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Budzinski	Jacobs	Ramirez
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Carson	Johnson (GA)	Riley (NY)
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Case	Kaptur	Ruiz
Casten	Keating	Ryan
Castor (FL)	Kelly (IL)	Salinas
Castro (TX)	Kennedy (NY)	Sanchez
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Cisneros	Krishnamoorthi	Schakowsky
Clark (MA)	Landsman	Schneider
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Craig	Lieu	Sorensen
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Foster	Morelle	Vasquez
Friedman	Morrison	Veasey
Frost	Moskowitz	Velázquez
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1225

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote during this vote series today. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted:

NAY on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 1189 and NO on adoption of H. Res. 1189, Rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 1182, Expressing support for rural communities across the United States as stewards of the environment, major suppliers of United States energy resources, critical providers of food production and manufacturing capacity, and drivers of national economic stability, and recognizing the work of the House of Representatives in the 119th Congress in support of those vital communities; H.R. 4690, Reliable Federal Infrastructure Act; H.R. 1897, ESA Amendments Act of 2025; and H.R. 5587, HEATS Act of 2026.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1309

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOOX) at 1 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the passing of the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DAVID SCOTT), the whole number of the House is 430.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AS STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF UNITED STATES ENERGY RESOURCES, CRITICAL PROVIDERS OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND MANUFACTURING CAPACITY, AND DRIVERS OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE 119TH CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF THOSE VITAL COMMUNITIES

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1189, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 1182) expressing support for rural communities across the United States as stewards of the environment, major suppliers of United States energy resources, critical providers of food production and manufacturing capacity, and drivers of national economic stability, and recognizing the work of the House of Representatives in the 119th Congress in support of those vital communities, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1189, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1182

Whereas over 70 percent of lands in the United States are considered rural and nearly 20 percent of the population of the United States lives in rural communities;

Whereas the House of Representatives recognizes that a clean environment and a strong economy are not mutually exclusive;

Whereas rural communities are a critical source of energy production in the United States, producing over 80 percent of the renewable energy produced in the United States and over 60 percent of the coal-generated electricity produced in the United States;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to reform processes under the Clean Air Act for establishing and implementing air quality standards, and for permitting stationary sources of emissions, so that rural areas that experience wildfires or foreign sources of pollution are not disadvantaged and are allowed to continue to grow and create jobs;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to streamline the process for building interstate natural gas pipelines, which will lower the costs of energy for rural communities when it comes to powering their homes and businesses;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to provide reliable and affordable electricity for rural communities by ensuring that any proposed regulation that impacts the electric grid is addressed appropriately through the Federal regulatory process in order to prevent any compromise of grid reliability;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to prioritize on-demand, dispatchable baseload electricity generation in the interconnection queue, which will strengthen the reliability of the electric grid for rural communities;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to reduce the costs of home and commercial appliances by rolling back burdensome Biden-Harris regulations;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to remove restrictions on exporting United States liquefied natural gas, which will increase economic and employment opportunities for rural communities;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to preserve hydropower resources for rural communities by requiring transparency in relicensing processes, in order to continue to provide such communities with affordable, baseload electric generation;

Whereas the House of Representatives is committed to building a healthier America and advancing policies that bolster health resources for rural communities, incentivize disease research and prevention efforts, and increase access to care across the United States;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to provide resources to rural communities devastated by the opioid crisis and to crack down on deadly fentanyl analogues;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to work to improve access to health care by expanding telehealth coverage for seniors and providing resources for telehealth in rural communities;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to lower patients' insurance premiums by over 11 percent;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed an historic investment in rural health care through the Rural Health Transformation Program, delivering \$50,000,000,000 to efficiently transform rural health care access, and through cutting waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid and reinvesting those funds directly into the historic Rural Health Transformation Program;

Whereas the Working Families Tax Cuts (Public Law 119-21) created new opportunities for States to expand home and community-based services and improve access to care in rural communities;

