

INTRODUCTION OF CHILD CARE
AFFORDABILITY ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, throughout the country, affordable and safe child care is essential for working families. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 70 percent of children have one or more parents in the labor force. A survey commissioned by the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies revealed that 57 percent of parents reported in 2010 that child care was a necessity, compared with 49 percent in 2006.

Despite the great need for affordable child care, there is a wide gap between what today's families are earning and the cost of child care and household expenses. In 2010, the average cost of full-time care for an infant in a child care center varied from \$4,650 in Mississippi to over \$18,000 in the District of Columbia. In my own state of New York, the average yearly cost of part time care for a school-age child is an exorbitant \$10,400. The amount of assistance offered by the current federal credit for child care costs is a minimum of only \$600 for one child and \$1,200 for two children. Unfortunately, this amount does little to offset our country's extraordinarily high child care costs. To ease the burden on our working families, today I am introducing the Child Care Affordability Act. This legislation would create a new tax deduction for child care and dependent care expenses and expand the current credit for child and dependent care expenses, so families receive a truly impactful level of assistance. Parents would be given the choice of utilizing the tax deduction or the tax credit to select the option that provides them with the greatest amount of relief.

During tax season, it is important to offer working families who are struggling to afford child care.

REFLECTIONS ON THE WORLD
BANK PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on Monday the World Bank formally selected Dr. Jim Yong Kim, president of Dartmouth College, and an expert in public health, as its next president. Dr. Kim's selection continues a long-standing practice of having an American lead the institution; which is appropriate as the United States is the single largest financial contributor to the bank. Typically, the selection of a new World Bank president draws little notice but this year, in the most open and transparent selection process in the bank's 68 year history, the Board of Directors had three well-qualified candidates to choose from.

Although the United States supported Dr. Kim, and I agree with his selection, it should be noted that the other two candidates, former Colombian finance minister Jose Antonio Ocampo and Nigeria's current finance minister Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, were equally qualified for the position. Mr. Ocampo has a strong

record of public service with both the United Nations and the Government of Colombia, most notably serving as the United Nations' Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; Executive Secretary for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; and in Colombia as Minister of Finance and Public Credit and Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. Likewise, Ms. Okonjo-Iweala is a globally renowned Nigerian economist best known for her two terms as Finance Minister of Nigeria (her current position) and for her work at the World Bank, including several years as one of its Managing Directors. The Board of Directors was clearly blessed to have three outstanding candidates to choose from.

I commend Mr. Ocampo and Ms. Okonjo-Iweala for driving a spirited and appropriate debate about the future direction of the World Bank. It is always good to obtain new perspectives and to explore new ideas. Indeed, in accepting his new position yesterday, Dr. Kim recognized the growing influence of our colleagues in the world's emerging economies—as represented by Mr. Ocampo and Ms. Okonjo-Iweala—and pledged to “seek a new alignment of the World Bank Group with a rapidly changing world.” And he also committed himself to fostering a bank that, among other things, “amplifies the voices of developing countries and draws on the expertise and experience of the people we serve.”

I hope that Mr. Ocampo and Ms. Okonjo-Iweala will take up Dr. Kim's call to work with him to reshape the World Bank into a more potent tool for helping to resolve some of the world's most intractable problems. And I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing all three outstanding World Bank president candidates for their dedication to service.

CONGRATULATING THE 2011 BCS
NATIONAL CHAMPION UNIVER-
SITY OF ALABAMA CRIMSON
TIDE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, the University of Alabama Crimson Tide makes its second trip in three years to the White House to be honored as Bowl Championship Series National Football Champions.

On January 9, 2012, the Crimson Tide reclaimed the BCS National Football Championship with the University of Alabama's 21 to 0 shutout of the LSU Tigers in the New Orleans Superdome.

During a football season that many armchair quarterbacks claimed lacked drama due to the apparent domination of one team for much of the year, the final verdict was confirmation to Crimson Tide fans around the nation and throughout the world that Bama was simply the best.

In a land of many great traditions, football is uniquely American. The struggle to overcome and outlast your opponent for four quarters in one of the most physically challenging sports is what draws many of us to the game. Down South, we may not have written the first chapter in the book of football, but the Southeastern Conference has become the main character for the last six years.

By capturing the 2011 BCS title, the Alabama Crimson Tide can lay claim to 14 NCAA college football championships and the second in three years under Coach Nick Saban.

Going into New Orleans on January 9, the world of college football was divided over whether the unbeaten and number one LSU Tigers or the one-loss Crimson Tide would leave the Louisiana Superdome wearing the BCS crown. But for Bama fans the outcome was never in doubt. Both the Tigers and the Tide earned their journey to the final contest, but only the Crimson Tide came ready to play.

By halftime it was already apparent that victory for the Tide was in the offing and the third and fourth quarters only brought confirmation. The Crimson Tide offense scored 21 unanswered points and the Bama defense dominated the formerly mobile Tigers offense, holding them to just 92 total yards.

Once again, the BCS National Championship title returns to Tuscaloosa and the historic victory in New Orleans is not only a triumph for the Tide but a win for all football fans in the State of Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, I join the entire Bama nation in congratulating Coach Saban, his talented assistants, the staff, the team, their loyal families and Bama fans everywhere . . . Roll Tide!

HONORING ROSE FELDSDHER'S 50
YEARS OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Rose Feldsher on her retirement from the volunteer program at Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia after 50 years of service.

Rose is the longest serving volunteer out of 500 at Einstein. Her volunteer work there started back when John F. Kennedy was president.

After waiting long, stressful hours by herself for her own husband in surgery, Rose took it upon herself to volunteer her time so that people in similar positions did not have to go through the same thing she did. And so, in 1961 Rose started “making rounds”. She delivered water, comforted loved ones in the waiting room and assisted nursing staff.

Since then, the hospital has changed staff, technology, and facilities. Even with the arrival of new technology and ways of helping those who come to see patients, Rose still personally sees that family members and friends get personal updates directly from her. Although the hospital itself has changed over the years, Rose has faithfully shown up every Friday morning for the past 50 years.

Now retiring at the age of 90, Rose plans on spending time with her four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleges join me in thanking Rose Feldsher for her 50 years of dedication and service to those in need in the community.