

their relentless commitment to our community's welfare. I thank them for making Ossining a better place for all.

#### DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Mr. AGUILAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the veterans, public schoolteachers, and seniors in my district. These are the hostages the most extreme members of the Republican Conference have bragged about.

We are on the verge of a Republican-led default because the people calling the shots in this Chamber are the same people who want cuts to veterans' healthcare and manufacturing jobs.

These draconian cuts will have a direct impact on my community in the Inland Empire and the State of California.

In my district alone, approximately 6,900 jobs could be wiped out, Social Security payments for 58,000 families will be jeopardized, and the retirement savings for 81,500 people could disappear.

In the State of California, approximately 4 million people could lose health insurance, and housing costs will increase for 83,200 people.

This is unacceptable, and Americans deserve better.

House Republicans need to drop their ransom note and come to their senses so we can avoid a devastating default and put the American people first.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE OF USMC MAJOR MEGAN McCLUNG

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of U.S. Marine Corps Major Megan McClung from Mission Viejo in my district. She was the first female Marine Corps officer to be killed in the Iraq war. She was also the first woman graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy to be killed in action.

Major McClung's headstone reads: "Be brief. Be bold. Be gone."

While she left us too soon, she had a life well lived and made a lasting impact.

If marines didn't know her, they knew of her. She was an avid marathon runner and triathlete. Her contagious personality, tenacity, and fiery red hair are remembered by all.

This week, I introduced a bipartisan bill to rename the Mission Viejo Post Office in her honor.

We can never fully repay our fallen heroes and their families, but I hope this will help preserve her story for future generations.

#### DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise with 80 of my Democratic colleagues to demand that Republicans do their job, do the right thing, and pay America's bills.

My colleagues on this side of the aisle are here to do the people's business.

Where are Republicans? They have rushed out of town as America speeds toward economic catastrophe. Why? It is because they know they have forced a dangerous and false choice on the American people to either impose draconian and cruel cuts that will hurt American families, America's veterans, and American seniors or a devastating and catastrophic default.

Mr. Speaker, this is an unacceptable choice. It is time for House Republicans to get serious.

House Democrats are here united, just as we were at the beginning of this year and just as we will be throughout this legislative Congress to do the people's business.

It is time for Republicans to do the same.

#### COMMEMORATING 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 77th anniversary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's Independence Day.

America and Jordan have a long history of friendship and cooperation after establishing diplomatic relations in 1949. Jordan plays a vital role in advancing peace, stability, and moderation in the Middle East.

I recently visited Jordan. In fact, I had the honor of being flown by Jordan's first-ever female helicopter pilot. On that same visit, King Abdullah graciously hosted our delegation and took us to the holy site where Jesus was baptized on the east bank of the Jordan River.

Jordan is a shining example of tolerance, with traditions of hospitality between all religions. This visit was especially moving, and it was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life.

It is especially meaningful to me personally as I married into a Jordanian-American family, the Nesheiwats, who immigrated to America from their ancestral home of Salt through Ellis Island.

We look forward to returning to Jordan soon to baptize our newborn son, Arman.

I wish King Abdullah and the Jordanian people a happy Independence Day, and I remain committed to supporting the friendship and partnership between our two countries.

#### DEBT CEILING CRISIS

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to House Republicans' lack of good faith negotiations to avoid a devastating default on our Nation's debt.

The Congressional Budget Office shows that extending the Trump tax cuts would add \$3.5 trillion to the deficit. Yet, House Republican leaders have introduced legislation to make these tax cuts for the rich permanent and increase the Federal deficit, while at the same time they are holding our economy hostage by demanding disastrous funding cuts to air traffic and rail safety.

As we approach Memorial Day, Republicans are breaking the promise to our veterans.

President Biden already lowered the deficit by \$1.7 trillion. His budget would cut the deficit by another \$3 trillion by eliminating wasteful spending on Big Oil and Big Pharma, closing tax loopholes for corporations, and ensuring everyone pay their fair share.

House Republicans created this crisis, and they can prevent this devastating default.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a report from the Senate Committee on the Budget.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

[From U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget, May 16, 2023]

EXTENDING TRUMP TAX CUTS WOULD ADD \$3.5 TRILLION TO THE DEFICIT, ACCORDING TO CBO NEW REPORT FINDS REPUBLICANS' GIVEAWAYS TO THE WEALTHY AND LARGE CORPORATIONS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE COSTLY THAN PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED

WASHINGTON, D.C.—According to a report released today by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), extending the Trump tax cuts would add \$3.5 trillion to the deficit through 2033.

Written at the urging of Senator WHITEHOUSE (D-RI), Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, and Senator WYDEN (D-OR), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the new report finds the Republicans' policy priority is a half a trillion dollars more costly than previously estimated. House Republicans' legislation to make permanent the Trump tax cuts—and blow up the federal deficit—comes at the same time they are holding the federal debt limit hostage to extract disastrous spending cuts to programs and services like veterans' support, opioid treatment, law enforcement, and affordable energy.

The new report comes the day before a Senate Budget Committee hearing on how the Bush and Trump tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations have driven recent and projected federal deficits. They have been the largest driver of deficits over the past two decades and account for 57 percent of the increase in the debt-to-GDP ratio since 2001.

MAGA Republicans don't give a d--- about the deficit, and today's estimate of the cost of kickbacks for their friends and donors is further proof," said Senator Whitehouse. "Republicans racked up the national debt by giving tax breaks to their billionaire buddies, and now they want everyone else to pay

for them. It is one of life's great enigmas that Republicans can keep a straight face while they simultaneously cite the deficit to extort massive spending cuts to critical programs and support a bill that would blow up deficits to extend trillions in tax cuts for the people who need them the least.

