

all in on the part of the U.S. Government so that everyone is working on all six cylinders to make sure that sustainable development occurs throughout the world in target countries and, as those targets increase, that it is totally inclusive of women.

When we worked on issues like microtargeting, we found—particularly in most parts of Africa—that women have really stepped up to the plate and have done yeoman's work. They are fully included in this effort.

Again, I want to thank all of my colleagues. I want to thank the leadership, the gentleman from California, KEVIN MCCARTHY, and Speaker BOEHNER, for making sure that this legislation got to the floor. Our hope is that the Senate may take it up. If not, we will be right back here next year. But I do hope that they will take it up because delay is denial. This is an important piece of legislation that will save lives.

I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEWART). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5656, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, promote sustainable agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resilience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.".

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2614. An act to amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012.

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET COLF HEPOLA

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

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in great admiration and a little bit of humility because I get to honor the life of a tremendous woman, a friend from southwest Washington who has made a lasting impact on our region. She passed away this week at the age of 97.

A lifelong resident of Clark County, Margaret Colf Hepola could recount the

history of southwest Washington in a way that was more complete and exponentially more colorful than any history book. Her great grandparents moved to the Lewis River Valley before Washington had even claimed statehood, and more than 140 years later, Margaret's family still calls our region home.

There are people who live in a community, and then there are people who define what "community" means. Margaret was the latter. She made it one of her life ambitions to share the history of the community she loved and to preserve the memories of those who came before her. Through the Colf family's generous philanthropy, Margaret saved historical landmarks, supported museums, and founded the La Center Library.

Margaret's wit, her grit, and her compassion made her one of the most celebrated women in our entire region. Twice-widowed and a mother of five, Margaret did not let tragedy or the responsibilities of motherhood deter her from giving back to the community that she cared about so deeply. By the time she had reached the ninth decade of her life, Margaret Colf Hepola had become a household name in southwest Washington.

I will conclude today by honoring her legacy, one of a passionate historical preservationist who herself has earned a place in southwest Washington's history books.

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HONORING CONGRESSMAN HENRY WAXMAN AND CONGRESSMAN GEORGE MILLER ON THEIR RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. LOFGREN. 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 this Special Order on honoring our retiring Members, Congressman HENRY WAXMAN and Congressman GEORGE MILLER.

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

There was no objection.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I am the chair of the California Democratic delegation, and we are losing from our membership two spectacular Members who have served with tremendous distinction for 40 years each.

Representative MILLER and Representative WAXMAN were the final two remaining Members of the House elected as part of the historic Watergate class of 1974. Both were instrumental in passing the Affordable Care Act of 2010,

which is the culmination of a nearly century-long struggle to guarantee that every American has access to quality and affordable health care.

Representative WAXMAN was one of the most prolific lawmakers in American history. He has a long record of not only legislative, but oversight achievements. He was elected, as I said, in 1974 and reelected 17 times. He chaired the Energy and Commerce Subcommittees on Health and the Environment, the Energy and Commerce Committee from 2009 to 2011, and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee from 2007 to 2009.

He left his mark all over this body, but the five areas that he will be remembered most about is health care, consumer protection, environmental protection, telecommunications policy, and just many good government laws.

Some of the most important bills that he either wrote or coauthored include: the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments—we can recall when we couldn't breathe in Los Angeles, and that is no longer the case because of Henry's leadership and work preventing smog, air pollution, acid rain, and the depletion of the ozone layer; the Medicaid and CHIP expansion gave coverage and access to health care for children and working families; and his nursing home reforms helped protect the most vulnerable people in America.

The Hatch-Waxman generic drug act gave rise to the generic drug industry, and the Orphan Drug Act gave hope to families across the country whose family members had diseases not lucrative prior to the act. From the Ryan White CARE Act to the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act to the cigarette and smokeless tobacco health warning laws, Henry has been recognized as a leader here.

His oversight efforts were simply marvelous. Looking at waste, fraud, and abuse, he identified over \$1 trillion in wasteful and mismanaged Federal contracts, including billions of dollars in wasteful spending in Iraq and in response to Hurricane Katrina. His oversight of the tobacco industry and the Wall Street collapse are known throughout the country. He has over his 40 years here provided tremendous service to our country.

Our colleague, Representative GEORGE MILLER, has similarly left his mark not only on this body, but on this country and indeed on this world. Our friend, George, is an aggressive and unapologetic investigator on behalf of taxpayers into the health and safety of children and workers.

He took on asbestos executives, for-profit colleges, subsidized agribusiness, mining corporations, oil companies, and administration officials of both parties. Why? To stand up for the little guy who didn't have a voice.

He chaired three committees during the past 40 years, the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families from 1983 to 1992; the Committee on Natural Resources from 1992 to 1994;

and the Committee on Education and Labor from 2007 to 2010. He is a longtime cochair to the Democratic Steering Policy Committee. He is among the 50th, as is Henry, consecutive longest-serving Members of Congress in history out of more than 10,000 Members.

His list of accomplishments is too long to read, but they certainly include fair pay for women; investigating sweatshops not only here, but around the world; fighting for pension reform; standing up for occupational safety and occupational disease compensation; international labor standards; the minimum wage; antidiscrimination laws; and the defense of the right to organize and collectively bargain.

The notable legislation written or co-written by GEORGE MILLER include: the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007; the student loan reforms of 2007 and 2010; the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002; the California Desert Protection Act of 1994; the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, now known as the Individuals With Disability Act; and the Pay-As-You-Go Act, PAYGO, passed in 1982 to reduce the deficit and instill greater discipline in the budget process and to ensure that military and nonmilitary spending were treated under the same rules.

He played a key role in shaping the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the response to the worst American recession since the Great Depression.

California is proud of our two colleagues, and many Californians and indeed some honorary Californians are here tonight who would like to say a few words to honor these two outstanding men.

First, I yield to the gentleman from California, Mr. ALAN LOWENTHAL, who represents a district in southern California for his tribute.

Mr. LOWENTHAL. I thank the gentlewoman from San Jose for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I am really humbled to have a chance just to say a few words about GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN. As a new Member, I have had the wonderful experience of spending my first 2 years as both Mr. WAXMAN and Mr. MILLER kind of conclude a great career.

A little bit first about GEORGE MILLER: as we pointed out, he is a progressive, he has fought for the environment, he has protected it, he has been a leader in the Natural Resources Committee, and he has fought to protect public lands such as in the 1994 California Desert Protection Act and created Death Valley National Park and Joshua Tree. He was the chief sponsor of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992, also to protect the fish and wildlife.

