

As a Chinese immigrant in Toronto, Andrea's grandmother received a loan that changed her family's history, as the loan helped Jung's grandmother to open her own hair salon.

Two generations later, after attending Princeton, Andrea served over a decade as CEO and chairman of Avon Products, a giant in the field of beauty products.

Andrea has been ranked among the top leaders on lists such as Fortune magazine's "Most Powerful Women in Business" and "Most Powerful Women in the World," and the Financial Times' "Top Women in World Business."

Mr. Speaker, I am so proud of the work of Andrea and Grameen America in what they are doing. They are giving women in need the ability to improve the lives of their own and their families.

The opening of this new branch is an exciting opportunity. I look forward to working with Andrea to help women in our south Florida community.

SUPPORTING THE 8TH ANNUAL DAN MARINO
FOUNDATION WALKABOUT AUTISM

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage my south Florida community to take part in the 8th annual Dan Marino Foundation WalkAbout Autism. This event will take place on Saturday, January 27, at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens.

According to the CDC, over 3 million individuals in the United States are impacted by an autism spectrum disorder. There have been numerous dramatic scientific advances in our understanding of autism, but we must continue making progress toward effective treatments and eventually, yes, a cure.

The WalkAbout Autism will bring together families, parents, caregivers, and friends to raise awareness and resources for the south Florida autism community. More importantly, every donation made will stay in our local community and will be used to provide classroom equipment, employment services, new adaptive technologies, and more to those impacted by this disorder.

This walk also helps fund essential educational opportunities, like special needs programming at local schools and the Marino Campus, whose postsecondary education program helps young adults with autism bridge the gap between high school and employment.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Dan Marino Foundation for all of its hard work to make this walk so successful, and this year will be no different.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to participate in this walk for a great cause at the Hard Rock Stadium on Saturday, January 27, at 8 a.m.

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CELEBRATING CITY YEAR MIAMI

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to highlight the 2018 Miami Creator's Ball that will take place at LMNCTY on Friday, January 26 to cel-

brate the 10th anniversary of City Year Miami.

City Year volunteers, in their distinctive red jackets, have become a fixture at most of our Miami schools. This wonderful organization connects mentors with students in underserved schools who are at risk of dropping out.

City Year Miami members have served more than 225,000 students and have given more than 2 million hours of service to our local schools, and the results speak for themselves. City Year has not only helped more of Miami's at-risk students graduate on time, but it has played a key role in ensuring that more than 80 percent of Miami-Dade students earn their high school diplomas—Simply amazing. Furthermore, 90 percent of Miami teachers say that City Year members help their students improve their overall academic performance.

As a former Florida certified teacher, it fills me with great pride to encourage everyone in our community to come to LMNCTY in Miami-Dade County on Friday, January 26 to celebrate City Year Miami's 10th anniversary.

LIVING IN DR. KING'S FOOTSTEPS

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during the week of Martin Luther King Jr. Day to recognize three of my constituents who are living in Dr. King's footsteps.

Dr. King once said: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

In the Third District of Kansas, as well as across the country, we continue to see darkness and hate. Just last year, an Olathe resident shot two immigrants from India in a local restaurant, telling them to get out of his country. One of them, Srinivas Kuchibhotla, was killed.

In 2014, a white supremacist from Missouri drove to the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park and murdered three people as part of a mission to kill Jewish residents in our community. Three people were killed: Reat Underwood, William Corporon, and Terry LaManno.

In both of these cases, we saw the very worst of humanity, the very racism and bigotry and evil that Dr. King led our Nation so fiercely against. In each of these cases, we also see the beauty of humanity's power of kindness, endurance, forgiveness, and love.

Sunayana Dumala, whose husband was killed in that tragedy in Olathe, Kansas, has turned this tragedy into an opportunity to spread a message of love and acceptance. The heart-breaking loss of her husband, along with visa problems due to our broken immigration system, has made this a very difficult last year for Sunayana. She questioned, understandably,

whether she and other Indian immigrants were welcome here. However, our community rallied around her with the unmistakable answer that, yes, you are loved, you are part of our community, and you are welcome here.

Now Sunayana has become a leading voice against hatred. She is leading others in this effort to embrace diversity in race, culture, and religion. She is planning a peace walk later this year and has launched an initiative called Forever Welcome that promotes understanding and acceptance of immigrants. She is a living example of love standing up in the face of hatred.

Another story is Mindy Corporon, who lost both her father and son in the attack at the Jewish community center in 2014. She did not let the loss of her family members turn her to hatred. Instead, she set out to bring light into the darkness left by this event. She launched SevenDays: Make a Ripple, Change the World, a weeklong event commemorating the tragedy which seeks to turn one ripple of kindness into an unstoppable wave of faith and love. SevenDays challenges all of us to embrace diversity, to foster hope, and to promote love. Her tireless efforts fall right in the footsteps of Dr. King.

