

is often critical to helping you and your doctor diagnose and treat diseases or ailments as soon as possible. But the repeal of the health care law included in the Republican budget plan would change all this under the guise of "deficit reduction."

But the reality is that none of the cuts would help pay down the deficit OR balance the budget. These cuts would instead pay for tax cuts to those who need it the least providing subsidies to Big Oil preserving tax loopholes to companies that ship jobs overseas all this while they are making record profits. Tax cuts for Big Oil and the largest corporations should not be paid for on the backs of America's seniors!

And this kind-of thinking does not reflect the needs or priorities of seniors and families in my district. I have heard from scores of Sacramentans about how the changes to Medicare included in the health care law has helped them. One gentleman in particular comes to mind. Gary, who takes 8 different name brand medications, regularly falls into the "Donut Hole." But as a result of the health care law, he will save close to \$1,000 per month which means that Gary will be able to continue to take his medication, and make ends meet. And his savings will only grow over time. However, people like Gary would lose out on this benefit, should the Republican proposal be enacted.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Seniors Task Force, I am working with my colleagues to ensure that proposals that would hurt seniors are not enacted. I believe that if someone works hard all their life and plays by the rules then they deserve high-quality health care and a secure retirement. I am committed to making that dream a reality and I am confident that as more and more people learn about what this plan would do the American people will speak out against it loud and clear.

I thank Representative TONKO for his leadership on this issue.

HONORING STEWART'S SHOPS AND
THE DAKE FAMILY

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people in New York's 20th District to express our sincere appreciation for the continued hard work, dedication, and contributions made to our communities by Stewart's Shops and the Dake Family.

Beginning in 1921, Percy and Charles V. Dake began making Dake's Delicious ice cream in Greenfield, NY. They continued to expand their operations into and around Greenfield and Saratoga Springs until 1945, when they bought Donald Stewart's dairy and ice cream shop on Route 50 in Ballston Spa, renaming it Stewart's Shop in order to commemorate the former owner. Adding on brothers Charles S. and William, this family-run operation continued to grow through the expansion of services and a strong community presence, including donating five percent of its annual revenue to local not-for-profits.

This generous and voluntary donation has brought over \$2.25 million to not-for-profits in our area, in addition to the organization's con-

tribution of over \$15 million to an employee profit sharing plan and \$2 million in scholarship assistance to family members of employees through the "Make Your Own Scholarship" program. Overall, this tremendous organization has had over \$1 billion in community sales, provides approximately 4,000 jobs in 328 convenience stores in New York and Vermont, and works closely with local governments and organizations to serve my constituents inside and out of their stores.

For these reasons, I am happy to stand today in recognition of the Dake Family as they receive the C. Jordan Vail Spirit of Philanthropy Award, given at the Celebration of Philanthropy Luncheon in Albany, NY on May 24, 2011. This family, and the business they have built over the last ninety years, are a model of private enterprise and they have certainly earned this award. I am honored to be given the opportunity to commemorate their dedication to our community and the economic contributions they provide.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 754) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes:

Mr. HURT. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 754, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

Our intelligence community plays a critical role in keeping us safe from those who seek to do us harm, and I believe we need to ensure that they have the necessary tools to do their job to the fullest.

It was the hard work and dedication of the members of the intelligence community that helped lead us to securing a great victory in the war on terror—the death of Osama bin Laden. We will be forever grateful to them—and all of those in the intelligence field—for their service to this country, including those in Virginia's 5th District.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the work of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, and the National Ground Intelligence Center located in Charlottesville, Virginia, and those members of the intelligence community across the 5th District who are working every day to help ensure the safety of all Americans.

A top priority of government is to protect its citizens from threats at home and abroad. While I believe that we need to prioritize all spending in the context of a balanced budget, we need to make sure that those in the intelligence field are equipped to carry out their duties to help protect and defend our nation, especially when we are engaged in a global war on terror and thousands of American troops continue to serve bravely in harm's way around the world.

I urge support of H.R. 754.

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SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 754, the FY 2011 Intelligence Authorization Act. I thank Chairman ROGERS and Ranking Member RUPPERSBERGER for bringing this bipartisan bill to the floor today.

This bill sets the funding levels for the 16 agencies that comprise the nation's intelligence community including the Central Intelligence Agency and parts of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. It also supports the dedicated and skilled men and women who work in secret at these and other elements of the nation's clandestine services that helped bring Osama bin Laden to justice.

H.R. 754 authorizes funding for the counterterrorism analysis and worldwide clandestine operations of the CIA; the tactical intelligence support of the National Security Agency; the electronics surveillance and real-time analysis of the National Geospatial Agency; and the coordination of the National Intelligence Director. The coordinated efforts of all these agencies enable the U.S. to anticipate and respond to emerging threats and to maintain its technological advantage over our adversaries around the world.

Bringing Osama bin Laden to justice was the result of the hard work and sacrifice by this nation's intelligence and Special Forces community. These brave men and women are silent warriors who deserve our gratitude and unwavering support. I commend them for their ongoing efforts to disrupt, dismantle and defeat terrorism around the world.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in thanking our intelligence professionals for all that they do to keep our country safe and I urge passage of this bill.

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ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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