

HONORING LOUIS C. ROSE, MD

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a medical professional who has done tremendous work in my district, Louis C. Rose, who this year will be honored at the Saint Joseph's Medical Center's Annual Ball.

Louis is a native of the Bronx and a graduate of C.W. Post College. He received his medical degree at Rutgers Medical School and finished his residency in orthopedic surgery at New York Medical College. After becoming Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery, he was invited to join the faculty in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at NYMC.

In 1999, Louis joined the staff at Westchester Medical Center where he accepted the position of Chief of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Cornell affiliate hospital in the Bronx. There he served as Chief medical officer and Chairman of the Board, and he was also appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Presbyterian Hospital System. Currently, Louis serves as Chief of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Associate Director of the Department of Surgery at Saint Joseph's Medical Center.

Louis has been very active in the community as well. He has organized many community health programs in the Bronx and his service has been recognized by a wide array of civic and health care leaders. Awards include the New York State Liberty Award, the highest award given to a civilian in the State of New York, the New York State Senatorial Award, and he has received a proclamation from the City of New York for all of his community work. Louis is also an appointed NYC Police Surgeon and has served on the Medical Advisory Board of the NYS Athletic Commission.

In addition, Louis is the Founder and Executive Medical Director of Throgs Neck Multi Care, a comprehensive medical facility specializing in the treatment and care of all orthopedic trauma, injuries, and degenerative changes. He served as President of the Bronx Medical Society from June 2013 until May 2014 and is still an active member.

As you can see, Saint Joseph's is privileged to have such an accomplished and outstanding physician as Dr. Louis Rose. He is most deserving of this recognition, and I wish to congratulate him on the honor.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO UPDATE THE SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

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Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to make a commonsense update to the Selective Service Registration system.

As my colleagues know, our country has long recognized the moral dilemma faced by those with strong religious or moral grounds against serving in the military and engaging in

war. As noted by the Supreme Court in *Welsh vs. United States*, there are many in our country "whose consciences, spurred by deeply held moral, ethical, or religious beliefs, would give them no rest or peace if they allowed themselves to become a part of an instrument of war."

Historically, Congress has provided for alternative service or exemption from service for those whose scruples and conscience cannot allow them to participate in combat or in any form of military service.

In today's all-volunteer military, those who have moral objections to participating in war can opt not to join the military. However, under the Universal Military Training and Service Act, all men between the ages of 18 and 26, including conscientious objectors, are still required to register for a national draft, should Congress authorize one.

My bill would require that the Selective Service provide registrants, at the time of registration, with the option to indicate a desire to be classified as a conscientious objector.

My bill would make clear that simply making that indication at registration does not bind the U.S. in any way and does not assure that the registrant will be so classified.

Finally, the bill would allow the Selective Service system to also accept, at the time of registration, written statements in support of a conscientious exemption claim.

I want to be clear that the legislation does not change current requirements for how such claims are handled. Under current law, those who pursue a conscientious exemption from military service during a draft can only put forward an actual claim, with supporting evidence, after they get an induction notice.

Again Mr. Speaker, our nation has a history of recognizing, as noted by the Supreme Court in *Gillette v. United States*, "the situation of conscientious objectors to war, who, absent special status, would be put to a hard choice between contravening imperatives of religion and conscience or suffering penalties." My bill simply tries to make the process of registering those objections more direct and straightforward.

HONORING DR. JACK BERMINGHAM

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

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Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Dr. Jack Bermingham, the President of Highline College, on his retirement.

Dr. Bermingham's academic career began in 1979, upon earning his Ph.D. in History from the University of California, Santa Barbara. After serving on the faculty of the University of the West Indies in Jamaica, he moved to Washington state where he later became the Dean of Social Sciences at Pacific Lutheran University. His career at Highline College began in 1994 when he joined the College's administration as Academic Vice President. His career at Highline progressed and he was appointed to serve as the college's President in 2006.

During his tenure at Highline College, Dr. Bermingham fought to further education on many fronts. He expanded the College's col-

laborations with businesses, K-12 schools, four-year institutions, and local organizations in order to improve the community's access to education. Under his leadership, the college began offering four-year degree programs, among them the Bachelor of Applied Science in Cyber Security, which received regional, national, and international recognition. Dr. Bermingham also served on numerous boards and committees at the national and regional level.

