

The Dawsonville, Georgia, native got his first career win at the 1976 Carolina 500 at “The Rock” in Rockingham, North Carolina. In fact, Bill reached victory lane six times at tracks within North Carolina’s 8th congressional district.

These wins are just a small part of one of the greatest careers in NASCAR history.

In 1985, Elliott won the first “Winston Million” in NASCAR history by winning three of four races in NASCAR’s then “Grand Slam.” In that season, he won the Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway, the Winston 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, and the Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway. He is one of only two drivers in the Winston Million era to ever accomplish this feat and for being the first to accomplish it he was given the nickname “Million Dollar Bill.”

In 1988, Elliott earned NASCAR’s Winston Cup championship. His win total of 44 ranks him in the top 20 all-time NASCAR Cup Series winners and Elliott also garnered 16 Most Popular Driver Awards during his illustrious career.

It is a true honor to congratulate him on his due induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

IN HONOR OF 2015 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE WENDELL SCOTT

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing legend Wendell Scott upon his posthumous induction into the sixth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Wendell Scott was the first African-American to become a full-time competitor in the series and he did this after serving three years in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He started racing in 1947 and experienced immediate success behind the wheel. He gained the respect and admiration of his competitors and fans as they observed his skill as a mechanic, skill as a driver and his exceptional work ethic.

Scott won over 100 races in the next decade at local area tracks. He made his first start in NASCAR’s premier series March 4, 1961, at Piedmont Interstate Fairgrounds in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In 1963, Scott became the first African-American to win a NASCAR premier series event.

Although Scott passed away in 1990, his impact on racing can still be felt today. It is truly an honor to extend these congratulatory remarks for United States Army veteran Wendell Scott for his racing career and his posthumous induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION AND ABORTION INSURANCE FULL DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the misleadingly titled “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.”

This deceptively-titled bill does nothing more than dramatically restrict the ability of women to purchase affordable health insurance without forfeiting their constitutionally protected right to buy health coverage that includes reproductive services. Federal policy, including explicit language in the Affordable Care Act (ACA), already prohibits the use of taxpayer dollars to fund abortions. Existing law in the ACA states that any individual who joins a plan that covers abortions will pay an additional fee that goes into a separate account; this was specifically designed to ensure that taxpayer dollars are not spent on abortions. The fee is only paid by people who knowingly joined a health plan that covers abortions, and any abortion (except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the mother’s life) coverage is paid out of those accounts—not by taxpayer dollars.

The ACA also provides that individuals purchasing their health care from the recently established exchanges can, depending on their income, access tax credits and ensure that their health care plan is affordable. This bill would deny women access to the tax credits on their health plans even though the tax credit does not cover any of the cost of plans that include abortion coverage. In other words, women will be denied access to affordable health care if they exercise their right to use their own funds for abortion coverage. This is unacceptable and violates the careful balance established in the ACA. Whether women purchase their insurance through the marketplace exchanges or receive it through their employers, millions of American women would be denied their choice of affordable health care coverage.

A woman’s right to choose her own health care is a fundamental one, and the Congress should not tell women how to manage their private health or reproductive care. Sadly, this legislation will do just that.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this assault on women. This bill was a mistake the first two times it was proposed, and it remains a mistake today. Instead of attacking a woman’s access to health care, we should be focused on accelerating job growth and increasing the paychecks of working Americans.

IN HONOR OF 2015 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE FRED LORENZEN

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing superstar Fred

Lorenzen upon his induction into the sixth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

The Elmhurst, Illinois, native got his start in NASCAR as a mechanic with the famed Holman-Moody team in 1960, but was elevated to lead driver by the end of that year.

In 1964, Lorenzen began one of the most dominant five race runs in NASCAR history in which he led 1,679 of the possible 1,953 laps. This stretch of lap-leading highlights how dominant Lorenzen was between 1962 and 1967. He won multiple major events during this period such as the Daytona 500, World 600, and the American 500.

Nicknamed the “Elmhurst Express,” Lorenzen notched 26 wins on the NASCAR circuit and he reached victory lane five times in the 8th district of North Carolina.

It is an honor to congratulate him on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

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SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, once more, Republicans are seeking to limit women’s access to safe reproductive health care through H.R. 7, the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.” This is a sweeping ban on abortion coverage and another callous attempt to insert Congress into the most personal of conversations between a woman and her physician and I did not vote for it.

Last week marked the 42nd anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*. It is exasperating that we still have to go through this annual charade as Republican leadership tries to force those of us who support women and their reproductive choices to take a “hard vote.”

It is not hard for me to stand with the millions of women who depend on access to safe, legal abortion. It is not hard for me to vote against any bill that imposes the will of an intolerant, albeit vocal, minority on our mothers, sisters, and daughters. It is not hard for me to protect freedom of choice, because it is right and it is just.

Instead of bringing up legislation to strengthen our economy or improve our infrastructure, Republican leadership is choosing to focus its efforts on legislation that will trump women’s health, override family decisions, and compromise the ability of women and their doctors to deal with reproductive issues. It’s a blatant attack on women and it’s not hard for me to say that it is wrong.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 39, I was unavoidably detained during the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

RECOGNIZING MS. SAILOR GUTZLER

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself, and Representative JOHN SHIMKUS, to recognize Ms. Sailor Gutzler. On January 2, 2015, a small Piper PA-34 plane carrying the family of Marty and Kimberly Gutzler crashed in the remote forest of Kuttawa, Kentucky, located in the First Congressional District of Kentucky. The family was headed back home to Nashville, Illinois, located in the Fifteenth Congressional District of Illinois, from a family vacation in Key West, Florida.