Whereas the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-75) streamlined enrollment processes for eligible out-of-State Medicaid and CHIP providers and improved access to care in rural and underserved communities;

Whereas the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-75) extended Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments, preserving access to hospital care in rural and underserved communities;

Whereas rural communities are experiencing a resurgence of manufacturing investment and capacity and are the backbone of supply chain resilience across many industries in the United States;

Whereas the House of Representatives is committed to strengthening the domestic manufacturing industry and generating economic investment;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation strengthening domestic manufacturing and growth to provide significant economic benefit and job creation for rural communities;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to keep users safe online as more rural communities get connected to high-speed internet and to provide consumers in rural communities significant protections from unsafe products and deceptive practices;

Whereas the House of Representatives has passed legislation to provide rural Americans with choice in the vehicles they purchase and drive by eliminating costly and impracticable electric vehicle mandates;

Whereas the House of Representatives recognizes rural communities are experiencing significant demographic and economic shifts, creating new challenges in an increasingly technologically connected world;

Whereas the House of Representatives unleashed an 800-megahertz spectrum pipeline and reauthorized the spectrum auction authority of the Federal Communications Commission, which will ensure rural communities can get access to new spectrum necessary for 5G and 6G connections; and

Whereas the House of Representatives expedited the process for deploying broadband in rural communities by directing government agencies to prioritize broadband permitting applications: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, through policies that unleash domestic energy production, enhance health care quality and access, bolster manufacturing capacity, and increase broadband connectedness, has demonstrated support for the prosperity and economic growth of the United States, including especially strengthening rural communities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE).

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation and to insert extraneous material on H. Res. 1182.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, before I begin my remarks, I didn't hear, until you just announced, that DAVID SCOTT had passed. What a wonderful man from the great State of Georgia. The resolution is from a new friend from Georgia.

DAVID was either married to Hank Aaron's sister or Hank Aaron was married to his sister. I can't remember which, but he and Hank Aaron were brothers-in-law. I told him one time that my son loved collecting baseballs. Of course, one of the most valuable ones you could ever have was Hank Aaron's, and he brought one to me one day.

I didn't know him that well, but he was one of those kind of guys that if you mentioned something like that to him, he would remember it and make sure he took care of you. He was a gentleman, and he will be missed.

Also, while I have the floor and before I get into my remarks, David McKinley was a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, a very valuable member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, very serious. He was a great engineer, but also a great person with a great heart. He passed away last week. I think his services are this coming Monday.

Members of Congress get to serve with some really wonderful people, and none more than David McKinley. To the level that I knew Mr. SCOTT, he was a wonderful man, too.

I thank the Madam Speaker for that indulgence.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to be here today to discuss a resolution demonstrating the work House Republicans continue to do to improve all the lives of the American people, especially those who live in rural parts of our great Nation.

I am here to discuss H. Res. 1182 to cut through the noise that Democrats continue to make in opposition to the President and to congressional Republicans.

It seems that no matter how reasonable or even how bipartisan a policy has been in the past, Democrats choose partisan politics over the American people. Take, for example, our work in Congress, along with the administration, to root out waste, fraud, and abuse in government health programs. Energy and Commerce Republicans

have prioritized restoring program integrity in our government health programs throughout this entire Congress, starting with H.R. 1, by ensuring critical safety net programs can continue to serve their intended purpose of protecting our most vulnerable Americans to now launching a nationwide investigation into Medicaid programs across the country.

It is disheartening that Democrats refuse to come to the table to safeguard pregnant women, their children, low-income seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Republicans will continue advancing policies that protect important Federal programs.

I am here today primarily to highlight the many ways in which House Republicans are unleashing growth in the economy following years of heavy-handed government intervention under the Biden-Harris administration.

House Republicans are creating the right environment for individual Americans to set their own course and to achieve their own dreams. For example, Republicans have enacted legislation to release domestic energy production, such as reversing the Department of Energy's restrictions on LNG exports and requiring Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval of grid-planning policies to preserve reliability to keep the lights on for American families and businesses.

