

much to support Kansas students—it's high time that Congress repays the favor. Here are some of the ways I have made a commitment to helping teachers:

**Providing tax relief for teachers.** I co-sponsored H.R. 549, the Teacher Tax Relief Act to increase and make permanent a tax deduction of up to \$400 for elementary and secondary school teachers. I am also a co-sponsor of H.R. 3605, introduced after H.R. 549, which will increase the deduction to \$500. This deduction would help teachers recoup expenses when they use their own money to buy classroom supplies.

**Funding Continuing Education for Teachers.** I voted for the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education and Science (COMPETES) Act, which became law in August, 2007. The act provides professional development for teachers, ensures more highly qualified classroom teachers in mathematics, science, engineering, and technology, and provides funding to improve laboratory equipment and facilities.

**Student Loan Assistance.** The College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which I voted for and was signed into law by the President in September, 2007, includes a tuition assistance program for public school teachers who commit to working in impoverished areas or in high-need subjects.

Public schools are at the heart of any community and I believe we all have to work together to make our schools the best that they can be. That means everyone in the community—parents, business owners, retirees, local government and students must pitch in.

This week is an opportunity for all of us to get involved. That apple on the desk or a thank you card is an important first step. But, let's use this week to learn about and advocate for high standards for our public schools and appropriate compensation for teachers. A community's active support of the work that teachers do, combined with that "thank-you," can make changes that will last for generations to come.

**Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.** Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 952, to honor and recognize our Nation's teachers. I want to thank my colleague and good friend, Congressman RON KLEIN for sponsoring this resolution. Today marks the beginning of National Teacher Appreciation Week, but America's teachers deserve more than a week of recognition for their investment in our country's most precious resource, our children.

Too often teachers are overworked and underpaid. They spend long hours in the classroom, many hours after the school day coaching our kids and leading their extracurricular groups, and then go home to spend more time grading papers. They invest their own lives in the lives of our children, and every day they empower young people with the knowledge and tools they need to be successful and confident. America's future is in the hands of our children, and we owe our teachers a universe of thanks for their hard work.

**Mr. CLAY.** Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr.

CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 952.

The question was taken.  
The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

**Mr. KLEIN of Florida.** Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.  
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE JOHN A. BOEHNER, RE-PUBLICAN LEADER**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 13, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, U.S. Capitol,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, I am pleased to appoint Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas of Ohio to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. Mr. Thomas has expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill his request.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
Republican Leader.

**RECESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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**AFTER RECESS**

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCINTYRE) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2419, FOOD AND ENERGY SECURITY ACT OF 2007**

**Mr. FLAKE.** Mr. Speaker, under rule XXII, clause 7(c), I hereby announce my intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 2419.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. Flake moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2419 (an Act to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012) be instructed not to recede to the provisions

contained in subtitle A of title XII of the Senate amendment (relating to a permanent agriculture disaster assistance program).

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

- H. Res. 952, by the yeas and nays;
- H. Res. 1011, de novo; and
- H. Res. 1109, de novo.

Postponed votes on remaining motions to suspend will be taken later in the week.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

**SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL TEACHER DAY**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 952, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 952.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 368, nays 0, not voting 63, as follows:

[Roll No. 240]  
YEAS—368

Abercrombie	Boyd (FL)	Costa
Ackerman	Boyda (KS)	Courtney
Aderholt	Brady (PA)	Crenshaw
Akin	Brady (TX)	Crowley
Alexander	Braley (IA)	Cubin
Allen	Broun (GA)	Cummings
Altmire	Brown (SC)	Davis (CA)
Arcuri	Brown, Corrine	Davis (KY)
Baca	Brown-Waite,	Davis, David
Bachmann	Ginny	Davis, Tom
Bachus	Burgess	Deal (GA)
Baird	Buyer	DeFazio
Baldwin	Calvert	DeGette
Barrett (SC)	Camp (MI)	Delahunt
Barrow	Cannon	DeLauro
Bartlett (MD)	Cantor	Dent
Barton (TX)	Capito	Diaz-Balart, L.
Becerra	Capps	Diaz-Balart, M.
Berkley	Capuano	Dingell
Berman	Cardoza	Doggett
Berry	Carnahan	Donnelly
Biggart	Carney	Doyle
Bilbray	Carter	Drake
Bilirakis	Castle	Dreier
Bishop (GA)	Castor	Duncan
Bishop (NY)	Chabot	Edwards
Blackburn	Chandler	Ellison
Blumenauer	Clarke	Ellsworth
Blunt	Clay	Emanuel
Boehner	Cleaver	Emerson
Bonner	Clyburn	Engel
Bono Mack	Coble	English (PA)
Boozman	Cohen	Eshoo
Boren	Cole (OK)	Etheridge
Boswell	Conaway	Everett
Boucher	Conyers	Fallin
Boustany	Cooper	Farr