I came also to the legislature, to the Congress, after chairing education in California, and GEORGE MILLER was a champion and a leader here, and we all looked up to him. As was pointed out already, he did great work on helping

to draft the No Child Left Behind Act, and he was a great supporter of school modernization and community colleges—finally, about George, passion, humor, respected by all, and a zest for political combat.

On the other hand, let's see what people say about my good friend HENRY WAXMAN. Like myself, Henry's grandparents were Jewish immigrants. We both served in the legislature. The Washington Post said that HENRY WAXMAN is to Congress what Ted Williams was to baseball: a natural.

Ralph Nader once said that HENRY WAXMAN is the only argument against term limits. Senator ALAN SIMPSON once said that HENRY WAXMAN is tougher than a boiled owl, and The Los Angeles Times describes Representative HENRY WAXMAN's tenacity as legendary.

We all know his work on the environment, I am just going to point that out, is legendary not only in terms of the Clean Air Act amendments, but he is also known for the Safe Drinking Water Act amendments; laws reducing childhood lead exposure; the Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act; reduction of greenhouse gases; and taking on, as we all know, the tobacco industry.

In keeping with his role as the defender of the environment, Mr. WAXMAN has served as the chair of the House Safe Climate Caucus. It was a distinct honor for this new Member to serve with him, HENRY WAXMAN, and a greater honor to be selected as the next chairperson of the Safe Climate Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, I only hope that I and every Member of this body can live up to the amazing legacies of public service that GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN have left this Congress.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored now to yield to the gentlewoman from California, NANCY PELOSI, the Democratic leader.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the leader of our California Democratic delegation. ZOE LOFGREN, thank you for bringing us together this evening for a very bittersweet circumstance, that is to say how proud we are to honor the leadership of two great giants of the Congress, HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER. How sad we are that they are leaving us.

I come to the floor, Mr. Speaker, today, to join in celebrating two of the most accomplished Members of this great body, and when I say "most accomplished," I am not just speaking in the context of the present Congress.

I am talking about two of the most accomplished Members of this great body of all time, a pair of Californians with 80 years between them, 80 years of service in the House, retiring with unparalleled record, certainly an unsurpassed record of legislative achievements to their names, Congressman HENRY WAXMAN and Congressman GEORGE MILLER.

I am proud to do that as a Californian and to thank our chairwoman,

ZOE LOFGREN, again, for this opportunity.

As they depart for new endeavors at the end of this session, which is in about 48 hours, each of them leaves a legacy of leadership that is felt in the lives of everyday Americans, and that is so important.

In doing so, they are both pioneers. For four decades, HENRY WAXMAN's name has been synonymous with responsible action, extraordinary legislative skills, passionate public service, and bold leadership on behalf of the people of Los Angeles, whom he represents, and the American people. Time and again, Henry has been the first to appreciate the seriousness of the challenges before us and the first to bring forward solutions to resolve them.

Time does not allow, and other Members will mention so many accomplishments, but I just want to focus on from the start, this is where I saw up close and early, from the start in the early dark days of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, HENRY WAXMAN fought to invest in AIDS research, support treatment, and care prevention and pass the landmark Ryan White CARE Act.

Long before the rest of our Nation awakened to the gathering storm of climate change, early on, Congressman WAXMAN worked to create bold new protections for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the Earth we call home.

From the first days of his long career, he recognized the urgency of delivering quality, affordable health care to all, and together with some of our other colleagues, with his leadership as chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee, we honored that commitment with the Affordable Care Act.

Also working on the Affordable Care Act from his committee, the Education and Labor Committee, Chairman GEORGE MILLER has left an indelible mark on the laws and the Members of this august body. George has been the model of a serious and substantive legislator, a champion of working people who has had his hand in some of the most innovative and important legislation of our time.

Members over and over—some already have and others will—talk about his legislative accomplishments. I just will name some. I mentioned the Affordable Care Act; Lilly Ledbetter, the first bill signed by President Obama to end discrimination in the workplace; the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell, the last bill that passed by a House Democratic majority; ending discrimination for women in the workplace, for men and women in the military.

One thing I want to mention, this PAYGO—because again this is something I saw firsthand. GEORGE MILLER put together the initiative for pay as you go, so that we were not increasing the deficit as we made investments for our future.

It was 1982; we were at a midterm convention of the Democrats in Philadelphia. GEORGE MILLER had the resolution to pass PAYGO. It was very fiscally sound and responsible. It passed. The resolution passed. It was so revolutionary that they never had a midterm convention again because it was really there not to make speeches but to make change.

In any event, they made that change, and it didn't become effective really until several more years later when President Clinton became President of the United States, and then we want on a pay-as-you-go basis, so whatever we were doing, we were not increasing the deficit.

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So he has been a deficit hawk, a very progressive, liberal deficit hawk in the lead on that subject.

So when he was doing the earned income tax cut; Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids; ENDA—really, we haven't passed it yet, but GEORGE has advanced it in the House any number of times—early childhood education to lifetime learning. I keep coming back to the children.

I have said that when people ask me what are the three most important issues facing the Congress, I always say the same thing: our children, our children, and our children. Their health, their education, the economic security of their families, the air they breathe, environment in which they live, a world at peace in which they can reach their fulfillment. No one in the Congress has done more for our children, our children, our children than GEORGE MILLER, GEORGE MILLER, GEORGE MILLER.

So his focus on the children, but having them live in a world at peace has taken him outside of our country. So forceful was he in his advocacy for children in other countries, for fairness and opportunity and social justice, that he became a subject of the Salvadoran death squads. They tried to search him down in the United States because he was such a fierce champion for fairness in their country as well.

So here we are—two great, very committed people. If you ask them what the secret of their success would be and how they achieved so much, they will be modest—well, sometimes. But what they will both tell you separately and the guidance they give the rest of us, just stick with it. Just keep on working. Just make sure that the other side, whoever that might be, knows you are not going to go away because you have a goal that is responsible, you have an urgency for the people, and you will make sure that you make the difference.

In many ways we all live in a nation shaped, defined, and strengthened by GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN. Their keen vision, abiding determination, courageous leadership have put them in the ranks of the greatest legislators in our history. When they leave

this House, we can be certain that they will use their extraordinary knowledge and talent in new venues and in new ways to serve America's children and families.

As we acknowledge them and express our appreciation to them, we also have to acknowledge their spouses. Janet Waxman and Cynthia Miller have contributed 80 years of being spouses to Members of Congress. That is really almost like 80 years each. That is twice as long as serving, to be a congressional spouse with all the sacrifice that that involves.

Tonight we say a heartfelt “thank you” not only to GEORGE and HENRY and voice our gratitude to them, but to the Waxman and Miller families for sharing these great men with our great Nation.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our colleague from California, Mr. MARK TAKANO.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlelady, the dean of our delegation in California. I come to the floor with tremendous pride and a heavy heart as we say good-bye to two of the greatest liberal legislators California has ever known—HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER.

