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Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to interject a little bit of common sense in the deportation debate we have had going on here.

No one knows exactly how many people are in this country illegally. I think it is safe to say that under President Biden that number went up by about 8 million, which means almost certainly it is over 15 million.

There are some muddled up people here who claim that all we should do is remove the illegal immigrants if they are breaking the law. That, obviously, makes no sense.

I applaud President Trump and Kristi Noem for trying to remove all people who are here illegally, otherwise we have no immigration law in the first place. If someone comes here illegally and all they have to do is avoid committing a serious crime, then we have no country.

Our next President will wind up getting another eight to ten million people crossing here, together with the increased welfare costs, housing costs, and government services it applies, together with the change in culture in the United States away from the culture that we have had that has allowed America to go so long.

I thank Donald Trump and Kristi Noem.

CALL A VOTE ON HEALTHCARE NOW

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Madam Speaker, imagine being so ideologically committed to destroying an imperfect healthcare bill that has helped millions of Americans access care over the last 15 years that you would block a vote—just a vote—to extend the lifesaving credits that help keep millions of Americans on their healthcare.

Madam Speaker, imagine that you would block members of your own party from bringing an amendment to extend those credits and that those members would be forced to join all 214 Democrats to force a vote on the floor. Also imagine that you would kill a motion to vote on that one day before you plan to send everyone home for the holiday.

Welcome to Donald Trump's America and the Republican Congress where the leadership would rather let children, seniors, veterans, and small businesses lose their healthcare than even take a vote.

Thankfully, we have filed a discharge petition that will ripen in 7 legislative days, but we know that is not enough. We are calling on the leadership to call a vote now.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF COLONEL VU VAN LOC

(Mr. LICCARDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LICCARDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life of Colonel Vu Van Loc, a South Vietnamese Army veteran and beloved community member and leader in San Jose, for his selfless dedication to Vietnamese refugees and to cultural preservation.

Born in 1933 in northern Vietnam, Loc Vu and his family fled their homeland during the fall of Saigon, ultimately finding refuge in San Jose, California, the largest community of ethnic Vietnamese of any city outside of Vietnam.

Soon after arriving, Loc Vu founded the Immigrant Resettlement and Cultural Center to aid fellow refugees in rebuilding their lives. Over the next four decades, the IRCC became a lifeline to Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian families throughout our region.

He also founded, funded, and passionately led the creation of the Museum of the Boat People and the Republic of Vietnam to ensure future generations understand the tremendous sacrifice, courage, and resilience of the thousands who came to our shores after the Vietnam war.

Loc Vu passed away peacefully this November at the age of 92. I was fortunate to have known Loc Vu for two decades, and I will miss our community's friend, mentor, and leader. His legacy lives on in the hearts of the more than 20,000 neighbors he has helped to support and uplift.

REMEMBERING CONGRESSMAN DONALD PAYNE ON HIS BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, today would have been Congressman Don Payne, Jr.'s, 67th birthday.

Don was more than a colleague to me. He was family. He called me Uncle Frank, and that meant a lot to me. In the House, our names often appeared right next to each other on the voting board, Pallone, P-A, and Payne, P-A-Y.

Many times, when we were voting on civil rights, housing, or issues affecting urban communities, I would look to see how Don voted because to me he was the conscience of our delegation. He was someone who grounded big national decisions in live reality.

Don dedicated his life to public service, from the Newark City Council to county freeholder to Congress, and always it was trying to improve peoples' lives on healthcare, the environment, or public safety.

Happy birthday, Don. Your legacy continues, and we are carrying the work forward.

WISHING A HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY TO THE HONORABLE DONALD PAYNE, JR.

(Mrs. McIVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. McIVER. Madam Speaker, I rise to wish a happy heavenly birthday to my predecessor in representing New Jersey's 10th Congressional District, the Honorable Donald Payne, Jr.

He served as Newark City Council president and went on to succeed his father in this body.

Donald M. Payne, Sr., was the first African American elected to New Jersey's congressional delegation, and his son carried that legacy while blazing his own path.

A leader on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Mr. Payne secured critical investments that made rail travel in New Jersey safer and more affordable.

In honor of his legacy that inspires my leadership and shapes my home district, today I introduced a bill to rename Newark Penn Station in his honor: The Donald M. Payne, Jr. Transit Center at Newark Penn Station.

Newark Penn Station is where so many workers start their mornings, where families reunite, where students, seniors, and commuters pass through every single day.

When people walk into that station, they should know the name of the man whose name helped keep it moving.

Happy birthday, Congressman Payne. We miss you.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN DONALD PAYNE

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and colleague, the late Congressman Donald Payne, Jr., as we commemorate what would have been his 67th birthday.

Donald and I were good friends and neighbors both representing the cities of Newark and Jersey City together. A proud son of Newark, Congressman Payne dedicated his life to fighting for his neighbors, ensuring no one was left behind.

In his decades of public service, Congressman Payne was among the most progressive voices in our country fighting for every single American.

What I admired most about my colleague was the courage and bravery he displayed in making his battle with diabetes public so he could advocate for better treatments and solutions for the horrible disease that ultimately took him from us.

