

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 1.

That the Senate passed S. 496.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### FLEXIBLE PELL GRANTS FOR 21ST CENTURY STUDENTS

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

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, the Pell Grant Program is the backbone of all Federal student aid. These grants provide access and opportunity to thousands of students across the country.

When I speak with North Country students and teachers in my district, I hear about the positive impacts of Pell grants. In my district, an average of 52 percent of students attending SUNY institutions are offered Pell grants.

Today's learners are different than previous generations, and their advancement toward completion is stifled by a Federal aid system built upon traditional spring and fall semesters. To support our students, I have introduced the Flexible Pell Grants for 21st Century Students Act, important legislation to expand access to Pell grants year-round. This change will allow students to accelerate toward completion and achieve their goals with less debt.

We must do more to bring flexibility to higher education, and I encourage all of my colleagues to support this important bill.

#### HONORING TRUCKER DUKES

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

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, today let us honor and recognize a young Maui boy whose life touched hearts around the world and whose legacy will live on through the millions that he inspired.

Trucker Dukes was not quite 4 years old when he took his last breath this past Friday after a painful battle with stage IV neuroblastoma and 2 years of intense treatment.

Trucker's dad is a firefighter, and like father, like son, Trucker loved fire trucks. When Trucker went to New York for treatment, the New York Fire Department coordinated a very special third birthday party celebration and swore him in as an honorary firefighter.

After Trucker passed away, his parents, Shauna and Joshua, shared this message: "If there's one thing I hope, it is that you love a little harder . . . a

little better. Go home, stop the craziness in your life, and just kiss your loved ones more, tell them you love them more. None of us are promised tomorrow."

#### RECOGNIZING THE BEST BUDDIES FRIENDSHIP WALK IN SOUTH FLORIDA

(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, since its creation in 1989, Best Buddies has grown into a leading nonprofit entity that has provided countless opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through its eight programs, participants are able to learn social skills, leadership development, integrated employment, and so much more. Today, Best Buddies has a presence in all 50 States and has spread internationally across many continents.

I am also proud to say that the founder and the chairman of Best Buddies, Anthony Shriver, is a Floridian and a constituent.

This Saturday, Best Buddies will be hosting its South Florida Friendship Walk which will take place at Museum Park, located in my congressional district, and I pray for a safe and successful event.

I would like to express my tremendous appreciation to Best Buddies and the truly great people who support its cause.

#### HONORING THE LATE CONGRESSMAN ENI FALEOMAVEGA

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

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, or CAPAC, I rise today to honor our former colleague, the Honorable Eni Faleomavega of American Samoa, who passed away last month.

Eni was a true patriot, leader, and friend who dedicated his life to serving our country. His unwavering commitment to improving the lives of all Americans was integrally woven into the fabric of his distinguished military and public service career.

As a founding member of CAPAC, he was also a strong champion for the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community across the country.

Throughout his nearly three decades in Congress, he led notable efforts to secure critical funding for American Samoa and worked tirelessly to cultivate stronger U.S. relations throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

It was a privilege to work with Eni, and I will never forget his warmth and strong dedication to bettering our community and our country.

I thank Eni for his lifetime of leadership and service and send my thoughts to his family during this difficult time.

#### FIXING OUR BROKEN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because ObamaCare has failed the American people; and one of its biggest failures is that, instead of lowering costs, healthcare prices have increased. Americans are paying more for coverage, and families are hurting.

In my State of Tennessee, premiums are rising by an average of 63 percent. Why pay so much for health insurance if you still can't afford to see a doctor? It puts us right back where we started. And no one—no one—thought the status quo before ObamaCare was good enough.

I am glad to see the American Health Care Act was released, and I look forward to working on specific legislative details with my colleagues so that we can finally fix our broken healthcare system.

#### THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep concern with the proposal put forward by my Republican colleagues to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Most Americans want to increase access to health care, lower costs, and cover more Americans; but this bill, TrumpCare, will increase costs, limit access, and cover fewer Americans.

This plan will cut Medicaid, which has helped literally tens of thousands of people in my State—in the Granite State—access health insurance for the first time.

It has increased treatment and recovery services for those struggling with substance use disorder.

We, like many States across this country, are grappling with a heroin epidemic. People are dying in my district from heroin overdoses and the fatal synthetic fentanyl. For the first time, they have access to health care. They have access to drug treatment. They have access to recovery services. And yet this bill will pull the rug out from underneath these Granite Staters and their families.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

#### AMERICANS HURT BY OBAMACARE

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

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to talk about Melanie, a constituent from Ohio's Seventh Congressional District.

Melanie and her husband are near retirement. Before ObamaCare, their monthly health insurance premiums were around \$600. ObamaCare promised them reduced insurance premiums and increased access to care.

But this promise to Melanie, like it was to millions of Americans, was broken. Melanie's premium skyrocketed to nearly \$1,000 a month for a plan with a \$5,000 deductible. Her monthly premium is now more than their mortgage.

