ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

On July 24, 1998, at 3:40 p.m., Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun.

At 3:40 p.m. today, the Chair will recognize the anniversary of this tragedy by observing a moment of silence in their memory.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago have now passed since the hot, sad day that an act of senseless violence took our friends, Detective John Gibson and Officer J.J. Chestnut, from us. The tragic shock of their loss is gradually settling on us more deeply. It weighs on us because of the special men that they were.

And when we reflect back on our lost friends, their bearing, conduct and commitment reminds us of David's words to Solomon. He said, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid nor discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you."

As we know, David charged his son Solomon to build a great temple for the Lord, but Chestnut and Detective Gibson were the protectors of a great tradition: open and accessible democracy.

Our fallen fellows and friends served their country and the cause of freedom in the United States Capitol, a building that stands as the world's foremost temple of liberty. But the Capitol could never have been built without an older American tradition of sacrifice and defense of the core freedoms that support our society. No less than other heroes who fell far from American soil, J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson are a part of that noble group.

Three years ago, hundreds of people were in grave danger. And as they operated under dire circumstances, Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson stood tall for all of us. When America needed them to be courageous and strong, they were. And I know that they are with the Lord now.

They have our deepest respect and our deepest gratitude. We will never forget them or the values that they embodied. Today our hearts and prayers go out to the Chestnut and Gibson families. God bless them.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, this is a moment of silence in observance of the anniversary of this tragedy.

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SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM IS SECURE

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, the House has now passed the bill that we are going to debate today, the Ganske-Norwood-Dingell bill, which is the Patients' Bill of Rights. The Patients' Bill of Rights and am proud to be part of sponsorship of the Ganske-Norwood-Dingell bill, which is the bill that we will be debating this week, and no other bill.

There are protections within the Patients' Bill of Rights. The Patients' Bill of Rights creates an external appeals process that, once exhausted, allows the patient to pursue claims against the HMO in State or Federal court, depending on the cause of their harm.

What is getting those opposed to patient protection all hot under the collar? Because opponents do not want hard-working Americans to have access to their State courts when HMOs deny them proper health care. This hypocrisy escapes no one. One of the things that I'm proud about the Patients' Bill of Rights is that the tax increases of 1993 were the right thing to do and that he would do it again.

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SUPPORT THE GANSEKE-NORWOOD-DINGELL PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Mr. Speaker, I call on my friends from the other side of the aisle, the Democrats, to join us today to support the Patients' Bill of Rights.

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