Three and a half trillion dollars is an eye-popping long-term price tag for the Trump tax law that Republicans swore up and down would pay for itself," Wyden said. "Republicans who say they're worried about the deficit have brought our economy on the brink of default, and yet they want to run up the debt by locking in the Trump tax law that remains horribly skewed toward corporations and the wealthy. The Republican game plan is clear. For every penny they give in tax handouts to the rich, down the road they're going to demand equivalent cuts that boot people off their health care, increase child hunger, and raise the cost of living for typical Americans.

According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, extending the Trump tax cuts would create a windfall for the top 5 percent of income earners, who would receive nearly 40 percent of the benefits in the first year alone, making this legislation one of the most regressive and expensive tax giveaways in history. The average taxpayer in the top 1 percent would save nearly \$26,000 in just that first year.

CBO's previous cost estimate for extending the Trump tax cuts was \$3 trillion through 2032, but the 10-year budget window now includes more years post-expiration. The new estimate is part of a larger report analyzing alternative assumptions about spending and revenues. It also includes a projection that permanently extending the enhancements made to the Affordable Care Act's premium tax credits—originally enacted in 2021's American Rescue Plan Act and extended through 2025 by 2022's Inflation Reduction Act—would cost \$300 billion, a fraction of the cost of extending the Trump tax cuts.

#### HONORING OUR COMMITMENTS TO OUR VETERANS

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

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank this body for passing my bill, the Streamlining Aviation for Eligible Veterans Act, or SAFE Veterans Act, as part of the VET-TEC reauthorization bill that the House passed this week.

This bill will make a meaningful contribution to allowing more of our veterans to receive vocational flight training and enter our Nation's workforce as pilots following their service in our military.

Madam Speaker, in 1980, over two-thirds of our Nation's pilots were veterans. Today, that number is less than 30 percent. This bill will not only ameliorate that situation but also help us honor the commitment that we have made to those who served in our Armed Forces.

Madam Speaker, I urge its passage in the Senate and its transmittal to the President, and I thank this body for supporting it.

#### REPUBLICAN DEFAULT CRISIS: VETERANS

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

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, this weekend, our Nation will solemnly observe Memorial Day to honor our fallen heroes and their families.

Instead of this honoring of our veterans, shamefully, the Republicans across the aisle will spend the weekend working to impose suffering on our valiant veterans.

The Republicans have forced Americans down a treacherous path to accept their extreme proposal, which would eliminate 30 million health visits for our veterans and slash revenues at the VA.

It would trigger a catastrophic default, which would force our Nation to stiff veterans on the benefits they have earned. That also applies to the effect it would have on America's middle class.

All this is for the Republicans to pass another massive tax cut, which they will do in a matter of weeks. That is their plan, to do it by the birthday of the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, June 16.

Trillions of dollars will be added to the national debt to give tax breaks to the high end at the cost of the suffering of our veterans.

It is disgraceful. Republicans must stay here and not skip town, work to avoid a default, and honor the sacred duty of our veterans as we observe Memorial Day.

#### RECOGNIZING ROLAND CHRISTENSEN

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

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, in the latest edition of the U.S. News & World Report's "Best States" rankings, Utah was ranked the top in the Nation.

Utah has one of the strongest economies in America because of our State's pro-market policies, family values, and entrepreneurial spirit. At the forefront of Utah's thriving economy is the booming technology industry in my district and across our State.

Today, I recognize Roland Christensen, an entrepreneur, a businessowner, and an engineer who has made an invaluable contribution to the Gunnison community and the entire State of Utah.

Raised in the rural town of Gunnison, Roland utilized his expertise in mechanical engineering to build one of the most successful aerospace companies in the Nation from the ground up in his hometown.

ACT Aerospace is a defense technology manufacturing leader supporting our troops with the latest technology to win on the battleground because of the visionary leadership of Ro-

land Christensen and the highly skilled workforce of Utah.

Madam Speaker, I thank Roland for all he does to keep Utah the best place to live, raise a family, and start a business.

#### DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, extreme MAGA Republicans have manufactured a crisis and are now extorting the American people with a terrible choice. Either they inflict cruel cuts that hurt everyday families, or they are forcing or trying to force a devastating default on our debt.

They are gambling with working people's livelihoods and the global economy, driving us to the brink of economic catastrophe.

It is all because they would rather have working people bear the burden of these terrible cuts instead of making billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share in taxes.

Madam Speaker, make no mistake. Our constituents are watching, especially those in Speaker MCCARTHY's district, where 75,000 people would lose Social Security payments; 285,000 people's healthcare benefits would be at risk; and the retirement savings of 89,000 people would be in jeopardy, not to mention the number of veterans who would lose their healthcare in Speaker MCCARTHY's district.

Madam Speaker, from day one, Democrats have been the most responsible and the loudest voices in defending working families from Republicans' extreme behavior. We will continue to call out these games and hostage taking. We must pay our bills.

#### DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, we are 1 week away from Secretary Yellen's hard default date, the June 1 deadline.

House Republicans have been calling on our colleagues on the other side of the aisle and the President to be negotiating on this debt since January. It is now May 25. In the past 140 days, we have been hearing a lot of name-calling and little bipartisan negotiation.

While this impasse has dragged on, House Republicans passed legislation, the Limit, Save, Grow Act, that averts a default and reduces wasteful spending. Let's negotiate from that point.

We have a plan to avert default and are eager to work with the President to work out a suitable compromise, but we would rather hear a lot of stuff and name-calling, and keep on printing and spending more money. Indeed, it was pointed out that if our plan goes