

national memorial in honor of the passengers and crew.

When he found out that diabetes was becoming an epidemic in the military and throughout Pennsylvania, Jack secured over \$150 million for research, prevention, education, and outreach programs.

Jack led our Pennsylvania delegation for almost 36 years with passion and dedication. The legacy that he has left will surely live on as a symbol of the great work that one man can do, and is something that we can all strive to achieve. The Pennsylvania delegation is honored to pay tribute to his life this evening and say good-bye to a dear friend and colleague.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend, Mr. KANJORSKI, for yielding and this opportunity to take time to remember and to recognize the life and the public service of Congressman John Murtha.

As a freshman, and being here 14 months, I had the opportunity to just get to know the Congressman when I joined this chamber a little over a year ago. And I will say that Congressman Murtha, as the dean of the delegation, and someone who had been here almost four decades, yet despite that, he reached out to an individual who was a freshman, a rookie, and whenever I saw Congressman Murtha, he was always quick to ask how things were going, how people were treating me, and was there anything he could do for me. He had that bipartisan approach. He was first and foremost from Pennsylvania, as opposed to identifying as a party.

Congressman Murtha, as I had gotten to know him, we had some common ties. I found out he had such a sense of public service. As Mr. KANJORSKI mentioned, he certainly will be missed by the people of Cambria County and throughout his entire congressional district. And his sense of public service really I believe grew out of his experiences in scouting. Congressman Murtha was an Eagle Scout. And within scouting, learned those principles of leadership and citizenship and service, and went on to serve as a decorated war hero in the United States Marines, and continued that service right up until just 1990 in his service, retiring as a colonel.

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And today, we remember Congressman Murtha in his public service as he went on to be the longest serving Member in the United States House of Representatives from Pennsylvania.

All of our prayers go out to Congressman Murtha's wife and his family at this time as we take this time to pause and give thanks and honor the life of Congressman John Murtha.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Mem-

bers may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 1084.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the passing of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Murtha), the whole number of the House is 433.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE TO ATTEND FUNERAL OF THE LATE HONORABLE JOHN P. MURTHA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker on February 16, 2010, appointed the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable John P. Murtha:

The gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. KANJORSKI

The gentlewoman from California, Ms. PELOSI

The members of the Pennsylvania delegation:

Mr. HOLDEN

Mr. DOYLE

Mr. FATTAH

Mr. PITTS

Mr. BRADY

Mr. PLATTS

Mr. SHUSTER

Mr. GERLACH

Mr. TIM MURPHY

Mr. DENT

Ms. SCHWARTZ

Mr. ALTMIRE

Mr. CARNEY

Mr. PATRICK MURPHY

Mr. SESTAK

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER

Mr. THOMPSON

Other Members in attendance:

Mr. LARSON (CT)

Mr. BECERRA

Mr. CROWLEY

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

Mr. RANGEL

Mr. DICKS

Ms. KAPTUR

Mr. LEVIN

Mr. MOLLOHAN

Ms. SLAUGHTER

Mr. TAYLOR

Mr. ANDREWS

Mr. MORAN (VA)

Mr. BISHOP (GA)

Ms. CORRINE BROWN (FL)

Ms. ESHOO

Mr. KENNEDY

Mr. BERRY

Ms. KILPATRICK (MI)

Mr. KUCINICH

Mrs. MCCARTHY

Mr. PASCRELL

Mr. REYES

Mr. ROTHMAN

Mr. CAPUANO

Mr. HOLT

Mr. WEINER

Mr. RYAN (OH)

Ms. MATSUI

Mr. COHEN

Mr. COURTNEY

IT IS TIME TO PASS HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I would like to thank my dear friend, Mr. KANJORSKI, for offering a privileged resolution.

My simple words are that this House was privileged to have a man like John Murtha walk these halls and this floor. I know that as he is honored on Wednesday night with a Special Order, we will gather to celebrate and commemorate a life well lived not only for his family, but for his country and for the people that he loved and the military that he served and respected.

Madam Speaker, I come as well today to speak very quickly about the President's issuance of a health care reform package. Everywhere I have gone in my district there are people crying out for relief, and that relief comes in terms of no preexisting disease, lower premium costs, the insuring of 36 million, and the opportunity for people to go into an exchange and find the insurance that they can subscribe to, including that which covers those of us in Congress. We have to stop those who are dying, 45,000, who live without insurance. It is time to pass health care reform now.

CONGRATULATING THE DAILY PRESS ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a small town newspaper on its 100th anniversary. The Daily Press in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, was started in February 1910 by founders John A. Dippold, John S. Speer, and William A. Timm. Owners have changed, the paper has moved and it has merged with the Elk County Gazette, but it has remained in continuous operation into its centennial year with more than 5,300 subscribers.

The Daily Press is the first and only newspaper published in St. Marys. It sells for 50 cents and is published 6