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“Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to commemorate Memorial Day, it is appropriate for us to look back at a few ways this Congress in just the past year and a half has worked to ensure that this nation keeps its promise to this nation’s military veterans.

“We expanded the new G.I. Bill’s college benefits to the children of all troops fallen since September 11, 2001. We passed landmark legislation for wounded veterans by providing help for family members and other caregivers and eliminating co-payments for severely wounded veterans. Since 2007, we’ve increased funding for veterans health care by 60 percent, including the largest single year increase in the 80-year history of the V.A.

“While we have accomplished a great deal to repay the men and women in uniform for their service, we still have more to do. Let us use the occasion of this Memorial Day weekend to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and recommit ourselves to continuing to fight for the troops that fought for us.”