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Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Major Alford McMichael who will be inducted in the Arkansas Walk of Fame in his hometown of Hot Springs this Friday.

Alford McMichael became the first African American sergeant major of the United States Marine Corps on July 1, 1999. He left that post last year to become the senior enlisted adviser to NATO, the first person to fill this newly created position.

During his 30-plus years in the Marine Corps, Sergeant Major McMichael has earned numerous personal decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star.

Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of meeting Sergeant Major McMichael during a NATO parliamentary assembly trip and can attest to how very worthy he is of this tribute. It is my hope that by being honored on the Arkansas Walk of Fame, future generations will learn the inspirational story of Alford McMichael.

HHS IG REPORT

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, Inspector General's report released yesterday determined that the Medicare actuary provided accurate cost information about the Medicare bill to a select group of Members of Congress but not to all Members of Congress. This was because the Medicare administrator at the time threatened the actuary, Richard Foster, with the loss of his job if he disclosed the accurate information to all Members of Congress. These Members, the select group, chose to keep this information to themselves from other Members of Congress and, more importantly, from all the American taxpayers who are footing the bill for the \$550 billion Medicare bill.

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When we debated the Medicare bill on this floor, leaders in this Congress told us it would cost \$400 billion, and we believed that this was true to the best of their knowledge. It is unfortunate that Members of this House were disrespectful to the taxpayers who are now going to pay an additional \$150 billion, and with their colleagues, they withheld essential information about the true cost of the prescription drug bill. Even before a single senior citizen has received the benefit, taxpayers will be hit with another \$150 billion bill.

This unwelcome surprise could have been avoided if this administration, Members of Congress and the leadership had shared the information they had about this bill.

UNFAIR URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE ALLOCATIONS

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

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise in protest once again in regard to the unfair allocation of Urban Area Security Initiative grants from the Department of Homeland Security by the city of Miami. Broward County in my district has not received nearly enough, not nearly enough, for the funding it needs to keep our critical infrastructure safe from terrorist attacks.

On Sunday, a man crashed his SUV into a crowded terminal building at the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Broward County. He drove it all the way through two walls to the ticket counter. Airport officials were very quick to say, and correctly so, that the crash was not a terrorist act. But it could have been.

Let us not forget that this area was home to the al Qaeda operatives prior to 9/11. Airport security was tight for the holiday weekend, but there were no security measures in place and no physical structures that could have stopped this man from killing or injuring hundreds of travelers in the terminal. Having metal posts along the sidewalks would have made it impossible for this man to drive his SUV into the terminal. Instead, the crash caused \$100,000 worth of damage and threatened the safety of hundreds of holiday travelers.

Mr. Speaker, both Broward and Palm Beach Counties are vulnerable targets. This is just one more reason why my district should be designated as its own urban area so that we can improve security measures that will protect our communities.

DELAYED SECURITY MEASURES

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, today the Transportation Safety Administration finally announced that they are going to plug a huge, gaping loophole in aviation security, 15 months after I first brought this issue to their attention.

While Americans nationwide stand patiently in line and the pilots and flight attendants are standing in line, sometimes unnecessarily long lines because of an arbitrary cap on the number of screeners by the Republican majority, unbeknownst to them, hundreds of thousands of people on a daily basis have been filing around security carrying whatever they wanted, just flashing an ID at a guard. That is, all the vendors who work in the airport, the people who have access to the terminal and to the airplanes.

Finally today, today, after being beat over the head for months, the Trans-

portation Security Administration is going to require that those people also go through security so that they will not be able to carry contraband, weapons, drugs or whatever through, to be smuggled aboard airplanes. This will improve security for Americans. It took an awfully long time to get action from the Bush administration to fill this loophole.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of my district's largest employer, the Pennsylvania State University, which consists of 11 academic schools, 20 campuses throughout Pennsylvania, the College of Medicine, the Dickinson School of Law, and the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Penn State was founded in 1855 as America's first land grant college and was the first institution in the Nation to offer a degree in agriculture. One in every eight Pennsylvanians with a college degree, one in every 50 engineers in America, and one in every four meteorologists in America are alumni of Penn State, which has the largest dues-paying alumni association in the Nation.

Penn State consistently ranks in the top three universities to receive SAT scores by high school seniors. Penn State hosts the largest student-run philanthropic event in the world benefiting the Four Diamonds Fund for families with children being treated for cancer.

Penn State has excelled at academic and athletic achievements by doing things honorably and exceptionally, by doing things the Penn State way.

Happy 150th birthday, Penn State. I am proud to represent you in Congress and add my voice to those exclaiming, "We are Penn State."

HONORING MARLON BRANDO

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, every week we recognize all kinds of people and, though deserving, most of us have never heard of them. Today I would like to give some recognition to the passing of a man we have heard of.

I think the movie "On The Waterfront" was one of the finest American movies ever made because of the ability of Marlon Brando to depict that heroic struggle of a working class guy to achieve his own individual integrity. Then there was Stanley Kowalski, Don Corleone, and so many other iconic roles throughout Mr. Brando's career.