ARMY CELEBRATES 237TH BIRTHDAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, as the Army Caucus cochairs, my colleague and I rise today in celebration of the United States Army's upcoming 237th birthday. Since June 14, 1775, when the first company was formed to defend our great country against the British, the brave men and women of the Army have upheld the seven core values of this strong brotherhood. Those values are: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

Today, the Army stands over one million strong. We pause to salute the soldiers and fallen warriors of 237 years past whose legacies our soldiers strive to uphold. We pause to thank them for their service and sacrifice in every conflict in war in the history of our Nation. And we pause to thank the families of our soldiers for their continuing support of our Nation's defenders during these critical times.

The past decade has proven the Army as a leader in the war against terrorism, tyrannical leadership, and oppression in the Middle East, where you, the Army, have given countless millions of people hope for their future while at the same time making America more secure and a grateful Nation. Your actions on and off the field of battle have and will continue to inspire us all for generations to come.

From Iraq and Afghanistan, across Europe and the Pacific Rim, the men and women of the United States Army represent the best of America's ideals and the finest of her dreams. You are the very best at what you do. Your resilience, courage, professionalism, and battle-hardened ways will seize the day against any enemy of our great and powerful Nation.

We cannot thank you enough for what you do, your devotion to duty, and your tireless efforts in the defense of our Nation. Thank you for always putting the mission first, never accepting defeat, and never quitting. For 237 years you have made it perfectly clear that no matter who rises up against our country, there's one thing that will never change: you always have been and will continue to be Army strong.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my good friend and cochair, Mr. REYES.

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Mr. REYES. I want to thank my colleague and fellow cochair from the Army Caucus, Judge CARTER, for yielding me the time to honor the United States Army on its 237th birthday.

The Army, as my colleague has said, dates back to 1775. It has always stood tall, both in peacetime and in times of war, in times of conflict or police actions, which means that our proud men and women in the Army have stood in harm's way to benefit freedom not just for our country, but throughout the world.

Our Army has been at war now for over 10 years. Today it is battle tested, and it's proven itself once again. Our Army is over 1 million strong, composed of some of America's most dedicated and outstanding individuals. So today I'm proud to stand with my cochair to take a moment to recognize the men and women who have selflessly served our Army for the past 237 years, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedom and our American way of life. We pause to thank our soldiers and their families for their service and their commitment, which remain steadfast and strong.

From the Revolutionary War to the current conflict in Afghanistan, our Army has triumphed over those who seek to harm our country. For 237 years, the Army has always been relevant and remains a critical force for world freedom today. With the transformation of the Army to a leaner, lighter, and more lethal force, the United States Army will continue to be vital to our national security and to the national security of countries around the globe.

As we plan for the future, let us reflect on the great legacy that the United States Army has given this great Nation through the men and women who were and are proud to be Americans. Our soldiers, noncommissioned officers, and officers of the United States Army are the most outstanding fighting force in our world. We cannot thank them enough for their dedication to excellence and their commitment to duty, honor, and country. And let us not forget their families who sacrifice for our national security as well. Their execution is unmatched, their commitment is unwavering, and their bond is unbreakable. I am proud to be part of that Army lineage, and this morning, as I wear this Army-strong tribute, I salute our brave men and women who have made our Army great, but who have kept our country safe and secure and represent the global effort to maintain freedom around the world.

So again, I am proud to stand with my cochair, Judge CARTER, and pay tribute for the past 237 years of sacrifice to our great United States Army.

OBAMACARE PROPAGANDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. QUAYLE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUAYLE. Mr. Speaker, at a time of record-breaking debt and deficits—or really anytime for that matter—it boggles the mind that the Obama administration would spend $20 million of taxpayer money to pay for propaganda on behalf of ObamaCare. Yet that has happened. Mr. Speaker, I have seen these commercials that attempt to explain the supposed benefits of ObamaCare, but they are just poorly conceived campaign ads.

It's bad enough that American taxpayers are on the hook for this massively expensive boondoggle which does nothing to solve the underlying problems in our health care system. It's bad enough that many Americans are losing their health care coverage because of this bill, and that the bill is causing more and more doctors to drop Medicare patients. It's bad enough that Americans will see their tax bill go up because of ObamaCare. Now the Obama administration expects the American people to pay for ads touting the law that did these things.

Rarely does a day go by where we don't hear of a new negative effect of this disastrous legislation. This week, we learned that many students are seeing their university-based or individual health care premiums rise dramatically. Some colleges have either dropped their student health plans entirely or are planning to do so as ObamaCare mandates kick in that force students to purchase health plans that in most cases go far beyond what is necessary.

Then yesterday, we saw an op-ed in The Wall Street Journal by Steven Greer, who was involved in a grant approval process for an ObamaCare program. Through this op-ed, we got yet another dismal view into the twisted bureaucracy that is implementing this disastrous legislation. Mr. Greer recounts one case in which a $1.9 million grant was given to George Washington University for a program which is expected to produce merely $1.7 million in health care savings.

Mr. Speaker, even before full implementation, ObamaCare has been a costly disaster for the American people. This arrogant, taxpayer-funded propaganda campaign just adds insult to injury. And like ObamaCare, the ad campaign should end immediately.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 36 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Joseph Shea, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Simi Valley, California, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, as we gather today, I ask for Your blessings upon these men and women whom You and this great Nation have chosen to serve us.

Grant them the grace to be leaders whose walk is by faith, whose behavior is by principle, whose vision is high,