

we must stop treating the victim as the criminal and stop protecting the sexual predators. It is time for us to clean up the military justice system.

HELP FOR THE PHILIPPINES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on a mission of mercy, with a message of gratitude.

I am grateful today to members of the Foreign Affairs Committee; the chairperson, Mr. ROYCE; and the ranking member, Mr. ENGEL. I am grateful that they have filed a resolution to support the people of the Philippines.

My mission of mercy is to ask for help for the people of the Philippines. This resolution, H. Res. 404, speaks to some of what we may be able to do, and it also addresses our sympathy for the people of the Philippines.

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It expresses our solidarity with the people of the Philippines. It expresses our continuing support for relief and reconstruction assistance for the people of the Philippines, and it goes on to commend the Filipino community in the United States of America for their efforts to organize and to help with the disaster relief.

The Philippines are our allies. The people of the Philippines have been there with us through many struggles. They are the victims of a force of nature, but they can survive this with our help.

I want people to understand that there is a special relationship between America and the people of the Philippines. They were there with us during World War II. They fought side-by-side with our troops. Many of them fought and died together. My hope is that this special bond, this special connectivity that started long before World War II but that continued through World War II, is something that will cause us to remember that these are our friends. They need our help.

They were also there during this war at the Battle of Bataan. More than 70,000 troops marched in the Battle of Bataan. They were marched to a camp where they were to be incarcerated. Many died along the way. Many of them were Americans. More than 10,000 Americans were a part of that Bataan Death March, as it is called.

We have more than 17,000 troops that are buried in the Philippines. These persons are the ones that took up the clarion call to answer the call to duty in a distant place. My hope is that we will remember that they sacrificed their lives and that the people of the Philippines mean a lot more to us than just a simple place on a map.

I would remind us that on August 30, 1951, 62 years ago, we signed a Mutual Defense Treaty with the people of the Philippines. This is not defense in the

traditional sense of defense, but it is defense in the sense that people are defenseless because they have been impacted by a force of nature unlike any other we may have seen on our planet.

This force of nature, according to USAID, has caused 9.7 million people to be affected. It has caused more than 23,000 people to have their homes damaged or destroyed. It has caused more than 600,000 people to be displaced. It has caused more than 700,000 people to find themselves being evacuated. The death toll is still climbing. It is at more than 2,000.

Today, I rise on a mission of mercy with a message of gratitude. The gratitude is to the United States of America and to this administration for sending in our troops. The Marines have landed, and more are on the way. We have an aircraft carrier, the USS *George Washington*, one of our finest. It will be there to provide support services and produce water.

\$20 million in aid is good, but the world has to come to the aid of the people of the Philippines, and we have to do more.

I know that these are times of great austerity. I understand that we have cuts. I also remember something that happened in my family when a person who lived in our community lost their job. We were poor. We were not born into plenty. We were born into poverty. While we were poor, we still understood that someone who had lost a job merited some support. I can remember my parents talking between themselves about how we could help this family, notwithstanding our sense of poverty. When I say we were poor, I was telling a Member just yesterday that the subsidized public housing would have been a step up in life for us. We called it the "projects," and we looked forward to moving to the projects. We never did, but we looked forward to it.

My point is this. Even when we were poor and when we had little, we still made room to help others who had less, and this is what a great country does, I believe.

A great country doesn't ask what will happen to us if we take up the cause of the people of the Philippines. A great country will ask what will happen to them if we do not take up the cause of the people of the Philippines.

So I beg today that we do all that we can to help and that we sign onto H. Res. 404, expressing our sympathy for the people of the Philippines.

God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. Let's pray for the people of the Philippines.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 49 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Larry Phillips, Midway Baptist Church, Mount Airy, North Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, giver of eternal life, we thank You for this great Republic, a Nation conceived in religious liberty and the free exercise thereof. Today, as generations before us, we seek Your divine hand of providence to guide the affairs of our Nation and those who serve.

Guide our Representatives, we pray, on a path consistent with the original intent of our Constitution. Grant them the strength of character to defend life, liberty, and freedom for future generations. Lead them in the path of righteousness which will exalt this Nation.

As public servants, keep them from the sin of arrogance and self-centered pride by reminding them they are accountable to the people and to You for their decisions.

And I pray each Representative of this House may know that they are greatly loved by You.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I pray this in His name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND LARRY
PHILLIPS

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that you accepted our nomination of Surry County minister and commissioner, Larry Phillips from Mount Airy, to lead the House with the opening prayer. In the short time that I have represented Surry County, I have come to know Larry as an outstanding elected official and a principled and thoughtful person.

