

support since their creation 20 and 50 years ago, respectively, but not this time.

We should not cut Medicaid to fund these two programs. You are taking money away from the poorest children to give to the less poor children. We need to support vaccination programs, infectious disease detection and prevention, and chronic disease prevention. We need to make sure this bill is bipartisan, and it is not right now.

#### DREAMERS

(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, there are less than 21 legislative days left this calendar year, and the House has yet to vote for a permanent solution to protect DREAMers from deportation.

H.R. 3440, known as the Dream Act, introduced by Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD and me, is an effort to put an end to the fear and the uncertainty that surrounds over 800,000 young immigrants living in our country.

This bill will allow qualified DREAMers an opportunity to better plan for their future in the only country they truly know as home—the United States.

After several years, they will be able to apply for conditional permanent residency, and eventually for citizenship. And during that time, they will continue to participate in their daily activities, such as contributing to our communities, helping our economy, and showcasing their talent and ingenuity.

Mr. Speaker, let's do what is right for these young immigrants because they are already Americans in their hearts and minds. Let's bring the Dream Act for a vote so that these young professionals can make their American Dream a reality. The clock is ticking, Mr. Speaker.

#### REAL TAX REFORM FOR REAL PEOPLE

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I have received hundreds of letters from constituents who are deeply worried about the proposed tax plan.

One San Diegan told me that, without the State and local tax deduction, his family of seven faces a loss of over \$40,000 in deductions.

Another constituent told me that his family would lose \$20,000 in take-home pay under this tax plan.

Why on Earth would we do this to middle class families? Why would we cap the mortgage deductions middle class home buyers depend on to lower taxes for huge corporations?

This plan is simply reckless and hurtful to the American people and our economic growth.

Let's take a look at real tax reform for real people, not a plan that helps those who need it the least.

#### 25TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize the local fire departments from the 25th Congressional District—specifically, the ones located in Johnson County.

Altogether, first responders from this county were deployed for over 8 weeks to help with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Twenty firefighters and personnel were sent from Cleburne, Bono, Godley, Grandview, and Joshua fire departments to help out with the storm's impact.

Just 2 weeks ago, these first responders were honored during the Johnson County Emergency Services District Number 1 monthly meeting. Over the course of 2 months, they contributed a great deal to the total number of 17,000 rescue missions in Texas.

More than 33,000 individuals were displaced as a result of this tragedy, and these heroes put their own lives on hold to help out their fellow Texans.

Mr. Speaker, these crews, who serve their local community, are a rare find—they are heroes—and I am honored to represent them in the 25th Congressional District of Texas.

They voluntarily left their families and put their lives on the line in order to save others. The folks in Houston and south Texas will be forever grateful.

Texas is still recovering and, together, we will be stronger than ever before.

God bless Texas, God bless the first responders, and God bless the United States of America.

In God we trust.

#### TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN SAM JOHNSON

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to a living legend: my friend and colleague, Congressman SAM JOHNSON.

Recently, we had the opportunity to honor him by renaming the Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive as the SAM JOHNSON Vietnam Archive.

Nobody in the United States Congress enjoys more esteem from his colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, than SAM JOHNSON.

His legacy of service is awe-inspiring. Twenty-nine years in the United States Air Force, combat missions in Korea and Vietnam. Nearly 7 years as a POW, roughly 3 of those years in solitary confinement.

There are many forces in politics that pull us from pillar to post, and many interests that compete for our time and attention. There is one force that drives this man—it is his desire to fight for the future of this country. And there is only one interest, and that is only what is in the best interest of all Americans.

I am grateful to Texas Tech for honoring Congressman JOHNSON's service and sacrifice, and I am proud of the example Sam has set for all of us who serve in the people's House.

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#### CONGRATULATING THE HOUSTON ASTROS WINNING THE WORLD SERIES

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, good morning, America. What about those Houston Astros?

As Representative of the 18th Congressional District in the great city of Houston, let me thank the Houston Astros for taking a Harvey-worn community to the highest lengths. We had never won the World Series.

Minute Maid is a fine stadium and the L.A. Dodgers were a very fine competitor. Let me thank all of them for the great sportsmanship, the character that was shown.

It shows what America is about. You can be two great adversaries on the battlefield of baseball, but you can still be great friends and colleagues and part of the great American pastime.

Thank you to the mayor, the county government, the State government, all of those fans out there. Thank you to George Springer and Altuve, who caught the final out. Oh, I was so excited.

Congratulations to those southern boys, the boys of the south, the boys of the southwest. They did a great job. Yes, we are the World Series champion, the American League champion. Go, Houston Astros.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for your kindness. I am so excited. They are great young men.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN GLOTZ ON WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE

(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 congratulate Dan Glotz on receiving the 2017 Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry's Community Service Award.

The chamber presents the award annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to the community.