I had the honor of receiving HENRY WAXMAN's endorsement for my very first congressional bid in 1992, but I had been an admirer of his long before that. I believe HENRY's career will be judged favorably by history.

Going back to his cofounding of the Los Angeles County Young Democrats with Congressman Howard Berman back in 1973, his passion for social justice has long been storied. I have to say, as a Member from the Inland Empire where we suffer from some of the worst air quality in the Nation, I am grateful for HENRY's commitment to clean air.

He has been a stalwart of progressive values, conducting powerful investigations on water pollution, AIDS, and tobacco, to name a few. Who else could have cajoled executives of tobacco companies to claim that nicotine was not addictive under oath? Only HENRY.

Let me turn to the other liberal titan, GEORGE MILLER. GEORGE's work on education and labor issues are unparalleled, from leading the effort that raised the minimum wage in 2007 to his commitment to protecting Pell grants and expanding college accessibility for all students.

His support of my bid to the Education and the Workforce Committee made one of this teacher's lifelong aspirations a reality. To honor GEORGE, I plan on renaming the committee Education and Labor when we retake the majority.

GEORGE's passion and presence on the House floor and in committee was powerful and will be missed.

The commitment that both these men had to the right issues, not always the easy or popular issues, makes them true public servants and examples for the rest of us to follow.

While there is no question that both HENRY and GEORGE have earned their retirement, the House is losing two of its fiercest liberal voices. I am humbled to have served one term alongside these gentlemen, but selfishly wish that I could work with them for many more years.

In departing, they are leaving big shoes for the rest of us to fill, but I can safely speak for all of us when I say to HENRY and to GEORGE: It has been an honor.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, my neighbor in the San Francisco Bay area.

Ms. SPEIER. I thank the California Democratic leader and want to say very simply that Members come and go on the Hill, but some you can't imagine leaving. Tonight I rise to honor two public servants whose departure will leave an extraordinary void for years to come. Like the giant redwoods of California, these men are giants of the Congress.

Representatives HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER have honorably served the State of California and this Chamber for a combined 80 years—we have heard that earlier—exactly 40 each. Both arrived in the shadow of Watergate, ushering in a new era of strong congressional oversight. They led some of the most significant legislative achievements in our history and set the gold standard for active oversight for all who follow.

Representative WAXMAN, the muckraker of justice, never backed down. His book chronicling his congressional investigations, “The Waxman Report,” is the bible for conducting effective oversight and holding industry and government officials accountable.

His work combating the tobacco industry is one of the greatest public health achievements of the last century. But it is only one of many accomplishments, including the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Affordable Care Act, and holding the Bush administration accountable throughout the Iraq war.

His truth serum inquiries caused plenty of CEOs to squirm and brought American consumers cleaner air, water, and quality of life. His stature in this Congress is iconic, and his oversight techniques are legendary. He will always be remembered as the grand inquisitor.

Representative MILLER was mentored by Phillip Burton, who famously said: People sent me to Congress to kick A and take names. Well, GEORGE MILLER took that to heart, making his presence felt on the House floor through passionate speeches and actions to match. He didn't mince words or volume.

GEORGE looks like a warm teddy bear, but much like a teddy bear, he is ferocious in protecting his children, all the children in this country. He worked to protect educational opportunity for low-income students and children with

disabilities from preschool to graduation. Even in his final days of service, he has worked to expand access to early childhood education through a new White House initiative.

He has also been an unwavering champion for working families and our environment. He fought pay discrimination with the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, has worked to keep college accessible for all, and conserved the California landscape through his tireless efforts to preserve San Francisco Bay.

As chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, Mr. MILLER helped pass the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992, which increased water allocations for San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, and he spent the last 20 years defending those precious gains which benefit the bay area's wildlife, endangered species, and commercially critical salmon runs.

When GEORGE MILLER arrived in D.C., he was intent on extending affordable health care to all, and thanks to his leadership on the Education and the Workforce Committee, nearly 11 million people are newly ensured under the Affordable Care Act. It is not often that Members achieve such lofty goals in Congress, but his masterful work has led to a law for the history books.

HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER have represented the great heights in this Chamber and what can be achieved. I hope that we can all learn from their example and emulate their legacies.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Santa Barbara, Congresswoman LOIS CAPPS, our friend and colleague.

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the dean of our California delegation for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, it is with such great pride—also mixed with a heavy heart at our pending loss—we gather here this evening to honor two of the giants of the House of Representatives, and they are friends, friends to me, friends to us all, GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN.

HENRY and GEORGE are two of America's greatest public servants, each serving their California constituents and serving the Nation for almost 40 years. But it is not just their longevity that makes them so notable. They have been incredibly effective.

They have used each of their days here in this institution to improve the lives of all Americans. They have taught us who served with them by their example to do the same. They have made their footprint, their imprint on this place indelible for all ages because they have focused on all Americans, and particularly the vulnerable.

Each of them has been especially skilled and adept at combining their keen knowledge of how to get things done here on the Hill with their ability to dive deep into policy and to see how average Americans, everyday Ameri-

cans, are affected back home in their districts—all Americans. When you look at any major piece of domestic policy over the past 40 years that they have served here, their imprint is felt.

For example, HENRY WAXMAN was so intimately involved in our Nation's best efforts to strengthen Medicare and Medicaid coverage, to improve access to generic drugs so that all Americans can afford their medicine, to protect our air and water. These topics have been covered, have been mentioned, but they are major pieces of legislation. And he has led us in moving toward a clean tech energy economy.

HENRY WAXMAN literally wrote the laws that have improved the lives of so many, including the Ryan White CARE Act for HIV treatment and prevention, the landmark Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, the 2009 Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.

HENRY, working with you on the Energy and Commerce Committee has been one of the greatest joys that I have experienced here in Congress.

Similarly, GEORGE MILLER has been such a stalwart in protecting middle class families, the ones I worked with in the school district that I used to represent, similar to all the school districts across this country.

You have promoted education and opportunity for the least of these, for all of these.

He authored the last increase in the Federal minimum wage. He passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act so that we could address pay discrimination. Imagine what that means to every woman, every family in this country because of this legislation.

He has led efforts to reform our Nation's education system. As a school nurse, this hits home with me.

He has made college more affordable, to protect our environment and our coastal communities from increased oil drilling. That is an issue that you empowered me to focus on when I came here as a new Member of Congress.

It must be noted that thanks to each of these Members, to the work that you did on the Affordable Care Act, so incredibly important each of you were to this major landmark passage, families now can have the peace of mind knowing that they are not going to go bankrupt just because they get sick.