House Republicans have worked to ensure that rural manufacturers are not unfairly penalized for emissions they did not create when we passed commonsense reforms to the Clean Air Act permitting and permitting relief for broadband deployment.

House Republicans have worked to enhance healthcare quality and access through the Working Families Tax Cuts and Lower Health Care Premiums for All Americans Act.

House Republicans have bolstered health resources for rural communities through the Rural Health Fund Transformation Program, the most significant investment of its kind in history.

House Republicans also enacted the SUPPORT Act and HALT Fentanyl Act, which provide crucial resources to rural communities devastated by the opioid crisis.

House Republicans have worked hard and continue to work hard this Congress to accelerate economic growth and opportunity for the American people.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I also wish to express my sympathy to the family of DAVID SCOTT.

DAVID was someone that I talked to a lot, who I considered a friend, and was always supportive of me. In his position as the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, he was always looking out for farm interests for not only farmers in his district but

around the country, and he worked, of course, on the farm bill so many times over the years.

There were even times when I was working with him on some agriculture issues because, although I don't have many farms, we have Rutgers and the Cooperative Extension Service in my district. There were many issues that came before the committee that I worked with him on, so I will definitely miss him and am sorry about his passing.

Madam Speaker, I wish to speak about this bill today because I think that it is very unfortunate that this resolution is coming to the floor. Prices are soaring for the American people. Trump's reckless war of choice continues in Iran, and Republicans are spending valuable time here on the House floor bringing up an undeserved resolution to essentially pat themselves on the back and to pretend that they have supported rural communities when in fact they have not.

Trump and Republicans promised they would lower costs on day one, but Americans are over \$5,000 poorer today because of their policies. That is per person.

Yet, rather than doing something to actually address the affordability crisis, they are making it worse. House Republicans are bringing up a resolution that does nothing. It is just commemorative. It is not going to make life better for one American living in rural America. Instead, it is a pathetic attempt, in my opinion, for Republicans to show that they care about rural America when their actions show the exact opposite.

Thanks to Trump's reckless war in Iran, diesel prices are now over \$5 per gallon, drastically increasing costs for farmers across the country. The war has also caused fertilizer prices to skyrocket, leaving 70 percent of American farmers unable to pay for all their fertilizer needs.

Republicans promised to bring a bill to the floor that would allow a higher blend of ethanol in gasoline, known as E15, to be sold year-round, but they haven't. Year-round E15 would greatly benefit corn farmers in rural America, while also saving drivers money. Republicans have also done nothing to address the massive amount of energy being consumed by data centers that are rapidly expanding in rural areas, driving up energy costs.

Turning to health, Republicans have created a healthcare affordability crisis that is disproportionately impacting rural Americans. Republicans' big, ugly bill cut Americans' healthcare by more than a trillion dollars, the largest cut in our Nation's history, which will result in 15 million people losing their health coverage. These deep cuts are hurting rural Americans the most. Rural clinics are already being forced to close their doors. Hospitals in rural communities are shutting down maternity care units and laying off healthcare workers. Another 300 rural

hospitals are likely to shutter, closing down altogether or reducing services. This is driving massive increases in uncompensated care.

The big, ugly bill made unprecedented cuts to Federal Medicaid spending. This will have a disproportionate impact on children and disabled people in rural areas who are more likely to rely on Medicaid. Republicans will claim that a temporary \$50 billion slush fund, representing just 5 percent of the \$1 trillion cut to healthcare, will somehow overcome the long-term suffering of rural providers in communities that rely heavily on Medicaid. This is false. The slush fund is temporary while the cuts are permanent, and it can be used for an array of purposes other than payments to struggling rural health providers. The \$1 trillion in healthcare cuts will compound over time, devastating the healthcare safety net in rural communities far into the future.

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Republicans have also refused to extend the ACA enhanced premium tax credits, driving up healthcare premiums for rural Americans. Rural residents' premiums are increasing by an astonishing 107 percent, and rural Americans are facing thousands of dollars in additional out-of-pocket costs.

