

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, during this season when the American people are selecting the next Commander in Chief, I would like to offer that this is a time to discuss the issues of economic opportunity, a time for discussion of furthering health care, and working to create jobs for the American people. This is not the time for the presumptive nominee of the Republican Party to call for debates that are frivolous and for entertainment.

We in the United States Congress have to do our jobs. We need to confirm the next United States Supreme Court Justice. The Senate needs to do its job under the Constitution. We need to pass \$1.9 billion for the Zika virus because right now 200-plus pregnant women are infected with the Zika virus here in the United States of America, and one child born with the impact of brain damage, no brain, will cost us \$10 million, \$1 million a year.

It is time now that we respond in a responsible manner, and those who are seeking the Presidency of the United States must stop the frivolousness and the downgrading of the Constitution and the denigrating of the people of the United States of America.

I look forward to a vigorous debate, and I look forward to an election in November befitting the American people.

#### IN MEMORY OF MS. JANE MAHARAM

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Jane Maharam was, above all, a survivor. She always rose above adversity. She was a teacher, a music producer, a textile owner, a mother, a grandmother. She was happily married to her childhood sweetheart, but 31 years after her marriage, her husband took off in the darkness of the night with the property.

After a 15-year court battle, her ex-husband was ordered to return her assets, but instead of following the court order, he snuck off again, hiding in another State. Jane was left with nothing. She was forced to rely on public assistance.

There are many spouses like Jane who find themselves victims of this injustice. Jane's Law provides Federal enforcement to retrieve stolen marital property that is illegally taken across State lines. It targets stealing spouses who have deliberately evaded payment. Jane's motto, though, was: Don't give up.

Her passion drove me and the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) along with a number of other House Members to champion Jane's Law.

Jane Maharam died recently on April 28, 2016, at the age of 85. She was a strong-spirited woman but, Madam Speaker, she died without justice. To honor her memory, we must pass Jane's Law to rectify this injustice that she had to live through.

And that is just the way it is.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 752

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H. Res. 752.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### HIGHLIGHTING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND THE HARMFUL IMPACT OF POVERTY ON THE COMMUNITY

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

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, but also to highlight the harmful impact of poverty on the AAPI community all across our Nation.

In my home district—the beautiful East Bay—and across the Nation, the achievements of Asian Pacific Americans are front and center. By serving in elected office, advocating for equality and justice, and creating new businesses, they are an integral part of our vibrant community.

But far too many Asian Pacific Americans are just making ends meet. It is a struggle, and the American Dream seems far out of reach. The sad reality is that in 2016, poverty rates for Asian Americans is over 12 percent. And this problem is getting worse. Since the Great Recession, the AAPI community has had one of the fastest growing poverty rates in the Nation.

There are also enormous disparities in healthcare access, treatment, and outcomes for the AAPI community. Too many Asian Pacific Americans still lack the fundamental human right that is health care.

As chair of the Democratic Whip Task Force on Poverty, Income Inequality, and Opportunity, I will continue to fight to help all hardworking Americans—all hardworking Americans—including the Asian Pacific American community, achieve the American Dream.

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#### ZIKA VECTOR ACT

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

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend my colleagues for passing H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Act.

This legislation works to remove duplicative and costly permitting requirements that create barriers to fighting the Zika virus, barriers put in place by one of America's most political agencies, the EPA. It is another classic example of the Federal Govern-

ment finding problems in every solution.

Now is not the time to nit-pick policies for politically charged reasons. The Zika virus is a public health emergency that deserves our immediate attention.

This is close to home for me. My youngest daughter is in her first trimester with her third child. We need an all-hands-on-deck approach to deal with Zika. We cannot let it get caught up in Washington politics.

With the summer months approaching rapidly, we need to harness our resources and wipe out this virus. I would hope that we can all agree that the Federal Government should not be making it harder for people to kill mosquitoes, which could be carrying Zika, with pesticides.

I strongly support this legislation, and I encourage the administration to change their position on this legislation. The public's health deserves it.

#### REMEMBERING THOSE WHO KEEP US SAFE

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

Mr. BENISHEK. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of our servicemen and -women, past and present.

With Memorial Day right around the corner, there is no better time to remember the people who have kept our Nation safe.

Yesterday I was proud to welcome a UP Honor Flight of veterans to the World War II Memorial and thank them for their service. I am always deeply touched by the joy and humility I see on their faces as they visit the memorials erected in their honor.

Memorial Day is when we remember the heroes America has lost defending our freedoms and thank the families that have borne the brunt of that painful loss.

One of the best ways we honor those we have lost is to care for those that came home. We have made progress at the VA, but we can do better. Our veterans deserve better. I am committed to breaking down the barriers to high-quality veterans' health care.

To all our veterans and servicemembers, on behalf of all the citizens of Michigan's First District, I say thank you. We remain forever in your debt.

#### B'NAI ISRAEL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Congregation B'nai Israel on its 150th anniversary in Little Rock.

Established at the close of the Civil War, B'nai Israel was founded by Jewish immigrants in the United States. Over the past decades, Jewish immigrants have enhanced our State and