Reverend Phillips is currently serving in his 25th year as senior pastor of Midway Baptist Church in Mount Airy, which is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a graduate of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, holds a master of arts in biblical studies, and is completing his master's of religious education.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said in North Carolina there are more Baptists than there are North Carolinians, and Reverend Phillips and his family belong to that very distinguished group.

Larry Phillips was born in Cherokee County, North Carolina, and has been married to Melinda Gay Johnson Phillips for 36 years and is father to Andrea and Darren, father-in-law to Meagan, and grandfather to Madison and Branson.

Larry Phillips was elected to the Surry County Board of Commissioners in 2012 and serves on the County Commissioners Economic Development Task Force, including the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and Board of Directors.

We are pleased, Mr. Speaker, to have Larry Phillips as our guest chaplain today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FOXX). The Chair will entertain 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

EFFECTS OF OBAMACARE

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I have heard from many of my constituents over the last couple of weeks who are struggling mightily under the President's health care law.

Ed from Hamilton is one of them. He and his wife recently retired but aren't old enough yet for Medicare. Their health care plan is being canceled. It is being replaced with one that will cost \$500 more per month. Now think about that: \$500 more per month every month for their new health care plan.

Then there is Brian from West Chester, my hometown. He runs a small business, just like I used to. Brian has been told that his health care premiums are going to double. If that happens, Brian said to me he might have to close his doors. That means his workers are going to lose their plan and lose their job.

Now, these are just two stories from my district in Ohio, and there are millions more of them all around the country. Premiums are going up. People are losing their coverage, and small businesses are being terrified.

The President's health care law is hurting a lot of our constituents. If he is serious about helping them, he can start by making good on his promise and supporting the Keep Your Health Care Act.

I would encourage every Member to help keep that promise and vote for this important bill.

THE PHILIPPINES ARE IN NEED

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, today my thoughts are with the victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The typhoon ravaged the Philippines, bringing sustained winds that reached 175 miles per hour and storm surges reaching 13 feet.

In the aftermath, reports have confirmed more than 2,300 dead; but the number could be far larger. Haiyan wiped out roads, electricity, and communications in much of the country.

Mayors are faced with unthinkable decisions, like choosing between transporting in food and relief supplies or transporting out the bodies of victims.

When those in the other parts of the globe are in need due to disaster, the United States always lends a hand. Right now, the Philippines are in need.

I urge Members of Congress and all members of this United States of America to continue opening their hearts to provide critical support to the recovery efforts.

OBAMACARE

(Mrs. BLACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACK. Madam Speaker, Greg, a constituent from Fairfield Glade in my district, is one of tens of thousands across our State who has received one of these, a letter canceling their insurance policy.

Greg wrote to me that he "operates a small painting business and was very happy with the Cover Tennessee program for small businesses and their employees. This program is being canceled effective January 2014 because it does not meet the minimum requirements of ObamaCare. This directly contradicts the promise made by President Obama that we could keep our existing programs," he says.

Madam Speaker, just yesterday, it was reported that only 992 Tennesseans—yes, less than 1,000 Tennesseans—have selected new coverage through the ObamaCare exchanges. Yet at least 94,000—yes, 94,000—across our State have lost their coverage.

The President must honor his promise to the American people and work with Congress to protect Americans like Greg.

THE AMERICAN WORK
OPPORTUNITY ACT

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, last week I met with businesses from around my district as part of my economic development tour.

I visited Sip & Savor, a minority-owned coffee shop in Hyde Park, where people go for great coffee and conversation.

I met with Landauer in Glenwood, ranked 63rd on the Forbes list of Best Small Businesses in America. They are keeping our troops safe by investing in technologies that protect them from the harmful effects of radiation.

I spoke with workers at Nucor Steel in Kankakee, who are helping lead the manufacturing renaissance in the United States.

These businesses take pride in the work they do, but they need a Congress that is willing to work just as hard for them. We need folks on both sides who will reduce the barriers to business growth and who will support the small businesses that create 65 percent of the new jobs in our economy.

I recently introduced H.R. 3328, the American Work Opportunity Act, which extends the work opportunity tax credit for businesses that put Americans back to work. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and to work together to pass a comprehensive jobs bill.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KADEN

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Madam Speaker, this past weekend we remembered the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for this Nation. In many cases, their families join in that sacrifice, forced to be apart for birthdays and other family celebrations while their loved ones serve overseas.

I am so grateful for these defenders of freedom who make the tough commitment to be away from their families so they can protect us abroad so we can enjoy peace at home. As these military families make sacrifices, we remember our own families who benefit from their service.

I want to wish my incredible son, Kaden, a happy birthday as he turns 12 today. Your mom and I are so blessed