As rural Americans lose their healthcare coverage and watch their doctors' offices and hospitals shut down critical services, congressional Republicans are doing absolutely nothing to fix the problem that they created.

Despite the false words in this resolution, House Republicans have done nothing meaningful to expand internet access for rural America.

In the last 15 months, Republicans rescinded billions of dollars from public broadcasting stations that serve rural areas with programming and emergency alerts. They have withheld broadband investment from rural and Tribal communities. They sabotaged the BEAD program with inferior broadband technologies to save money—supposedly to save money. It doesn't really. And they topped it all off with the fact that House Republicans cheered as the Trump administration tore WiFi out of rural schoolbuses. It is clear that rural Americans are not being served by Republicans. They are frankly being ripped off.

This resolution also pats Republicans on the back for supposedly bolstering manufacturing capacity in rural communities, but the reality is Republican policies are harming the manufacturing sector. Manufacturers are reeling from the uncertainty of Trump's chaotic tariff strategy. These tariffs have raised costs for manufacturers and could reduce manufacturing investments in the U.S. by \$490 billion in the next 5 years.

Mr. Speaker, if Republicans really want to show rural Americans they

care about them, they would roll up their sleeves and actually put together bills, not meaningless commemorative resolutions, that would actually make a difference, but this Republican majority is simply not capable of that.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. FULLER), the newest member of the Republican Conference who was the newest Member of the House for a couple days, but he is becoming a good friend and someone I am getting to know better.

Mr. FULLER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

First off, to my Democratic colleagues, I want to express my condolences for the passing of Representative DAVID SCOTT. He was a great man and an example of what a statesman should be in this body. I am sending my condolences to his family, your party, and the Georgia delegation, as well.

I rise to explain this resolution to not only this body but my Democratic colleagues. In 2013, when I was 31 years old, I was stationed here at Andrews Air Force base in Washington, D.C., and I was diagnosed with cancer. I went through a 13-hour surgery and 2 weeks in an ICU room.

I am a kid who grew up in Appalachia, and I said a prayer to God with my wife, Kate, that if God gave me more time to be on this planet, I was going to leave Active Duty, return home to the Appalachian communities I grew up in, and fight for them each and every day. That was a promise that I made in 2013, and, Mr. Speaker, this resolution is a fulfillment of that promise that I made in an ICU room so many years ago.

I have dedicated my career to fighting for these communities.

Now, I have heard from our Democratic colleagues and in the previous statement they kind of joked about this resolution. I stand before you because I want to celebrate these communities. The Democratic Party, who was founded by Thomas Jefferson, now has forgotten this part of America. What we have seen under President Trump's leadership and Speaker JOHNSON's leadership is that this forgotten America, rural America, Appalachia America is forgotten no more with this leadership, and that is exactly what this resolution does to celebrate those communities that have been long forgotten by their party.

I rise today to celebrate everything that the Republican leadership has done in this body to lift up those communities that have been long forgotten. I want to make sure that those communities that sent me here to represent them—that was a promise I made to Georgia-14. That is the promise I made to Appalachia as a whole. That is the promise that I made to rural communities, that I will be a

warrior for them in this body. Anytime there is a chance for me to celebrate the positive work that we are doing in this body, and if there is a chance for me to celebrate those communities, I am going to take that opportunity.

I appreciate Republican leadership for allowing me to bring forth this resolution basically in less than a week of me being here. It is an incredible honor for me to, hopefully, pass legislation in this body celebrating those communities that their party has forgotten.

I rise today to fulfill not only a promise that I made so many years ago in an ICU room at Walter Reed to fight against rural poverty, to fight for Appalachian communities and rural communities, but I also want to raise awareness of the great work that the Republican leadership here has done under Speaker JOHNSON's leadership and President Trump's leadership.

One of the main things that I want to highlight is President Trump using those tariffs that were just mentioned, making sure that he is bringing manufacturing back to communities that have been hollowed out by 30 to 40 years of policies that had been put in place by the Democrats. Finally, good manufacturing jobs are coming back to districts just like mine.