And while we are going to deeply miss you here in this place next year, as we gather to vote tomorrow, you look around this Chamber during that vote, you can see each of the people you have mentored during your time here, including me.

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So while you and your family are going to enjoy a very well-deserved retirement next year, the legacy that you are leaving in this Chamber will live on for a very long time.

On behalf of this Chamber, this Congress, Californians, in my district and throughout the State, and all Americans, I thank you, each of you, both of you.

Ms. LOFGREN. At this point, I yield to the gentlewoman from California, Congresswoman DORIS MATSUI, our colleague.

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California for yielding this time to me.

Today, Mr. Speaker, we are here to thank and honor two of California's greatest congressional legislators and our dear friends, HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER.

This is an especially, as the Leader has said, bittersweet and poignant time because they are our dear friends. We are so proud of them, and we are going to miss them dearly.

The reason why HENRY and GEORGE are so significant here in this body are that they are the architects of the most significant legislation of the last 40 years. You think about anything we have done in this House, whether it is health care, environment, energy, consumer protection, communications, workforce protection, education opportunities, it goes on and on. The reason why they have been so successful and why they are so dearly respected and loved is that they are men of the House, they are men of the people. They love this institution and they honor this institution, and so this institution honors them. They are people, individuals, who understand this country and understand what makes it great, understand that it is the people that they are going to be helping.

HENRY has been a dear friend of mine for over 30 years and his absence will be keenly felt in the Halls of Congress and in the Energy and Commerce Committee, on which I serve. In his four decades here, HENRY has been a stolid advocate for his constituents in Los Angeles and for this whole Nation and the world too.

On the Energy and Commerce Committee, I have worked closely with HENRY to tackle a number of critical issues facing the country. The Affordable Care Act will forever stand out in my mind as one of the committee's greatest accomplishments, and HENRY has been a true leader in that passage.

We worked together to combat climate change, eliminate the harmful formaldehyde emissions, promote strong net neutrality rules, and expand access to Internet services for more Americans. He has been a true leader.

We are also saying good-bye to my really good friend, GEORGE MILLER. During my time in Congress, he has become a trusted friend and colleague. He led the fight on raising the minimum wage and fighting for a vibrant education system.

But what I remember the most and cherish the most about him is that he leaves such a great legacy on water law and policy in California, from his historic California water reform law that requires the balanced use of our State's scarce water resources to the many battles on the floor fending off ill-conceived attempts to drastically change the distribution of our precious water resources.

With the departure of HENRY and GEORGE, Congress is losing champions of the people whose knowledge and passion will not soon be replaced, but they leave many of us behind who understand how important it is. We say farewell to them, but we also wish them well, and certainly wish their families well.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Napa, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank our California delegation leader for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize two men that I have had the high honor and the great privilege to serve with for their last 16 years in Congress: GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN. And I have had the unenviable task to try and represent part of GEORGE's old district and, I will tell you, you have got to work about three times as hard just to try and catch up to where he has been.

When I was first elected to Congress, I learned quickly that none of us are able to accomplish anything without the help and the sacrifices of those who came before us. For many of us, myself included, none have helped or sacrificed more than GEORGE and HENRY. They fought the good fight, they have won some incredible battles, and America is a better place for it today.

GEORGE, I remember, I don't know about fondly, but I remember like it was yesterday, joining forces with you to reverse a water decision that a former administration had made that killed 80,000 spawning salmon in my district and economically devastated the area that I represented. Had it not been for you, those people would still be washed up on the rocks. But we came on this floor together and, with your guidance and you as my mentor, we were able to help those folks weather that very, very terrible time. I appreciate your help, and so do they.

It has been said that any of us who experience any success at all in Congress do so on the shoulder of giants. This institution has seen many giants, but none larger than HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER. They are great legislators. They have legislated successfully on everything from health care to education to tobacco to natural resources. They have fought the fights that have made American people live a better life.

We will always read in our history books about the great men and women who have worked in this magnificent institution. I, for one, am thankful that I had the opportunity to serve with two of them. They are living legends, and we should all recognize how fortunate we have been.

Their work and their accomplishments will endure long past their retirement, and our country will forever be a stronger and better place because of GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague from over the mountains, Congressman SAM FARR.

Mr. FARR. Thank you very much for yielding and being chair of the California Democratic delegation, the largest single delegation in the United States Congress, with its champions of note, GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN.

This is a historical room and this is a historical moment, and that is why it is being recorded and being covered by C-SPAN. This room is historic in that the leaders of the world come to speak here to joint sessions of Congress. We are every day surrounded by the reliefs on the walls here of 23 of the greatest lawgivers in the history of the world, and we are reminded that one person can make a difference.

Tonight, we honor two people, each who have made one hell of a difference. I don't think that I have ever met—and my contacts with these two gentlemen goes way back with GEORGE MILLER when he was 9 years old. He was the pudgy little kid and I was the tall skinny kid. Now I am the pudgy little kid and he is the tall skinny kid.

But he had a dedication for the out-of-doors. We went camping, fishing, and skiing. Our fathers, who were both State senators, introduced us to politics at the State level, and both of us ended up as staff members in the California State legislature, where, in 1968, HENRY WAXMAN was elected. And GEORGE on the Senate side and myself on the analyst side, but mostly on the assembly side, I worked a lot with HENRY WAXMAN because I was doing constitutional revision work, and one of the few things that HENRY was interested in was constitutional revision. This is really about the history of the state of the Constitution, and he carried these really complicated constitutional amendments to clean up the Constitution. I just remembered the dedication. The style was always one of intellect, very legal, lawyer-like, quiet, but everybody respected him, and we got a lot done.

GEORGE, GEORGE is like his dad. He is the fiery one. In fact, this podium right here I saw broken by GEORGE hitting it. This is a new podium, ladies and gentlemen, thanks to GEORGE MILLER. Now it is adjustable and all kinds of things it didn't used to be in the old days.

Look, behind us is the American flag. There are 50 stars on it. Everybody knows those represent the 50 States. In my opinion, they are going to remind us of the 50 pieces of major legislation that each one of these Members carry. Now, a lot of these people that come through here are famous, and we have had Senator Kennedy and so on being in this House, and we think of the legislation they have created. Look, these gentlemen have done more for this Nation in major legislation than any people in either the Senate or the House.

In fact, little known, but GEORGE MILLER would have been the Speaker of

the House when NANCY PELOSI wanted him to run, and he said: "Nancy, this is your job, we are going to make history with you."

