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#### SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUT ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2012*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 9, the so-called Small Business Tax Cut Act. This bill is an incredible waste of taxpayer money that will do nothing to grow America's economy or create jobs.

House Republicans admit that H.R. 9 will add \$46 billion to federal deficits and force our country to borrow more money from foreign countries such as China. They argue deficit-spending is worthwhile because their bill will create jobs and stimulate economic growth. Unfortunately, there is absolutely no evidence to support their claim. The nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation determined the economic impact of this Republican bill is "so small as to be incalculable."

The country's wealthiest individuals and corporations are the true beneficiaries of this legislation. H.R. 9 will provide over 125,000 millionaires with an average tax cut of \$58,000. According to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, nearly half of the bill's benefits go to individuals with annual income over \$1 million even though this group comprises just 0.5 percent of all taxpayers and 4 percent of all small-business employers. The largest tax breaks in this bill go to law partners, corporate consultants, lobbyists, hedge fund managers, and other highly profitable, private enterprises that do not need extra support from America's taxpayers.

The tax benefits in H.R. 9 are so poorly targeted that reality-show stars Donald Trump, Paris Hilton and Kim Kardashian qualify as

"small businesses" and will receive taxpayer-financed handouts. In fact, this legislation provides tax breaks to pornography shops and corporations that ship American jobs overseas.

This legislation represents a new low point for the House Republican majority. It is so flawed that even fellow conservatives are mocking the bill. The Wall Street Journal editorial page calls H.R. 9 a "tax gimmick." Former economic advisor to President Reagan Bruce Bartlett said H.R. 9 "will do nothing whatsoever to increase employment. It is nothing more than an election year give-away to a favored Republican constituency and should not be taken seriously."

H.R. 9 is a signal to the American people that House Republicans are officially out of ideas for creating jobs. This bill merely recycles the Bush Administration's failed economic policies that ballooned the national debt and produced the lowest rate of job creation since World War Two. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office analyzed a range of policies that could be enacted to strengthen the economy and promote economic growth: this measure ranked second to last.

I urge my Republican colleagues to abandon this dead-end legislation and instead, join with Democrats to support proven job creation measures, including bonus depreciation for main street businesses.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF WAYNE AND KATHY FOWLER

#### HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 50th wedding anniversary of Wayne and Kathy Fowler.

Wayne and Kathy Fowler nee Pierce were married on March 17, 1962, at Kathy's parents' home in Kissee Mills, Missouri, where her father was postmaster and owned a grocery store and gas station.

Kathy graduated from Forsyth High School, where she was salutatorian of her class. She then attended Draughon's Business College and went to work for Charles A. Moon, attorney at law. She left the law office to work for Frisco Railroad, later Burlington Northern and then Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, where she retired after 32½ years. She then worked for Burrell Behavioral Health for over 6 years before retiring and starting a home transcription business. She always had a huge love for horses, with her dad buying her first Fox Trotting mare for her 12th birthday. The horses have always remained her passion.

Wayne was originally from Waterloo, Iowa, and had moved to Kissee Mills with his family in 1961. Wayne was a car enthusiast and drove stock cars for several years at the Fairgrounds Speedway, Bolivar Speedway, Odesa Speedway, and Fort Smith Arkansas. When he got out of racing, he took up bass fishing. Wayne is a welder and retired from the Paul Mueller Company several years ago. He now has a portable aluminum/stainless welding business and specializes in marine repairs. They have one son, Ken Fowler, and three grandchildren, Chase, Katie and Nick, who reside in Camdenton, Missouri.

Kathy and Wayne have resided in Springfield for the past 28 years, operating horse boarding and training stables in Republic for 13 years. Wayne and Kathy are both very busy pursuing their hobbies. Wayne still participates in bass fishing tournaments and Kathy trains and rides her Fox Trot horses. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a stay at Downstream Casino, one of their favorite things to do.

I am proud of Wayne and Kathy Fowler and am honored to call them my neighbors in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri. I wanted to take this opportunity to commemorate their 50th anniversary. May God bless them with many more happy and loving years together.

#### ARISAI GURROLA

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Arisai Gurrola for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Arisai Gurrola is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Arisai Gurrola is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Arisai Gurrola for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,628,266,498,708.04. We've added \$5,001,389,449,794.96 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### RECOGNIZING CHIEF OF POLICE, ROBERT "BOBBY" HYATT

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 25, 2012*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retiring Chief of Police, Robert