

many opiates, which were leading to deaths, and so, I don't take money from the prescription drug companies. I don't take money from the payday lenders because I think it is a horrible service, and they rip people off. I have known people who got cancer. I don't take money from the cigarette companies.

So you don't have to take support from everybody who is willing to support you. But when Black Lives Matter puts on their website, we disrupt the western-prescribed nuclear family, and we have an American government right now which, to me, is discriminating against couples who are married, you have to wonder, was this by chance, or are these people who want to set up government programs to discriminate against families?

□ 1130

I would like to give people a chance to publicize this problem in hearings and see if there's something we can do about this problem.

So I have asked the chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, which has something to do with programs like Pell grants, to have a hearing and see whether my constituent is right: Are we really, in the United States Government, expressing strong bias against couples who are married, and penalizing them?

I have forwarded a request like this to the chairman of the committee.

I think it is a problem that has been out there ever since Lyndon Johnson, in the 1960s, began his war on the family.

I personally think he was the worst President in this country's history, and it is not just because he declared war on the family. He did a bad job in prosecuting the Vietnam war, his personal life was a hodgepodge, but of all the bad things he did, I think his programs aimed at destroying the family was the worst thing.

So I guess to illustrate that Members of the other party are also a little bit concerned about these programs that penalize what they refer to as the traditional western family, though it is the traditional family used by people who are not western European at all, I would like to ask for such a hearing.

#### HONORING NEW YORK STATE SENATOR BETTY LITTLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of New York State Senator Betty Little, an extraordinarily dedicated and effective public servant for the north country, to congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

Betty has dedicated decades of her life to representing the hardworking families of upstate New York, both during her time in the New York State Assembly and the State Senate.

Senator Little first began her career in public service at the local level, and served in many capacities while also working as a teacher before her election to the New York State Assembly in 1995. She was later elected to the State Senate in 2002.

Betty has accomplished countless legislative results over the years, expanding benefits for military families, saving hardworking taxpayer dollars, protecting jobs in the Adirondacks, and always standing up for the people of the north country.

While petite in stature, Betty is truly a giant among public servants.

Senator Little sought election to public office as a working mother, a time when this was a lot harder and less in vogue. She quietly shattered innumerable glass ceilings and paved the way for generations of women to come.

I am proud to call Betty Little a legislative partner, a role model, and a dear friend.

I offer Betty my most sincere congratulations and gratitude, and I wish her and her family all the best in this next chapter.

It is my privilege to highlight her accomplishments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### 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 11 o'clock and 33 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 pro tempore (Mr. CLAY) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Lord of us all, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Send Your spirit of wisdom upon the Members of the people's House as they move toward the completion of their work in the 116th Congress. After a long year of stress in our Nation, due to a plague which continues to swell, give them the resolve to address the needs of all our citizens and communities.

Bless those many heroic men and women who continue to labor, at great danger to themselves, to care for those who suffer from COVID. Bring healing to those who do suffer, and comfort those who mourn the loss of so much this past year. Lord, have mercy.

May all that is done this day in the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### HONORING THE LEGACY OF DANIEL MILLER

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Daniel Miller, the eldest of six children, from Galesburg, Illinois.

A member of the varsity football team, his principal described him as "always smiling" and "caring about everyone."

In 2004, he joined the Air Force and continued to lead as a senior airman. With great courage, he defused explosive devices and worked with chemical and biological weapons.

On January 7, 2007, Senior Airman Miller, Senior Airman Elizabeth A. Loncki, and Technical Sergeant Timothy R. Weiner all made the ultimate sacrifice, attempting to defuse a car bomb in Iraq.

Our Nation will never be able to repay them, but it is our duty to remember their service. It is my honor today to commemorate the service of Senior Airman Miller with the dedication of the U.S. Post Office on East Main Street in Galesburg, Illinois, as the Senior Airman Daniel Miller Post Office Building.

#### STUDENT DEBT

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to address the crippling cost of student debt.

Although my Democratic colleagues and I agree substantially on the issue, we disagree substantially on the solution. We need to cure the disease, not just put a Band-Aid on it.

Absolving student debt or making college free altogether does not address

the problem. It just passes the debt on to people who have responsibly paid off their student loans, while encouraging the reckless spending on administrative bloat in higher education.

From 1988 to 2018, the average tuition and fees at public 4-year institutions tripled and more than doubled at private 4-year institutions. We have seen an explosion of vice presidents, counselors, diversity coaches, and all types of administrative staff who have nothing to do with giving their students a means of finding employment.

Why? Because they can. The money flows freely from the Federal Government, and they know that—all at the expense of the student.

So rather than climbing walls, lazy rivers, and so-called safe spaces and then asking for bailouts, universities should be cutting costs and focusing on educating their students. This frivolous spending has ruined many young people's futures, and that is how we address the calamity of student debt.

