

on the path of economic growth and fiscal responsibility.

The Republicans will present our budget plan that does just that, a budget plan that curbs spending, keeps taxes low, and tackles our Nation's skyrocketing deficits and debt.

The Congress must reject the President's budget and begin working on behalf of the American people.

CESAR CHAVEZ TRIBUTE

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

Mr. BACA. I rise today to commemorate the 82nd birthday of a true American hero, the late Cesar Chavez.

For 10 years, I have fought for a national holiday to honor Cesar Chavez, a man who not only carried the torch for justice and freedom, but was the beacon of hope for thousands without a voice.

As a cofounder and president of United Farm Workers, Cesar used non-violent tactics to bring attention to the dangerous working conditions in the fields and the plight of exploited farm workers and their right to unionize.

The reach of his accomplishments stretches far beyond the Latino community. The battle for social justice is far from being over. But in the words of Cesar Chavez, "si se puede!"

During these hard economic times, let us not forget that history teaches us many things. True leaders are those who fight for those without a voice, and he was one that fought for many of those who didn't have voices.

As we approach his birthday, I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 213, a resolution that educates our youth about Cesar Chavez and his accomplishments and I urge the creation of a national holiday for him.

WHAT DOES RENEWING AMERICA'S PROMISE MEAN?

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

Mr. FLEMING. Madam Speaker, for the past few months we've heard our liberal colleagues repeatedly talk about renewing America's promise. Is it America's promise to place an insurmountable debt burden on our future generations?

This Congress just passed the largest series of spending bills in American history, and now this administration has unveiled a \$3.6 trillion Federal spending plan. The U.S. is facing its largest deficit in history; yet we have placed a mortgage on America's future, and it's up to our children and grandchildren to make the monthly payments.

This budget doubles our debt in 5 years and triples it in 10 years.

My liberal colleagues have fostered in a new era where you can become the head of the IRS without paying your

taxes, where pork-laden appropriations bills are done behind closed doors, and massive spending bills are designed in secrecy.

Writing blank checks from an empty bank account appears to be our real promise to America. Promoting a new era of irresponsibility has become this Congress' real agenda.

I will not vote for this budget, as it spends too much, taxes too much, and borrows too much.

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HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. SIREs. Madam Speaker, my constituents worry about the rising cost of health care. Today, I rise to let them know we are working to make health care more affordable and accessible.

We already strengthened and improved the State Children's State Insurance Program. Nearly 11 million children will benefit from actions by enrolling them in health insurance programs and expanding access to dental and mental health benefits.

This year, we voted to increase funding for health care information technology, saving billions of dollars and reducing private health insurance premiums for families. We also increased Medicaid funding, protecting coverage for millions of low-income and elderly Americans.

While more needs to be done, that is why I will vote for President Obama's budget. He sets aside more than \$630 million over the next 10 years to reform health care, reduce Medicare overpayments to private insurance, and reduce drug prices to rein in high costs that are a drag on our entire economy.

I urge everyone to support this budget.

OBAMA'S BUDGET BORROWING TOO MUCH

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

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. You know, like most moms in this country, I look at my two-year-old and I wonder: What kind of a world will he inherit; who will his friends be; what will his expectations be, what will his dreams be?

Like many middle-class families, I wonder: Will my child enjoy the same freedoms and opportunities that we enjoy today?

When I was born, my share of the national debt was \$1,800. Now for my child's generation, it is \$30,000 the moment that he's born. It's estimated that that's going to double in his first 5 years—to \$60,000.

Government programs can certainly help people, but government programs

are not the cornerstone to grow an economy. That happens in the private sector.

We need to be focusing now on what's going to help our small businesses, our mom-and-pop stores, the people on Main Street that are really struggling. That's where economic growth takes place.

So let's make sure that we are leaving our country with freedoms and opportunities for the next generation. And it starts with a budget that's responsible.

SHERIFF PRIBIL

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

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. My friend, Bill Pribil, presides as sheriff over Coconino County in Arizona. For 5 years, Bill has successfully navigated the challenges of overseeing law enforcement in a very vast and diverse area, all while keeping our community safe.

Since taking office, Sheriff Pribil has brought a new perspective to the job, having initiated a number of programs in the county to reduce crime. These programs include the Community Emergency Response Team, which provides the community with disaster preparedness and response training; the Exodus Program to reduce recidivism by helping prisoners overcome substance abuse; and the Leadership in Police Organization Program to improve training in his department, which has helped him successfully crack down on meth, drugs, and violent crime.

I congratulate Sheriff Pribil.

TIME TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

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

Mr. HUNTER. I joined the Marine Corps after 9/11, as did thousands of Americans, for one defining reason—so my children wouldn't have to. I went to Iraq twice and Afghanistan once, as thousands of Americans have, so my children and our children wouldn't have to.

It is in that vein that I rise today because it is up to this Congress to make responsible choices so our children are not beset by financial ruin. It is up to us to make good decisions right now in this defining moment in American history so our children can grow up without being punished so that this administration can make short-term gains without making any tough choices.

Tax cuts for the working class; more government responsibility; and less debt, less spending; were all campaign talking points for President Obama and congressional Democrats. That's all they were—talking points.

The buck stops with this budget that is before Congress now. And this budget can make us or break us. It is time we take responsibility for the direction of this country and stop spending.