Dr. Bermingham has also been a leader in international education. He has presented at international conferences, including in Turkey, Hong Kong, and Botswana. He served as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Board of Community Colleges for International Development, which also recognized his outstanding work in international education in 2005. That same year, he was also recognized by the Polytechnic of Namibia for his instrumental role in the success of that institution's international partnerships. Additionally, for the past seven years under Dr. Bermingham's presidency, Highline College has hosted the Pacific Rim Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition which attracts teams from international universities and institutions.

Throughout his career, Dr. Bermingham has been an ardent champion of diversity and social justice. Highline College has become the most diverse higher education institution in Washington state. It is also a place where many immigrants and refugees begin their journey to achieve their academic and professional dreams. Highline College was awarded the Equity Award from the Association of Community College Trustees in 2016, and for the last four years has been awarded the High Education Excellence in Diversity Award. Dr. Bermingham made it a priority for Highline College and their faculty to serve all students, regardless of color, creed, ethnicity, or economic situation.

Dr. Bermingham's legacy is one of harmony, inclusion, and academic excellence. He has proven himself to be a tenacious leader, and has also shown to have the ability to connect with people through kindness and compassion. He will be greatly missed at the college by faculty, students, and the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Dr. Jack Bermingham on his twenty-three years of service at Highline College and wish him the very best in his retirement.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AWARDS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the first responders of Bucks and Montgomery Counties. Recently, I was privileged to speak to nearly 300 first responders at the 45th Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce's Emergency Services Award Dinner and offer them my heartfelt thanks. As an EMT myself, I understand the love that these individuals have for their neighbors and their community. Mr. Speaker, I was honored to recognize:

Robert Dondo, William Fluck IV, Eoghan Lowry, Karen Gibbons, Lisa Aron, Steven

Vance, Michael Nyari, Keller Taylor, Zuri Kalix, Darren Carroll.

Christopher A. Horner, John Thomas, Jim Snock, Mark Potent, Scott Martin, Jessica Leal, Kevin Murphy, Michael Ray, Nancy Mayers, Pat Mattes.

Mr. Speaker, again, I thank these men and women for their service to our community.

HONORING WASHINGTON PHOTO SAFARI

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the District of Columbia-based Washington Photo Safari, which has just hosted the 35,000th participant in its amateur photographers training program.

Founded by professional architectural photographer E. David Luria, Washington Photo Safari was the first community-based field photography training program in the country. With 11 instructors, the program provides more than 40 photography skill sets in 140 different venues throughout the District.

Most of Washington Photo Safari's participants come from the D.C.-area. The 'participants' skill levels range from people who have just bought their first camera to seasoned professional photographers who value Mr. Luria's knowledge of when, where and how to capture the best images in the District.

Averaging just six to seven participants per training session, the "photo safaris" take place at some of the District's most iconic landmarks, including the National Mall, Washington National Cathedral, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, Tidal Basin, Capitol Hill, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Smithsonian National Zoo, National Gallery of Art and National Museum of American History.

The Washington Photo Safari has received Trip Advisor's Certificate of Excellence Award for the past five years due to dozens of five-star reviews from its customers, solidifying its place on Trip Advisor's list of top 10 outdoor activities in the District. In addition, with its success, similar programs have been implemented in 20 other U.S. cities with guidance provided by Washington Photo Safari.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Washington Photo Safari for its achievements and contributions to the District of Columbia tourism industry, as well as for serving as a member organization of Destination DC, Cultural Tourism of DC and the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

INTRODUCING THE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring the Recidivism Reduction Act to

help streamline our Social Security system and reinstate fairness for ex-offenders who have served their time.

The Recidivism Reduction Act will quickly restore federal disability benefits for eligible individuals after incarceration. Access to federal disability and health care benefits is a critical component of successful re-entry into the community when individuals are released from prison or jail, especially among the mentally ill.

