

Reverend Dr. Anthony Gibson. He is a lifelong Hoosier and a bright young leader from Indiana's faith community.

Reverend Gibson is the presiding elder of the Indiana Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the former pastor of the Saint Mark Temple AME Zion Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. The AME Zion Church is a 221-year-old denomination founded in New York City in 1796 that spread across the country, including the Indiana church that was established in 1907.

Dr. Gibson was born in Gary, Indiana. He later attended Indiana University in Bloomington, where he completed a double major in journalism and African-American Studies. He furthered his education at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, with a master's of divinity degree, and he earned his doctorate of philosophy in theology from Trinity Bible College and Seminary. He most recently graduated from Strayer University with a master's degree in human resource management, with a specialization in organizational development.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Reverend Dr. Gibson for his willingness to travel to Washington, D.C., to share his spiritual love and guidance with the House today.

I pray, Mr. Speaker, that his words warm the hearts of my colleagues as we work together to carry out the people's business with compassion and courage.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONFIRMATION OF BRIAN LACEFIELD AS KENTUCKY FARM SERVICE AGENCY DIRECTOR

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Brian Lacefield, who was recently confirmed by President Trump as Kentucky's new Farm Service Agency director. I am thrilled to recognize such a prolific member of the agriculture community as Kentucky's new FSA director.

Brian Lacefield was a successful area agriculture banker and agribusiness leader, most recently serving as market president of FNB Bank in Cadiz, Kentucky. A Hopkinsville native, Lacefield previously served as director of Commonwealth Agri-Finance with Hopkinsville Elevator, and he currently serves on the Kentucky Corn Growers board of directors, the Kentucky FFA Foundation, and the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program.

I commend President Trump's selection of Lacefield to serve in such an important capacity.

The FSA plays a vital role in the Commonwealth's agriculture undertakings. Just last year, the agency was responsible for more than \$330 million of payments and loans to Kentucky farmers.

I am grateful our new director brings with him a wealth of experience in agriculture, and I am confident he will serve Kentucky's farmers well. I look forward to working with Director Brian Lacefield in the years to come and continuing to serve Kentucky's agriculture community.

TAX CUTS HAVE NEVER PAID FOR THEMSELVES

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, the White House Council of Economic Advisers issued a report recently asserting that, by cutting the corporate rate from 35 to 20 percent, every American household will see their income increase by \$4,000 to \$9,000 next year and those years after.

The U.S. Treasury Secretary also said that these tax cuts would pay for themselves and produce \$2 trillion in growth over the next decade. In fact, Mr. Speaker, tax cuts have never paid for themselves—not once or ever—in human history.

The White House has a problem in that nobody believes them, not the Congressional Budget Office, not the Tax Policy Center, not the University of Pennsylvania Wharton Business School, and not even Goldman Sachs, from which both the Treasury Secretary and the National Economic Adviser came to the White House.

In fact, each of these nonpartisan institutions that studies and reports on tax and economic policy have stated explicitly that these corporate tax cuts will have near zero impact on future economic growth and add at least \$1.5 trillion in new deficit over the next decade.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, this is fraud being perpetrated against middle America.

COMMUNISM'S CENTURY OF DEVASTATION

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week, in a column by Heritage Foundation President Ed Feulner in The Washington Times, it sadly identified November 7, 1917, as a day of infamy. This day marks the overthrow of the Russian Government by the Bolsheviks, led by Lenin, and the establishment of the murderous communist dictatorship 100 years ago.

This revolution led to horrific deaths. Ed Feulner notes historians estimate that, according to Richard Pipes, 9 million were deceased. Richard

Conquest says at least 20 million and, likely, as many as 30 million died in the Great Terror.

Ed Feulner continued: "Its legacy is also one of grinding poverty. Most of the 88 countries that score 'repressed' or 'mostly unfree' on the Heritage Foundation's Index of Economic Freedom are either communist, former communist, or some type of socialist economy. They are also the world's poorest nations."

Americans still hope for democratic reform in Russia, which, with its extraordinary culture and limitless resources, should be one of the wealthiest nations on Earth.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

LET'S GET REAL

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

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, \$1.5 trillion—no, I guess it is actually closer to \$2.3 trillion with interest—that is the amount this partisan tax reform plan plans to add to our debt and deficit.

I have had a few folks say: "Well, we have had \$10 trillion added to the debt over the last 8 years." With all due respect, Republicans controlled Congress during 6 of those 8 years.

Where are my conservative Republican friends who railed for 8 years on the deficits? Was that just while a Democrat was in the White House? Are we such shallow, political, hypocritical people that we now ignore the greatest threat to our country, our national debt and deficit, just because a Republican is in the Oval Office?

Furthermore, the idea that we will grow our way out of that \$2 trillion hole is fantasy. Let's look at the growth rate after the last big tax cut at the end of 2015.

Since we have passed that tax cut, the growth rate remains steady at 1.5 to 2 percent, no change, that huge tax cut financed with \$650 billion in debt to our kids.

The Wharton School of Business, not exactly a liberal bastion of theology, now estimates that growth factor from this tax reform bill to be less than 1 percent.