This is the fulfillment of a promise that I made to God in a hospital room, and I celebrate these communities. Rural and Appalachian communities need to know that they will always have a warrior in CLAY FULLER here in this body.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 7 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to represent and speak up for the people in California's 25th Congressional District, home to farmworkers, laborers, and families in the Coachella, Imperial, and San Jacinto Valleys who wake up each morning breathing some of the most polluted air in the United States.

These are communities where childhood asthma rates range from 20 to 35 percent. We have the highest asthma hospitalization rate in the whole State of California.

These are communities where particulate matter concentrations regularly reach 10 times the Federal limit.

These are communities where Medicaid is not a talking point. It is what stands between a sick child and the treatment that they need.

Today, we are voting on H. Res. 1182, and I want to be direct with my colleagues about what this resolution actually is because the title alone does not tell the story.

This resolution is titled: "Expressing support for rural communities. . . ." But when you read the actual text, when you look at the specific provision it celebrates, you find something very, very different, very heartbreaking.

You see, this resolution is a political message. That is all it is, a self-con-

gratulatory shield built to cover up the harm Republicans have created in rural America.

Let me go through what this resolution actually says. The resolution celebrates "legislation to reform processes under the Clean Air Act for establishing and implementing air quality standards . . . so that rural areas that experience wildfires or foreign sources of pollution are not disadvantaged. . . ."

What they are actually celebrating is weakening the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, the science-based thresholds that determine how much pollution is safe to breathe.

The FENCES Act, which Republicans passed just last week and this resolution applauds, would strip EPA of its authority to sanction States that fail to reduce air pollution and hand a free pass to the worst polluters with no accountability, no incentive to clean up, and no recourse for rural communities living downwind.

In my district, which is also rural America, dust from unpaved roads, farms, off-road vehicles, the expanding exposed lake bed of the Salton Sea, diesel emissions, ozone, agricultural smoke, and contaminants like hydrogen sulfide combine into a toxic mix that threatens the health of more than half a million people living in rural America. This resolution wants us to applaud making it easier for that to get worse.

The resolution celebrates "legislation to provide rural Americans with choice in the vehicles they purchase and drive by eliminating costly and impracticable electric vehicle mandates." What they are celebrating is the termination of the clean vehicle tax credit, the \$7,500 credit that made electric vehicles accessible to working families.

Families in my district where temperatures routinely exceed 110 degrees are now priced out of cleaner vehicles, locked into higher fuel costs and breathing dirtier tailpipe emissions.

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That is not choice. That is a trap.

The resolution celebrates legislation to "remove restrictions on exporting U.S. liquefied natural gas, which will increase economic and employment opportunities for rural communities."

What they are celebrating is prioritizing LNG exports over the energy costs and needs of the American families they claim to support in rural America. That is because when we export more gas, then there is less domestically. When there is less domestically, then domestic prices rise, making it more expensive for rural America. Rural families pay more to heat and cool their homes. This is not energy independence. This is energy exportation at the rural America's expense.

The resolution celebrates legislation to "reduce the costs of home and commercial appliances by rolling back burdensome Biden-Harris regulations."

What they are actually celebrating is rolling back energy efficiency standards, meaning families will pay more on their utility bills month after month and year after year, as if costs aren't up in rural America already. In a desert region back home where air conditioning is not a luxury but a survival necessity, that is a direct hit to household budgets that are already stretched.

Through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, better known as the big, ugly law, the centerpiece of everything this resolution is celebrating, Republicans cut nearly \$1 trillion from Medicaid and \$120 billion from SNAP, the most in history. This will disproportionately hurt rural Americans.

That bill put over 300 rural hospitals at risk to close. It will leave 15 million people uninsured, many of them in rural America. It will raise average household energy bills by up to \$192 annually, and even in California \$670. It gutted the National Environmental Policy Act's community review process so that local, rural community members' voices are shut down.

