

support since their creation 20 and 50 years ago, respectively, but not this time.

We should not cut Medicaid to fund these two programs. You are taking money away from the poorest children to give to the less poor children. We need to support vaccination programs, infectious disease detection and prevention, and chronic disease prevention. We need to make sure this bill is bipartisan, and it is not right now.

#### DREAMERS

(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, there are less than 21 legislative days left this calendar year, and the House has yet to vote for a permanent solution to protect DREAMers from deportation.

H.R. 3440, known as the Dream Act, introduced by Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD and me, is an effort to put an end to the fear and the uncertainty that surrounds over 800,000 young immigrants living in our country.

This bill will allow qualified DREAMers an opportunity to better plan for their future in the only country they truly know as home—the United States.

After several years, they will be able to apply for conditional permanent residency, and eventually for citizenship. And during that time, they will continue to participate in their daily activities, such as contributing to our communities, helping our economy, and showcasing their talent and ingenuity.

Mr. Speaker, let's do what is right for these young immigrants because they are already Americans in their hearts and minds. Let's bring the Dream Act for a vote so that these young professionals can make their American Dream a reality. The clock is ticking, Mr. Speaker.

#### REAL TAX REFORM FOR REAL PEOPLE

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I have received hundreds of letters from constituents who are deeply worried about the proposed tax plan.

One San Diegan told me that, without the State and local tax deduction, his family of seven faces a loss of over \$40,000 in deductions.

Another constituent told me that his family would lose \$20,000 in take-home pay under this tax plan.

Why on Earth would we do this to middle class families? Why would we cap the mortgage deductions middle class home buyers depend on to lower taxes for huge corporations?

This plan is simply reckless and hurtful to the American people and our economic growth.

Let's take a look at real tax reform for real people, not a plan that helps those who need it the least.

#### 25TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize the local fire departments from the 25th Congressional District—specifically, the ones located in Johnson County.

Altogether, first responders from this county were deployed for over 8 weeks to help with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Twenty firefighters and personnel were sent from Cleburne, Bono, Godley, Grandview, and Joshua fire departments to help out with the storm's impact.

Just 2 weeks ago, these first responders were honored during the Johnson County Emergency Services District Number 1 monthly meeting. Over the course of 2 months, they contributed a great deal to the total number of 17,000 rescue missions in Texas.

More than 33,000 individuals were displaced as a result of this tragedy, and these heroes put their own lives on hold to help out their fellow Texans.

Mr. Speaker, these crews, who serve their local community, are a rare find—they are heroes—and I am honored to represent them in the 25th Congressional District of Texas.

They voluntarily left their families and put their lives on the line in order to save others. The folks in Houston and south Texas will be forever grateful.

Texas is still recovering and, together, we will be stronger than ever before.

God bless Texas, God bless the first responders, and God bless the United States of America.

In God we trust.

#### TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN SAM JOHNSON

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to a living legend: my friend and colleague, Congressman SAM JOHNSON.

Recently, we had the opportunity to honor him by renaming the Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive as the SAM JOHNSON Vietnam Archive.

Nobody in the United States Congress enjoys more esteem from his colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, than SAM JOHNSON.

His legacy of service is awe-inspiring. Twenty-nine years in the United States Air Force, combat missions in Korea and Vietnam. Nearly 7 years as a POW, roughly 3 of those years in solitary confinement.

There are many forces in politics that pull us from pillar to post, and many interests that compete for our time and attention. There is one force that drives this man—it is his desire to fight for the future of this country. And there is only one interest, and that is only what is in the best interest of all Americans.

I am grateful to Texas Tech for honoring Congressman JOHNSON's service and sacrifice, and I am proud of the example Sam has set for all of us who serve in the people's House.

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#### CONGRATULATING THE HOUSTON ASTROS WINNING THE WORLD SERIES

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, good morning, America. What about those Houston Astros?

As Representative of the 18th Congressional District in the great city of Houston, let me thank the Houston Astros for taking a Harvey-worn community to the highest lengths. We had never won the World Series.

Minute Maid is a fine stadium and the L.A. Dodgers were a very fine competitor. Let me thank all of them for the great sportsmanship, the character that was shown.

It shows what America is about. You can be two great adversaries on the battlefield of baseball, but you can still be great friends and colleagues and part of the great American pastime.

