

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

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, November 9 marks the 79th anniversary of Kristallnacht. Referred to as the "Night of Broken Glass," the German high command issued orders to target Jews because of their faith.

Disguised as normal citizens, members of the SS and the Gestapo destroyed hundreds of synagogues, looted and vandalized thousands of businesses, arrested tens of thousands of innocent civilians, and killed nearly 100. This atrocity was a harbinger of one of history's darkest periods, the Holocaust.

The anniversary of this grave tragedy serves as a constant reminder of what happens when hatred and bigotry flood the minds of our world. When evil is met with silence and indifference, all of mankind suffers.

Unfortunately, the world has not learned a lesson from the past. Anti-Semitism has seen a troubling rise across the globe, and we must continue our fight toward ending this brutal chapter of intolerance.

Mr. Speaker, November 9 serves as a reminder of this tragedy, but also as an opportunity to fight this hatred and all forms of hatred, and vow to never let such an atrocity to ever occur again.

#### GOP TAX PLAN KILLS HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is increasingly obvious what a sham of a tax plan the Republicans have proposed, slashing taxes on the superrich and large corporations at the expense of the middle class.

What is less well known, and what the Republicans don't want to talk about, is their proposal to repeal tax-exempt private activity bonds and, therefore, to kill the same public-private partnerships that they profess to support.

States, local governments, and private partners around the country use private activity bonds to finance a wide array of infrastructure projects, like highways, airports, hospitals, water treatment facilities, and affordable housing.

In North Carolina, for example, private activity bonds financed and upgraded the terminal at Raleigh-Durham International Airport and are being used by our State housing agency to attract investors for new multi-family housing developments worth more than \$700 million.

If Republicans get their way, these projects would die on the vine, and more than 6,200 units of affordable housing would simply disappear.

How does that help working families realize the American Dream?

At a time when funding for housing and infrastructure is continually squeezed, the last thing we should do is

push through a plan that would hamstring our State and local governments and destroy our ability to leverage private investment.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose the Republican tax plan.

#### AMERICANS DESERVE A BETTER TAX DEAL

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

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the Republican tax plan, a tax plan that is of, by, and for the wealthy and well connected.

How do we know this?

Yesterday, a Republican Congressman told a Capitol Hill reporter: "My donors are basically saying, 'Get it done or don't ever call me again.'"

There you have it, a window into the true motivation for this bill. It is a massive giveaway to the big donor class. It slashes the corporate tax rate, guts the estate tax to benefit millionaires and billionaires, and creates a new loophole so the superwealthy can disguise their income.

What is worse, this Republican tax bill would be devastating for millions of middle- and lower-income Americans. It attacks the State and local tax deduction and the mortgage interest deduction. It eliminates tax deductions for medical expenses and student debt. It increases the deficit by approximately \$1.5 trillion.

Mr. Speaker, Americans deserve a better deal.

#### REMEMBERING ELIJAH PARISH LOVEJOY, AMERICA'S FIRST MARTYR TO FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, in a time of national strife that we see our Nation in every now and then, it is good to remember history.

Mr. Speaker, 180 years ago yesterday, a man named Elijah Parish Lovejoy was run out of St. Louis city for writing and publishing an abolitionist newspaper called the St. Louis Observer. He then moved across to Alton, Illinois, where he continued to advocate the end of slavery.

On the 7th of November, 1837, Lovejoy received a new press. Many of his printing presses were thrown into the river. When he got the new press from the Ohio Anti-Slavery Society, the local slave owners heard about the arrival of the new machine and they decided to destroy it.

A group of his friends attempted to protect it, but during the attack, Lovejoy was shot in the head and died. Elijah Parish Lovejoy was America's first martyr to freedom of the press. Of course, we debate the press, but the

press is still an important institution in our society.

In 1952, the Elijah Parish Lovejoy Award was established and it is given to a member of the newspaper profession who continues the Lovejoy heritage of fearlessly defending freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to come back and remember a great moment in our history.

#### TAXES WILL GO UP EVERY APRIL 15

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask and highlight which Americans will see their taxes go up every April 15 under the Republican tax scam. Middle class families, teachers, firefighters, nurses, veterans, folks paying off student loans, seniors with medical expenses, small businesses, and every homeowner will pay more in taxes. Over 50 million Americans will see their taxes go up every April 15.

Both students and teachers are hurt by this tax scam. This tax scam will make it harder for teachers to afford supplies for their classrooms. The Republican tax scam eliminates medical expense deductions. The adoption tax credit goes away. Student loan deductions, gone. State and local tax deductions for homeowners, forget about it. This tax scam is just wrong.

Mr. Speaker, it hurts hardworking American families and it benefits the largest corporations.

#### TAX PLAN PROVIDES TAX RELIEF

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I had planned to come down to the floor here to manage some bills here in a couple of minutes, but I decided I needed to take this opportunity to address some of the things that the American people might have been hearing from the other side of the aisle just now.

This is absolutely just political demagoguery what is going on. Frankly, it is political malfeasance. This is about simplification. This is about fairness. This is about making sure that hardworking American men and women and their families have the opportunity to live the American Dream.

Right now, we have a Tax Code that is massive, first of all. Second, it is filled with loopholes and exceptions that lobbyists and the well connected have put in there over the last number of decades. It is time to change that. The American people deserve this.

There is real tax relief for real working families, and that is why I think you are seeing such enthusiasm out of the American people for this tax plan.