

If you want to talk about reforming the program and how do we look to the future, we need to focus on how to make the program even better. We need to make sure that anyone who needs this benefit has access to it. We need to support and expand innovative programs that help increase the purchasing power of SNAP. We need to increase SNAP benefits so that families that are helped by the program can actually access more nutritious food that lasts through the month.

Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump is used to dining with billionaires at Mar-a-Lago and Trump Tower, so I am not at all shocked by his lack of knowledge about our antihunger safety net or by his lack of interest in helping the most vulnerable in our society. It is clear from his budget that he does not have a clue.

I urge my colleagues to join me in rejecting this reckless and heartless proposal that will devastate so many families that we represent. We must, instead, support efforts to strengthen SNAP and end hunger now. We are supposed to end hunger now, not make it worse.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about an organization that is near and dear to my heart, the Lions Clubs International. I am a member of my hometown organization, the Howard Area Lions Club. I am proud that for many years it has been the largest Lions Club in Pennsylvania, despite being in a very rural area. Last year marked our club's 40th anniversary.

The Howard Area Lions Club has consistently earned the recognition as the largest Lions Club in Pennsylvania. There are probably many factors that have led them to this title, but none more significant than their commitment to the Lions Club motto: We serve. The members of this club have served as the chartering organization for the Howard Scout Troop 353. I have been honored to serve as a Scoutmaster of that troop since they first assumed this responsibility.

The idea of the Lions Club began 100 years ago in Chicago. A 38-year-old businessman named Melvin Jones told members of the local business club that they should reach beyond their business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world, and they agreed. Three years later, the Lions Club became an international organization. Melvin Jones inspired generations of people to become civic-minded individuals dedicated to using their talents and their ambition to improve their communities without financial reward. Melvin Jones had a personal code: "You can't get very far

until you start doing something for somebody else."

Well, the Lions Club redoubled its commitment to help others when a young advocate for the disabled spoke at the 1925 Lions Clubs International convention. This woman challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Of course, this woman was Helen Keller.

Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf. After working with an exceptional teacher, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille, and a few years later she learned to speak.

The Lions accepted Helen Keller's challenge and ever since have worked on several projects to prevent blindness, restore eyesight, and improve eye care for folks all around the world. Sight became one of the Lions' defining causes. Many are familiar with its eyeglasses recycling program where individuals can donate reading glasses they no longer need.

Mr. Speaker, service to others is what makes Lions Clubs International such a powerful force of good in the world. I am grateful that Lions Clubs around the globe serve millions annually. I am so proud to be a member of an organization that not only lives up to its remarkable ideals but exceeds them time and time again.

Congratulations to the Lions Clubs International on their centennial anniversary.

BROKEN PROMISES OF THE TRUMP BUDGET

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday President Trump laid out his budget request for next year. It represents the most draconian disinvestment in our country by any President in modern history, and it is littered with broken promises and fundamental errors in simple math.

It is a budget that makes very clear that this President is not fighting for working Americans and their families, and, in fact, he is breaking his promises to make their lives better. It is shockingly devoid of the basic policy details necessary to back up its deficit-cutting bravado. It includes an accounting discrepancy so large—over \$2 trillion—that it can only be characterized as willfully hiding the ball from the American public, an exercise in extreme incompetence, or both.

The purpose of a budget is to lay out the most complete description of a President's governing vision for the country. By that measure and many others, this budget is an embarrassment. It is no wonder that it has already been panned by Members on both sides of the aisle in this House. My Republican friend, Representative MIKE SIMPSON, was absolutely right when he said of proposals like this one that the House can't pass this budget. Nor will

it. It is dead on arrival in Congress because Democrats and Republicans both understand that we can't provide economic security to the American people and keep them safe from threats if we gut our investments in doing both. That is what the President's budget would do.

As The Washington Post eloquently pointed out, the Trump budget "is fundamentally at odds with what Trump told voters." President Trump promised middle class American workers he would fight for them and their families. If implemented, his budget would make it harder for them to send their kids to college, access job training to get ahead, or even just stay in the middle class, and devastate seniors' long-term care. The dramatic cuts he makes to nutrition assistance, elimination of heating assistance during the winter months and Meals on Wheels will hit low-income Americans and seniors hard, particularly in rural communities.

And those, Mr. Speaker, are just a selection. He is breaking his campaign promise not to cut Medicaid and Social Security, taking \$1.4 trillion out of Medicaid over the next 10 years, without offering a policy to achieve those cuts, and slashing funds for the Social Security disability insurance programs that serve 10 million Americans. Frankly, the President made fun of those with disabilities during the course of the campaign, and now he cuts billions of dollars from the ability of the disabled to maintain some degree of dignity and health.

President Trump also pledged that the American taxpayer would not pay—would not pay—for the border wall he wants to build. Of course, his budget asks the U.S. taxpayer to pay for that wall. When it comes to keeping Americans safe from threats overseas, President Trump's budget fails miserably as well, cutting the budgets for diplomacy and foreign aid that complement the work of our military in combating ISIS and other terror groups. Additionally, it punishes middle class Federal employees in every congressional district in our country for choosing to serve their country by cutting their pay and retirement benefits.

One after another, the budget breaks the President's promises. At every turn, it undermines our long-term security and prosperity by ignoring the critical lessons from past Republican administrations when it comes to basic economics. Like past Republican budgets, the Trump budget relies on discredited theories of how economic growth would result from tax policies. Unlike past attempts, however, the Trump budget double counts its fantasy supply side boost in an accounting error so large it could pay for the Pentagon 3 years over.

Mr. Speaker, we know this budget will go nowhere in Congress. I believe there will not be a Republican in the House of Representatives, Mr. Speaker,

who will offer this budget on the floor of this House. It does tell us, however, a lot about this President and his priorities. Former Vice President Biden has been known to say: "Don't tell me what you value. Show me your budget."

