

citizens. So it should come as no surprise that when the 1 million or so Latino U.S. citizens turn 18 this year, they will not think fondly of the Republican Party—the party that is bent on deporting members of their families and their communities.

Another statistic: 93 percent of Latinos under the age of 18 are U.S. citizens. Ninety-three percent of them are U.S. citizens. They will not have a warm and fuzzy feeling about the party that fought tooth and nail to throw out their moms and dads. And the 5 million citizens whose parents are undocumented—who worry every day about whether their families will remain intact—are going to remember which party was cruel to their moms and dads, using them as scapegoats and insinuating they are all criminals bringing diseases to this country.

The Republican Party's goal of forcing the President to deport all the noncitizens they want deported will simply never be achieved until the Republican Party elects one of their own to the White House. And the strategy of the Republican Party—forcing this President to deport all the noncitizens they want deported—pretty much guarantees that one of their own isn't going to get to the White House anytime soon.

REMEMBERING REPRESENTATIVE CASS BALLENGER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, a week ago yesterday, the Nation lost one of its most selfless and unique public servants with the passing of my predecessor, former North Carolina 10th District Congressman Cass Ballenger.

Up until 2005, Congressman Ballenger represented the 10th District of North Carolina in the United States House of Representatives. During that time, he served as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, where he authored groundbreaking legislation that improved workplace safety and created the opportunity for employers and regulators to be partners, not adversaries, in protecting the health and safety of workers.

As chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee on the International Relations Committee, he took on the daunting and often thankless task of fighting to promote democracy and defend human rights in Central and South American nations. He did this not only for the sake of justice in those countries, but also to protect the interests of the United States.

His personal commitment to serving his constituents is a legendary example that I strive every day to follow. I was the beneficiary of his kind and gracious nature when I was elected to represent the 10th District in 2005 after his decision to retire from the House. He personally provided me with guidance and

assistance that immeasurably helped me as a new Member of Congress and ensured continuity of our quality constituent services for western North Carolina.

In his personal and professional life, Cass placed others before himself. He was a part of the Greatest Generation. He fought in World War II and returned home to go to college. He started a family and joined his father's business in box manufacturing. He told his father that boxes were a thing of the past and the wave of the future was plastics. It is almost like it was George Bailey coming home to say that.

As a county commissioner in Catawba County, he was one of the first Republicans elected after the Civil War. Now, at this date, Catawba County is one of the most Republican counties in the State of North Carolina.

He led the way to establish the Catawba Valley Community College and Catawba Valley Medical Center. As a legislator in the North Carolina General Assembly, he authored the State's first meaningful open meetings law and was named Most Effective Republican Legislator by the North Carolina Institute of Government.

It would take volumes to talk about all of the philanthropic work of Congressman Ballenger and his wife, Donna, but they are responsible for countless schools, day care centers, hospitals, and disaster responses in the United States and Central and South America as well.

Personally, Cass was the ultimate character. He could tell you a great story, a great joke, and tell you off, and you would laugh at everything he said.

In addition to being one of the most distinguished Members of the House and the North Carolina Republican delegation generally, Congressman Ballenger was also very colorful. There are great moments here on the House floor that we can point to.

Anyone who spent any time with him knew that he was affable, kind, and brutally honest. He would tell you exactly what he was thinking, and generally with a hilarious delivery. He was one of the few people who could hold someone accountable in the most blistering way possible, make you laugh, and also help you out of a tight spot, all in one conversation. He was a rare person, indeed, and he will be missed.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in a moment of silence on the passing of Congressman Cass Ballenger.

ESEA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. QUIGLEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, like many of you, as a kid, I learned about Robin Hood. You know the story: he stole from the rich and gave to the poor.

But today, I come to talk to you about something a little less story-

book. In this case, my friends on the other side of the aisle are supporting a bill that robs from poor schools and gives to rich schools.

The so-called Student Success Act that we are debating today takes money from schools with the greatest need and redistributes it to less needy schools in more affluent communities, hurting students and teachers in its wake. That is hardly the definition of success the bill claims to make.

The Student Success Act would reauthorize education funds first signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson, who said that "full educational opportunity should be our first national goal." But the Student Success Act completely misses the mark of what LBJ was trying to accomplish.

A former teacher, LBJ believed that equal access to education was the key to success, and that the vital education funding that the Elementary and Secondary Education Act provided would help millions of "children with poor families overcome the greatest barrier to progress: poverty."

For 50 years, the ESEA has provided essential funding for school districts that serve low-income students as well as aid to State education agencies to help them improve the quality of elementary and secondary education around the country. But the robust progress that our schools made in the first 40 years after the passage of the ESEA has slowed over the last decade.

Since the passage of No Child Left Behind, we have seen both sides acknowledge the problems that have resulted and commit to fixing them. But rather than fixing those problems and redoubling our commitment to equal access to education, the Student Success Act actually creates more problems, moving even further away from what we know is best for students, is best for teachers, and is best for our country.

In its current form, H.R. 5 undermines the progress our Nation has made in providing a high quality education for all Americans, regardless of their ZIP Code. If we allow H.R. 5 to become law, school districts in Illinois and across the country will see their funding cut exponentially. Nationally, this will cut education funding by over half a billion dollars in 2016 alone.

Chicago public schools, where over 60 percent of students are below the poverty level, will lose over \$64 million in title I funding. That is a 23 percent cut in Federal education dollars at a time when Chicago schools need it the most.

But wait, there is more. This bill eliminates qualification requirements for paraprofessionals, teachers' aides, and support staff, who provide vital assistance to classrooms across the country. It eliminates requirements to ensure quality professional development for teachers.

