

and for the personal struggles of each person here. Remind us that You have the power and desire to heal each wound we carry into this Chamber.

Uniting God, give us the wisdom to understand how to work together for the plight of Your people in need. Save us from ourselves and surprise us with shared solutions for the problems Your children face.

God of all, we represent not only those who have our ear, but those who have no voice. So let us not raise our hands to vote without bowing our hearts to Your will. Through Your love that changes the world, we pray.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DUNCAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### THANKING PAT KELLY FOR HER 54 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

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

Mr. BOEHNER. What helps make the People's House so special is its people. Every day, the staff members here give their time and energy not just doing the job, but fulfilling the mission of keeping this body closest to the American people.

Members come and go, but some dedicated public servants connect the House's history to its future. Pat Kelly is a shining example of this.

Like many Americans, Pat joined the family business right out of college.

She went to work for her mother, Congresswoman Edna Kelly, who was the first woman to represent Brooklyn. Pat went on to serve as a legislative assistant for other members of the New York delegation and the Rules Committee.

For more than 30 years now, Pat has had a bird's-eye view of the House as editor of the Daily Digest of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The Digest serves as the "table of contents" for each day's proceedings on the House floor and in all of the committees. And Pat's job is a daily feat of precision—and patience—that requires pulling together information from dozens of offices. And I know all of Pat's colleagues admire her thoughtfulness and attention to detail.

Today she is retiring after 54 years of service to this institution. And it's clear that Pat has not merely recorded the House's history—she's been a rich part of it, too.

When the House paid tribute to Edna Kelly in 1998, Pat was quoted as saying of her mother that she was a great person to emulate. Well, let the same be said of Pat, and may all current and future public servants be inspired by her example.

Pat, we're sorry to see you go. On behalf of all the Members of the House and staff, thank you for the dedication to this institution, and thank you for your service.

#### HONORING PAT KELLY

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the Speaker of the House to honor a committed public servant, a woman of this House, a key thread in the fabric of the congressional staff, who retires today after 54 years of service: Pat Kelly. Fifty-four years of service.

Since arriving as a committee staffer in 1957, Pat Kelly has worked behind the scenes on behalf of the American people—never asking for recognition, never looking for the limelight.

The daughter of Congresswoman Edna Kelly, Pat said she came to Washington because, in her words, "I just felt the urge to do something." And for more than half a century, she did far more than her fair share.

Pat Kelly has served in many roles on Capitol Hill. In all, she helped Members to do their jobs and worked tirelessly on issues important to her and critical to our country's future.

Few issues played a larger role for her than the fight for women's rights. In 1962, she helped her mother pass the first equal pay bill and watched with pride as President John F. Kennedy signed it into law.

As a legislative aide to former Congresswoman Martha Griffiths, Pat fought for the Equal Rights Amendment—continuing the march for equality, advancing the cause of justice for all women. Thank you, Pat. We're all in your debt.

Through it all, whether the legislation succeeded or failed, she stood by a simple mantra: "It's important for women to be involved."

For the past 22 years she has served as editor of the House Daily Digest, tracking committee activities and getting the word out on what's happening on Capitol Hill. In that role she has noted, "I've been through the turnover to Republicans and back to Democrats, and tried to help each and every one of them do their jobs."

Helping others do their jobs, working in a bipartisan way—this was the essence of Pat Kelly's career and service.

Pat Kelly's 54 years serving the House of Representatives is a reflection of her own dedication to Congress and the country, and represents the commitment, devotion to duty, and passion for service of all of our congressional staffers.

Thank you, Pat, for giving so much to the House, for all of your work, and for fulfilling your promise to "do something" for all Americans.

Yes, I join the Speaker in saying you will be missed. We are sorry that you are leaving. We wish you much success and, with deep gratitude, send you our love and best wishes.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 78

In the Senate of the United States, February 28, 2011.

Whereas James A. McClure served in the United States Navy during World War II;

Whereas James A. McClure served the state of Idaho as a prosecuting attorney, a city attorney, a member of the Idaho state Senate, and as a member of the United States House of Representatives;

Whereas James A. McClure served the people of Idaho with distinction for 18 years in the United States Senate;

Whereas James A. McClure served the Senate as Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in the Ninety-seventh through Ninety-ninth Congresses and Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference in the Ninety-seventh and Ninety-eighth Congresses;

Whereas James A. McClure served his caucus as a founding member and Chairman of the Senate Steering Committee in the Ninety-fourth through Ninety-sixth and Ninety-ninth through One Hundredth Congresses: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable James Albertus McClure, former member of the United States Senate.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable James Albertus McClure.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to a concurrent resolution of the following title in which

the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 8. Concurrent resolution recognizing women serving in the United States Armed Forces.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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#### REPEAL 1099 RULE

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, one of the many egregious and punitive parts of ObamaCare is the burdensome 1099 rule, a paperwork regulation that forces millions of businesses to file a 1099 tax form each time they spend over \$600 per vendor. The National Association for the Self-Employed reports that those companies with 10 or fewer employees, their paperwork burden is going to jump from an average of two per year to roughly 27 per year, a whopping 1,250 percent paperwork increase.