These two gentlemen are some of the greatest people that have ever served in the United States Congress, and I hope the record will remember all of their incredible accomplishments because we are a better country and a better world for their service. We are going to greatly miss them.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from East Bay, Congressman ERIC SWALWELL, a new Member of our delegation.

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to pay tribute to two legislators, two lions of the United States Congress whom I am honored to have had the privilege to serve with for 2 years.

HENRY, it is often said that there is nothing more important than one's health, and no one has done more to improve the health of Americans than the gentleman from California, HENRY WAXMAN. He provided better health care for the elderly and poor through improved Medicare and Medicaid programs, offered Federal help to those with HIV and AIDS, and vastly expanded the use of less expensive generic drugs, on and on and on.

HENRY also worked to advance public health by improving the environment in which we live. This included pushing for legislation to protect the quality of our air, water, and food.

Now, GEORGE, my neighbor, just to the north, I will never forget the first day I met GEORGE. It was in our caucus meeting. He came up to me and he said, "How old are you?" I told him I was 31 years old. He said he was about the same age, just a little bit younger, when he was elected. He gave me one piece of advice. He said, "You are not elected in this town until you are re-elected. You go home every single weekend and you represent your constituents." I saw GEORGE every single weekend flying home on that plane, and I never felt sorry for myself because I know that GEORGE went home for the past 40 years every single weekend.

He has also stood up and advocated for working families. I am fortunate that, besides what he has done for advocating to increase the minimum wage, he came out to my district and talked to our local brothers and sisters in labor about how he can teach me to work with them and listen to them and advocate for them. He stood up for children to make sure that poor kids across our district, across northern California, have access to education and a better chance to expand upon that freedom to dream.

But I think one of the greatest things about GEORGE is not just the legacy and the legislation that he is leaving, but also the Members that he has mentored. When you look at the bills GEORGE has passed into law, it inspires you to be a part of a place that can do good and can do better.

But, perhaps, my favorite memory of GEORGE is coming down onto the House floor as GEORGE has given an impassioned floor speech. GEORGE tends, as you know, to go just a little bit over time, but when he starts to go over time he starts to raise his voice and he starts to bang and bang and bang on that podium as he is standing up for working families and children in our country, and the poor Speaker tries to gavel him down. But never, never, never has anyone been able to gavel down GEORGE MILLER and what he has stood up for in this Congress.

Long live your memory, GEORGE, long live your legacy, and may you continue to inspire all of us to do better.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our new colleague from North Bay, Congressman JARED HUFFMAN.

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Mr. HUFFMAN. I thank the gentlewoman.

I also rise to join my colleagues in honoring two of the alltime greats of the United States Congress, GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN.

As many of my colleagues have said, these two will go down in history as some of the most able policymakers, intellectual engines, and progressive champions in the history of the House of Representatives.

People around this country benefit every day from their work in this body from the clean air and clean water that we have because of their work; to human rights and workers' rights; to education to consumer safety; to public land protections; and safer, more affordable pharmaceuticals. The list goes on and on. Let's not forget the millions of people in this country today that have access for the first time to affordable, quality health care because of the very important and historic health care act that they helped bring into law.

This Special Order doesn't give us anywhere near enough time to do justice to these two legislative titans' accomplishments, so I will just mention two that have special meaning to me personally.

HENRY, your work to expand the scope of the Clean Air Act and strengthen its enforcement has been tireless, and over the decades, it has meant huge improvements to the public health care of the American people.

HENRY was one of the leading architects of the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 that targeted environmental hazards like acid rain, smog, and the thinning ozone layer, and through this work, he helped lay the groundwork for President Obama's important efforts to combat climate change by improving fuel efficiency and cleaning up our power plants.

HENRY has also led the Safe Climate Caucus, a bicameral effort that is attempting to create a climate policy in exile, if you will. Inevitably, the science of this issue will catch up to

the minds of our colleagues across the aisle; as well, the duty to future generations will catch up to the hearts of our colleagues across the aisle.

In the meantime, HENRY, the work that you have done in this House has helped keep a positive track on climate change alive, and the work that we accomplish in the years ahead will absolutely be standing on your shoulders.

GEORGE MILLER is my neighbor to the east. Among many, many things, he worked for years to bring California water policy into the modern era, culminating in the Central Valley Project Improvement Act signed into law in 1992 by Republican President George H.W. Bush.

For the first time, under the CVPIA, the Federal Government was required to consider the impacts to California's fish and wildlife when managing the Central Valley Project, one of the world's largest water management systems, but also one that did enormous damage to fish and wildlife. It moved the pendulum too far in one direction, and it had to be reset, and that is what GEORGE MILLER did.

The CVPIA encouraged more efficient water use, established conservation requirements, and water metering. It started to reform the antiquated water contracts that gave away public water for 40 years at a time at below-market rates.

The law that GEORGE MILLER authored also helped pave the way for the restoration of the San Joaquin River which once supported one of the largest salmon runs on the Pacific Coast.

Although we will miss their daily leadership in our delegation and in Congress, I know that their body of work will continue to stand the test of time. The people of California have been very fortunate to have Congressman MILLER and Congressman WAXMAN representing them for the past 40 years, and it has been a privilege and honor for me to serve with them for the past 2 years.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to our distinguished colleague from Los Angeles, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Tonight is a bittersweet event for all of us of the California delegation. While we are here to celebrate the accomplishments of our colleagues HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER, we are also here to bid farewell to these outstanding statesmen who have made indelible contributions to the House of Representatives and to our Nation.

When I came to Congress in 1993, they had served 18 years as colleagues of my father, former Congressman Edward R. Roybal, who had great respect for these men. As a freshman Member, I remember being very much in awe of them and their accomplishments. HENRY was already considered the health guru, and GEORGE was well-established as a leader in education and labor policy, but their contributions to our country had just begun.

As a Member of the House for the last 22 years, I have seen firsthand the expertise, the passion, and the courage with which they fought for policies and laws to improve the quality of life for all Americans.

While their accomplishments are much too many to mention, HENRY will always be remembered for his championship of universal health coverage, his efforts to ensure the affordability and availability of prescription drugs, and his leadership in tobacco cessation policy.

GEORGE's legacy will be his stewardship of a fair minimum wage, worker protections through secret ballots, and his staunch advocacy for school modernization and student aid expansion.

My constituents and all Americans, including future generations, will benefit from the educational opportunities, labor protections, clean air and water, and expanded health access that were made possible by these two California statesmen with whom I have the privilege to serve. I will always cherish the opportunities I have to collaborate with them on issues like adult immunization, newborn screening, and education technology.

HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER will leave a void that is nearly impossible to fill and a heritage of critical policy imperatives that will define our efforts in health, education, labor, and environmental justice for many Congresses to come.

