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SPECIAL INTERESTS WINNING IN REPUBLICAN MEDICARE PROPOSAL

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, last week, we learned the extent to which the special interests are winning out over the public interests when it comes to the Republican Medicare proposal. Two groups came to Washington to protest the GOP plan to cut \$270 billion from Medicare; one group got a \$3 billion deal, the other got arrested.

Here is a photo, of 67-year-old Roberta Saxton as she is handcuffed by Capitol Police. Her crime? She came to the people's House to ask questions about plans to change her health care plan.

While Roberta was being arrested, the American Medical Association was treated to a different reception. They did not get handcuffed, they got handed a \$3 billion deal in a private meeting with Speaker GINGRICH. As the New York Times editorialized this weekend in a piece entitled "Bribes for the Doctors"—the Speaker's concessions made an already bad Medicare bill substantially worse. This bill was never designed to give the elderly high quality health care. It is less likely to do so now.

MEDICARE PRESERVATION ACT WILL PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND STRENGTHEN MEDICARE

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

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, the Republican Party has boldly led the 104th Congress in the effort to save Medicare. However, these efforts are being challenged by Washington-based special interest groups who are receiving tax dollars.

The AFL-CIO has received \$1.3 million in Federal grants but has spent \$1.4 million attacking Medicare. The AARP has received \$24 million and the National Council of Senior Citizens received \$71 million. The American taxpayers should not be forced to fund lobbyists who intentionally mislead our elderly.

The Medicare Preservation Act will preserve Medicare for future generations, protect the program so that Medicare will stay as the beneficiaries know it to be, and strengthen it to provide coverage options, that empower citizens to choose the health plan that fits their needs.

Instead of helping save Medicare, these special interest groups are trying to hold back the progress that must be made.

IN MEMORY OF MEREDITH MILLER

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, we pause here today for just a moment to remember Meredith Miller.

Meredith Miller was murdered a year ago today as she was returning from studying to her residence in Virginia.

Meredith Miller was one of those wonderful kinds of persons. She was a very bright student, a wonderful giver. She gave of herself to many wonderful causes, and she was preparing to lead a really spectacular life.

Her murder was unusually brutal. It was a terrible loss of a wonderful life and a terrible loss to her mother and father and her brother and her kin and family and friends who reside in my congressional district.

We all loved Meredith Miller. She was the kind of person we want our daughters to be. She was the kind of American we want our fellow citizens to be.

Justice was done. The murderers were captured. The murderers were tried and sentenced, and they are now serving time in jail. But nothing can return to Meredith Miller her life or to her family their wonderful daughter and sister.

All murder is useless, but Meredith Miller's murder was useless, tragic, and a horrible crime.

Let us pause and remember Meredith Miller.

MEREDITH MILLER WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED

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

Mr. BUNN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, before we start today's business, I would like all of my colleagues to help me remember a young woman dedicated to change. This young woman's story is one that all of my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, should keep close to their hearts. Her name is Meredith Miller.

Meredith Miller was a student at the George Washington University. Exactly 1 year ago today, she was returning from a study session when she became the victim of a murder. Meredith was an honor student at Princeton University and was attending graduate school here working toward her Masters Degree. She was pursuing her dream, to make a positive change in this world, but her dream was taken from her.

A member of my staff was a friend of hers and has told me that she was an inspiration to all the people she touched. We can all learn something from the tragic events that took Mary away from her family and friends; do not take anything in this life for granted, live each day to its fullest, and give

thanks to the Lord for all that He has given you.

We, as Members of Congress and leaders of this Nation, must work to keep our streets safe and bring criminals to justice. If the dreams of the next generation of leaders, of which Mary was certainly one, are to be fulfilled we must lay that foundation today. We are charged with the duty of ensuring that the hopes and dreams of our Nation's future leaders, such as Mary, can someday be reached.

Meredith, your friends and family want you to know that you may be gone but you will never be forgotten.

THE MILLION MAN MARCH

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I attended the Million Man March. I thought it was the right thing to do.

Many of my constituents were there. They happened to be black. They also happened to be Americans, and I try to honestly be a Congressman for all people.

The Million Man March was a success. The message was powerful. The themes were responsible: self-responsibility, self-actualization, economic independence, morality, love, parenthood. Those are good messages for all America.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, there is a reality here. The Pope and Billy Graham are great human beings, but the Pope and Billy Graham and all of the religious leaders of the world will not solve the race problem in America. It is going to, in fact, require the help of all people. Congress should join in and commend that march. It was good for the country.

JOIN US IN SAVING MEDICARE

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

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, it would have been simple for the new Republican majority to ignore Medicare's impending bankruptcy, hide the problem, create a quick fix, and let a Congress 2 or 4 years down the road worry about our seniors. But that is not what the American people elected us to do. The people spoke clearly when they elected the new majority. They expect more from us because they realize those previously in control refused to accept the responsibility of leadership.

The people expect us to do what is right, and we will preserve and protect and strengthen Medicare for the next generation, not just for the next election. We will not play politics with this issue.

I urge all Members of this House to stop the scare tactics and join with us to save Medicare.