It phased out clean energy tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act, raising energy costs for families in rural America, added an estimated \$3 trillion to the national debt, and accelerated the projected insolvency of Social Security and Medicare by 1 year.

Mr. Speaker, I am a physician. I have taken care of patients in my district. I know what it means when a family cannot get to a hospital because the closest one has closed. I know what it means when a child's asthma goes untreated because their family lost Medicaid.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JACK). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 2 minutes to the gentleman from California.

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I know what it means when a farm worker spends the day in the field breathing air that exceeds Federal safety limits and then goes home to a house where they cannot afford the utility bill because their appliances are less efficient, their gas costs more, and their child suffers from asthma.

This resolution does not reopen a single closed rural hospital. It does not put food on a single rural kitchen table. It does not clean the air a child breathes in rural America. It does not restore the Medicaid coverage it took from millions of Americans. It does not undo the harm of nearly \$1 trillion in cuts to programs that rural families, who are the very people this resolution so-called claims to champion, depend on to survive.

What this resolution does is ask this Chamber to applaud the way things are going to hurt rural America, to put a bow on it, and to call it support.

Mr. Speaker, this is not support. This is a cover-up.

For the families I represent who are already carrying more than their fair

share of pollution, poverty, and neglect, this resolution is an insult dressed up as a tribute.

If my colleagues truly support rural communities, they will repeal those cuts. If they truly support clean air, they will stop celebrating legislation that weakens the standards that protect it. If they truly support working families, they will stop handing corporations exemptions while families pay the price.

Mr. Speaker, vote "no" on this do-nothing messaging resolution, H. Res. 1182.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am trying to answer everything that was just brought up. It would be difficult to do because I am trying to figure out exactly how to attack things that just weren't really accurate.

I would say, one, it would be accurate to say we want to give people choices in choosing their appliance.

Would they rather pay hundreds of dollars more today to save over 46 years, I think is one of the estimates, to lower their bills.

Somebody could say: I want to pay a few hundred dollars more today and save pennies every month over the next 46 years. I get my payback. I think Americans should be able to make that choice.

The other is regarding Medicaid. It affects you if you are illegal, if you are ineligible, and if you are able to work. There are States that cover people who are not here in a legal presence. The other one is we want to require that you check the rolls more than once a year and verify when people come on the rolls of Medicaid. It seems like we passed the bill now that we found out about Medicaid. We are looking at a dozen States already but that is just what we found in Minneapolis alone.

Mr. Speaker, we stand behind this bill. We did these great things for rural communities.

The other is the rural transformation fund. That money goes directly to rural hospitals, so it does make a difference. I can read quotes from different people from different States, and blue States, saying how it is going to transform their rural health system.

Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 7 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. STANSBURY).

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I want to just take a moment as our colleagues did across the aisle to recognize Ranking Member DAVID SCOTT and his family from Georgia. It is a sad day. Certainly Ranking Member SCOTT has proudly served this institution for a great many years and particularly on the Agriculture Committee which has helped so many Americans. I want to take a moment to just thank him, his family, and his community for his service to our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, for me his passing also brings to light the fundamental hypocr-

isy that I see embedded in this resolution today.

I was actually quite shocked, disgusted, and angry when I read this resolution. That is because I am a daughter of rural America. I was born and raised in rural New Mexico. I was born in Farmington, New Mexico. I am the daughter of a machine operator who was one of the first women heavy equipment operators who built a coal-fired power plant in rural America which your resolution is celebrating.

I grew up working with my hands digging trenches and bussing tables in rural communities in New Mexico, so to read a resolution that is filled with celebrations and rebrands in an attempt to try to repackage a bunch of corporate giveaways and tax breaks for billionaires as some sort of celebratory resolution for rural America and the hardworking people who get up every day, work their jobs, and can barely make ends meet is not only a joke, it is an insult to hardworking Americans in every community across the country.

Let me just say this: Even though this resolution is trying to rebrand your big, ugly bill and give it a new name, even though this resolution is trying to self-congratulate you on a bunch of corporate giveaways like gutting environmental programs and public consumer safety programs so that corporations can save and make more money on the backs of the American people, let me just say this: You don't have a branding problem. You have a policy problem.