When her husband was laid off, their options were limited: continuing coverage through COBRA or entering the ObamaCare marketplace. The ObamaCare plans were even more expensive. While Melanie's husband was looking for work, they depleted their savings trying to maintain health insurance.

Melanie is one of millions of Americans who have been hurt by ObamaCare. It has raised Melanie's premiums and deductible, and when she needed an affordable option in an emergency, it wasn't there.

ObamaCare is collapsing. It is time to repeal it and provide relief to the millions of Americans suffering because of it.

#### COASTAL EROSION

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

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, climate change is real; and it is so real that, before Donald Trump became President, he petitioned Ireland for a permit to build a seawall for one of his greatest golf courses in the world. His permit application said rising sea levels and extreme weather conditions from climate change threatened his property.

As President, he seems to have changed his tune. In fact, a draft budget proposal from the administration zeros out investments in NOAA's Coastal Zone Management Program, zero dollars for an initiative that provides critical resources to communities facing the same threat from rising sea levels as the President's golf courses.

You know, if it sounds like I am outraged about this, it is because I find this so outrageous. This is going to hurt people in coastal communities.

I would like to invite the President to Taholah on the Quinault Indian Reservation. Tribal elders would tell him that the ocean that was once a football field away is now their front porch and creeps closer and closer every day.

They would like a brand-new seawall, too. But, unfortunately, they aren't billionaires. They need a partner in the Federal Government to protect their homes. So do folks in Ocean Shores and Westport and Neah Bay and coastal communities throughout my State.

Before releasing his budget, I hope the President remembers that it is not just his golf course that is at risk. We are talking about people's homes and

people's lives, and they deserve better than this.

#### OBAMACARE HURTING TEXAS FAMILIES

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

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, ObamaCare is hurting Texas families, as the Speaker knows. The law has led to higher costs, fewer choices, and less access to the quality health care that is what the American people deserve.

Currently, over 70 percent of the counties nationwide have two or fewer insurers. Texas could see as much as a 48 percent rate increase in 2017. This is proof that ObamaCare is failing.

Hardworking Americans and their families have been begging for an end to the ObamaCare burden. It is up to this House to provide one.

House Republicans have forged a new path to patient-centered health care. Our plan looks out for the most vulnerable and allows for Americans to choose a plan that best suits their healthcare needs.

I am committed to repealing the broken promises of ObamaCare and replacing them with health care that works for Texas families.

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#### TRUMPCARE

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, this is day 49 of the Trump administration, which has been characterized by chaos, crisis, and confusion. Donald Trump promised to bring the jobs back, but the jobs bill must be in the witness protection program because, for the life of me, I can't find it.

Instead, we get TrumpCare, a bill that would destroy health care in America as we know it. TrumpCare will increase premiums on the American people. TrumpCare will increase copays on the American people. TrumpCare will increase deductibles on the American people. TrumpCare will increase the cost of prescription drugs on the American people. TrumpCare will reduce coverage for the American people. TrumpCare will be a disaster. And that is why House Democrats are going to do everything in our power to stop this reckless version of health care for America.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHURUBUSCO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

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

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a historic accomplishment that took place this past

Saturday night in northeast Indiana. As you may know, in Indiana, we love basketball. We affectionately refer to our passion for the game as Hoosier Hysteria.

This is a special time of the year for Hoosiers. Every year, high school teams across our State compete in the annual Indiana high school basketball tournament. For one team, this year turned into a special season. Churubusco High School, located in Whitley County, first competed in the Indiana boys high school tournament in 1981. Over the years, many great players wore the Eagles uniform, but Churubusco High School never won a sectional title until this year.

This past Saturday night the Eagles claimed the Class 2A Woodlan Sectional, winning Churubusco's first sectional championship trophy in the 99-year history of its boys basketball program. Eagle senior Luke Foote, who scored 26 points in the sectional championship game, said after the win: "It is huge for the community knowing that history was made. It means a lot to the guys that put on the jersey before us. . . ."

I congratulate the Churubusco Eagles, head coach Chris Paul, and the entire Churubusco community on this historic accomplishment. The celebration of this sectional title is truly a century in the making.

#### REPUBLICAN HEALTHCARE BILL

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, for 7 years, Republicans have been making promises about their secret healthcare plan. They said that under their plan, nobody would have to carry health insurance if they did not want to; and then when they got sick, they could demand their health insurance with no exclusions for preexisting conditions, no limits on coverage for expensive diseases, and that their coverage would be better and cheaper than ObamaCare for all Americans.

While they made these questionable promises, the Affordable Care Act provided more than 20 million Americans with lifesaving health care. And now, after 7 years, Republicans have finally revealed their secret plan. We now see that virtually all their promises were lies. Their plan will rapidly bankrupt Medicare, and those over 50 will see massive cost increases, and millions will lose their health care.

They did keep one promise, though. Massive new tax cuts for the wealthy. For that, millions of American families will pay a terrible price.

#### REPUBLICAN RESCUE MISSION

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, as a physician, I know firsthand ObamaCare