Main Street mom-and-pop shops don't need the added costs of more regulatory requirements at a time when their efforts are rightly focused on just staying in business. It's jobs we are protecting. It's time to repeal the 1099 rule right now.

#### THE TIME TO GOVERN IS NOW

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

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the time to govern is now. The reckless continuing resolution that Republicans passed 2 weeks ago is an abject failure of leadership. In the race for ever-increasing and arbitrary cuts, they demonstrated on a party-line vote that they know the cost of everything and the value of nothing.

Moody's Analytics said their approach would cost 700,000 jobs. The Economic Policy Institute said it would cost 800,000 jobs. Goldman Sachs said it would lower economic growth by 2 percent and increase unemployment by 1 percent. Even the conservative Club for Growth called it a mistake, stating, "Cutting spending is important, but economic growth is even more important."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of us, Republicans and Democrats, negotiate in good faith, in a bipartisan manner to pass a fiscally responsible CR that reduces deficits without sacrificing economic growth, that prioritizes investments in our economy that support American competitiveness without

costing jobs. Let's pass a continuing resolution that strengthens the economy and creates jobs for all Americans.

#### INCREASE DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTION

(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, last Tuesday the top front-page story in USA Today said gas will soon hit \$5 a gallon. If it does, it will really slow our recovery, and some think it could lead to another recession. It will really hurt the already hurting small towns and rural areas because their people on average have to drive farther distances to go to work.

Environmentalists want gas to go much higher so people will drive less; but if gas goes to \$5 a gallon or even higher, it will hurt a lot of poor and lower-income and working people. I know most environmentalists come from very wealthy or upper-income families, and I know they will say we don't have enough oil to drill our way out of this problem; but if we would at least start producing a little more oil, it would be harder for other countries to keep raising their prices.

President Clinton vetoed drilling in ANWR in the mid-nineties, stopping a million more barrels a day from being produced here. When environmental radicals stop more domestic oil production, it helps foreign energy producers, but it really hurts middle- and lower-income Americans.

#### THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, Congress should be focusing on creating jobs, helping middle class families, and lowering the deficit with intelligent spending cuts—and I say with "intelligent" spending cuts. But instead, we're headed towards a devastating government shutdown.

Policy experts from across the political spectrum all agree the Republican budget will result in more job losses, I state more job losses, and more suffering of our families. Senator MCCAIN's chief economic adviser estimates that the Republican budget will lead to 700,000 jobs being lost. Even Wall Street firms like Goldman Sachs say the budget plan will cause our economy to shrink by 2 percent.

In my district, teachers, police officers, firefighters who are set to lose their jobs deserve better. I say they deserve better. The time to play politics with our budget is over. I urge my Republican friends to break free from the extremists in their party. Let's work together. Let's work together on a real plan to create jobs and strengthen our economy.

#### HONORING FRANK BUCKLES

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Frank Buckles, the sole surviving U.S. World War I veteran who passed away on Sunday at the age of 110 in his hometown of Charles Town, West Virginia. Inspired by his love of his country and a desire to serve, Frank entered the Army at the age of 16. He served in England and France during the war, first as a car and ambulance driver, and later as an escort for returning German POWs.

During World War II, he was held as a prisoner of war in the Philippines for 39 months. He has been recognized as a true American patriot and awarded numerous medals. I have met Frank on several occasions. He was a constituent of my district, and I was always inspired by his sense of humility and hope.

He represents the very best of this country: service, determination, and patriotism. He has lived through some of the most historic events in our American history, from the Great Depression to two world wars, to the invention of the Internet, reminding us of the immense progress, yet change, that we have seen in this Nation.

For years, Frank had dedicated his life to ensuring his fellow doughboys received proper national recognition. I hope this Congress will honor the legacy of Frank Buckles and the legacy of all those who fought in the War to End All Wars by paying tribute to them with a national memorial. Let Frank's legacy remind us of the service and sacrifice all veterans make in the name of protecting America and all for which she stands.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the Buckles family.

#### GOP SPENDING PLAN

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

Ms. CHU. So be it. That's what Republicans are saying to 700,000 American workers who will be needless casualties of their gutting and slashing funding bill.

So be it. That's the Republican attitude to a government shutdown if they don't force more cuts, destroying more jobs.

So be it. That's the Republican message to one out of every eleven Americans struggling to find work.

The GOP continuing resolution does nothing to create jobs. In fact, it takes a step backward, weakening our economic recovery. Of course, I shouldn't be surprised. Over the last 8 weeks since the Republicans took over control of the House, they haven't created a single job. What's worse, they haven't even put a single jobs bill on the House floor.