

foundation of the Joliet Chamber of Commerce, the conservation of Higginbotham Woods, and collecting shoes and supplies for World War I soldiers. They have always been instrumental in providing financial assistance for groups and foundations in their call to community service.

The Guiding Principles of Rotary capture important and admirable values for our community. The principles state: "The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster: first, the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; second, high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society; third, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life; fourth, the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

Rotary International founder Paul P. Harris said it best, "Rotary brings men differing in social status, religious beliefs and nationality together in order that they may be more intelligible to each other and therefore more sympathetic and friendly." If we all follow this model, we will leave our community and our world a much better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Joliet, not only for its longevity, but also for its dedication to service of our fellow man. I commend the club's continued dedication to making the world around us a better place for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on August 2, 2013 I was not present to vote on the Motion to Recommit and Final Passage of H.R. 2009—the "Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013." I want to inform you that if present I would have voted: "aye" on the Motion to Recommit to H.R. 2009; and "nay" on Final Passage of H.R. 2009.

The legislation prohibits the Secretary of the Treasury, or any delegate of the Secretary, from implementing or enforcing any provisions of or amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

This bill marks the 40th time House Republicans have brought forth legislation seeking to repeal, obstruct and undermine the Affordable Care Act. It is time for Congress to focus on legislation that strengthens the middle-class, creates jobs and grows the economy.

IN HONOR OF RESCUE 5 AND THE 78 FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS OF 9/11

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following.

Staten Island Strong "Go Together, Stay Together" in honor of Rescue 5 and the 78 fallen firefighters of 9/11 and their families.

F/F Faustino Apostle, Jr., Battalion 2, F/F Louis Arena, Ladder 5, A/C Gerald Barbera, C.W.C. F/F Arthur Barry, Ladder 15, F/F John P. Bergan, Rescue 5, F/F Paul Beyer, Engine 6, F/F Brian Bilcher, Squad 1, F/F Carl Bini, Rescue 5, F/F Greg Buck, Engine 201, F/F Salvatore Calabro, Ladder 101, F/F Michael Cammarata, Ladder 11, F/F Brian Cannizzaro, Ladder 101, F/F Peter Carroll, Squad 1, F/F John Chipura, Engine 219, F/F Michael Clarke, Ladder 2.

F/F Reuben Correa, Engine 74, F/F Robert Curatolo, Ladder 16, Lt. Edward Darti, Squad 1, F/F Michael D'Auria, Engine 40, F/F Scott Davidson, Ladder 118, F/F Edward Day, Ladder 11, F/F George Dipasquale, Ladder 2, Capt. Martin Egan, Jr., Division 1, F/F Francis Esposito, Engine 235, Lt. Michael Esposito, Squad 1, Capt. Joseph Farley, Division 1, F/F Michael Fiori, Rescue 5, F/F Andre Fletcher, Rescue 5, Lt. Michael Fodor, Ladder 21, F/F Gary Geidel, Rescue 5.

F/F James Giberson, Ladder 35, F/F Jeffrey Giordano, Ladder 3, F/F James Gray, Ladder 20, B/C Joseph Grzelak, Battalion 48, Lt. Joseph Gullickson, Ladder 101, F/F Sean Hanley, Ladder 20, F/F Thomas Hannifin, Ladder 5, Lt. Harvey Harrell, Rescue 5, F/F Jonathan Hohmann, HazMat, BC Charles Kasper, Special OPS CD., F/F David LaForge, Ladder 20, F/F Robert Lane, Engine 55, F/F Neal Leavy, Engine 217, F/F Daniel Libretti, Rescue 2, F/F Joseph Maffeo, Ladder 101.

Lt. Charles Margiotta, Rescue 5, Lt. Peter Martin, Rescue 2, F/F Joseph Mascalli, Rescue 5, F/F John McAvoy, Ladder 3, F/F Timothy McSweeney, Ladder 3, F/F Douglas Miller, Rescue 5, F/F Henry Miller, Jr., Ladder 105, Capt. Louis Modiferri, Rescue 5, F/F Christopher Mozzillo, Engine 55, F/F Joseph Ogren, Ladder 3, F/F Patrick O'Keefe, Rescue 1, F/F Jeffrey Olsen, Engine 10, F/F Eric Olsen, Ladder 15, F/F Jeffrey Palazzo, Rescue 5, F/F Paul Pisani, Engine 10.

Lt. Glenn Perry, Battalion 12, Lt. Philip Petti, Battalion 7, Lt. Michael Quilty, Ladder 11, F/F Louis Ragaglia, Engine 54, F/F Nicholas Rossomando, Rescue 5, F/F Thomas Sabella, Ladder 13, F/F John Santore, Ladder 5, F/F John Schardt, Engine 201, F/F Stephen Siller, Squad 1, F/F Jeffrey Stark, Engine 230.

STATEN ISLAND STRONG (By Albert Carey Caswell)

All in these,
Our darkest of all hours!
Will we so find the strength,
to somehow overcome,
the power?

To go so courageously forth,
to shine and not to cower!
While, all there but in the face death!
While, putting our own lives all at risk to
others bless!