Thank you to the mayor, the county government, the State government, all of those fans out there. Thank you to George Springer and Altuve, who caught the final out. Oh, I was so excited.

Congratulations to those southern boys, the boys of the south, the boys of the southwest. They did a great job. Yes, we are the World Series champion, the American League champion. Go, Houston Astros.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for your kindness. I am so excited. They are great young men.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN GLOTZ ON WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE

(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 to congratulate Dan Glotz on receiving the 2017 Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry's Community Service Award.

The chamber presents the award annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to the community.

Dan was raised in Warren County and graduated from Warren Area High School, and he currently serves as the Warren County planning director.

He has given his time to numerous community organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, where he has served in many roles over the years, including Scoutmaster and council commissioner.

Dan is an excellent role model and mentor for scores of young Scouts, and he is involved in many more organizations.

He is a founding partner of Walkable Warren, which is a local initiative to promote healthy lifestyles for people of all ages through established walking and bicycling trails.

Dan is also the games competition coordinator for the Warren County Special Olympics, as well as a cantor at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

These are just some of Dan's community activities.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dan and I thank him for his outstanding service to Warren County.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE NEW TAX REFORM BILL

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, first, a hearty congratulations to my Texas colleagues from northern California, Giants country. Orange October feels good, doesn't it, especially when you defeat the hated southern California franchise?

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in support of the new tax reform bill that was released just today by the Ways and Means Committee. This legislation contains many provisions that Congress has been promising the American people a long time: doubling the standard deduction, lowering the corporate tax rate, cutting taxes for small businesses.

That is what these reform measures are about: saving money for millions of Americans and simplifying the act of doing your taxes, as well as creating an environment for American business to thrive and come home and bring the jobs with them here in America and invest in the American economy.

The American people want tax reform, they need tax reform, and they have waited a long time, indeed since 1986. They shouldn't have to wait more years than actually the last time the Dodgers won the World Series to kick start their economy and help American jobs.

Mr. Speaker, we need to make this happen now.

#### INDIANA DUNES

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

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the recent passage of H.R. 1488, the Indiana Dunes National Park Act, which passed the House unanimously yesterday.

This bill renames the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore as the Indiana Dunes National Park, creating the first national park in Indiana and the 60th in the country.

The Indiana Dunes are a treasured source of natural beauty where Hoosiers and their families can enjoy countless recreational activities. It is a diverse landscape consisting of dunes, oak savannas, swamps, bogs, marshes, prairies, rivers, and forests, creating one of the most biologically diverse areas in the country. The park contains over 2,000 unique animal and plant species.

Making the Dunes National Lakeshore Indiana's first national park will draw the attention of more Americans from around the country and give them an opportunity to enjoy one of the most beautiful places in our land.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to this bipartisan bill being quickly passed by the Senate and signed into law by the President.

#### THE ROLLOUT OF THE TAX REFORM PROPOSAL

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today is a big day. I want to congratulate my colleague and friend, Mr. BRADY, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and the committee for the rollout of our tax reform proposal, the first time in over 30 years.

For the individual, what do we get?

We get a fairer, flatter, simpler Tax Code. We are lowering the rates. We are doubling personal exemptions. And guess what. Most Americans will be able to file their tax returns on a postcard.

For corporate America, we get a reduction from 35 percent to 20 percent, which will make us competitive across the world. Most countries in the major industrialized nations tax their corporations at a 20 percent rate.

We will eliminate most every loophole that will deprive special interests of being able to interrupt and intercede in that Tax Code.

For what purpose?

A simple purpose: more money in individuals' pockets, and a growing, thriving economy for all Americans.

Again, I congratulate Chairman BRADY and the Ways and Means Committee. I look forward to seeing quick passage on the floor.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 849, PROTECTING SENIORS' ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT OF 2017

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

call up House Resolution 600 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 600

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 849) to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), 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. BURGESS. 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 Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 600 provides for the consideration of a bipartisan bill reported by the House Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee.

The rule provides for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairs and ranking members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule adopts the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means.

Further, the rule waives all points of order and makes in order no further amendments to the legislation. However, the minority is afforded the customary motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of millions of seniors in my home State of Texas and all across the United States, I am grateful that the House is considering H.R. 849, the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2017.

This bill has been championed by my good friend from Tennessee, Dr. PHIL ROE, in this Congress and in previous