

If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines."

From one Marine to another, happy birthday and Semper Fi.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN HOWARD COBLE

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it was a little less than a year ago that a number of us gathered on the House floor to bid farewell to our colleague, Howard Coble, as he retired from 3 decades of service to the people of North Carolina.

The series of heartfelt tributes that day, from Members on both sides of the aisle, were a striking reflection of the respect and admiration that so many of us felt for Howard. And he returned that affection. He always made the extra effort to get to know those with whom he worked, regardless of their stature or their party affiliation.

Howard was also an effective legislator, a tireless advocate for the Sixth District. He took on complicated and difficult issues in his leadership roles on the Judiciary and Transportation Committees.

I was fortunate to partner with him on a number of bipartisan initiatives, from textile research, to disaster relief, to funding for his beloved Coast Guard.

In an era where our politics are too often fractious and divisive, Howard's camaraderie, good humor, and generosity of spirit reflected the best of what this institution can be.

Lisa and I are saddened by his passing. We join his many friends and former colleagues in extending condolences to his family and expressing gratitude for his life.

VETERANS HEALTH AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

(Mr. GUINTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Veterans Health and Accountability Act. Yesterday's Veterans Affairs Committee hearing showed why this bill is so critical.

An investigation revealed that Veterans Affairs administrators likely gamed the system to enrich themselves at taxpayer expense, creating high-paying vacancies at desirable locations, where they would have less responsibility.

At the hearing, they pled the Fifth to avoid the truth, and they remain on the job. Meanwhile, Granite State vets are waiting for care.

My Veterans Health and Accountability Act strengthens the Veterans Choice program, allowing veterans to

seek private care due to inadequate VA facilities. My home State of New Hampshire does not even have a full-service VA.

The act also protects whistleblowers who expose negligence and mismanagement. If it were not because of these individuals, we may never have discovered secret waiting lists where thousands of vets probably died waiting for care.

The bill I introduced clarifies hiring and firing rules, so bad actors who abuse their positions can be exited promptly.

We must enforce and expand VA reforms to ensure our military vets receive the care we promised them. We must restore Americans' trust in government.

DISAPPROVAL OF THE RADEWAGEN AMENDMENT TO THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BILL

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my disapproval to the Radewagen amendment to the surface transportation bill, which was ultimately defeated last night, 113-310.

This amendment would have required the Secretary to change the allocation program funds made available to the territories. This amendment would have potentially harmed my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam, by possibly taking already minimal funds away from these two territories.

The funding provided in the transportation bill is yet another example of this Congress' inability to address the real needs of the U.S. territories, whose economies have not recovered and require additional support.

And, while I certainly recognize and empathize with the frustrations of some of my colleagues from the territories, it is the limited funding within this bill which has created an environment where we are literally fighting over scraps.

The proposed funding in the bill barely provides any increase of the historically low allocation for the territorial highway program.

I would like to thank both the chair and ranking member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Mr. SHUSTER and Mr. DEFAZIO, for not supporting the amendment and for recognizing that this is not an amendment that enjoyed the full support of all the four smaller territories.

I would also like to thank the dean, Congresswoman BORDALLO, of the territory of Guam, for her efforts and engagement on this very important issue.

I look forward to working with Transportation and Infrastructure leadership and staff and my fellow Delegates from the insular areas and working together on resolving our problems.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF DANIEL STANDAGE

(Ms. MCSALLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, next week we celebrate Veterans Day, a time to honor the men and women who served our country in the military.

Today, I want to recognize a stand-out veteran from my district, Daniel Standage.

Daniel served 10 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, until a neurological condition he suffered from eventually rendered him completely blind. He received a 100 percent service-connected disability, but that hasn't held him back.

Daniel completed a blind rehabilitation program at the Southern Arizona VA. He enrolled at the University of Arizona and was instrumental in establishing its student veterans center, a place that offers assistance to transitioning student veterans. The center now is a national model for Student Veterans of America.

Today, Daniel is a staunch advocate for veterans across the country. He credits his education as being the most important factor in helping him overcome his disability, and he now helps countless other veterans earn their degrees.

In advance of Veterans Day, I thank all the men and women like Daniel who serve and served our Nation and continue to make a difference today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF STEPHEN TALLEY

(Mr. RUIZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and great legacy of San Jacinto Valley's artist, Stephen Talley, known as Steve, who passed away last week after his battle with cancer at the age of 62.

