

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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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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.

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#### 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

way for community college students to partner with community industries to create pioneering STEM-based solutions for real world issues. The Community College Innovation Challenge is an important example of encouraging STEM education and research for our nation's students and future leaders. I congratulate all of the competition's participants for their work on a variety of important projects.

The Red Foxes placed first in the challenge with their Mobile Medical Disaster Relief Unit. Made out of 3D printed parts, a motor, Radio Frequency ID (RFID) tracker and Raspberry Pi computer, this device enhances the ability for medical teams to distribute and track needed medicine when responding to disasters. With its implementation, emergency responders could respond to high-stress, time-sensitive medical situations more quickly, more safely, and more effectively. The Red Foxes identified this problem and began working as a team to develop an innovative solution leaning on the skills of each of their team members.

I congratulate the Red Fox Team of Nathan Tiedt, Scotty Hall, Kaia Chapman, Keya Lea Horiuchi, and their faculty advisory Helena Martellaro for their first place finish. I applaud the Red Foxes for their dedication to this groundbreaking project and their leadership and commitment to STEM education blazing a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Red Rocks Community College does every day and I look forward to seeing what the school and these students accomplish in the years to come.

#### RETIREMENT OF JIM TUDOR

### HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend, Jim Tudor, who is retiring after 29 years of committed service to the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores.

Jim served in the U.S. Army after graduating from the University of Cincinnati in 1972. After completing his military service, Jim went on to spend nine years working for 7-Eleven before joining the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores.

In his 29 years with the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, Jim has been repeatedly honored for his skilled and dedicated advocacy. He received the Liberty Award from Brown & Williamson in 2000. Moreover, the Pigeon Committee, an organization of Georgia lobbyists, has recognized him on numerous occasions throughout his career, most notably, with the 2012 Golden Pigeon Award for his advocacy that succeeded in bringing about the passage of Sunday alcohol sales in Georgia. Jim was also recognized in James Magazine's list of top ten lobbyists or trade organizations every year from 2012 through 2014.

Jim's tireless dedication goes well beyond his work at the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores. He has been an active mentor and leader at the Georgia Youth Assembly, the YMCA, and a host of other youth groups. Jim is also very active in the Covington Rotary. A devout Christian, Jim has served in numerous roles in his church and has been a model of the highest morals and values.

In Jim's career and with his family, church, and community, he has been the embodiment of dedication and moral character. I wish him all the best as he spends his hard-earned retirement with his wife Sandra, their four children, and five grandchildren.

#### HONORING THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE OF NAPA COUNTY

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Children's Health Initiative of Napa County as they celebrate their tenth anniversary of service to our community. I thank the Children's Health Initiative for their years of work connecting underserved families and children to quality healthcare services.

Founded in 2005, the Children's Health Initiative has worked tirelessly to help the less fortunate members of the Napa County community enroll in affordable health and dental insurance plans. Since their inception, the Children's Health Initiative has enrolled over 16,000 children and teens in subsidized health insurance programs, increasing the number of insured children in Napa County by 78.6 percent.

Additionally, the Children's Health Initiative works in 43 public schools across the county to educate students and parents about health insurance and coverage options. As the first non-profit organization in California to implement a team of bi-lingual, bi-cultural licensed insurance agents, the Children's Health Initiative has shown a true dedication to providing quality service to our community. Thanks to these outreach efforts, thousands of Napa County residents now have access to affordable health insurance and a platform to lead healthy lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank the Children's Health Initiative of Napa County for their service to our community over the past ten years. The Children's Health Initiative's unyielding commitment to providing the residents of Napa County with affordable healthcare options has been essential to ensuring the overall well being of our community, and we wish them continued success in the future.

#### CONGRATULATING CHARLES R. MIDDLETON ON HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Chuck Middleton, President of Roosevelt University, on his retirement from Roosevelt after 13 years of outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success.

As Roosevelt University's fifth president, Dr. Middleton brought relentless energy and dedication to the institution, transforming the uni-

versity from a part-time, adult university to one primarily serving traditional-age, full-time students. During his tenure, Dr. Middleton expanded Roosevelt's faculty by 23%, created Roosevelt's College of Pharmacy, revitalized Roosevelt's intercollegiate athletic programs, and led construction of Roosevelt's Wabash Building, a multi-purpose 32-story, vertical campus that is the second tallest university building in the United States.

Dr. Middleton is a professor and scholar of modern British history. In addition to Roosevelt, he has held senior administrative positions at the University System of Maryland, Bowling Green State University, and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Dr. Middleton's career is defined by his commitment to inclusiveness and diversity in education, and he has dedicated significant energy to civic and community leadership, including establishment of the national LGBTQ Presidents in Higher Education.

Mr. Speaker, as an alumnus of Roosevelt University, I applaud Dr. Middleton for his invaluable and exemplary leadership to the many students and institutions he has served. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Middleton on an accomplished career and wishing him a well-deserved retirement.

#### HONORING THOMAS GLENDON STAFFORD

### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor lifelong Missourian Thomas Glendon Stafford from Cape Girardeau on his 100th birthday.

Mr. Stafford was born on June 28, 1915 in Zadock, Missouri. After sixth grade, Mr. Stafford went to work for his father who was a farmer. He lived on the family farm until he met his wife Bernice at her church in Vanduser, Missouri. He asked for her hand in marriage at the age of 19. In 1942, the couple moved to Cape Girardeau where he has made a home for 68 years and began working for Commercial Transport as a truck driver.

On March 14, 1945, Mr. Stafford was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. After 19 weeks of training at Fort Hood, he was sent across the Pacific to the Philippines before eventually being transferred to Tokyo, Japan. He spent a year in Tokyo at the personnel office driving soldiers. Mr. Stafford was honorably discharged on May 18, 1946, and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal for his dedication and service.

After his daughters left home, he and his wife lived a quiet life until Bernice passed away at the age of 91 on November 6th, 2004. He has seven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren and now lives at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau.

For his service to our nation, and all that he has accomplished over the last century, it is my pleasure to honor Mr. Stafford before the United States House of Representatives on his 100th birthday.