Marty, Kimberly, their nine-year-old daughter Piper, and fourteen-year-old niece Sierra Wilder were instantly killed in the crash. Miraculously, the Gutzler's youngest daughter, seven-year-old Sailor, emerged from the wreckage alive and as the lone survivor. With a broken wrist, no shoes, and wearing only a T-shirt and shorts, the second grader bravely searched the cold, dark forest for nearly a mile until she found the only inhabited house in a 1,400 acre area.

Young Sailor arrived at the home of Larry Wilkins, "with lips trembling, crying, trying to talk" according to Wilkins. This brave young girl, grief stricken and mangled, managed to point authorities in the direction of the crash, but is left without her parents, and with the trauma of this tragic event.

This tragedy made national news, and Sailor was deemed the "Miracle Girl" by People Magazine. Sailor's strength and courage is truly remarkable, and we want to recognize her brave actions on that night and in the days following. Young Sailor has even noted that she has to be strong for her mom and dad, because they would want her to be strong.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sailor and her surviving family. It is truly a miracle this young girl survived and we are certain God has a purpose for her.

IN HONOR OF 2015 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE REX WHITE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate racing legend Rex White upon his induction into the sixth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

After being diagnosed with polio as a child, White didn't imagine automobiles as anything more than a source of transportation. However, by the time he started racing in NASCAR in 1956, White was ready to start one of the most consistent careers in NASCAR history.

The Taylorsville, North Carolina, native finished among the top five in 110 of the 233 races he participated in. His skill on the short tracks that dominated the schedule in his era allowed him to tally up top five and top ten finishes at a historic rate.

White won six times during his 1960 championship season and his victory total ranks 22nd among all-time premier series winners.

Rex White was named one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers in 1998 and it is an honor to congratulate this North Carolina native on his induction into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

DOLLY MAE NAVE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dolly Nave, who passed away on December 23, 2014, at her home in San Rafael, California. As a dedicated community organizer and leader, Ms. Nave helped to transform recreational facilities in the City of San Rafael for the benefit of countless Marin County residents.

In the 1980s, on behalf of Ms. Nave's eight children and the children in the local community, Ms. Nave rallied the support of local contractors and volunteers to donate the equipment, labor, and funding necessary to breathe new life into public schools and city-owned recreation fields and facilities. Ms. Nave continued to improve recreational facilities throughout her life, and founded the Marin Bocce Federation in Albert Park, San Rafael.

Ms. Nave was a skillful community leader who possessed the necessary organizational skills to always put the pieces in place and get the job done. She was the project manager for the construction of Marin Community Fields in Larkspur and was in the forefront of numerous projects at San Rafael High, initiating the successful "Save Night Football" campaign. A volunteer at Albert Park for 35 years, she became known as the "Angel of Albert Park" because she was one of its foremost advocates. In 1993, she was a founding board member and construction chair of the Marin Bocce Federation in Albert Park. The ten bocce courts are now used by more than 1,000 players a week.

Ms. Nave's work did not go unnoticed, and her longstanding commitment to others was recognized by numerous awards including San Rafael Citizen of the Year, the Marv Lechner Award from San Rafael High, and Woman of the Year for California's Third Senate District in 1991. She was also one of the first women to be inducted into the Marin Athletic Foundation High School Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, Dolly Nave's selfless efforts have benefited countless residents of San Rafael and Marin County. Her legacy will not soon be forgotten as her accomplishments can be seen all around the City of San Rafael. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to her today and express our deepest condolences to her husband, Rich; three sons, Richard Jr., Paul and Tom; and three daughters, Sheri, Kathy and Patti; as well as her twenty-four grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. Ms. Nave was predeceased by her sons, Bruce and Louie.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,087,425,445,178.53. We've added \$7,460,548,396,265.45 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.4 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN OPPOSITION TO THE FY15 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 240, the FY2015 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, which included the adoption of five anti-immigrant amendments. By including these policy riders, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have decided to hold hostage and disrupt funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Failure to promptly fund the Department of Homeland Security puts our country at risk.

At the end of last year, House and Senate Appropriators came to a compromise agreement on funding for the Department of Homeland Security at a level of \$39.67 billion, \$1.5 billion above the President's request. This agreement contained funding for many important programs vital to our national security interests. Unfortunately, Speaker BOEHNER decided to abandon that agreement and instead have a negotiation between the far right and the far, far right.

In particular, I strongly oppose the inclusion of an amendment offered by Congressman ADERHOLT that would deny the use of any funds or fees for the administration to implement the President's Executive Action on immigration that was issued last November. As many legal experts have determined, there is clear precedent for this action, which seeks to further secure our border and prioritize deporting felons over families. In fact, over the last 50 years, every President has used executive authority to take limited action on immigration, including six Republican Presidents.

I was also very disappointed that an amendment offered by Congresswoman BLACKBURN was adopted in final passage of this bill. This amendment would prevent Dreamers in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) from renewing the two-year Deferred Action they have already received. This would effectively end the DACA program—which has already provided temporary protection for 700,000 individuals who were brought to the United States as children—and would subject hundreds of thousands of Dreamers to deportation.

If our Republican colleagues want to address immigration issues, they should start by