These men truly understand the meaning of the responsibility of serving in the House of Representatives. I wish them Godspeed, good health, and sincere thanks for their lifetime of service in doing the people's work in the people's House.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to yield to our colleague from New York, an honorary Californian and a fellow fan of these two great Members, Congressman PAUL TONKO of New York's 20th District.

Mr. TONKO. Thank you to the gentlewoman from California for yielding.

It is an honor this evening to join in the tribute to two very strong individuals who have represented their districts so very well, Representative WAXMAN and Representative MILLER.

One of the benefits and one of the opportunities that comes the way of Members of this House is to stand alongside men and women of greatness who lead not only their home district and State, but the Nation—and the world, for that matter. This evening, we recognize the contributions of HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER.

When I first arrived in the House some three terms ago, my first assignment was on the Education and Labor Committee. I thank you, Representative MILLER for being an outstanding chair who enabled me to join in your sound efforts in providing for the empowerment of children, the strengthening of workers, stamping out gender discrimination, and all sorts of work that addressed not only issues of your

home State of California and my district in New York, but the entire Nation—and the world, for that matter. It has been an empowering statement.

To HENRY WAXMAN, the ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Committee when I joined earlier in this third term, it was an honor to join with you, HENRY, and to recognize the great work that you have done on climate change and energy issues, certainly on public health, from the warnings of tobacco to affordable prescription drugs and to move forward with the Affordable Care Act.

It has been an honor. It has been a great treasure to call you colleagues and friends. I want to thank you for your intellect, the institutional memory that you carry with you, and the passion that you poured forth for your State, your country, and the world.

Thank you so much for your service. We will deeply miss you.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to yield to our colleague from Maryland, Congressman CHRIS VAN HOLLEN.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. It is an honor to stand with the California delegation tonight in saluting two extraordinary Members of the United States Congress, GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN, two friends, two individuals who have been an inspiration to me and so many other Americans.

What is extraordinary about these two men is that they greeted every day of their 40 years here in the United States Congress as if it were their very first day, with the same determination, with the same drive, with the same passion to make our country a little better place than they found it.

Make no mistake, they came here on a mission to build a more just, a more inclusive Nation, where every American has a fair shot at the American Dream, and through that determination and that perseverance, they succeeded.

If you look around the country today, in almost every aspect of American life, these two gentlemen have left their mark, from health care to education to workers' rights to protecting our environment. They have changed the arc of American history.

One quality really stands out when I think about both these individuals: fearlessness and moral courage and a willingness to take on the most powerful special interests on behalf of the common good, no matter the personal risk, no matter the political cost.

They have been warriors for the public good, sometimes happy warriors, sometimes just tough warriors, but always standing up for what is best in America. It is the job of those of us who remain here to dedicate ourselves to carry on the work that these gentlemen carried out for the love of their country.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to another distinguished gentleman from Maryland, Congressman JOHN SARBANES.

Mr. SARBANES. Thank you for yielding.

It is a privilege to rise and acknowledge the incredible service of GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN. I had the honor of serving with both of them on each of their committees, the Education and the Workforce Committee in the case of GEORGE MILLER, and the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Oversight Committee with HENRY WAXMAN.

As public servants, they are unrivaled. At a time when unfortunately many Americans have become cynical and wonder whether their voice is heard here in Washington, these are two individuals that when you look back over their careers in public service, you cannot have a shred of cynicism because they got up every day determined to do the right thing to help people across this country.

In the case of HENRY WAXMAN, his fight on behalf of consumers is legendary. His work to guarantee access to affordable health care is before us every day. His desire to see that every citizen be able to live in a world where they have clean air and clean water, a world that is protected against the ravages of climate change, is his legacy. In fact, when it comes to climate change, I think we can say he is the conscience of the Congress.

In the case of GEORGE MILLER, he is somebody who was deeply committed to making sure that the next generation had decent educational opportunities and fought for that during his entire time here in this Congress; of course, he was always putting the priorities and the needs of working families first.

If legislating is a profession, then these two individuals reached the height of that profession. They knew the substance of the work. They fought hard for what they believed in, but they knew how to reach compromise when it was demanded.

As people, they are both decent, ethical, and caring, and most importantly, down to Earth, getting up every day saying, "I have got a job to do," and going out to do it. We will miss them. We thank them for their service. As long as we have the privilege of serving here, we will cherish their legacy.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey, RUSH HOLT.

Mr. HOLT. As one who has also chosen to step aside at the end of this term, I want to recognize and thank two legislative giants, HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER. They came at the same time. Although they are very different people, each shows compassion, courage, determination, persistence, powerful mind skill, and even good humor in accomplishing all these things that we have heard about tonight.

I have seen their personal qualities up close. I have been with HENRY as he stands for fairness and justice in Israel. I have been with GEORGE MILLER as he

inspects the vanishing glaciers that are the victims of our climate change.

They have worked, as you heard, on elementary and secondary education, worker protection, health care, communication, clean air, clean water, sustaining lands and climates. They will not tolerate those who violate workers' rights, family welfare, and individual opportunity, in America or elsewhere.

We have heard about Central America. I was with GEORGE MILLER in Chile this year when he received the highest medal that country gives, the O'Higgins Medal, for activities that he did as a freshman from this House when he went to Chile and courageously stood up in the face of Pinochet's terrorism to defend labor and individual rights.

We could go on far beyond the hour that is allotted here. Simply put, their record puts to rest any claim that government doesn't work, that government can't help people, that special interests always prevail. It makes us proud to be Members of this body. It makes us proud to be in the United States of America.

Thank you, GEORGE and HENRY.

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER).

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, just squeaking under the wire, and I am not going to do a GEORGE MILLER imitation, talking over the Speaker and pounding the lectern, nor am I going to try and repeat what has come before us in terms of talking about the legendary accomplishments of the two gentlemen. I just want to mention one.

When I first came here, I was privileged to be part of a small discussion group of faith and politics. It had HENRY and GEORGE, and it opened a face to me of people who cared about their colleagues, an extraordinary kindness that both had given to me and my family, and had given a face to this institution that is too often missing now. And I think that may be their greatest contribution.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, we are through with an hour. We could have filled many hours, but we say goodbye to these two colleagues. Eighty years of experience and expertise will leave this Chamber.

I looked—in 1974, the top of the charts was "The Way We Were," that was the song, but also on that chart was a song called "Rock On," and that is what we want our two colleagues to do.

We are in their debt. We are impressed. Our country and our world is a better place because of their wonderful service.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank two of the finest legislators in California's history for their contributions to our nation and to this body over the past forty years.

