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CPI is recognized throughout Pennsylvania as a premier provider of post-secondary career and technical education programs. Scores of students in the Commonwealth have earned a career in technical education thanks to Hank's vision to grow CPI into the institution it is today.

Mr. Speaker, there has been no greater champion for CPI than Hank Yeagley for the past two decades, earning him the title of Mr. CPI among faculty, staff, administrators, as well as past and present students alike. I wholeheartedly congratulate Hank Yeagley on a well deserved retirement and wish him the best.

#### DEFEAT THE TAX REFORM PLAN

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, the tax plan that has been proposed by the House Republican leadership fails to support working families while making them foot a \$1.5 trillion bill.

Nonpartisan research projects that this legislation would raise taxes on 38 million hardworking Americans. The impact would be far and wide as the tax plan would end deductions for seniors facing growing medical expenses, young adults working to shrink their student debt, and families paying State income and sales taxes.

This legislation would also have enormously damaging economic consequences as it would leave our children to pay off its \$1.5 trillion price tag. We need tax reform that puts working families first, but this clearly isn't it.

For the sake of our economy, seniors, students, and working families, as well as the middle class, we must defeat this bill.

#### STUDENTS GAIN ESSENTIAL SKILLS IN A GLOBAL AND INTERCONNECTED MARKET-PLACE

(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, I rise to ask for my colleagues' support for the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program Act, which I introduced along with my good friend, Congresswoman CHERI BUSTOS.

As a former Florida certified teacher, I know that education is the key to unlocking long-lasting and positive change in all of our communities. But in today's interconnected world, students must gain foreign language skills and the ability to learn from other cultures.

Study abroad programs are an excellent way to learn these essential skills. However, Mr. Speaker, the ability to

study abroad remains just a dream for rural, minority, and first-generation college students.

CHERI BUSTOS and I filed this bill to address this problem by establishing a competitive grant program that will allow universities to provide low-income and other underrepresented undergraduates with the means to be able to study abroad.

Mr. Speaker, the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program Act is a commonsense bill that will help our students gain essential skills and empower them to thrive in a global and interconnected marketplace, and I thank my friend, Congresswoman BUSTOS, for allowing me to enter this bill with her.

#### HELP PREPARE OUR STUDENTS TO CHANGE THE WORLD

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program Act with my colleague and my friend from across the aisle, Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN.

Paul Simon was a five-term Congressman and two-term Senator from my home State of Illinois. Like me, he believed in bipartisan solutions. In fact, as a Democrat, Paul Simon served as Lieutenant Governor of Illinois under Republican Governor Richard Ogilvie—the only time in modern history that Illinois has elected a Governor and a Lieutenant Governor from different parties.

Paul Simon believed in a government that helps people and encouraged Congress to work together to prepare the next generation with the knowledge required to succeed in an increasingly global world.

Our bill would establish a competitive grant program and Paul Simon's name to help do just that.

The program would increase opportunities for college students to study abroad, especially students who don't get to do so, like so many of the rural and community college students in my district.

Paul Simon once said: Some of us still think we can change the world. I am proud to introduce a bipartisan bill with Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN to help prepare our students to change the world.

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#### RECOGNIZING WINFIELD SCOTT "BUD" JONES

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Winfield Scott Jones, affectionately known as Bud, a respected constituent of the 22nd Congressional District, who dedicated his life to improving our community.

After graduating from Syracuse University in 1963, Bud Jones worked as a physical education teacher at Pulaski High School for 33 years. During his tenure, Bud also served as the track and field coach and the basketball coach. Bud was named New York State Coach of the Year and was inducted into the Central New York High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Bud Jones was a shining example of the tremendous impact that one individual can have on an entire community. He was a gracious leader and a positive influence on the young men and women he taught and coached, always motivating them to strive for excellence.

Winfield Scott Jones, affectionately known by all of us as Bud, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2017. It is with sadness that we mourn his passing, and we extend our condolences to his beloved family.

We know that his spirit will live on in all those who had the privilege of knowing him. Our community is forever grateful for his service and profound impact on all of us.

#### AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, this week is American Education Week, a time to celebrate our public education system.

The public education system is one of this Nation's greatest accomplishments. In classrooms from Newark, New Jersey, to Nome, Alaska, public schools train a new generation of world leaders, bridge builders, first responders, artists, doctors, plumbers, and CEOs.

Children in this country—all of them—have a right to a high-quality education.

It is a sad state of affairs that we have a U.S. Secretary of Education who continues to tilt the board against children whose way up is through public education.

During American Education Week, I call on my colleagues to stop using public schools as a political bargaining chip. Let's put public schools back together and back to work for the next generation of leaders.

#### TAX BILL

(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, many times, the American people wonder about the correlation between the work that we do here. As a member of the Budget Committee, I can tell them that the tax bill that is about to move through this House—the Republican Trump tax bill—will bring about \$1.41 trillion in revenue decreases in discretionary spending, which means cuts in their Medicare and Medicaid.