to accomplish, and that was being elected to Congress, but then he would smile and say, but I guess it worked out, and it work out indeed.

While serving the House of Representatives from 1979 to 1985, he was known for his conservative voting record and was a member of the Boll Weevil Conservatives. Congressman Hance became one of President Reagan's closest allies when he was working on his 1981 tax package. In 1984, Hance decided to run for the Senate in Texas, a seat that ultimately was won by Phil Gramm.

In 1987, Texas Governor Bill Clements appointed Hance to a vacancy on the Texas Railroad Commission. Upon doing so, he became the first Republican to ever serve on the railroad commission in Texas.

Due to his successes on the commission, he was reelected in 1988, and in 1989, he was elected chairman of the railroad commission. After stepping down in 1990 from his commission, he continued to practice law. In 2006, Kent Hance was chosen to become the third chancellor of the Texas Tech University System.

When appointed to the position of chancellor to begin implementing the motto, as I mentioned earlier, "Dream no little dreams," and no little dreams did Kent Hance have for Texas Tech University. He said that he was going to raise a billion dollars and began a fundraising campaign to do that, the largest one in the school's history.

Additionally, Hance decided to grow the university to 40,000 students by 2020 to meet the demands of a growing State. Not only has his fundraising campaign exceeded a billion dollar mark, but under his leadership, Chancellor Hance has grown the university system and about doubled it by adding Angelo State and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso.

Texas Tech University, the flagship institution of the Texas Tech system, has also increased in the number of degrees by 46 percent between 2006 and 2012 and added a chapter of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa to the campus. All together, it is quite easy to see why in 1985, even though Kent Hance had not accomplished all of this, that people recognized early his talents and named him Distinguished Alumni of Texas Tech.

On October 11, 2013, unfortunately, Kent Hance announced that he would be stepping down as chancellor. While Texas Tech and west Texas would be losing one of its best advocates, we are extremely grateful for the services that he offered as he served and will continue to serve as chairman emeritus. Future students of Texas Tech will also benefit from his decisions to continue teaching his seminar classes on leadership.

Before handing over the floor to some of my colleagues who would like to say some things about Chancellor Hance, I wanted to read a quick quote from President George W. Bush. Upon his announcement for retirement, George Bush was quoted saying:

Texas Tech was fortunate to have Kent in a leadership position. He loves the Red Raiders and he leaves behind a better university, and I wish all the best to my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL).

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of my dear friend and former colleague Kent Hance, a man who spent his life in public service for the benefit of Texas, our country, and certainly for 8 years at the Texas Tech University