HENRY WAXMAN and GEORGE MILLER were both elected in the post-Watergate Democratic

wave election of 1974—one from Southern California, the other from Northern California. They have served together through many legislative battles that have shaped the modern history of our country, and they have each chaired committees during times of momentous change and achievement. It has been my privilege to call both of them my friends, and it will be my disappointment to see both of them leave this House when they retire at the close of the 113th Congress.

HENRY WAXMAN has spent his four decades in Congress as a tireless fighter for clean air and water, a stronger economy that creates opportunities for all Americans, and a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. He worked hard to raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco and worked across the aisle to help lower the cost of drugs used to treat those with rare diseases. HENRY wrote major legislation on food safety to inform consumers about the nutritional value of what they eat and to keep chemical pesticides out of the fruits and vegetables we feed our children.

He and GEORGE MILLER both helped lead the effort to pass the Affordable Care Act and expand access to affordable health insurance to more Americans.

GEORGE has served as Chairman of both the Natural Resources Committee and the Education and Labor Committee—now called Education and Workforce. On the first, he oversaw the passage of legislation that created new national parks, like Joshua Tree and Death Valley, and he worked to protect wildlife across the country and around the world. On the Education and Workforce Committee, of which he is still the Ranking Member, GEORGE helped write legislation to reform and expand student loans, was instrumental in crafting the new G.I. Bill to send Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to college, and worked to pass the College Cost Reduction Act to make higher education more affordable for all Americans. He and I worked together in 2009 to enact statutory PAY-GO rules to ensure that Congress must pay for what it buys—rules GEORGE pioneered in the early 1980's when he wrote the first PAY-GO legislation.

Both GEORGE and HENRY will leave big shoes to fill in the next Congress, and I look forward to working with the Democratic Members their constituents chose to succeed them in order to carry forward the work they have been engaged in for forty years. I join with a grateful nation and a grateful House in thanking them both for their many years of distinguished service to Congress, to the people of California, and to the United States.

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the legacy of public service for two of our departing colleagues, Rep. GEORGE MILLER and Rep. HENRY WAXMAN.

I have had the pleasure of serving alongside Reps. MILLER and WAXMAN for over twenty years and it is with great respect and admiration that I say goodbye to them as colleagues, friends and brothers-in-arms.

Since 1975, HENRY and GEORGE have not only served the people of their districts but also our nation as champions of progressive democratic ideals and stewards for the tenets established by our founding fathers. Their legacy as effective legislators is virtually unmatched in the House of Representatives and serves as a reminder that constructive work can lead to positive results in this legislative body.

GEORGE and HENRY together claim responsibility for enacting some of the most important legislation that has come before Congress over the last century. HENRY's leadership on the Clean Air Act, the Ryan White CARE Act, the State Children's Health Insurance Program or the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act are only a few examples of his passion and dedication. GEORGE's leadership on the California Desert Protection Act, the Davis-Bacon Act, and the Fair Minimum Wage Act were a result of his endless tenacity and compassion.

I will always remember how instrumental each of them was in securing the enactment of the Affordable Care Act; what seven presidents could not accomplish over so many decades, President Obama principally accomplished because of the relentless efforts of each of them.

Whether we found ourselves in legislative foxholes or at the vanguard of new ideas and solutions, we were always in it together for the American people. Their efforts were always led by the desire to serve the best interests, ideals and policies for our nation.

Mr. Speaker, many are called to public service, but few leave legacies that endure the way that Rep. HENRY WAXMAN and Rep. GEORGE MILLER's legacies will endure. As they move on to the next stage of their lives, with their health intact and their heads held high, let us be thankful that we had these champions of American democracy and patriots for America's freedom for forty years.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, HENRY WAXMAN is one of the most prolific and successful legislators in modern congressional history.

After 46 years of serving his constituents in Los Angeles County—my fellow Californian, a champion for health care, for the environment, and consumers—is retiring at the end of the 113th Congress.

Since 2009 Congressman WAXMAN has served as Chairman and Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, a committee with broad jurisdictions that reach into the daily lives of millions of Americans. His legislative achievements are unparalleled—

The Infant Formula Act, to improve the quality and integrity of infant formula;

The Orphan Drug Act, which gave pharmaceutical companies incentives to develop treatments for rare diseases they had previously ignored;

The Hatch-Waxman Act to create the first ever pathway for generic drugs;

The Clean Air Act to address the problems of urban smog, hazardous air pollution, acid rain, and the depletion of the ozone;

The Ryan White Care Act, groundbreaking legislation to provide medical care for Americans living with HIV/AIDS;

The State Children's Health Insurance Program to ensure all children had access to health insurance;

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act to restrict the marketing of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco to children and give the FDA jurisdiction to regulate these products; and

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, arguably the most important and far-reaching legislation passed by Congress in a century, creating a framework for universal health coverage for the American people.

Rep. WAXMAN has also authored laws that improved the quality of nursing homes and

home health services and that set policy for childhood immunization programs, vaccine compensation, tobacco education programs, communicable disease research, community and migrant health centers, maternal and child health care, family planning centers, health maintenance organizations, and drug regulation.

Rep. WAXMAN is a strong advocate for women's health, supporting family planning programs and the right of women to freedom of choice with respect to safe and legal abortions.

From 1997–2009, Rep. WAXMAN served as either Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, conducting investigations into a wide range of important topics from the high cost of prescription drugs to waste, fraud and abuse in government contracting. He also formed a Special Investigations Division that prepared hundreds of investigative reports on local and national topics for Members of Congress.

Mr. WAXMAN's contributions to our country span 40 years in Congress and six years in the California State Assembly. He and his wife Janet have been married for 44 years, they have two children and five beautiful grandchildren, Ari, Maya, Noa, Eva, and Jacob. It's been a great honor to serve with HENRY WAXMAN and I wish him and Janet my full wishes for every blessing.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the great legislators of our time, Congressman HENRY WAXMAN.

I have had the honor of working with HENRY on the Energy and Commerce Committee for many years. In that time, we have worked together on children's health coverage, affordable prescription drugs, environmental protection, and universal health care coverage, the Affordable Care Act.

In Congress, HENRY has served as the Chairman and currently serves as the Ranking Democrat on Energy and Commerce and previously served as the Ranking Democrat for the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

HENRY and I both currently serve as co-chairs of the Democratic Israel Working Group where we have worked together in supporting our nation's partner in peace in the Middle East, Israel.

HENRY, along with fellow Californian, Rep. GEORGE MILLER, are the last two House Members of the "Watergate" Class of 1974 and have left an indelible mark on our chamber. Their leadership will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank HENRY for his years of public service on behalf of millions of Americans who have benefitted from his work from tobacco regulation and reproductive rights to air and water quality standards and ensuring that all Americans have access to health care coverage.