Steve was 11 years old when he began his career, creating and selling his artwork. That passion is what led him to pursue and share his artistic vision with the community and the world.

For more than 30 years, Steve taught art at San Jacinto High School, touching the life of every student who sat in his class. He was known internationally for his work, winning more than 100 awards in numerous competitions, many of them in first place.

He never let his success get in the way of his commitment to his students and, as a result, he has inspired a new generation of artists to never give up on their dreams.

Steve was a mentor, a teacher, a friend, and, above all, he was a great man. His memory will never be forgotten.

As we mourn the passing of Stephen Talley and celebrate his life, my

thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, students, and the San Jacinto Valley community.

SUPPORTING THE 2015 SUPER HERO STEP FORWARD TO CURE TSC 5K WALK

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to support the Step Forward to Cure TSC 5K Walk taking place at Florida International University's main campus, my alma mater, on Saturday, November 14.

Tuberous sclerosis complex, or TSC, is a rare genetic disease with no known cure that causes uncontrolled tumor growth.

I know of one young man from our community, Max Lucca, who was diagnosed with TSC when he was only 2 weeks old. Because of the love and care provided by his parents, doctors, and nurses, he has thrived, in spite of constant health challenges.

The walk's theme this year is "Super Heroes," and Max Lucca is, indeed, a super hero.

I encourage all south Floridians to walk to help find a cure for TSC, to benefit young super heroes across the country just like Max Lucca.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAN ARVIZU

(Mr. PERLMUTTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Dan Arvizu for his exceptional work as director of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado.

Dr. Arvizu is retiring this year, but his legacy of leadership and innovation will endure for many, many years to come. I want to take this moment to say thank you for outstanding stewardship of our Nation's premier energy efficiency and renewable energy laboratory.

In addition to his role at NREL, Dr. Arvizu is chairman of the National Science Board, which is the governing board of the National Science Foundation. He will continue his role as chairman of the National Science Board, and he will also become a visiting professor at Stanford University.

On behalf of everyone at NREL, the people of the State of Colorado and the United States of America, let me say thank you for a job well done. We wish you all the best on the next steps of your journey.

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 22, HIRE MORE HEROES ACT OF 2015

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I

call up House Resolution 512 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 512

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for further consideration of the Senate amendment to the text of the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to the amendment referred to in section 2(a) of House Resolution 507 shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and amendments en bloc described in subsection (c).

(b) Each further amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

(c) It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this subsection shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

(d) All points of order against the further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules or amendments en bloc described in subsection (c) are waived.

SEC. 3. No further amendment to the Senate amendment, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such further amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived.

SEC. 4. (a) At the conclusion of consideration of the Senate amendment for amendment the Committee of the Whole shall rise and report the Senate amendment, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted.

(b) If the Committee reports the Senate amendment, as amended, back to the House with a further amendment or amendments,

the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the question of adoption of such further amendment or amendments without intervening motion. In the case of sundry further amendments reported from the Committee, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without division of the question.

(c) If the Committee reports the Senate amendment, as amended, back to the House without further amendment or the question of adoption referred to in subsection (b) fails, no further consideration of the Senate amendments shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

SEC. 5. The Chair may postpone further consideration of the Senate amendments in the House to such time as may be designated by the Speaker.

SEC. 6. Upon adoption of the further amendment or amendments in the House pursuant to section 4(b) of this resolution —

(a) a motion that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the text, as amended, with such further amendment or amendments shall be considered as adopted;

(b) the Clerk shall engross the action of the House under subsection (a) as a single amendment in the nature of a substitute;

(c) a motion that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the title shall be considered as adopted; and

(d) it shall be in order for the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or his designee to move that the House insist on its amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 22 and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

SEC. 7. The chair of the Committee on Armed Services may insert in the Congressional Record not later than November 16, 2015, such material as he may deem explanatory of defense authorization measures for the fiscal year 2016.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas). The gentleman from Georgia is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend from Colorado (Mr. POLIS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I find myself with a big smile on my face. I usually do when the Reading Clerk sits down. Even if I could dispense with the reading of the rule, I wouldn't do it. I wouldn't do it. Even if there were some days where I would be tempted to do it, Mr. Speaker, this wouldn't be that day because we are down here with rule number two on the transportation bill.

You will remember we came down here yesterday—it was my friend from Massachusetts and I at that time—to bring a rule to consider the first 6-year transportation bill this country has had in over a decade. It is a bill that the Transportation and Infrastructure