

Our nation's prosperity goes hand in hand with the success of these students, and organizations like AVANCE that are ensuring that the next generation of American leaders have a strong foundation. I look forward to many more years of powerful work from AVANCE and endless possibilities for Latino families to come.

RECOGNIZING MR. QUENTIN
ROMAN STAMBAUGH

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Quentin Roman Stambaugh on the auspicious occasion of his 100th Birthday on February 8, 2024.

Mr. Stambaugh dedicated much of his impressive 100 years to the honorable service of our Nation. He first reported for duty on 6 April 1943, to then-Camp George G. Meade, where he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and then completed Basic Training in Miami Florida. He was assigned to the U.S. Army Technical School in Sioux Falls SD, where he trained to become a Radioman and Mechanic. He progressed to Yuma, AZ as a Gunnery School trainee, and learned to operate the B-25/Mitchell Aircraft. After vigorous training, he was deployed to the Southwest Pacific region at the height of WWII, serving as a Radioman and Tail Gunner, and making his mark on our Nation as part of "The Greatest Generation."

Mr. Stambaugh heroically flew 38 Combat Missions, during which he had four take downs against the Japanese enemy, and numerous enemy installations. He earned the Expert Marksman badge, the Presidential Unit Citation, and a personal letter to his parents from General George Kenney, Commander of Allied Forces in the Southwest Pacific. In the letter, General Kenney cited Mr. Stambaugh's "Meritorious Achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from February 25, 1945 to March 30, 1945 . . ." and noted his service as ". . . a real and very tangible contribution to victory and peace." General Kenney further stated that "I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our Country's battle against the aggressor nations. You have every reason to share that pride and gratification." Mr. Stambaugh, having brushed with death numerous times, never forgets his Brothers-in-Arms who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation, fellow Warriors, and our way of life.

Returning home after earning an Honorable Discharge on 18 December 1945, Mr. Stambaugh transitioned to civilian life at PH Gladfelter in Spring Grove, and earned a Magistrate position in York County—further serving our Nation in a judicial capacity for four consecutive six-year terms. Mr. Stambaugh and his wife, Bertha, had three children, and he still lives in the home he and Bertha built together near his childhood home in Spring Grove.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored, privileged, and humbled to celebrate Mr. Quentin Roman Stambaugh on the blessed occasion of his

100th Birthday. His tireless, selfless, and dedicated service of our communities, Commonwealth, and Nation sets the standard by which we should all be judged. I wish him continued Godspeed.

TAX RELIEF FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES AND WORKERS ACT OF 2024

SPEECH OF

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I share my colleagues' support of H.R. 7024, the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act. This bill is pro-growth, pro-small business, pro-family, and will truly help our people in southern and eastern Kentucky.

I want to first point out that this bill will help folks in my district who are still recovering from the devastating flooding that we endured in 2021 and 2022. The recovery process has been long and difficult, and this bill takes important steps to make it easier for flood survivors to deduct their losses by eliminating minimum loss requirements and not penalizing individuals for compensation they received. Our people need all the help they can get, and this bill will help us move forward and build back stronger than ever.

This bill will also help our families struggling with the lingering impact of inflated high prices by expanding access to the child tax credit, eliminating the penalty for larger families, and ensuring that the tax credit is adjusted for inflation, so this benefit isn't reduced over time. This will truly make a difference for the people of Kentucky's rural Appalachian region.

This tax relief bill will also boost our economy, jumpstart innovation by allowing businesses to deduct research and development costs immediately, which will enable us to always be at the forefront of the world economy. It will also help small businesses by incentivizing capital investments, enabling them to boost their growth and increase productivity. Finally, this bill eliminates wasteful COVID era spending by accelerating the deadline for backdated claims under the employee retention credit.

This credit system has experienced rampant fraud and abuse, and its elimination will save hardworking Americans taxpayer dollars.

I am proud to support this legislation, and urge the Senate to consider it quickly to provide much-needed tax relief in southern and eastern Kentucky and across our great Nation.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EL PASO COUNTY SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the El Paso County Senior Meal Program.

