

supplement cancer research efforts that are underway.

The President said cancer research is at an inflection point, and he is right. One need only to look at the groundbreaking work on immunotherapy underway at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo to see how far the science has come.

Last year Congress came together to increase funding to the National Institutes of Health by \$2 billion, including a 5 percent increase to the National Cancer Institute. Now is not the time to let up. It is time to accelerate and expand our Nation's cancer fight.

Next month the House will consider a budget resolution. I call on House leaders to stand behind our scientists to support Americans living with cancer and to include robust funding for cancer research.

SHAKESPEARE'S FIRST FOLIOS

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, just across the street is the world's largest Shakespeare collection. The Folger Shakespeare Library is home to more Shakespeare "First Folios" than anywhere else in the world.

Published in 1623, the "First Folio" is the first printed collection of Shakespeare's plays. Without it, 18 plays, including "Macbeth," "Julius Caesar," and "The Tempest," could have been lost.

This year, as part of a national celebration marking the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, the Folger Shakespeare Library is touring a "First Folio" around the country. Schoolchildren, theater lovers, and Shakespeare enthusiasts alike will witness with their own eyes the book that gave us Shakespeare.

During the month of February, the 10th District of Illinois is hosting the "First Folio." The Lake County Forest Preserve District's Lake County Discovery Museum has the honor to present the exhibition "First Folio! The Book That Gave Us Shakespeare."

This will offer the public a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see this influential and treasured book and experience the powerful words of William Shakespeare.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage everyone who is able to take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

MOURNING THE HONORABLE GILBERT KAHELE

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

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, this morning in Hawaii, in just a couple of hours, the people of the Aloha State are gathering at the Hawaii State Capitol to perform the Kanikau, a morning

chant, as they bid farewell and celebrate the life of a great man and dedicated public servant who passed away suddenly last week.

The Honorable Gilbert Kahele was born in a small fishing village in Milolii on May 15, 1942. He is a native Hawaiian, a very talented musician, and a community activist who selflessly served our country as a U.S. marine, served Hawaii as a State senator, and served his community of Hawaii as a fierce advocate.

I saw Gil recently here in Washington, D.C., just a few months ago, where, as always, he was ready with a smile, a hug, and warm aloha.

My heart is with the Kahele 'ohana and all of Hawaii island as today we celebrate Gil's life of service and the positive impact he made on countless lives.

Gil, mahalo nui loa for dedicating your life to serving others and for demonstrating how much we can achieve when we work together in the spirit of aloha.

PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL PREDICTS EARLY SPRING

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with good news. Early this morning in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, located in the Commonwealth's Fifth Congressional District, Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring.

In the 130 years Phil has predicted the weather on February 2, this is only the 18th time that he has called for an early spring. Now, I know that I join many of my colleagues from across the Nation in a bipartisan fashion in hoping that this prediction comes true.

Groundhog Day means so much to Punxsutawney and the communities which surround it. This tradition has its roots which go back centuries, but the celebration in Punxsutawney got a start in 1886, one year before the first trek to the celebration's official home of Gobbler's Knob.

Since the start of the celebration, Phil has been joined on February 2 by movie stars such as Bill Murray and several Governors of Pennsylvania. And, yes, I have attended the festivities a few times. Phil even visited President Ronald Reagan at the White House.

It is wonderful to see such dedication from the people of Punxsutawney to this great tradition, which brings in visitors from across the world to Pennsylvania.

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LET'S MAKE 2016 A YEAR OF ACTION

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, our economy has made solid gains since 2009. We have added millions of jobs. Businesses are hiring. Our economy is growing.

In the Second District, we are seeing signs of recovery through small business growth and new startups like The New Look Restaurant and Bar owned by Nate and Cleo Pendleton.

But the fact remains that the American Dream still remains out of reach for far too many families. Today 8 million Americans are searching for well-paying jobs 7 years after the end of the recession.

Each year at my annual jobs fair, I meet hundreds of these qualified Americans who are tired of searching for good jobs. They are single mothers in night school. They are fathers working two part-time jobs to keep a roof over their family's heads. They are veterans who survived the fight abroad only to fight for employment at home. They are seniors who have to reenter the workforce after their retirement savings were wiped out.

These Americans deserve a government that will pass impactful jobs legislation. Let's make 2016 a year of action and economic prosperity.

COMMEMORATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR TRINITY BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH INTER- NATIONAL

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate 25 years of faithful service carried out by members at Trinity Baptist Community Church International in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Founded in 1991 by Senior Pastor Bishop Dr. Michael J. Love, the church has been a light to the surrounding community and to people around the world, demonstrating in word and deed Christ's command to love one's neighbor as oneself.

Through a myriad of initiatives, members have provided job skills training to struggling workers and relief to the impoverished.

Bishop Love's prison outreach ministry is well known to McHenry County and is a respected partner to the McHenry County Correctional Facility. Their diligence demonstrates the integral role faith plays in our local communities by bringing people together, united by common beliefs to help each other.

Like the Good Samaritan, they understand that "neighbor" sometimes includes those outside of their communities. That is why they have been involved with over 100 ministries across the globe, sharing the gospel and serving the people of Haiti, India, and the Dominican Republic, among others.

