

means that a \$1,000 tax hike on Nevada families is prevented. And it means that Nevada small businesses have more money to create jobs. But instead of wholesale support for this common-sense measure, we're getting excuses and roadblocks.

It's time for action. Let's pass this bill.

#### NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

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

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, as the President has designated this month as National Family Caregivers Month, I rise to give honor and to recognize the tens of millions of Americans and the million New Jerseyans who provide loving care for family members and friends living with disabilities and illnesses.

Caregiving is not easy. The caregivers themselves face physical and mental health complications. Some are working with almost unbelievable endurance. Some of these caregivers are part of the "sandwich" generation, providing care for their children as well as their parents. There are economic costs as well. U.S. employers estimate the cost to be about \$34 billion a year in lost productivity.

I look forward to working with my colleagues here in Congress to provide caregivers with the help they need—respite care, a reauthorized Older Americans Act, tax credits. Just because the CLASS Act will not be implemented does not mean the need to provide care will go away. We have work to do.

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#### PAYROLL TAX CUT

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise to urge you to bring legislation today to extend and expand the payroll tax cut to the floor today.

If Congress fails to extend the payroll tax cut, the average American family will pay \$1,000 more in taxes next year. Countless families in my district are still struggling to stay afloat; they can't afford to lose \$1,000 in income next year.

Extending and expanding the payroll tax cut is not just the right thing to do for families on the central coast of California; it's the right thing to do for our economy.

Leading nonpartisan economists estimate that letting the payroll tax expire could cost the economy 400,000 jobs by the end of next year. Such tremendous job loss would be devastating to our struggling economy and to American families.

Extending the payroll tax cut should have bipartisan support. With all the

anti-tax pledges taken by our colleagues across the aisle, you'd think this would be a no-brainer. More than half of the Republican Conference already voted for the payroll tax cut last December.

Madam Speaker, let's extend the payroll tax cut now. It's a win for the middle class, it's a win for small businesses, and it's a win for our economy.

#### VOTER SUPPRESSION

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

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, the attempt to intimidate, discourage, or otherwise prevent certain people from voting has a long and notorious history. Unfortunately, voter suppression isn't just a part of our past; it's a current event.

Southern States used tactics such as literacy tests and poll taxes to deny African Americans, Native Americans, and poor immigrants their right to vote. While civil rights achievements in the 1960s did away with these tactics, the strategy continues. The old ways have been replaced with voter ID laws, outrageous registration requirements, dishonest inactive voter lists, unfair purging of voter rolls, disinformation campaigns, and unlawful disenfranchisement of ex-offenders.

Madam Speaker, when anyone's right to vote is threatened, we're all threatened. We need to stop these blatant attempts to deny American citizens the right to vote.

#### WORKING ON BEHALF OF AMERICA

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

Mr. RANGEL. At a time that government is held in such low esteem, it's time that we all really say to each other that we all love America and we respect America. And all over the world people are just trying to get here.

Recently, we talked about In God We Trust, and the question is whether God is going to continue to trust us. Because the fact is that one of the things that makes our country different is that people don't come here to become rich. They come here to be respected. And that is what we have learned, no matter whether it's Jew or gentile or Mormon, every religion emphasizes the fact that we have a moral obligation to take care of those people that are vulnerable, whether it's our kids, our old folks, or sick people.

We don't talk that way in the House. We talk about Medicare, education, Medicaid and Social Security. But all of those things, including the opportunity to have a job, make America what it's supposed to be. It's the hope for the future that our kids will have a better opportunity than we did.

Let's say God bless America, and let's work and make certain that we do all that we can do.

#### LET'S NOT FORGET

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

Ms. HANABUSA. Madam Speaker, let's not forget. We talk about the Great Depression and how close we've come to it. Let's recognize and realize what we as a country did then. We passed the Social Security Act of 1935. And let's also not forget that part of that is the protection of not only our seniors, but also of those who are unemployed through no fault of their own. That is what we're looking at. Madam Speaker, we must recognize that it is time to extend the unemployment insurance, or we're going to cost our economy \$30 billion, and we're going to also affect 1 million people.

Madam Speaker, let's also recognize what makes us a great country. It is not our military might. What makes us a great country is compassion; it is the fact that we have defined ourselves by how we treat our people. Let's never forget that.

It is time to be compassionate, Madam Speaker. It is time for us to extend the unemployment insurance.

#### EXTEND PAYROLL TAX CUT

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, about 1 year ago, Republicans were insisting that before we do anything to help unemployed Americans, we had to guarantee that tax rates for the richest of the rich were made at the lowest level in 50 years. Before doing anything to help those who were struggling, they demanded we give more to those who are hurting the least. But that was just the beginning. Now, they are resisting a tax cut that would give American families an average of \$1,000 per year. These are the same families that have seen their incomes drop by \$6,000 in just the last 2 years.

Republicans are putting more and more money into the pockets of millionaires and taking it out of the pockets of American families. They've gone from simply not helping working Americans, to actively making it harder for them to get by. These are not the priorities of the American people.

I urge my colleagues to support the extension of the payroll tax cut and stand up for this commonsense policy that will help millions of American families.

#### EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND PAYROLL TAX CUTS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my Republican colleagues to move fast and join forces to extend the unemployment insurance and payroll tax cuts.

Now more than ever, most Republicans are content with cutting off the unemployment insurance and raising taxes on millions of middle class Americans while refusing to raise taxes on the richest 1 percent. The unemployment rates for the month of October in my congressional district of Union, Essex, and Hudson Counties in New Jersey are between nine and 10 percent, which is above the national average. If Congress does not act by the end of this year, 2.2 million unemployed workers, including my constituents, will lose their unemployment insurance benefits by February 2012.