Since February 1974, El Paso has been assisting seniors across our community to receive at least one warm meal a day through

the Older Americans Act. The program first started at the Sacred Heart Church Center and St. Alban's Church Center and there are now over 16 centers across El Paso. The El Paso County Senior Meal Program ensures that no senior goes hungry.

Today, in partnership with various regional government entities such as the City of El Paso, City of Socorro, City of San Elizario, Town of Clint, as well as grant funders including the Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging and the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, El Paso County remains committed to delivering essential services, including providing nutritious meals, facilitating socialization, conducting wellness activities, and performing safety checks. These services are consistently offered across 16 congregate sites, where a dedicated team of both staff and volunteers works collaboratively to serve approximately 12,057 congregate meals each month. Additionally, an impressive 39,000 home-delivered meals are distributed monthly as part of this initiative.

Today, it is my privilege to recognize the significant contributions of the El Paso County Community Services Department personnel, as well as their partners and the multitude of volunteers involved in delivering these essential and crucial services to our community, for the last 50 years. I wish them continued success and impact for many years to come.

TAX RELIEF FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES AND WORKERS ACT OF 2024

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, do you all remember when our good friend, MITT ROMNEY, talked about the 47 percent of the takers?

This bill locks in the principle that we have takers and makers. We have \$600 billion of tax breaks to the wealthiest corporations that may become permanent, and yet some woman who gets up in a rural area and marches off to the grocery store and works 30 hours a week still won't be able to get the full refundable child tax credit because she is too poor. She is a taker; she is not a maker.

This is a compromise bill. It is better than current law where that same minimum wage worker would have to work 70 hours a week in order to get this tax credit now only has to work 40 hours a week, plus do a little Uber on the side to get the tax credit.

So I think we need to compromise, but we don't need to capitulate. And I represent the 47 percent of those deemed takers. We are going to expand this tax credit for poor children, but the poorest will be even poorer.

SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO SECURE OUR NATION'S SOUTHERN BORDER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I share my colleagues' support for H.R. 5585,

the Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act, H.R. 6678, the Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act, H.R. 6679, the No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act, and H.R. 6976, the Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act.

Our Nation is amid unprecedented chaos at our southern border. Every day, thousands of illegal aliens are flooding over the border and into our cities, increasing crime at alarming rates. The rise of unabated human trafficking at our southern border should be among our greatest motivations for meaningful action. While some illegal aliens are fleeing oppression and poor economic conditions in their countries, many of them are trafficking large quantities of drugs, weapons, and other contraband. At a time when Americans are dying from fentanyl and other drug overdoses at catastrophic rates, we must do everything in our power to slow the stem of trafficking. Moreover, with surges in violent crime across our country, we need to ensure that our federal immigration authorities have the resources necessary to remove illegal aliens who commit crimes against innocent Americans.

Each of these bills aim to empower federal authorities to reject or remove illegal immigrants who commit certain crimes. This includes aliens who intentionally evade border patrol agents or law enforcement assisting those agents; aliens who commit social security fraud; aliens who are convicted of driving under the influence; and aliens who are members of the Hamas terrorist group or involved in the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel.

We must take action to make the United States safer, and I am proud to support these efforts to do exactly that.

HONORING DR. CLEOPHUS A.
ROBINSON

HON. ANDY KIM
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible accomplishments of Dr. Cleophus A. Robinson of the Willingboro Fort Dix/McGuire Air Force Base Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.

Serving as a Tuskegee Airman in the United States Air Force during World War II, Dr. Robinson dedicated almost 40 years of his life to serving our country. It was in the Air Force when he joined the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, of which he has been a member for 74 years. In 1975, Dr. Robinson became a Grand Chapter Life Member of the fraternity and went on to become a founding member of the Willingboro Fort Dix/McGuire Air Force Base Alumni Chapter which aims to inspire interest in public service. Dr. Robinson's dedication to the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and service has had ripple effects across our communities in Burlington County, New Jersey, and across the Garden State.

Not only has Dr. Robinson dedicated his life to serving his community and bettering the lives of those around him, he also received his Masters of Public Administration from the City University of New York, and later went on to earn his Doctorates in Education from Rutgers University.