May God bless Trinity Baptist in its next 25 years of service.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS HELPING PEOPLE

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

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the Affordable Care Act and to urge this House to sustain President Obama's veto of the legislation to repeal it.

During our last recess, I visited St. John's Well Child and Family Center, an anchor in the south Los Angeles community that provides quality health care for the community regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

The Affordable Care Act has enabled St. John's to expand and improve its facilities and increase its services, including updating and modernizing its children's dental services. This is an example of the dental clinic.

Because California embraced the law, St. John's is now able to serve over 53,000 new patients. Repealing the law would be detrimental. As St. John's Executive Director Jim Mangia told me: Repealing the Affordable Care Act would strip away health insurance from 26,000 of St. John's patients. That is 26,000 patients from that one clinic alone.

Our primary goal in Congress should be helping people, not voting away their health insurance.

REMEMBERING DONALD "BUDDY" WRAY

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of one of Arkansas' most treasured business leaders, Donald "Buddy" Wray.

Mr. Wray, the former president of Tyson Foods, in Springdale, died late last month at the age of 78. Buddy spent more than 40 years with Tyson Foods, growing and supporting good jobs in Arkansas.

Buddy was an avid hunter, an outdoorsman, and a proud fan of the Arkansas Razorbacks. He spent much of his time helping our local communities. In particular, he was an avid member of the Kiwanis Club in Springdale.

Buddy's work and legacy has been recognized by numerous organizations, and he was inducted into both the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame and the Business Hall of Fame. He has left a lasting impact on our State and will be greatly missed by all of us.

I extend my respect, affection, and prayers to his many friends, family, and loved ones.

SECURE OUR SKIES ACT

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, human trafficking, which affects more than 21

million people worldwide, is an insidious crime that we must rout out wherever it exists. That is why today I am joining with my Republican colleague, Congresswoman BARBARA COMSTOCK, to introduce the Secure Our Skies Act, a bipartisan bill that will give our airline employees the tools that they need to combat human trafficking and close off the airways to perpetrators of this heinous crime.

The Secure Our Skies, or SOS, Act ensures that all airlines develop training for their frontline employees on the best ways to recognize and report the often subtle signs of human trafficking. This legislation builds on the work of the Blue Lightning campaign, a voluntary program developed by the Departments of Homeland Security and Transportation with the assistance of the Association of Flight Attendants, who are real champions for this training.

Sadly, reported cases of human trafficking are growing here at home and around the globe. We all have to play a role in stopping human trafficking, and this legislation will ensure our airline personnel can spot the signs and stop the crimes.

KEEP POUNDING

(Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, "Keep Pounding" is the motto of my Carolina Panthers and one that transcends the football field.

Even when Sam Mills was diagnosed with colon cancer—Sam was one of the team's coaches and a former player—he kept fighting. He was undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments but kept pounding.

Now this phrase is used to inspire players and to remind the team to keep fighting, even when they are feeling weak or run down.

Mr. Speaker, just as the Panthers keep pounding all the way to the Super Bowl, the Committee on Energy and Commerce keeps pounding in a bipartisan manner to discover cures and fund research for many of the rare cancers and diseases that exist today.

The 21st Century Cures initiative, which passed the House last July, will allow us to develop cures for cancer, like the one that took Sam Mills from this world and the one that affects our young superfan, Braylin Beam, who courageously battles each day.

During this year's Super Bowl, I encourage fans everywhere to remember those who have been the inspiration behind our motto, "Keep Pounding."

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, Spring, Texas, July 9, 2014:

Stephen Robert Stay, 39 years old.
Katie Stay, 33 years old.
Brian Stay, 13.
Emily Stay, 9.
Rebecca Stay, 7.
Zachary Stay 4.
Pendleton, South Carolina, November 1, 2015:
Violet Taylor, 82 years old.
Barbara Scott, 80 years old.
Kathy Scott, 60.
Michael Scott, 59.
Rockford, Illinois, December 20, 2014:
Demontae Rhodes, 24 years old.
Martia Flint, 24.
Tyrone Smith, 6 years old.
Tobias Smith, 4 years old.
Topeka, Kansas, December 1, 2013:
Marvin Lewis Woods, 56 years old.
Carla Jean Avery, 45.
Eric Christopher Avery, 43.
Tamesha Lee, 34.
Dallas, Texas, August 7, 2013:
Zina Bowser, 47.
Toya Smith, 43 years old.
Neima Williams, 28.
Tasmia Allen, 27.

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of American Heart Month and to remind Members of this week's National Wear Red Day.

Each February here in Congress and in communities around this country, we join together to raise awareness of heart disease, the number one cause of death for women. In fact, every minute heart disease kills another woman.

As co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition, I urge you to join us as we honor these women and those who will be affected in the future by participating in the National Wear Red Day campaign on Friday, February 5. By wearing red, we will unite with women from around the country to raise awareness of heart disease.

We can and we must continue to work together on behalf of our loved ones, our friends, our neighbors, and everyone affected by heart disease. We must reduce these numbers.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF TERRY'S HOUSE

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the fifth anniversary of Terry's House, a home that provides families with a place to stay when their loved ones are in critical care units at Fresno's Community Regional Medical Center.

The inspiration for the home came from Terry Richards, who suffered a serious head trauma when he was a child, and his mother had to travel over 80 miles a day to be with him.