

average person through a single semester. The average tour lasts about 10 months, long enough to complete a full year of school. An average year of tuition at a public university in the United States is almost \$9,000.

Let's bump up the benefit, so it actually covers the cost of tuition. The families of our servicemembers are the backbone of our military.

The bills I have introduced are commonsense solutions to do just that. This is National Military Appreciation Month. Let's stand with our Nation's servicemembers and veterans. Let's express our gratitude for their service by recognizing the struggles they face and make sure we are there for them and recognize the sacrifices they have made.

I urge my colleagues to support these bills, so that our veterans, troops, and military families get the care, benefits, and support they deserve.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 20 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Rabbi Stephen Roth, Congregation Eitz Chaim, Passaic, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

Our Father in Heaven, we ask that You bestow Your blessings on the Members of this House of Representatives so that their deliberations be just and with wisdom to benefit the people they represent. Guide them with Your kindness, and shower them with Your love.

This past week, we observed Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember those who gave their lives in defense of our great land and the freedoms that we enjoy. Let us remember that there are many people in the world that still do not enjoy these freedoms. We ask that these as yet oppressed people be granted the same freedoms we enjoy as a free nation, speedily in our time.

We pray for peace, not only for the citizens of this great land, but for peace among nations. May we soon see the day as prophesied by Isaiah: "No nation shall lift their swords against another, and may we learn of war no more."

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Montana (Mr. DAINES) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DAINES led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING RABBI STEPHEN ROTH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank my friend, Rabbi Stephen Roth, a resident of the Ninth Congressional District of New Jersey, for offering the opening prayer before the House of Representatives.

Rabbi Roth hails from Brooklyn, New York City, and was ordained in 1972 by the Brooklyn Rabbinical Seminary. For 20 years, he served as the founding rabbi of Congregation Eitz Chaim in Passaic, New Jersey, inspiring and guiding countless members of his congregation.

In addition to his work as a teacher, mentor, and counselor in his community, Rabbi Roth also served as the softball coach for the Torah Academy of Bergen County, as well as the Kushner Yeshiva High School. Rabbi Roth has, no doubt, served his community so well, thanks to the loving support of his wife of nearly 35 years, Fern, who is with us today, as well as his three children and 13 grandchildren.

So on behalf of the United States Congress and my constituents in New Jersey, I want to thank my friend Rabbi Roth for serving as guest chaplain in the House of Representatives today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

IRAN IS DETERMINED TO HAVE NUKES

(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, in a changing world full of danger, the greatest threat to the United States and the rest of the world remains the same—the Iranian regime.

This was once again demonstrated through the words of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. In a speech recently, he said that the Iranians who wish to negotiate with the United States are committing treason. He made it clear that the jihad battle will continue endlessly until they "get rid of the oppressors" with "America at the head of it."

Mr. Speaker, the Iranian regime believes their battle will not be over until America is destroyed. The blissful, unrealistic, and naive hope to the contrary, Iran has no plans to stop its development of nukes. The Supreme Leader said: "The accelerated scientific advancement of the last 12 years cannot stop under any circumstances."

Iran has time and time again lied about its nuclear weapons capability and development. America should realize that the ruler of Iran wants to destroy us in the name of religion by any means necessary. The United States should tighten sanctions against Iran, not relax them.

And that's just the way it is.

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

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

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, there are nearly 70 foster youth here today on Capitol Hill recognizing National Foster Care Month and to advocate for positive reforms that will better serve our Nation's kids.

I applaud my friend from California, Congresswoman BASS, who, when she was speaker of the assembly, led the effort in California to extend the foster care age to 21 and is now leading the charge here in Congress to help strengthen the foster care system.

Today, Joel, a 22-year-old student from Wilmington, California, who spent 3 years in the California foster care system, is spending the day with me to share his experience in foster care.

Due to unfortunate circumstances, Joel was separated from his parents and found himself living on the streets of Los Angeles before being placed in a foster home. Joel didn't let these challenges keep him from completing high school at Banning High School and attending college at Cal Poly Pomona.

Today, Joel is an inspiring young political science student and a testament to the importance of investing in foster youth programs. But we must do more. There are nearly 400,000 youth in the foster care system like Joel. These are all of our children, and we must take care of them.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LANCE CORPORAL STEVEN HANCOCK OF GOOSE LAKE, ILLINOIS

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

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Lance Corporal Steven Hancock of Goose Lake, Illinois, who faithfully served our Nation in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing and died while participating in a training exercise on an MV-22B Osprey aircraft on May 19, 2014.

Lance Corporal Hancock was one of three children and attended Coal City High School. He was known as a quiet leader and earned the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Scout Troop 466. His family, friends, and colleagues will always remember his constant smile, cheerfulness, and strong faith in Jesus Christ.