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two giants of this House: GEORGE MILLER and HENRY WAXMAN, who will be leaving this institution at the end of this Congress. They will be missed, but their legacies live on the myriad ways that they have made America better.

HENRY and GEORGE have made their marks on this nation through an unwavering commitment to their ideals, dogged hard work and a pragmatism that is too often lacking in this hyper-partisan era. One, or the other—or both,

have been instrumental in almost every major piece of domestic policy legislation in the last few decades and have improved the lives of countless Americans and millions overseas.

As long as GEORGE and HENRY have been in Congress, those who had long been ignored by Washington have been heard. Poor people, the sick, persecuted minorities around the world, and our nation's children have all been lifted up by the work of these two men.

During his 40 years in Congress, GEORGE chaired three committees—the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families, the Natural Resources Committee, and the Committee on Education and the Workforce—and through them fought for high quality education not just for a select few students but for all. He has worked to strengthen environmental protections even in the face of aggressive opposition from entrenched interests, and for safe conditions and a living wage for workers in America and overseas.

GEORGE is blessed with boundless energy and has never been satisfied to rest on his laurels—staying engaged to ensure that the bills he has passed are implemented and improved upon. He wrote the legislation that successfully raised the minimum wage in 2007 and has written the bill to increase it again.

He worked across the aisle to write and pass No Child Left Behind and has not wavered from his efforts to improve and fund it.

Beyond his extensive legislative achievements, GEORGE has touched so many lives, including mine when I interned in his office as a college student. At the time, I never imagined I would one day serve alongside him, but it has been a great honor.

HENRY WAXMAN has similarly focused a wide array of causes, focusing on investigating companies whose products had harmed consumers, and questioning and holding accountable corporate executives on behalf of those who otherwise had no opportunity to seek justice.

As Chairman of the House Oversight and Government Committee, HENRY investigated waste, fraud and abuse in the tobacco, finance and energy industries to name only a few.

Conducting investigations and oversight was not enough for him, once he exposed wrongdoing, he would work, sometimes for decades, to translate his findings into legislation. As Chairman of the Energy and Commerce he helped write and oversaw the passage of the Affordable Care Act, the culmination of lifelong work on behalf of uninsured Americans.

HENRY's commitment to human rights, especially the persecution of religious minorities in the former Soviet Union and Iran has given hope to those without hope. His steadfast support of Israel has ensured that our two nations will remain allies and partners.

As dean of the Los Angeles delegation, HENRY has been both a leader on issues facing Angelenos, and a mentor. I consider myself privileged to have had the opportunity to work with him.

Our state and the nation have been lucky to have the decades of service that GEORGE and HENRY have given us. They will be missed from the halls of Congress, but their legacy will continue to shape this institution and nation for decades to come.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, for the past 22 years, I've had the privilege of working along-

side one of the greatest statesmen this institution has ever known—Congressman GEORGE MILLER.

Throughout his 40-year career, Congressman MILLER's work has transformed the lives of children and families, hard working people and our environment. From our country's education system, to labor, to health policy and the preservation of our natural resources, Congressman MILLER has left lasting and profoundly important imprints on our society. From the first day he stepped into the halls of Congress and ever since, he's been a true reformer for the American people.

Congressman MILLER was instrumental in passing the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which curbs pay discrimination against women. In 1975, he championed the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, which for the first time provided children with special needs a free and appropriate public education.

Congressman MILLER paved the way to dramatically improve the quality of meals for children at schools with the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, and spearheaded transformative legislation to save students billions of dollars in student loan costs while serving as Chairman of the Education and Labor Committee. In 1982, he passed the landmark Pay-Go Act to reduce the deficit, instill greater discipline in the budget process, and ensure that military and non-military spending is considered equally.

Congressman MILLER chaired the House Natural Resources Committee and delivered the California Desert Protection Act of 1994, which established Death Valley National Park, Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave Desert National Preserve. He also unlocked longstanding and fiercely defended taxpayer subsidized domination of California's scarce water resources by agribusiness, quite literally saving our fisheries and water quality.

His accomplishments are countless and far reaching, and his tenacious pursuit to serve his constituents and the American people resonates throughout each and every one of his victories, as well as his defeats.

Nearly every weekend for 40 years, Congressman MILLER has traveled home to his district in the East Bay of San Francisco from Washington, D.C. It's where he has drawn his strength, his inspiration, and his desire to keep fighting the good fight.

GEORGE, you are my brother, my confidant, and I will forever keep in my heart the time we spent working together in Congress. I wish you, Cynthia, your sons and grandchildren every blessing, and know that your tireless spirit will forever be a part of this sacred institution.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the legislative giants of our era. A man who I am proud to call my colleague and my friend, Congressman GEORGE MILLER.

GEORGE first came to Congress as part of the legendary "Watergate Class" of 1974. In the four decades that GEORGE has been a member of this chamber, he has played a key role in the passage of some of our nation's most important education, labor, and health statutes.

GEORGE has served as chairman of three committees: the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on Education and Labor. He continues his legacy

of leadership to this day as co-chair of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.

GEORGE has been a tenacious fighter in support of workers' rights, students and teachers, workplace safety, the environment, and a livable wage for all working Americans.

As a card carrying member of the Communications Workers of America and someone who shares GEORGE's commitment for working Americans, Congressman MILLER has been a colleague I have continued to look to on issues important to the labor community.

Before I close, I would like to thank GEORGE for his decades of public service on behalf of our nation's working families. Our chamber will be losing one of the true lions of our generation and I wish him and his family all the best.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN DOC HASTINGS ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of our Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Washington?

There was no objection.

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, tonight we celebrate my friend and esteemed colleague, Chairman Doc HASTINGS, for his 20 years of dedicated service in the United States House of Representatives.

Doc has been a constant source of wisdom, of compassion, of patience, and of leadership for our Chamber, and I know that he will be sorely missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with him.

Every day he has represented the people of the Tri-Cities, Yakima, Moses Lake, and all of Central Washington with his tireless commitment.

When he first came to Congress in 1995 to represent Washington's Fourth Congressional District, he came with his sleeves rolled up ready to get things done. He didn't come to seek the spotlight. He came to Congress to help the people of Central Washington in every way he could, to make their lives better, and that is exactly what he has done.

In his years on Capitol Hill, Doc has been a humble leader and a masterful legislator. It was in 1974 when Doc entered politics. He was elected Franklin County Republican Party Chair and served Franklin County with his tremendous work ethic and attention to detail.

As a proud early supporter of Ronald Reagan, it wasn't long before Doc was chosen as a delegate for Ronald Reagan at the 1976 Republican National Convention.

He went on to serve as a faithful representative in the State legislature