President Trump has now shown us his budget, and none of us should be surprised. So now it is up to Democrats and Republicans in this House and in the Senate to work together to agree on a budget resolution and move appropriations bills through regular order. Let us hope we can do that. The American public would expect us to do that, and our country needs us to do that.

We must not disinvest in those things that have made America great and will enable us to lay the groundwork for another century of American leadership.

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REMEMBERING U.S. MARINE CORPS LANCE CORPORAL MARC LUCAS TUCKER

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

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to rise today in the memory of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Mark Lucas Tucker, who was killed on June 8, 2005, in a nonhostile vehicle accident on Alternating Supply Route Uranium in Iraq.

Lance Corporal Tucker, a Pontotoc, Mississippi, native, was assigned to the 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan, attached to the 2nd Force Service Support Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Forward.

Lance Corporal Tucker's mother, Donna Bagwell, is seated in the gallery today. She said her son wanted to be a marine from the time he was a little boy. He wanted to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather, who also served in the Marine Corps.

In 2003, Lance Corporal Tucker enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. In 2005, he volunteered to go to Iraq to protect our Nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mrs. Bagwell said her son planned to stay in the United States Marine Corps until retirement and make it a career. "He loved America," Mrs. Bagwell said, "He loved the Marine Corps and everything about it."

Lance Corporal Tucker is survived by his parents, Kelly and Donna Bagwell, and Mark Tucker; and siblings, Christy Irby, Pam Bolen, and Terry Bagwell.

Lance Corporal Tucker demonstrated the characteristics that make us all proud to be Americans, and we honor his service and his life.

Semper fi, Lance Corporal Tucker.

MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as we enter this Memorial Day weekend, to recognize all of

those great Americans who have given their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy.

This Nation can never forget those who preserved our Nation and died way too soon. God bless all those who have died in defense of this great Nation, and God bless America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded that it is not in order to refer to an occupant in the gallery.

REMEMBERING SENATOR RALPH A. HUNT, SR.

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of a dear friend, a North Carolina giant, the Honorable Ralph A. Hunt, Sr.: a community leader, businessman, educator, former North Carolina State Senator; and a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Mr. Speaker, Ralph Hunt was a resident of Durham County, North Carolina, a county that Congressman DAVID PRICE and I proudly represent. He was my constituent.

Mr. Speaker, Ralph Hunt was also a native of my congressional district, having grown up in an adjoining county called Granville County, North Carolina. He was the seventh of eight children born in 1932 to Johnnie and Amanda Harris Hunt.

As a young student at Mary Potter High School in Oxford, North Carolina, which was the only high school for African Americans during those days, Ralph grew up during the period of legal and forced segregation in the South, which helped lay the foundation for Ralph and others like him to get an education. Mary Potter High School was a nationally renowned high school for African Americans.

Ralph Hunt, Sr., went on to further his education at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, which is a Presbyterian school. He was drafted into the United States Army during his junior year in school, but he was honorably discharged 2 years later from the United States Army.

He then returned to North Carolina to complete his college education, earning a degree in mathematics in 1956. After spending many years as an educator at Mary Potter High School and Hillside High School, Ralph was elected to the Durham City Council. He was one of only two African Americans serving on the city council at that time. His fellow council members selected him to serve as mayor pro tempore.

Ralph was then elected to the North Carolina State Senate in 1985 and served many years. During his tenure, Senator Hunt was a true statesman who led with conviction. He served as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, served as majority whip, and a

member of the Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations. He introduced the legislation that changed the election law in North Carolina to allow a 40 percent threshold to avoid a runoff in a primary.

In 1993, Senator Hunt was appointed by then-Governor Jim Hunt to the prestigious North Carolina Utilities Commission, where he would serve as its chair. Ralph Hunt, Sr., retired from the North Carolina Utilities Commission in 2001 and returned to the State Senate very briefly from 2004 to 2005.

Ralph's career in public service should serve as a marker we can all strive to meet. He was a visionary who helped bring the Durham community to be the economic leader that it is today.

Ralph Hunt, Sr., achieved many great things in his life, but his greatest achievement, Mr. Speaker, was his loving family: his dear wife of more than 50 years, Rebecca; and his three children, Ralph, Jr., Reginald, and Regina.

Mr. Speaker, the city of Durham, the county of Durham, and the State of North Carolina all shine brighter because of the life and work of Senator Ralph Hunt, Sr. We will miss him dearly, but his legacy lives on.

Everything God gave to Ralph, he gave it back to his family and to his community. I said those words at his memorial service the other day, and I say it now from the well of the U.S. House of Representatives: Everything that God gave to Ralph Hunt, Sr., he gave it back to his family and to his community.

Mr. Speaker, in just a few moments, after the next Republican speaker, my dear friend and colleague, Congressman DAVID PRICE, who was also a dear friend of Ralph Hunt, Sr., will give additional remarks in tribute to this great leader.

HONORING CAPTAIN AMY LYNN SVOBODA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Captain Amy Lynn Svoboda, my friend, A-10 squadron mate, and pioneer.

Amy grew up in Illinois and graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1989, serving as a co-captain of the volleyball team. She attended pilot training, then served as a T-37 instructor pilot before coming to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to become an A-10 pilot in 1996.

Amy was 1 of only 14 female fighter pilots in the Air Force at the time, and I got to know her when she joined me in the 354th Fighter Squadron Bulldogs as the second female pilot ever in that unit.

Amy was quickly well-respected as a pilot and an officer, and well liked by so many. Her positive personality was infectious, and her dedication to excellence was a model to us all. She specifically inspired me as an example of how