Lance Corporal Hancock joined the Marine Corps on March 5, 2012, and was the crew chief of the Osprey aircraft on which he served. His sense of duty and willingness to voluntarily serve our country demonstrates what makes our Nation exceptional. He will be sorely missed, and I am extremely grateful for his service.

It is because of people like him who are willing to defend our country that we are allowed to stand here and deliberate on behalf of the American people.

God bless Lance Corporal Hancock, and God bless his family.

THANKING CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER STAFF

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

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Capitol Visitor Center employees for their hard work during this popular tourist season at the United States Capitol. I recognize the great effort, organization, and knowledge it takes not only to lead tours of the United States Capitol, but to help visitors navigate this sometimes confusing building.

In addition, CVC staff is instrumental in assisting congressional offices, such as mine, with coordinating staff-led tours through the Capitol. My constituents enjoy visiting this historic building not only to learn about United States history, but to see where their legislators work each and every day. The staff of the United States Capitol Visitor Center make their visits more enjoyable, informative, and help to ensure history comes alive here at the Capitol.

The Capitol Visitor Center has welcomed approximately 2.2 million visitors since the Visitor Center opened its doors in December of 2008. In March of this year, the Capitol Visitor Center assisted over 155,000 visitors on Capitol tours. In April, despite construction of the rotunda on the second floor of the Capitol Building, the Visitor Center assisted over 209,000 visitors.

Today, I recognize their hard work and thank each and every one of them for what they do for my constituents in the Eighth District and throughout this country.

THE MEDAL OF HONOR PRIORITY CARE ACT

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, last week, I introduced bipartisan legislation to honor our Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. H.R. 4720, the Medal of Honor Priority Care Act, would place Medal of Honor recipients in the VA's highest priority group to make certain they receive timely access to their health benefits.

Medal of Honor recipients have gone above and beyond the call of duty by putting themselves in harm's way to protect their position and fellow soldiers in combat. Currently, there are 78 living recipients of the Medal of Honor, including two from Michigan—Corporal Duane E. Dewey and Private First Class Robert E. Simanek—who both received the decoration for their heroic actions in the Korean war.

These heroes should have access to the VA when they need it, and the Medal of Honor Priority Care Act will ensure that this select group of individuals is guaranteed the highest level of care.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry commemorates the 70th anniversary of the capture of the U-505 submarine, I recognize the museum for offering world-class experiences that inspire children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine, and engineering.

The U-505 German submarine terrorized the Atlantic Ocean as part of a massive U-boat campaign that almost altered the outcome of World War II. On June 4, 1944, it was brought to the ocean's surface with a depth charge attack from the USS *Chatelain*, after which crew from the USS *Pillsbury* boarded the sub and helped Allied forces gain valuable defense intelligence that forever changed the course of world events.

The U-505 exhibition is not only a memorial to the sailors who gave up their lives on the high seas, it is a reminder of the role that science and technology plays in keeping the world safe and changing history for the better. I thank the Museum of Science and Industry for molding the minds of the future while celebrating America's innovative past.

In closing, I want to salute the students watching from the museum.

IN HONOR OF THE BOBBY RAY DETACHMENT

(Mr. DESJARLAIS asked and was given permission to address the House

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

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride I rise today to honor the Marine Corps League's Bobby Ray Detachment of McMinnville in the Fourth Congressional District.

For the past 238 years, the Marine Corps has stood as a symbol of America's strength and valor. The level of commitment, honor, discipline, and courage exemplified by the Corps is unparalleled. By banding together both Active Duty and retired marines, the Marine Corps League preserves these same values and proves true the motto, "Once a Marine, Always a Marine."

Members of the Marine Corps League play an important role in our communities. Whether offering assistant service to members, commemorating historical occasions, or organizing fundraisers for local charities, these individuals embody the principle of "ductus exemplo," or "lead by example."

Next month, the Bobby Ray Detachment will host the Marine Corps League State Convention. It is an honor to recognize these patriots as they bond together to promote the ideals of freedom and democracy.

I, along with the grateful citizens of Tennessee's Fourth District, extend to these marines a heartfelt thanks for the sacrifices made and the services rendered to our country.

2014 SCIENCE FAIR AND STEM EDUCATION

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, this week, the White House hosted high school students from across the country for its 2014 Science Fair.

San Diego high school student Eric Chen was among the attendees and was praised by President Obama for his award-winning research into combating influenza. I rise to congratulate Eric and celebrate all students across the country who eagerly pursue scientific research.

We must continue to provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their excitement and their mastery in science, technology, engineering, and math. Soon we will depend on these same students to tackle our biggest challenges; and at times, they will inherit problems that seem daunting: climate change, antibiotic-resistant bacteria, drought, food scarcity, the list goes on.

We are at a critical crossroads in so many areas and cannot afford to lose our technological edge. We must provide students with the tools necessary for success by further investing in STEM education. It begins by heavily recruiting teachers who go beyond the traditional role of educators, teachers that become mentors and explorers and visionaries with their students; and we need teachers who inspire our best and