The scope of Dr. Robinson's work has touched innumerable lives. He was one of the

founding members of the Southern Burlington County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and served 15 years as a member of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP. Through his work with this organization, Dr. Robinson uplifted the voices of his community and empowered underrepresented families across the state to stand up for what is right and just.

Dr. Robinson not only excelled at serving his country and community, but he is a family man, married to his wife, Leonia McClland, for over 60 years with three adult children.

While many community members locally know Dr. Cleophus Robinson and his positive impact in our community, today I'm proud to honor his tenure as a public servant and veteran of the United States Air Force. We are lucky to have his inspiration in our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND AMERICAN SAMOA COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa College Access Act, which would authorize tuition assistance grants to cover the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition costs for Marianas and American Samoa community college graduates seeking to attend a four-year public university.

The importance of having an educated citizenry is a bedrock principle of our nation and has been since our founding. And in today's competitive job market, a postsecondary education is increasingly becoming a critical necessity for obtaining a decent job with a decent wage.

The Northern Mariana Islands has only been part of America for forty-five years. We understand well that education is key to our continued growth, but the reality is that household incomes in the Marianas are less than half the national median. The U.S. territory of American Samoa is in similar economic straits. Poverty and unemployment rates there are among the highest in the country.

I believe the best way to improve economic conditions in these territories is to improve the educational opportunities available to our residents. Unfortunately, however, neither the Marianas nor American Samoa have a four-year institution of higher education. In fact, they are the only U.S. states or territories in the country without a public four-year college or university. Each has an accredited community college, but academic offerings are substantially limited.

Students from these U.S. territories wanting the advantages of a four-year university in another state or territory face significant financial difficulty. Nonresident students spend an average of \$16,380 in out-of-state tuition and fees more per year than their resident peers at public four-year colleges, according to College Board. That \$16,380 differential puts a four-year college degree out of reach for many students from our islands where the median

household income is \$30,000. And many students in the Marianas and American Samoa wanting to attend a four-year university not only face the cost of out-of-state tuition, but also the significant expense of travel. The Marianas is over 3,700 miles from the nearest state, Hawaii—a \$1,100 one-way trip by plane. American Samoa to Hawaii is over 2,500 miles, which is over \$800 one-way.

The bill follows the model of P.L. 106–98, the D.C. College Access Act, which allows students residing in the District of Columbia to apply for grants to help pay the cost of attending colleges outside D.C., but much smaller in scope and cost. My legislation creates a program through which public four-year schools in the 50 states, D.C., and other U.S. territories may be reimbursed for offering in-state tuition to undergraduate students from the Marianas and American Samoa.

The gentlewoman from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, is an original cosponsor of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation and help give students from the Marianas and American Samoa the means needed to make their educational dreams a reality.

HONORING PAUL DILLON

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the career and accomplishments of one of southeastern Connecticut's most prominent veterans' advocates, Mr. Paul Dillon. Paul has dedicated his retirement from his service in the U.S. Navy to being a staunch defender of veterans both within his hometown of Gales Ferry, Connecticut, and around the southeast region.

Paul served in the Navy for nearly a quarter century from 1956 to 1980 and was an exemplary sailor. His service encompassed the Vietnam War and his tenure saw him promoted to U.S. Navy Master Chief. After service, he became a member of my Veterans Advisory Council, the president of the Nautilus Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Navy, and more. In 2012, he was befittingly inducted into the CT Veterans' Hall of Fame. The efforts he has made to protect and serve his country reflect his generosity and patriotism. His selfless commitment to his community and to veterans from across the country has undoubtedly inspired future generations.

Paul Dillon courageously and honorably served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, putting his life on the line to defend our nation. He was a Master Chief Radio Man on the USS *Oklahoma City* and USS *Providence* for three years. Paul rose to the challenge of working over 18 hour days, surrounded by constant fire. The stressful conditions of war were no match for Paul's tenacious spirit. He continued to work tirelessly to protect our country. His presence was integral to the protection and preservation of democracy and every American's liberty.

Unfortunately, Paul was exposed to Agent Orange during his tours and to this day he suffers from the health complications caused from the chemical exposure. After his years of active-duty service ended, he quickly focused