It directs 1 out of every 10 dollars away from public schools and directs it to private companies. It allows students with disabilities to be taught

with separate, lower standards. The bill fails to ensure that students succeed in the classroom or after graduation by gutting accountability standards. These are standards that help ensure that students graduate from high school, which we know is so intimately linked to economic success.

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This bill simply fails to provide our teachers and students with the resources they so desperately need to succeed.

It is time to go back to the drawing board. It is time to actually focus on providing students, schools, and teachers the ability to be more successful with an ESEA that puts the focus where it belongs, on investing in education.

We need an ESEA that returns to its original purpose of fighting poverty and ensuring equity, one that holds States and districts accountable for providing equitable resources, one that includes a system of supportive interventions for struggling schools and students, one that deals with the fact that two-thirds of the achievement gap is due to poverty—and does something about it—such as funding community schools, one that provides our teachers with the resources and support they need to help our young people succeed.

We can do better, Mr. Speaker. We must do better. This is simply too important.

I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on the so-called Student Success Act.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF HELEN KILROY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the memory of Helen Kilroy of Galveston County. Helen Kilroy was a woman of service who always put community and others first.

In March of 1989, her son, Mark Kilroy—her and Jim’s son—disappeared during a spring break in Mexico. Unfortunately, the Kilroy’s ultimately learned that their beloved son was murdered by a cult practicing human sacrifice.

Losing a loved one, especially a son or daughter, can be debilitating; instead, Helen and Jim Kilroy decided to channel their grief into action. The memory of their son was honored through their support of causes to help those in need.

In 1995, the Kilroys founded the Mark Kilroy Foundation to support the Safe Communities Coalition. The coalition works to promote drug-free communities, violence prevention, and anger management. It also provides counseling for at-risk children.

Helen Kilroy’s selflessness did not stop at the creation of the Mark Kilroy Foundation. Helen was a foster parent to seven children and a district leader

for the Bay Area Council Cub Scouts from 1976–1983. She was a Meals on Wheels volunteer. She was a Santa Fe Parks and Recreation Board member, a dedicated church Eucharistic minister, as well as a volunteer EMT and a paramedic for Santa Fe, Texas, EMS.

On December 22, 2014, Helen Kilroy lost her battle with ALS–Lou Gehrig’s disease. She died after fighting that long battle. She is survived by her husband, Jim Kilroy; her son, Keith; her daughter-in-law; two grandchildren; three sisters; two brothers-in-law; numerous cousins; nieces; and nephews.

The many individuals helped by the Mark Kilroy Foundation and by her many service roles are a living legacy to her selfless nature. Helen’s impact on our community was unparalleled. It takes a strong person to take a family tragedy and turn it into a lasting influence on our community. Helen’s servant heart truly changed and even saved lives.

Helen, you are missed.

Jim, your beloved life is a legacy to the both of you.

Helen, may you rest in peace.

Jim and family, you all are in our prayers.

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN ON THE BRINK OF A SHUTDOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, we are only days away from a shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security.

When Republicans took control of the House and Senate, they pledged to avoid more government shutdowns. Instead, we have, sadly, learned that Speaker BOEHNER and Leader MITCH MCCONNELL went nearly 2 weeks—2 weeks—without talking, and their failure to govern us has us, once again, on the brink of a shutdown.

I have been shocked and disappointed to hear some of my Republican colleagues say that a shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security would not be a serious issue and try to minimize its impact on people, minimize its impact on workers, and even try to minimize its impact on America.

In my home State of New Mexico, a border State, where we have many men and women who proudly serve our country as employees of the Border Patrol, the TSA, and other agencies, getting furloughed or working without a paycheck is a serious issue.

If Republicans continue down this path, paychecks will stop, but rent and mortgages and utility bills for these workers will not.

Time and again, House Republicans have failed to govern, moving only from one crisis to the next. Sadly, the failure to fund DHS is the latest manufactured crisis that will have a real impact on working families in New Mexico and across America while need-

lessly putting our national security at risk.

It is time for congressional Republicans to stop putting their political security ahead of national security and pass a clean bill. It is time for House Republicans to stop catering to the extreme anti-immigration wing of their party that is willing to sacrifice our Nation’s security in order to attack DREAMers who are going to college and serving our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, the eyes of the American people are watching this Republican-led Congress, and so far, all they have seen is gridlock and dysfunction.

Mr. Speaker, the United States Senate is moving forward to fund the Department of Homeland Security. House Democrats are ready to support a clean bill. The only ones standing in the way of preventing a Department of Homeland Security shutdown are House Republicans. For our country’s sake, let us hope that changes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House bring up H.R. 861, the clean Department of Homeland Security funding bill that will keep the Department open so it can carry out its mission of keeping the American people safe.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the House is in session solely for the purpose of conducting morning-hour debate. Therefore, that unanimous consent request cannot be entertained.

AN EXAMPLE OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LOUDERMILK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, during our recess, I had the opportunity to attend Oakland Heights Baptist Church in beautiful Cartersville, Georgia, as they celebrated a very special occasion.

While Oakland Heights is a prominent church in our community, it would not be considered a large church in most metropolitan areas. The congregation consists of mostly average, hardworking Americans who love God and their families and are eager to help a neighbor in times of need.

Throughout the years, the church has been a beacon of hope to those seeking truth and a haven to those seeking help. As a body of Christian believers, Oakland Heights also believes that it has a responsibility to not only serve our community, but to be an example.

Three years ago, the pastor and the congregation of Oakland Heights determined their responsibilities to God and the community included being good stewards; although they were burdened with over \$1 million of debt, they had a vision of being debt free.

They were determined to pay off their debt within 3 years without affecting their core ministries to the