#### COVID-19 RELIEF

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

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the American people and the people of Michigan need our help. They need Congress to pass a COVID relief package, and failing to reach a deal would be a shameful dereliction of duty here in the Congress.

Just yesterday, my State confirmed its 10,000th death. I have hospitals in my district that are at 98 percent capacity, and local businesses face oblivion.

The images of Americans in their cars lining up for hours to pick up their Thanksgiving meal should be seared into our memories. Make no mistake. These food lines are modern-day bread lines, and it is our job to do something about it.

Platitudes won't feed a family, and empty words won't get folks together for the holidays. Frankly, it is a slap in the face to ICU nurses, our small business owners, and frontline workers doing everything they can do to weather the crisis.

It is a slap in the face to the nurse in East Lansing who wrote to my office pleading for economic relief. Her husband had to stop working in the spring to take care of their kids, and every day she gets up worried she might bring COVID home to them. They are getting behind on their bills, on their rent, and they are taking out loans against their retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the leaders of both parties and of both Chambers to witness these stories, do their jobs, and reach a deal, even if it is not perfect.

#### FAREWELL TO MAJOR JEREMY TILLMAN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Major Jeremy E. Tillman, who has been serving in the Washington office of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina from the Army for the past year as a Defense fellow.

Major Tillman has been deployed twice: to the Republic of Korea and to Iraq. He is the recipient of the Purple Heart, the Bronze Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Army Commendation Medal, and many other deserved awards.

Major Tillman has been essential to the office over the past year. He has worked to solidify important legislation in the National Defense Authorization Act, NDAA, including modification of body armor for female troops.

I am thankful for his commitment to America. I wish him well and the best for his future.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

I appreciate President Donald Trump as a champion for our military for peace through strength.

#### CONGRATULATING RABBI SERNOVITZ

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I am so excited to be here on the floor today to congratulate Rabbi Larry Sernovitz on becoming the senior rabbi of Temple Kol Emeth in Marietta, Georgia.

In just the few short months that I have known the rabbi, he has been instrumental in helping to spread our shared message of God's love for all people and *tikkun olam*.

"*Tikkun olam*" translates to "repair of the world," and I know that, together, our community in Georgia will help build bridges to a better and more just tomorrow.

I congratulate the rabbi on his new mission from God. Our community is blessed to have been gifted a leader like him.

I hope that, if he or his congregation ever need assistance from my office, they don't hesitate to call upon us. I truly look forward to working with the rabbi and the Jewish community in Georgia for many years to come, and I wish them all a happy and blessed Hannukah season.

#### FAREWELL SHUWANZA GOFF

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

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, having served as both the majority and minority floor leader, I have understood the pressure of the job. Scheduling the floor, handling procedural fights, and

getting legislation passed is truly 24-hour, 7-day-a-week work. And on the other side of the aisle, no one knows that better than Shuwanza Goff.

It has been my privilege to get to know her during her 12 years on the Hill, the last 7 of which as floor director for Leader HOYER. Without a doubt, she has done this job as well as or better than any staffer I have ever known. She has put in her time and effort to build strong working relationships with Members and staff on both sides of the aisle.

Shuwanza has earned our respect because of her skills, her work ethic, and her expertise on the floor. There are times I have lost the debate because of her expertise.

I certainly like to think that we have tested her abilities over the past 2 years with some of our motions to recommit. There are times that I have heard, and it has been conveyed to me, the differences of opinion with me in the strongest of terms, but never did she ever do it in a personal way.

The House is better because of her service.

But even if we haven't made her job easy, we always knew we had to be prepared, because we saw the impact that her expertise could have.

Many a time to many of us, people across this country ask if we have friends on both sides of the aisle. I refer to Shuwanza as my friend. She will be my adversary, but she is my friend. She has my respect because she earned it. She has my friendship because she has earned it. She has respect from both sides of the aisle because of the way she carries her life and the character of who she is.

She has left an impression on this side of the aisle, and I can tell you she has certainly left an impression on this institution.

We get elected and we come here, but her character is one of having a servant's heart and of caring for this Nation. There are things that divide us in our philosophy, but we are not divided because we are Americans. We do not divide ourselves because we care to serve.

I know Shuwanza believes in a more perfect Union because of the devotion that she has had and despite the times and frustration that this body can give, but she does it because of what she believes in.

Finally, Shuwanza, speaking as a father, I know that you have brought immense joy and pride to your parents and to your sister along the way. I know they have rooted for you and watched every step of your career, a career that has seen you walk in the well of the House of Representatives on a daily basis and serve as a trusted adviser to our Nation's leaders, and you have done it well. My hope for you is that you do not give that up, that you continue to serve the Nation that you love so greatly.

On behalf of myself, my team, and the Republican Conference, I want to