Until the very end, Congressman Payne continued to fight for his constituents, introducing legislation to protect people with disabilities within our healthcare system.

I miss my friend. I miss his style. I miss his flair, and I miss his laugh, but

I know that his spirit lives on and that we will continue the work he committed himself to.

Happy birthday, Donald.

We miss you, and we will always be better for the work and dedication that guided your years of service.

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WE MUST EXTEND ACA TAX CREDITS

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

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, in just 14 days, hardworking families, seniors, and veterans across America will face the largest healthcare insurance premium increase in history, which will make healthcare unattainable for so many Americans.

When healthcare becomes unattainable, it turns treatable illnesses into a death sentence. Americans will be forced to figure out their healthcare. For people with high blood pressure, diabetes, or heart disease, figuring it out means going without medication that is lifesaving. This is cruel and simply unacceptable.

Congress has the responsibility to act and finally make healthcare affordable for all Americans because a single mother in Lauderhill who is rationing her medication to keep the lights on is counting on us. The disabled veteran in Riviera Beach who is working two jobs is counting on us. The recent college grad in Tamarac who makes enough money only to pay rent is counting on us.

We must deliver and extend the ACA tax credits because America is counting on us to survive, to thrive, and to have another chance.

HONORING FRANKLIN DOUGLAS MOSS

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

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of my good friend and former Fort Worth City Councilmember, Franklin Douglas Moss, better known as Frank Moss.

Frank Moss was an incredible man. He worked in real estate and had his own real estate firm, Moss RED Group. He was so well known throughout the community for the work that he did in the Stop Six area and the Carver Heights community in which he lived. He was just an incredible believer in the community, helping on maternal health issues, HIV awareness, and preserving historic neighborhoods.

He was an incredible person, and the family had just such a long and distinguished legacy of service to the community, as his wife was one of our former school board members. However, most of all, Frank Moss was the keeper of the Black history in Fort

Worth, Texas. He knew about the first African-American politicians, doctors, lawyers, dentists, people who really helped change and shape Fort Worth for all. He did such a tremendous job in sharing those stories.

I know that he is going to be missed as a deacon at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth, where he was a proud member. We will all miss Frank not just because of his work on the council, but because he really cared about making sure that stories in our community were elevated in Fort Worth and Tarrant County. That is something that we will all truly miss.

My prayers go out to his family during this time.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO THURSTON EDWARD QUINN

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Thurston Quinn, who turned 100 years old.

Mr. Quinn has been a central figure in our veterans community. He served in the 89th Infantry Division during World War II, fighting in France and Germany. He had a distinguished service career, receiving two Bronze Stars, a Combat Infantry Badge, and an Occupation Badge. When the war ended, he returned home, and he continued to serve his community.

Mr. Quinn's legacy is preserved at the Disabled American Veterans office in Goldsboro, where the cafeteria bears his name. What a true American hero.

It was a pleasure to join his family and friends at his church to wish him a 100th birthday.

REMEMBERING DONALD PAYNE, JR.

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

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, last April, Jersey and our Nation lost a dedicated father, husband, public servant, and just a real giant.

I miss Don Payne, like we all do. He was a Member of Congress for nearly 14 years. The son of Newark was an incredible champion for hardworking Jersey families. He fought for healthcare issues and fought to upgrade our transportation, rail, and infrastructure, but beyond that, he just was there for all of us.

When I was first elected, Don showed me the ropes, shared his wisdom, and gave me a good Jersey ribbing whenever he could. His great sense of humor and meaningful experience made it a true privilege to serve in the House with him. In those suits, he was the man.

A true family man, Don always beamed about his loved ones. I will

miss him greatly, like we all do, as we mark today on what would have been his 67th birthday. We remember the impact Don made on so many not just in this great Chamber but across the Garden State and across the country.

May his memory be a blessing. We miss Don.

REPUBLICANS HAVE DELIVERED IN 2025

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. MOORE of Utah was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I am glad to be joined by several of my colleagues for this last Conference Special Order of the year to talk about ways we have delivered for all Americans through our legislative action, committee work, and more.

I understand some of my colleagues have commitments, and I am going to be respectful of their time, so I will have them start us off before I provide some of my own comments.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. KENNEDY), a good friend.

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Utah for yielding and leading this important discussion on how Republicans are focusing on making healthcare more affordable for hardworking American families. We have taken action and are committed to doing more to fix the broken system of ObamaCare that empowered Big Insurance at the expense of our taxpayers.

As a family practice doctor for over 25 years, I hear directly from my patients about the skyrocketing cost of insurance and prescription drugs. Democrats promised Americans lower costs, more choices, and better care. More than a decade later, too many families are asking a simple question: What happened?

Former President Obama, in pushing the ACA, promised that the bill would lower healthcare premiums by up to \$2,500 per family per year, but since ObamaCare went into effect, premiums have nearly tripled and deductibles have more than doubled. The cost of coverage for a family of four has increased by more than \$10,000.

Back in July of this year, this Republican Congress passed the Working Families Tax Cut Act. This important legislation puts more money back into the pockets of Americans and will help lower the cost of healthcare as well as childcare.