To so show the world of faith's true power!
And become Angels,
all because of these our last and most finest
of all hours!

And how will our loved ones so find the
strength?

To so accept God's Will,
knowing what their loss has meant?
As all around them such heartache towers!
As their tears roll down their chins,
all throughout the coming years and hours!
And how will they so find the grace,
to wipe all those tears from their face?

And start again with hearts of courage full
so breaking then!

With the kind of pain that only heaven
heals, so ends!

As upon bended knee,
as all across this Nation we now so pray for
them!

As we so ask our Lord to help them find the
strength!

Because strength cannot so be measured in
girth and power!

Or muscle mass acquired,
while working out in a gym for hours!
But from rather what so comes from heart
within!

For the greatest of all strength so comes. . .
With the kind strength,
that lets one run up those steps into the face
of hell!

And let's their love ones hearts so mend,
as each new day in such heartache they so
dwell!

All in the shadow of America's Liberty. . .
All in this Empire State for all to see. . .
But lies such a magnificent community. . .

An island to its self which greaves,
as to all hearts now so speaks!

So speaks of faith and courage and dignity!
Of an Island made of Staten Steel which
breathes!

Of blue collar workers,
just trying to live That Great American
Dream!

Of such strength and courage,
a monument to all the world to be!

Of such heroic hearts which beat!
Who against all odds would succeed!

And would not waver,
as why up to heaven they so rose Godspeed!

All because of the greatest of all gifts they
gave!

Who with such Strength In Honor so be-
haved!

Who on 9/11 so taught you and me!
Just how truly great a heart can be!

Because, all in the moments of our lives. . .
When, who lives and who so dies. . .

When, it all so depends upon you, relies!
Will we so with our hearts of courage full,
rush in to shine bright like a jewel?

To over evil to so rule!
To make a difference with it all!

To save life,
while Standing Strong!

While, Standing Tall!
Leaving the Angels in such awe!

Would we be so willing to pay such a price?
With these,

our own most precious of all lives?
All with such selfless sacrifice!

Bringing tears to our Lord's eyes!
People, who in one another so believed!

You go! I go!
As all into that face of death together, WE!

"GO TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER",
was but their most heroic creed!

And all of those most heroic families!
Who so lived with all of that worry. . .

As each new morning off to work they'd
leave!

Who so faced death, To So Rescue Me!
Such fine Men and Women of humanity!

Who Stood Staten Island Strong,
to be all that they could be!

Who all in that moment of truth,
so showed us how Angels are so conceived!

When, their fine hearts. . .
just like a song would speak!

Living by such a most selfless creed!
All but To Rescue Me!

Armed with such brave hearts which no
longer beat!

Who all out upon war wagons came rushing
these,

jumping up upon them to death to cheat!
 As it was one for all,
 and all for one!
 You go. . . I go!
 A band of brothers so willing to die and
 bleed!
 Who upon each other so relied,
 the need!
 For they were some of America's greatest
 ones!
 Whose families are our Nation's quiet heroes
 and heroines!
 As no new day is so promised to anyone!
 And on 9/11 as their day begun,
 just like all those others, had each one. . .
 For on this day of days they all stood Staten
 Island Strong!
 As each and everyone could so be counted on!
 Armed but with such Gotham Hearts,
 to which belonged!
 As why now up in Heaven they are Angels all
 among!
 To watch over us from dust to dawn!
 Rescue 5 and these Fire Fighters,
 up on a pedestal so belong!
 "GO TOGETHER, STAY TOGETHER"
 Just like a Psalm!
 As you rushed up while others rushed down!
 As you rushed in while others rushed out!
 While, the face of death you stared down!
 With each new most heroic step,
 closer to Heaven your soul was swept!
 As you gave all,
 That Last Full Measure,
 would accept!
 So many heroes from that Island died that
 day!
 Standing Staten Island Strong in every way,
 as all of their fine lives they gave!
 Heroes come all in such shapes and sizes!
 But it's what's within their hearts which so
 comprises!
 Who they are!
 That which so lives on bright like a star!
 And for all of those families,
 Husbands and Wives who now so weep!
 And for all of those children without Mom's
 and Dad's,
 whose pain now mounts so ever deep!
 And all of those Brothers and Sisters,
 who in your arms your best friends can't
 keep!
 Could we just as your loved ones such cour-
 age speak?
 To a place where only hearts of courage beat!
 And be Stand Staten Island Strong,
 as once had all of these!
 And as you lay your heads down to rest, to
 sleep!
 In Staten Island there comes a gentle rain,
 so very deep. . .
 As it's your loved ones tears,
 from up in Heaven to so ease. . .
 To so ease your pain as you weep. . .
 Until one fine day up Heaven you'll all so
 meet. . .
 And you won't have to cry no more!
 So hush little baby don't you cry,
 one day up in Heaven you will look into your
 parent's eyes!
 And you will hear them on the wind,
 and when you wake feel them again and
 again. . .
 And remember my child,
 on the day you were born,
 their greatest wish so formed. . .
 Was for you to have a happy life,
 to live on...
 So make your parents dreams come true,
 and somehow carry on. . .
 Goodness!
 Evil!
 Darkness!
 Light!
 Those brave hearts who evil must fight!
 Who bring their light!
 Were but all of those who fought that fight!