Typically, federal disability benefits are either suspended or terminated depending on the length of incarceration. However, upon release these benefits should be reinstated promptly to help provide access to essential treatment services and supports, housing and necessary income. Currently, due to barriers in federal law, it often takes several months to reinstate benefits. Addressing this delay will help foster successful transitions into the community and reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

The bill does not grant individuals new benefits; rather it removes bureaucratic hurdles to ensure that individuals promptly receive the benefits to which they are entitled in order to break the cycle of recidivism.

When individuals have prompt access to disability and medical benefits after incarceration, they are better equipped to transition successfully into the community, which would help reduce prison overcrowding and save taxpayer money. By cosponsoring the Recidivism Reduction Act, we can make the technical corrections to current law that will make a real difference.

WENDY AND JEFF MAURER

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, this year, the Hebrew Home at Riverdale is celebrating its incredible 100th anniversary, and on that special occasion they have chosen to honor two individuals who have given so much back to the community, Wendy and Jeff Maurer.

For Wendy and Jeff, philanthropy comes from the heart and is an integral part of their lives. They have devoted their time and resources to a select group of meaningful not-for-profit organizations, focusing predominately on Jewish and health causes that truly make a difference in countless lives. Wendy and Jeff's ties to the Hebrew Home are strong and deep rooted. Jeff's great grandparents were among the initial families who founded the Hebrew Home in 1917; his grandparents and parents, and Wendy's parents were all residents at the Home. In 1991 Jeff joined the Board of the Hebrew Home and became Chairman of the Board in 2004.

Under Jeff's leadership, and in collaboration with the Home's executive management and Board, the Hebrew Home has expanded significantly, evolving into RiverSpring Health. The organization has grown from 1,000 older adults in its care, to 12,000 throughout New York City, continuing its great legacy.

Wendy served as Sisterhood President and Board member of Temple Israel of Great Neck, and has held a number of roles with the Manhattan chapter of the UJA Federation, most recently as co-chair of Connections, an arm of women's philanthropy. She left teach-

ing in 1975 to raise their two children and to concentrate on the family's charitable interests, as well as to further her own education. She earned her Masters in Social Work in 1991.

Wendy and Jeff have done so much for our community, and have helped countless individuals along the way. They are most deserving of this wonderful recognition from the Hebrew Home and I want to congratulate them both on this great honor.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA BUSH MIDDLE SCHOOL, IRVING, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Bush Middle School located in the Valley Ranch area of Irving, Texas. This prestigious school was named after America's former First Lady, Barbara Bush, in honor of her commitment to public education and the good of all children. Barbara Bush Middle School opened its doors during the fall of 1998 as the sixth middle school in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District. In 2010, the campus was authorized as an International Baccalaureate World School offering the Middle Years Program. This institution serves and celebrates a wonderfully diverse community and student body.

As they soon celebrate their twenty year anniversary, Barbara Bush Middle School, home of the Broncos, has accrued numerous accolades in Academics, Fine Arts, Athletics, and individual accomplishments at both the local and state levels. Students participate and compete in a wide array of activities within the University Interscholastic League: orchestra, band, choir, theatre, basketball, cheerleading, football, track and field, volleyball, soccer, art, writing, oral reading, and spelling. The awards that the school has earned includes medals from the Special Olympics Competition in bowling and track and field, progression belts in the Kick Start Karate Program, and even the awarding of "Ambassador of the Year" by the Friends of Texas Public Schools to Principal Matthew Warnock in 2012.

Barbara Bush Middle School is fortunate to receive significant and ongoing support from the community's civic organizations, churches, businesses and their own Parent-Teacher Association in the form of scholarships, grants, volunteer hours and donations. The school, on average, has about eighty students each year take part in a mentorship program made possible by local churches and Big Hope, as well as gifts of school supplies and other necessities often given to students by local businesses. To help foster global caring and responsibility, and to show appreciation for all that is done on behalf of the school, the Barbara Bush Middle School Broncos have enthusiastically contributed thousands of dollars and other items to numerous local, national and international charities such as: The Pulsera Project-Color the World, Limbs International, Operation Kindness, UNICEF, North Texas Food Bank, Metrocrest Services, American Heart Association, Children Cancer Fund, and victims of natural disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Harvey.