Let's get real. Vote against this package. Let's do real tax reform that is deficit neutral at least—for our kids' sake.

RECOGNIZING MAGLOCLLEN AND THE REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS PROGRAM

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize MAGLOCLLEN,

the Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network, and the Regional Information Sharing Systems Program.

Last month, I had the opportunity to tour the MAGLOCLEN site in my district in Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. As one of six regional centers, they serve Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, the District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania, as well as England and parts of Canada. Their work is integral to keeping local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies informed and equipped with the tools they need to do their jobs and to keep us safe.

MAGLOCLEN and Regional Information Sharing Systems have supported law enforcement agencies for a combined 40 years. In 2016 alone, in Pennsylvania, MAGLOCLEN saw 299 requests for criminal investigative research assistance.

MAGLOCLEN's holistic approach embodies the best of what an integrated information sharing system can offer to other local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Speaker, we are proud of the work MAGLOCLEN does operating on behalf of the Regional Information Sharing Systems Program in my district. We are here to support them and their mission to support our law enforcement community.

HONORING WORLD WAR II HEROES

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

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, I had the privilege of honoring six World War II heroes at VFW Post 2423 in Indian Trail, North Carolina. Each hero was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal by the French consul. They were:

Charles Richardson, who flew 35 combat missions aboard a B-17 over France, the Netherlands, and Germany. Andrew McMahon received the Purple Heart while fighting to liberate France.

William Rachui helped liberate Rome and southern France while earning five Bronze Service Stars.

James Crump landed at Omaha Beach on D-day and received two Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts.

Aster Rider landed at Omaha Beach on D-day. As a rifleman on the front lines, he was one of only a handful of soldiers to survive.

Harold Granger landed at Utah Beach on D-day. He helped save lives by finding and disarming landmines.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking these brave patriots for their service to the United States and the cause of liberty.

REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

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

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise for the people of North Carolina's 12th Congressional District, to stand up for the opportunities our community needs, and to reject the "billionaires first" Republican tax plan.

This tax plan fails to hear the American people. It gives tax cuts to corporations on the backs of the middle class.

Last week, I sent a letter to the Ways and Means chair and to Speaker RYAN outlining the 12th District's tax priorities and urging the inclusion of education-related deductions.

Republicans refused to hear the call, so this week I announced my education tax package. This series of amendments includes reinstating the tax-exempt status of private-use bonds used to build infrastructure and affordable housing; reinstating the State and local tax deduction, protecting the funds used to pay for schools, community development, and public safety; reinstating the student loan interest tax deduction; repealing the tax on tuition waivers and student stipends; and incentivizing investments in STEM education.

Communities across the Nation need the increased access to upward mobility, and education, the great equalizer, is the place to start.

I urge my colleagues to support my amendments to make education accessible for all students.

RECOGNIZING TRACY BECKER FOR RECEIVING THE KEYSTONE AWARD

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tracy Becker on being awarded the 2017 Keystone Award, which is the highest honor bestowed by the Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals. Tracy Becker is executive director of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry.

The Keystone Award was established in 1963 to recognize outstanding service in and contributions to the profession of chamber management in Pennsylvania. The award is not presented annually but only when an individual has merited such recognition.

Tracy is just the 24th person to receive this award since its inception 54 years ago. She was nominated by her staff, the Clarion Chamber board members, and fellow members of the Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals.

Tracy began her chamber career in 1987, and she has dedicated her life to the betterment of the community. She has been with the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry for more than 30 years, 13 of those as executive director.

Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly congratulate Tracy Becker on this pres-

tigious honor and thank her for making her community a better place to live and work.

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UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF LAW'S LEGAL CLINIC CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Tennessee College of Law's Legal Clinic on its 70th anniversary. The UT Legal Clinic is a national leader in clinical education.

The clinic has been ranked one of the top 10 legal clinical programs among public universities and 19th among all U.S. law schools. The UT Legal Clinic was founded in 1947, by Professor Charles Miller, and is the longest, continually existing legal clinic in the country.

The clinic provides law students many opportunities to learn by doing. This approach prepares students for both the practice of law and providing legal services to the underprivileged. The work at the clinic has further advanced the cause of justice by serving thousands of indigent clients who cannot afford legal representation.

I want to honor and congratulate the UT College of Law's Legal Clinic on its 70th anniversary and thank it for its honorable service to the legal profession, the people of the State of Tennessee, and to the entire Nation. I wish only the best for the Legal Clinic in future years training and educating outstanding law students.

THE MEDIA CAUSE POLITICAL DYSFUNCTION

(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 recent Washington Post University of Maryland poll asked Americans whom they blame for causing dysfunction in the U.S. political system.

It is no surprise that 88 percent of respondents said the news media caused some or a lot of the dysfunction. Given that the liberal media unfairly blames President Trump for nearly all the problems in our country, they bear the burden of this dysfunction.

Months of liberal biased reporting have shredded the media's credibility in the eyes of most Americans. The media should report the facts objectively. That begins with fair coverage of the President and his administration. So far this year, the media has been anything but fair.

According to a new Harvard study, media coverage of the President's first 100 days was 80 percent negative, a