

STAFF SERGEANT HEREFORD

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Staff Sergeant Keith Hereford, United States Army for his service to our country.

Staff Sergeant Hereford served in the United States Army and Army Air Corps from November 1943 to November 1945. During his service as B-17 aerial gunner, he served a year of duty with 1st Division, 8th Air Force, 305th Bomb Group, and 365th Bomb Squadron in Chelveston, England.

During Staff Sergeant Hereford's ninth mission his aircraft was shot down over Holland where he was captured after successfully parachuting to the ground. He was subsequently sent to the German Prisoner of War camp, Stalag Luft 4, in Gross Tychow (Prussia). The camp was liberated by the British forces on May 2, 1945, and in November 1945, he separated from active duty.

Staff Sergeant Hereford's awards and decorations include the Air Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the Prisoner of War Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, and the World War II Victory Medal. After his service, Staff Sergeant Hereford started his own plumbing company and successfully raised his four daughters as a single parent after his wife passed away in 1962.

Through his courageous service, Staff Sergeant Hereford charted the path for future generations to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Staff Sergeant Hereford for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

HONORING DEBBIE FRAZIER

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debbie Frazier on winning the Michael Brown Memorial Faces of the Community Award. Ms. Frazier is an outstanding member of our community, and I am proud to represent her in Florida's 22nd District.

This distinguished award recognizes community members who have dedicated themselves to grassroots organizations that promote LGBT pride, diversity, and awareness. Debbie is a prolific advocate and leader, and her long list of credentials illustrates her passion for public service and promoting LGBT equality.

In 2010, Ms. Frazier founded the Straight and Gay Alliance in Wellington, Florida. Debbie also led a county-wide effort to 'Get Out the Vote,' which included a social media photo campaign. Currently, she serves as the President of the Alliance for Social Justice, a grassroots outreach program designed to empower young adults to become the leaders of tomorrow. When she is not doing community

outreach, she works as the executive regional director of the GLBT Democratic Caucus.

In honor of her award, I am proud to recognize Debbie Frazier and thank her for her tireless advocacy and work for our community.

REMEMBERING EMANUEL AME

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week, nine extraordinary men and women were killed at the Wednesday night Bible study at historic Mother Emanuel AME Church in my birthplace of Charleston. I am grateful for their memories.

Reverend Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Cynthia Hurd, Tywanza Sanders, Susie Jackson, Myra Thompson, Ethel Lee Lance, Reverend Daniel Simmons, Reverend Depayne Middleton-Doctor, along with Pastor Clementa Pinckney were all leaders of our community and in their church. One served the youth as a high school track coach, one a lifelong librarian, one a recent college graduate with a bright future ahead of him. Many served their church. Each had a clear love of God and love for their fellow man as followers of Jesus Christ.

The loss of Reverend Senator Clementa Pinckney has been personal, as he was a fellow State legislator. I was honored to host the senator, his wife, Jennifer, and their daughters, Eliana and Malana, when they visited the Capitol a few years ago. He grew up in Ridgeland as a lifelong friend of my former chief of staff Eric Dell.

A hate-filled, drug-crazed murderer tried to divide our citizens, but he failed, and South Carolinians have unified in love, prayer, and respect.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 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 \$18,152,648,277,344.06. We've added \$7,525,771,228,430.98 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

JUNE AS ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. CARLOS CURBELO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness month. Cur-

rently, 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's and it is projected that the number will increase to a staggering 16 million by 2050. In my home state of Florida, an estimated 480,000 people are living with the debilitating disease.

Alzheimer's is devastating for patients and their families and is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. Early this year, I had the opportunity to speak with a representative from the Southeast Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association about priorities related to research and care planning. I want to give a special thanks to the local chapter I am honored to represent in Miami Dade and Monroe Counties for providing patient services like a 24 hour dementia specific helpline.

Today, Alzheimer's cannot be prevented, cured, or slowed, but there are many things we can do as lawmakers to support patients and their families. I look forward to working with my colleagues to help move towards eradicating this terrible disease.

CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESSEX TROOP

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Essex Troop for their dedicated service as they celebrate their 125th Anniversary.

The Essex Troop was established at a meeting on June 3, 1890, with the goal of creating a cavalry troop. For one hundred and twenty-five years the troop has been working hard to serve the military needs of the State of New Jersey and the United States of America.

At the founding meeting, officers were elected to lead the newly established troop. Colonel James E. Fleming, Second Lieutenant R. Wayne Parker, First Sergeant Charles Heath, Quartermaster Sergeant Frederick B. Young, and First Lieutenant Frederick Frelinghuysen were elected. The troop was originally composed of forty members including the officers. Colonel Fleming immediately began training the troops to protect and defend the state and the nation.

Originally, the Essex Troop operated out of a privately owned armory. By 1903, however, the Troop outgrew this facility. It was then the Troop moved into its current location. The Armory, which was designed by a member of the Essex Troop, sits on 30 acres of land in West Orange and was furnished entirely by the Troopers themselves. It was here that they became renowned for their equestrian abilities, regularly hosting horse shows and polo matches that eventually gained national attention. The Troop also hosted a number of balls here over the years. This Armory is still in use today, and is where the members of the Essex Troop keep their traditions alive.

The Essex troop has responded to several riots and natural disasters that have occurred in New Jersey as well as other states throughout the nation. They have participated in many events and ceremonies, including parades, escort services, marches, and statue dedications.

On June 18, 1902 the troop reported for active duty in response to the textile strikes in

Paterson, New Jersey. The strikes had gotten out of hand and the troop patrolled for ten days, walking the streets during the evening to ensure law and order. During World War I, the troop was called into duty to serve our nation. They have also had the responsibility for guarding the Mexican border.