Just recently, I was moved by the story of Sonia Warshawski, who is being featured in a documentary, titled, "Big Sonia." As one of the last Holocaust survivors in my district, she is telling the story of the unspeakable tragedy she endured as a teenager at a concentration camp, being split from her father and brother, and literally watching her mother being marched to her death in the gas chambers. Yet here she is, preaching tolerance, kindness, and, most of all, love for one another.

Mindy, Sunayana, and Sonia are just three members of our community who are living out Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy in their everyday lives. In each of their stories, extreme racism, bigotry was spread through its known weapons—fear and violence—and in each case, these women responded with courage, love, and kindness, just as Dr. King preached.

These three women in my district are leading the way in the daily, ongoing fight for justice, tolerance, and love. They are an example for all of us to follow as we work to make our community a better place.

Mr. Speaker, let us continue to teach love. Let us continue to be the light that drives out the darkness. Let us move forward as a nation and as a people together, united, and we will one day achieve Dr. King's dream.

FRUITS OF TAX REFORM

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

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, last month we concluded an intense debate over tax reform, and I want, again, to

thank Chairman BRADY for heeding the concerns of those of us from overtaxed States like California.

By allowing greater flexibility in deducting State and local taxes and by lowering all tax rates, the final measure assures that virtually every family will be paying lower taxes even though losing much of their State and local tax deductions. In fact, in my district, the average household will see a tax cut of \$1,900 as a result.

Yet I still receive many calls from constituents who fear their taxes will go up and their standard of living will go down. They believe this because this is what they have been told by the Democrats and by the media.

Now that the bill is in effect, I think people are about to see their paychecks grow, their job prospects brighten, and their family finances improve. Indeed, the day that President Trump signed the bill, companies across America began announcing bonuses, pay raises, and major new investment plans in the American economy, and those announcements just keep coming.

A variety of tax calculators are already available on the internet so that every family can see for themselves how they personally benefit from the tax cuts. I would recommend a Web site called taxplancalculator.com. There, people can input their own tax figures and see how much their family will save.

In February, withholding tables will reflect the newer, lower rates, and the take-home pay for the vast majority of Americans will jump even before accounting for the surge in wages that always accompanies an economic expansion.

By spring, most economists expect a significant burst of economic growth. As tax barriers come down, capital stranded offshore is already coming home. This morning, Apple announced it is bringing back most of its quarter trillion dollars of capital now stuck offshore.

Immediate expensing reforms will accelerate equipment purchases, and an internationally competitive corporate tax rate will mean new investments in making products, once again, in America.

If The New York Times poll from yesterday is any indication, the American people are already beginning to see the truth. That poll tracked an 18-point swing from disapproval to approval of the reform in just 1 month.

The scare-mongering by congressional Democrats went further than claims that the tax reform would produce only middle class misery and economic malaise. They also claimed that millions of Americans would lose their health insurance because of it. How so? Because this bill removes the stiff tax penalties that are levied against 6½ million American families who choose not to purchase overpriced ObamaCare policies. It is a minimum of \$2,100 of penalty for a family of four. These families will now have that

money available to meet their own needs, including purchasing inexpensive policies available on the private market.

This begs two questions: If ObamaCare is so wonderful, why do we have to force families to buy it? And, if 6½ million families already prefer paying the stiff penalty to buying the insurance, what does that say about the signature achievement of the Obama Democrats?

The Democrats have seized on projections that the reform will add \$1.5 trillion of new debt over the next 10 years based on their assumption it will produce no economic growth. Yet, when Ronald Reagan cut the top marginal tax rate by half, income tax revenues doubled. Several prominent economists are predicting an additional \$2 trillion of new tax revenues to all levels of government solely due to economic expansion from this law.

The final line of attack is that the personal income tax cuts will expire in 8 years, leaving many Americans worse off. Well, that is perhaps the most dangerous argument for the Democrats to make because every American understands the answer to that question depends upon who controls Congress.

Democrats have made it clear that, if they are returned to office, the tax cuts are over, and Republicans have made it just as clear that our unfinished business is make take those cuts permanent. Let the people decide.

Ronald Reagan asked a simple question both in 1980 when he ran against the economic malaise of the Carter policies and again in 1984 after he had implemented the same progrowth policies we now see under President Trump: Are you better off today than you were 4 years ago?

No politician or pundit can spin the answer to that question. Every individual American knows that answer precisely in their own lives. And I am looking forward to asking that question again as the tax reform takes effect.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (11 o'clock and 40 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

With the Psalmist, we pray: O, Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Even before the first word is formulated, Lord, guide our minds, our thoughts, our hearts and desires. By Your holy spirit, breathe into us a new spirit. Shape this Congress and our world according to Your design that we may fulfill Your holy will.

Give the Members of this people's House the gift of attentive hearts and open minds, that through the diversity of ideas they may sort out what is best for this Nation. Let them not be afraid of silence, that even before they speak, they may heed Your revealed Word with longing.

May their speech be deliberately free of all prejudice that others may listen wholeheartedly, then their dialogue will be mutually respectful in the hope of bringing unity and justice.

May all that we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

MARCHING FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

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