When times could not get any tougher, Republicans also refuse to extend the payroll tax cut holiday enacted earlier this year that gave virtually all working Americans a much needed tax cut. Failing to extend the payroll tax cut will strip over \$120 billion from the pockets of consumers. We must act now and extend the unemployment insurance and payroll tax cuts.

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#### EXPIRATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

Ms. CHU. Dawn, a single mother of two, spends every day looking for a job. After 20 years working in human resources, she was laid off in July; and now, the only thing paying her heat and electricity bills, the only thing putting food on the table, is her modest unemployment benefit.

In just 35 days and counting, her safety net will be pulled away if Congress fails to act. If we don't extend emergency unemployment benefits when they expire, by mid-February, 2.1 million Americans will have their benefits cut off. And by the end of the year, 6 million will be without this critical lifeline.

Today one out of every 11 Americans is out of work. Congress has never allowed unemployment benefits to expire when unemployment was this high for this long. We should not start now.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later.

#### GABRIEL ZIMMERMAN MEETING ROOM

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 364)

designating room HVC 215 of the Capitol Visitor Center as the "Gabriel Zimmerman Meeting Room".

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 364

Whereas public events allowing Members of Congress to meet with constituents are an intrinsic element of American democracy and representative government;

Whereas at approximately 10:10 a.m. on January 8, 2011, a gunman attempted the assassination of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, opening fire at her "Congress on your Corner" event in front of a Safeway supermarket in Tucson, Arizona, killing 6 and wounding 13, including Congresswoman Giffords;

Whereas Christina-Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard, and Gabriel Zimmerman lost their lives in the attack;

Whereas Gabriel Zimmerman began his Congressional career in January 2007 as Constituent Services Supervisor for then newly elected Congresswoman Giffords, a role in which he supervised a robust constituent services operation and worked directly with the people of Arizona's Eighth Congressional District to help them resolve problems with Federal agencies and to offer other forms of assistance;

Whereas Gabriel Zimmerman then served as Congresswoman Giffords' Director of Community Outreach, a position in which he proactively engaged the Congresswoman and her office with constituencies, organizations, and citizens throughout southern Arizona;

Whereas Gabriel Zimmerman organized hundreds of events to allow constituents to meet with Congresswoman Giffords while serving as Director of Community Outreach, and led the organization, planning, and implementation of Congresswoman Giffords' January 8, 2011 "Congress on your Corner" event;

Whereas Gabriel Zimmerman was a 1998 graduate of University High School in Tucson, Arizona, a 2002 graduate of the University of California at Santa Cruz, and a 2006 graduate of Arizona State University, where he received a Masters in social work;

Whereas prior to joining Congresswoman Giffords' staff, Gabriel Zimmerman was a social worker assisting troubled youth;

Whereas Gabriel Zimmerman was an outdoor enthusiast, all-around athlete, and lover of history, who at the time of his death at the age of 30 was engaged to be married, and who was known and respected by countless individuals throughout the Eighth Congressional District;

Whereas staff serve a vital role in the Congress, allowing the legislative branch to exercise its critical constitutional duties and enabling Members to effectively represent their constituents;

Whereas over 15,000 individuals are currently serving as Congressional staffers;

Whereas, on January 8, 2011, Speaker John Boehner stated, in reaction to the Tucson shooting, "I am horrified by the senseless attack on Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and members of her staff. An attack on one who serves is an attack on all who serve"; and

Whereas Gabriel Zimmerman was the first Congressional staffer in history to be murdered in the performance of his official duties: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That room HVC 215 of the Capitol Visitor Center is designated as the "Gabriel Zimmerman Meeting Room".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Resolution 364.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

House Resolution 364 would designate room HVC 215 of the Capitol Visitors Center as the Gabriel Zimmerman Meeting Room. This resolution has broad bipartisan support, with 367 co-sponsors.

On January 8, 2011, our Nation, and this Chamber in particular, suffered a horrendous tragedy. On that day, one of our distinguished colleagues, Congresswoman GABRIELLE GIFFORDS, was hosting one of her many Congress on the Corner gatherings at a local supermarket, where she routinely met and conversed directly with her constituents. During that event, a gunman shot and killed six people, while critically wounding 13 others, including Congresswoman GIFFORDS.

I am heartened to hear of the amazing progress the Congresswoman is making in her recovery, and our prayers go out to her and her family.

Sadly, on that day, six people lost their lives. Among the dead were a 6-year-old girl, Chief Judge John Roll of the United States District Court of Arizona, and Congresswoman GIFFORDS' director of community outreach, Gabriel Zimmerman. Earlier this year, we honored Chief Judge Roll in naming a courthouse after him. Today we honor Congresswoman GIFFORDS' staffer Gabriel Zimmerman.

Gabe Zimmerman was only 30 years old and engaged to be married when he was killed. He graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 2002, and in 2006 received a master's degree in social work from Arizona State University. Prior to joining Congresswoman GIFFORDS' staff, he worked as a social worker assisting troubled youth.

Gabe Zimmerman began his congressional career in 2007 as a Constituent Service Supervisor for then newly elected Congresswoman GIFFORDS. In that role, he supervised her constituent services operation and worked directly with the people of Arizona's Eighth Congressional District. He was later promoted to the Director of Community Outreach, where he organized hundreds of events to coordinate outreach to constituents.

As the first congressional staffer to be murdered in the performance of his