The troop served as the personal escort for President William McKinley's Vice President, Garret A. Hobart of Paterson, New Jersey. They were also charged with transferring President Ulysses Grant's tomb to New York City. The troop served as the honor guard and escort for Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, and Woodrow Wilson. At the inauguration ceremony for each Governor of New Jersey, the Essex Troop serves as part of the honor guard.

Mr. Speaker please join me in honoring the Essex Troop and its members for their one hundred and twenty-five years of service and dedication to the State of New Jersey and the United States of America.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed recorded votes on H.R. 1190 (Roll Call #376), H.R. 805 (Roll Call #377), and H.R. 2576 (Roll Call #378) on June 23, 2015 due to inclement weather.

If I had been present, I would have voted NAY on H.R. 1190, and YEA on H.R. 805 and H.R. 2576.

#### THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE U.N. CHARTER

### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join in celebrating the 70th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter and the establishment of one of the world's greatest organizations for peace and the advancement of humanity.

As the representative from San Francisco, this anniversary holds a particular pride for the people of my city and for me—for it was San Francisco that played host to the grand conference of delegates that wrote the U.N. Charter; and it was in the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center, on June 26, 1945, that the Charter was signed.

On that day, President Harry S Truman came to the Plenary to offer his congratulations and his hopes for the future of the new United Nations: "You have created a great instrument for peace and security and human progress in the world," President Truman said. "The world must now use it."

Seven decades later, 193 member states have ratified the Charter. The world's greatest leaders and thinkers have been among the United Nations representatives. In 1946, United Nations General Assembly Delegate and Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt helped draft the Universal Declaration of

Human Rights, which builds on President Franklin D. Roosevelt's commitment to "freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from fear, and freedom from want" for all people.

The United Nations has worked to end disease, hunger and poverty. It has sought to advance human rights, human dignity, and the opportunities of women and girls. It has focused the world's attention on the urgency of the climate crisis and the plight of refugees. It has stood against violence, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. It has been a great bulwark for global peace.

The U.N. continues to confront the challenges of the 21st century by striving to not only meet the Millennium Development Goals but to expand them with the Sustainable Development Goals to be finalized this fall. It is my firm hope that the United States will be a strong and active participant in the effort to realize the Sustainable Development Goals to achieve progress for all the peoples of the United Nations.

In striving to fulfill the ideals and promise of its charter, the United Nations, related agencies, programs and staff have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize eleven times.

In 1950, Ralph Bunche, an American, became the first person affiliated with the new organization to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In his acceptance speech, he remarked, "I am but one of many cogs in the United Nations, the greatest peace organization ever dedicated to the salvation of mankind's future on earth."

This weekend, the city of San Francisco will once again welcome the U.N.'s highly respected Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, and other representatives of the United Nations. Our mayor Ed Lee and the people of San Francisco are thrilled and proud to once more play host to another milestone of U.N. history in our beautiful city.

Under the vital leadership of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the United Nations remains a strong, resolute, unwavering voice for peace in a world burdened by war. May it continue to stand as a beacon of peace for the next 70 years and beyond.

H.R. 160

### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I voted against H.R. 160, not because I believe that the current tax on the device industry is perfect, but because I object to the Majority's fixation on passing permanent tax repeals without offsets.

As the representative from a part of our country that is known around the world for its research and innovation, I fully understand the importance of the device industry to the health and wellness of Americans, economic development, and our global competitiveness. Medical devices have the potential to save and improve the lives of Americans, and the companies that produce them are helping our economy recover by investing in new technology and providing high-paying, high-skilled jobs here in the United States.

Like other industries, device companies understand that the skyrocketing cost of health

care represents one of the greatest threats to families, small business owners, state and federal budgets, and the overall economy. In part, Congress enacted the Affordable Care Act to help reverse this trend, and AdvaMed, the trade association representing medical device manufacturers, has supported policies to expand access to their life-saving products.

The final law brought the original \$40 billion levy on device manufacturers down to a \$20 billion contribution through a 2.3%, rather than 4.6%, excise tax on medical devices. However, as the ten-year budget window has shifted, industry leaders report that they expect to pay more than originally predicted. We need to monitor this situation carefully and find a fair solution that accounts for the additional business the device industry may acquire as a result of the Affordable Care Act, while underscoring the need to keep the industry vibrant and innovative.

Unfortunately, that is not the discussion we are having today. House Republicans are bringing to the Floor a bill that would, yet again, provide for a permanent tax cut without an offset. When this bill is added to the other permanent tax cut bills brought to the Floor this year alone, they add up to more than \$610 billion in tax cuts without even a penny of an offset.

The point is not that tax reductions or expenditures without offsets are never justified. Rather, they need to be part of a coherent, comprehensive budget strategy.

This is not a debate about innovation and economic development as the Majority would like you to believe. This debate is about fiscal responsibility; it is about taking one tax provision and making it permanent without paying for it, without regard to implications for the rest of the budget.

At a time when the House is bringing its appropriations bills to the House Floor, it is clear that reckless tax cuts like these have decimated our nation's ability to make the key investments a great country must make. Earlier this month, the House considered the 2016 Transportation-Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill. As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee charged with drafting the bill, I can tell you that it, like the other appropriations bills this body will consider, woefully underinvests in our nation due to the Majority's wrong-headed refusal to adopt a comprehensive approach to balance our budget.

Should the House Republicans choose to debate and refine the Affordable Care Act's medical device excise tax, I stand ready to work with them. Until then, I will have to continue my record of voting against the unpaid-for tax cuts the Republican Majority is bringing to the Floor in the 114th Congress.

#### RED FOXES COMMUNITY COLLEGE INNOVATION CHALLENGE

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Red Foxes from Red Rocks Community College on placing first in the National Science Foundation's Community College Innovation Challenge. This program serves as an innovative