

Carrie was a lifelong Californian who had just celebrated her 10th anniversary as a culinary team member at Disney California Adventure in Anaheim.

Carrie loved the children of her relatives and friends like her own, and friends say that she would have made a great mother. She also had the nickname of Aunt Carrie because all the children loved her.

I would also like to extend my condolences to Carrie's family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

ROLL CALL FAKES THE NEWS

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a front-page story in Roll Call about Chief of Staff General Kelly is as misleading as you can get. It clearly is an intentional hit job.

The headline read: "Kelly's Antics Rankle Capitol." The article claims, "GOP and Democratic Members are united" in not wanting General Kelly to speak out. But only one Republican, known for his criticism of this administration, is quoted, compared to four Democrats. Of the four Democrats, three are current Members of Congress, and one is a former Clinton administration official.

So much for balance, and so much for the article's unfounded claim. This is what passes for journalism these days. When you see stories like this one, you begin to understand why the President is right to use the term "fake news."

I doubt General Kelly will be intimidated, and I hope he will continue to speak out.

THE REPUBLICANS' TAX SCAM

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

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Republicans' tax scam. The middle class receives virtually no benefit from this bill.

This bill hits middle class Minnesotans especially hard by dismantling the State and local tax deduction. It increases costs for college students and their families. It abandons adoptive parents, and it punishes people with high medical bills.

So why does this bill hurt hard-working families? So President Trump and the Republicans can pay for giveaways to the wealthiest Americans?

Big corporations and billionaires will see their taxes slashed. Wealthy heirs and heiresses will be allowed to dodge taxes entirely. While the top 1 percent of Americans receive nearly half the tax cuts, 99 percent of us will be stuck with a Federal debt that will explode by trillions of dollars.

Mr. Speaker, this Republican bill is not tax reform. It is not a good deal for the middle class. It is a scam, plain and simple. I oppose it, and we must defeat it.

NATIONAL STEM DAY

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, during National STEM Day, to recognize the importance of encouraging our youth to pursue their interests in science, technology, engineering, and math fields.

As technology continues to advance, STEM occupations continue to grow and become more valuable to the development of our society. Over the past decade, employment in STEM occupations has outgrown non-STEM occupations by nearly 20 percent.

I commend the House's work in implementing the annual Congressional STEM App Challenge for students across our Nation. This competition allows students to compete by creating an idea for an app on a platform of their choice and is designed to engage student creativity and encourage their participation in STEM fields.

As a member of the Congressional STEM Education Caucus and the father of a STEM student in college, I will continue to support the growth of STEM education throughout Arkansas and our country.

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REJECT REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, Democrats agree that we need to simplify our Tax Code and provide tax relief to middle-income families. Unfortunately, this Republican tax plan gives big tax cuts to the rich, huge tax cuts to corporations, and raises taxes—yes, the details matter—on tens of millions of American families, middle-income families making \$100,000 or less.

It takes away for some the ability to deduct interest on their home mortgage; takes away the ability to deduct interest on student loans, for goodness' sake; and takes away the ability to deduct interest on medical expenses.

But for the loopholes that apply to the people at the very top, for the loopholes that apply to corporations, they leave them alone. They bring down their rates and let them keep their loopholes, and force us to borrow money from our children and our grandchildren to give great big tax breaks to people at the very top.

This is wrong. This is not what the American people elected us to do. We need to shut this down now. We need tax relief for middle-income Americans, not tax giveaways to the people

at the very top. We ought to reject this plan, and we ought to do it now.

HONORING SERGEANT JOSH RODGERS

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, Army Sergeant Josh Rodgers was killed in action during a raid targeting an ISIS prison in Afghanistan, making the ultimate sacrifice while working to free those imprisoned by evil.

A native of Bloomington, Illinois, in my congressional district, Sergeant Rodgers' heroism and bravery have not been forgotten. A graduate of Normal Community High School in 2013, where he competed on the track and football teams, his teachers, teammates, and coaches remember him fondly. They say he was a natural leader and a hard worker who believed it was his duty to serve his country in the military.

That is why I am proud to stand here today to announce the introduction of a bill, with the support of the entire Illinois delegation, Republicans and Democrats, that would rename the post office in Bloomington, Illinois, the Sergeant Josh Rodgers U.S. Post Office.

Mr. Speaker, there is no way to truly thank Sergeant Rodgers or his family, but it is my hope that this building will serve to honor him and remind all of us of the price of our freedom.

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(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, here is the Republican tax scam: first, cut taxes for the wealthiest corporations and for the superrich. Number two, cut Americans' healthcare.

Don't take my word for it. Just look at the Republican budget. After clearing the way for a \$1.5 trillion tax cut, it proposes cutting Medicare and Medicaid—coincidentally, I don't think so—by \$1.5 trillion.

It gets worse. Under the Republican tax bill, American families would no longer get to deduct major medical expenses from their taxes. Seven in 10 households using the medical expense deduction make under \$75,000 a year, and over half of the Americans who depend on that medical deduction are over 65 years old.

Families struggling to afford cancer treatment or long-term care should not have to pay a health tax so that billionaires can get a huge tax cut.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this scam. Americans deserve a better deal.

79TH ANNIVERSARY OF KRISTALLNACHT

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House