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The policies that the Republicans are putting forward don't actually help working people in America. Any attempt here today to try to package it in a different way for the American people is basically just that, an exercise to try to make what they have already shoved down the American people's throats somehow seem more appealing.

I want to say how completely out of touch with rural America this resolution is. It celebrates rebranding a bill that cut healthcare for millions of Americans. It is attempting to celebrate a bill that took food out of the mouths of millions of American children. It is literally celebrating legislation to put oil and gas pipelines and LNG terminals in rural America. It is celebrating gutting clean air protections and repackaging that as a gift to rural America.

You are welcome. You can't breathe clean air anymore, according to our colleagues across the aisle.

That is what is actually in this resolution, a list of the litany of bills that our colleagues across the aisle have spent the last several months passing, including their utility bills. Showerheads, they spent precious time for an entire week to pass high-pressure showerheads for rich people's bathrooms. Congratulations.

Republicans have the majority in the House, the Senate, and the White House, and this is what they are celebrating? It is so out of touch with real people. Real people are struggling to put food on the table and a roof over their heads.

Right now, real farmers are facing diesel prices and a lack of access to fertilizer. They are wondering how they are going to plant their fields and how they are going to break even and pay back their bank loans at the end of this season.

Congratulations. The President did that by going to war, an unauthorized war, in the Middle East.

Republicans don't have a branding problem. They have a policy problem. They have used their time in the majority to pass legislation that gives permanent tax breaks to the richest Americans, and our lowest earning Americans actually saw a tax increase. Republicans are coming to the floor trying to celebrate this legislation and rebrand what they passed previously? It is outrageous.

Let me share the things that we are doing for rural America in my district. We are passing earmarks to build fire stations with emergency services. We are building hospitals. We are building behavioral health clinics to help people with the opioid crisis. We are building rural housing. We are building water pipelines. We passed the first free childcare policy in the country and are using Federal resources to build daycares and elementary schools across New Mexico. We are investing in Tribal communities.

We are delivering millions of dollars to our communities every single day because that is what rural Americans are asking for. They are not asking the Republicans to pat themselves on the back for giving tax breaks to Wall Street billionaires.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to give the Republicans a round of applause if they would like that, but I am not voting for this resolution. I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, I have to say that I am very proud of the two speakers who preceded me on the Democratic side because they represent rural districts, and I think they understand why this commemorative pat on the back that we are voting on today is really not deserved and simply not accurate.

I said at the Rules Committee that my mother used to use a phrase: Self-praise stinks. Frankly, regardless of what is in the resolution, the idea of bringing a resolution to the floor that has no impact whatsoever but just says how wonderful we are is kind of absurd in itself—the very idea that we should waste time on the floor on what I would call commemorative resolutions

that have no substantive impact whatsoever but just say how wonderful we are.

Whether you are saying the Republicans are wonderful or the Democrats are wonderful or all of us are wonderful makes absolutely no sense to me because it is just self-praise, and frankly, that does stink.

That is all this is. There is nothing in here that is going to make a difference either way. It is just an effort by the Republicans to say we have done all these wonderful things for rural America when, in fact, they haven't.

If they really wanted to do something, they wouldn't bring commemorative resolutions to the floor. They would actually try to pass some legislation that addresses the concerns right now of Americans living in rural America.

