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HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR. EUGENE E. WILLIAMS

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

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true servant to the people, Dr. Eugene E. Williams. He is a dedicated husband to his wife, Daisy, a wonderful father, grandfather, veteran, and pastor.

Sunday will be Dr. Williams' 59th anniversary as pastor of Mount Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Ferriday, Louisiana. Over the course of his 59-year career, he has ministered to four other churches across Louisiana, which include Mount Sinai Baptist Church and Mount Olive Baptist Church in Ferriday, St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Jonesville, and New Hope Baptist Church in Ruston.

In addition to his service as a pastor, he was a teacher, community organizer, and the director of the LaSalle Head Start program for 28 years.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Williams is a model citizen for the people of the Fifth District of Louisiana, and I would like to thank him for his selfless service to the community and for making my State a better place.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

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

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong opposition to the Republican tax bill.

Mr. Speaker, how much can the American people take? How many alternative facts will we ask them to believe? How many broken promises will we ask them to overlook?

The proposed tax bill is camouflaged as a tax break for the middle class, but you and I both know the only permanent tax breaks are for the richest people and corporations in America. As a matter of fact, over 36 million families will see a tax increase.

Now, there is a new flimflam on the table. Mr. Speaker, you are well aware that Republicans have voted over 50 times to repeal the Affordable Care Act. All attempts failed. But now a repeal of the mandate that all Americans have healthcare has mysteriously been added to the tax bill. Is it possible that tax reform is just a ruse to repeal the Affordable Care Act?

Enough is enough. Mr. Speaker, I believe the American people are paying attention, and I believe the American people will hold those accountable who vote against them.

HONORING ERNEST WALLS ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE GEORGIA MILITARY VETERANS' HALL OF FAME

(Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a remarkable individual from my home district, Mr. Ernest Walls of Monroe, a 93-year-old World War II veteran who was recently inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

Private First Class Walls joined the U.S. Army in the midst of World War II at the age of 18. In a display of incredible valor, under the 22nd Infantry Unit, he was part of the wave of troops to storm Utah Beach, the westernmost beach of the five landing areas of the Normandy invasion, where they fought their way across a killing zone without hesitation. He was later wounded and captured by the Germans. He spent a year as a prisoner of war.

When asked about his heroic action, he said: "Only the grace of God helped us win the war, and America came back as the most blessed and most powerful Nation on Earth."

Due to an unfortunate clerical error, it took Mr. Wells nearly 55 years to receive his POW status and full benefits. Thankfully, since then, he has been rightfully awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, French Legion of Honor, and Prisoner of War Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Private Wells and to extend our personal and sincere appreciation to him, as well as all our men and women in uniform. We, as a nation, are forever grateful.

WHY THE HURRY?

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the tax bill.

Again, we find ourselves faced with a bill that will impact every American, but my Republican colleagues are rushing through. They won't even wait for the Congressional Budget Office to show us what the cost will be, to assess what this bill will do to our economy, to our children and our grandchildren.

Why the hurry, Mr. Speaker?

Is it in hopes that Americans won't notice the repeal of the estate tax, a tax that only applies to people so wealthy that entire States don't have someone affected by it in some years.

Is it so that Americans won't notice that this bill repeals the State and local tax deduction for families, but not for businesses?

Or is it so that Americans won't notice that it won't tax businesses earning income abroad, but it does tax individuals working abroad?

Eighty percent of the tax cuts in this bill go to the top 1 percent of Americans. Republicans may pretend to hope that the money will trickle down to the average American, but we know it won't work. Trickle-down does not work.

MEDIA WANTS TRUMP TO FAIL

(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, the Pew Research Center recently studied how the media covered the first 60 days of each recent administration. Not surprisingly, 62 percent of the media coverage of President Trump was negative, compared to 20 percent for President Obama and 28 percent for Presidents Bush and Clinton.

As Investor's Business Daily put it: "The media from the get-go had decided Trump was a bad President—before any of his policies had a chance to take hold."

Now that his policies have taken hold and improved the economy, the media still does not want President Trump to succeed. You have seldom heard or read a word about our strong economic growth, the record-breaking stock market, high consumer confidence, and the record-high household income.

The liberal media seldom highlight this news because they would have to credit President Trump's successful policies. When the liberal media give the American people the facts and present the news objectively, they will have earned our trust. Until then, they just serve as another biased source of information.

CORPORATE TAX CUT SHOULD BE REJECTED

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, New York State contributes \$41 billion, annually, to the Federal Government in taxation. The House Republican corporate tax bill cut is being funded by tax increases on middle America and on western New York.

The elimination of the State and local tax deduction would be a major hit on local taxpayers. In fact, in Erie County, 89 percent of middle-income households claimed the State and local tax deduction in 2015, deducting \$1.6 billion in already-paid local taxes. The average State and local tax deduction in Erie County was \$12,866.

This corporate tax cut is being funded by tax hikes on middle America and on western New Yorkers and should be rejected.

TAX CUTS

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, this is a historic week, one that has been 31 years in the making. In a once-in-a-generation vote, we will vote to cut taxes for the middle class and unleash the power of the American economy.

Our Tax Code is more than 70,000 pages of opaque rules and regulations