Who Stood Staten Island Strong with all
 their might!
 And in the shadow of America's Liberty. . .
 All in this The Empire State for all to
 see. . .
 But lies such a magnificent community. . .
 An island who out to all hearts now so
 speaks!
 That which stands even stronger this day in-
 deed!
 All because of them, these!
 Who so showed us all how to so live and die,
 and how to grieve!
 As they Stood Staten Island Strong,
 for their families and what they believed!
 For We Will Never Forget,
 Never.., all of these!
 And The Greatest Strength,
 all within a heart so beats!
 All in this most heroic community,
 which sits in the shadow of Liberty!
 Amen!

HONORING AALIYAH COLE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speak-
 er, I rise today to honor Ms. Aaliyah Cole, a
 dedicated student, who is making a difference
 in her community.

On a crisp winter day in December of 1994,
 Aaliyah Cole was born to Biven and Beatrice
 Cole. She grew quickly both physically and in-
 tellectually. At the age of two, she was able to
 read children's books on her own. In Sep-
 tember of 1999, her little brother, Biven Cole
 Jr., was born. They grew together as siblings
 and companions. As a young girl she began to
 set her sights high on accomplishing things
 bigger than herself. She was motivated, deter-
 mined, and driven to make a difference and
 dream big.

Throughout her years in school, Aaliyah has
 maintained exceptional academic records
 backed by outstanding leadership roles and
 giving dynamic service to her community. In
 the second grade, she wanted to be the Val-
 edictorian of her graduating class and she ac-
 complished that. She has held three state offi-
 cer positions—State President, State Sec-
 retary, and State Treasurer—in the Technology
 Student Association and she is also the cur-
 rent chairman of her high school yearbook
 committee. She received several leadership
 awards for her leadership abilities.

Aaliyah has served her community, since
 she was a little girl, whether it was recycling
 plastics and aluminums, hosting voter registra-
 tion drives, or visiting the community nursing
 home, she has always found urgency in mak-
 ing a difference in the world and in people's
 lives.

In March of 2011, Aaliyah launched her very
 own organization by the name of Team
 M.A.W.M.A.C. (Make a Wave, Make a
 Change), an organization designed to raise
 awareness about the many things that plague
 communities around the world. With this orga-
 nization, she held a Teens for Jeans drive
 which helped her school to collect 152 pairs of
 blue jeans to donate to homeless teens
 around the world. They also plan to cultivate
 her school flower beds on Earth Day this April,
 2013.

Upon completing high school, Aaliyah plans
 to further pursue her dream of making a dif-

ference by attending either the University of
 Southern Mississippi or Xavier University of
 Louisiana. There she will pursue a degree in
 Biochemistry/Pre-Medicine, to later attend
 medical school and become a licensed Pedi-
 atric Neurologist. She also plans to open her
 own private practice. During her career, she
 plans to help rebuild the Jefferson County
 community by renovating their schools and
 seek businesses to invest the area. She also
 dreams about creating a scholarship program
 that will give African American students in un-
 derprivileged communities like her hometown
 greater funds to assist students with paying for
 college.

Aaliyah likes to live by this motto: "When
 you have big dreams don't listen to what no-
 body says that is trying to turn you away.
 When you have big dreams, keep your eyes
 on the prize and don't fall by the wayside;
 reach for the sky."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me
 in recognizing a talented student, Ms. Aaliyah
 Cole, for her zeal in actively making a dif-
 ference in her community.

HONORING THE WAY, THE TRUTH
 AND THE LIFE CHRISTIAN CEN-
 TER, INC.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I
 submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, today we celebrate leadership,
 service and a ministry that for the past thirty
 one years has enhanced our district, our state,
 our country and the world; and

Whereas, Apostle Ulysses Tuff and Pastor
 Deborah Tuff are today celebrating thirty one
 years as spiritual leaders and servants of God
 at the church of their founding, The Way, The
 Truth and The Life Christian Center; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious
 man of God, Apostle Ulysses Tuff and this
 phenomenal virtuous woman of God, Pastor
 Deborah Tuff are instruments of God who give
 hope to the hopeless, feed the needy and em-
 power our community by preaching the gospel,
 teaching the gospel and living the gospel;
 and

Whereas, the members of The Way, The
 Truth and The Life Christian Center continue
 to uplift and inspire others, through outreach
 ministries, The Giver of Life Mission School,
 The Giver of Life Christian Academy, The
 Giver of Life Institute of Ministerial Training,
 and The Giver of Life Ministerial Association;
 and

Whereas, The Way, The Truth and The Life
 Christian Center has produced many spiritual
 warriors, people of compassion, people of
 great courage, fearless leaders and servants
 to all, but most of all visionaries who have
 shared not only with their Church, but with our
 district, our nation and the world; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the
 Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this
 day to honor and recognize The Way, The
 Truth and The Life Christian Center, Inc., on
 their 31st Anniversary and for their distin-
 guished leadership and service to humanity;
 now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON,
 Jr. do hereby proclaim August 25, 2013 as