Mr. Speaker, for all those reasons, I urge my colleagues to vote "no," and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on H. Res. 1182, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1182, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ferrari, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 681

Whereas Carlos Ray "Chuck" Norris was born in Ryan, Oklahoma, on March 10, 1940, and passed at the age of 86 on March 19, 2026, in Hawaii;

Whereas, at age 12, Norris moved to Torrance, California;

Whereas in 1958, Norris enlisted in the United States Air Force and was given the occupational specialty of air police, now called Air Force Security Forces;

Whereas Norris spent 1 year at an Air Force base in Arizona and then deployed to Osan Air Base in South Korea;

Whereas, while stationed in South Korea, Norris learned the disciplines of Judo and Tang Soo Do, eventually earning a black belt in Karate;

Whereas, in 1962, Norris was honorably discharged from the military and resumed Judo training;

Whereas, in 1968, Norris won his first Professional Middleweight Karate Champion title;

Whereas, in 1968, Norris made his acting debut in "The Wrecking Crew";

Whereas, in 1972, Norris starred in his first major film, "The Way of the Dragon," alongside Bruce Lee;

Whereas, in 1974, Norris decided to retire from martial arts after winning his sixth consecutive Professional Middleweight Karate Championship;

Whereas Norris continued to act in more than 20 movies, including "Missing in Action," "The Delta Force," and "Sidekicks";

Whereas, in 1993, Norris made his television debut in the series "Walker, Texas Ranger" and starred in the series for 9 seasons;

Whereas, in 2005, Norris reprised his role as Ranger Cordell Walker, starring in "Walker, Texas Ranger: Trial by Fire";

Whereas Norris started a charitable organization called "Kickstart" to provide martial arts training to middle-school students, teach them respect and discipline, and improve their self-esteem;

Whereas, in 1990, Norris created a new martial arts style called "Chun Kuk Do";

Whereas, in 2001, Norris received the Veteran of the Year Award from the United States Air Force;

Whereas Norris paid his respects to veterans, oftentimes visiting troops overseas;

Whereas, in 2007, Norris was made an honorary marine by Marine Corps Commandant General James T. Conway;

Whereas, in 2010, former Texas Governor Rick Perry named Norris an honorary Texas Ranger, and in 2017, the Texas Senate named Norris an honorary Texan for his role in "Walker, Texas Ranger";

Whereas Norris was known for both his inspirational and humorous quotes, including—

(1) "When I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, it changed my life forever.";

(2) "There is no substitute for hard work. Always be humble & hungry."; and

(3) "When the boogeyman goes to sleep he checks the closet for me."; and

Whereas Norris leaves behind his wife, Gena, children, and grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Chuck Norris; and

(2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1528. An act to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to ensure that businesses and organizations that work with vulnerable populations are able to request background checks for their contractors who work with those populations, as well as for individuals that the businesses or organizations license or certify to provide care for those populations.

S. 2132. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent and mitigate the potential for conflicts of interest following government service, and for other purposes.

RELIABLE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1189, I call up the bill (H.R. 4690) to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to repeal certain Federal building energy efficiency performance standards, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1189, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 4690

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Reliable Federal Infrastructure Act".

SEC. 2. REVISED FEDERAL BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 305(a)(3)(D)(i) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6834(a)(3)(D)(i)) is amended—

(1) by striking subclauses (I) and (II); and

(2) in subclause (III), by inserting after the third sentence the following: "The certification system and level may not prohibit a building from obtaining a certification as a green building or high-performance green building solely based on direct or indirect consumption of fossil fuels.".

(b) STANDARDS.—

(1) REPEAL OF CERTAIN STANDARDS.—Subpart B of part 435, and subpart B of part 433, of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act, shall have no force or effect.

(2) TRANSITION.—Until such time as the Secretary of Energy issues new or revised regulations pursuant to subsection (d) relating to the revised Federal building energy efficiency performance standards under section 305(a)(3)(D) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6834(a)(3)(D)) to carry out the amendments made by subsection (a)(1) of this section, such section 305(a)(3)(D) shall be implemented as though the requirements of subclauses (I) and (II) of clause (i) of such section 305(a)(3)(D) (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act) had never taken effect.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 436(h) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17092(h)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) PROHIBITION.—The system identified under paragraph (1) may not prohibit a building from obtaining a certification as a green building or high-performance green building solely based on direct or indirect consumption of fossil fuels.".

(d) REVISION OF REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall issue such new or revised regulations as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out the amendments made by this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation and insert extraneous material on H.R. 4690.