

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING LOCAL 2015 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE FIFTH ANNUAL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 25 graduating seniors in my community for their record of academic and athletic accomplishments and for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Air Force. I also express my appreciation to Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia for providing this opportunity to be among the first to say to each of these young men and women: "Thank you."

I have had the privilege of working with Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia since its inception in 2011. That year my office was contacted by one of the founding parents who upon learning that her son and other students at his school who had decided to enlist would not receive any recognition during graduation, joined with other parents to organize the first enlistee recognition ceremony of its kind in the region. The first ceremony recognized 9 students; this year we will be honoring 133 local students for choosing to serve our country in uniform.

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John Ainslie, Philip Baitinger, Merrilee Carder, Valeria Catacora, Brian Daley, Nikhil Deo, Gary Dixon, John Forsythe, Maximino Gabino, Patrick Hailey, Jazlyn Keating, Jun Pyo Kim, Edward Kowalski, Kellen Lovan, Lane Renner, Tran Robinson, Alexa Rolph, Kelsea Ross, Demay Thong, Robinson Tran, Henry Tran, Justin Von Feldt, Shawn Von Feldt, James Wayne, and Logan Wood.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the courage and dedication of these graduates and in assuring them and their families that the full support and resources of the U.S. Congress and the American people will be behind them on every step of their journey in defense of our nation's freedom.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6) to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes:

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Chair, I rise today to express opposition to H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act.

As a doctor, I strongly support medical innovation and research. Over the course of my 30 years practicing medicine, I saw tremendous leaps and bounds in treatment that saved lives. I appreciate the hard work put into creatively attempting to modernize the health-care innovation infrastructure, specifically efforts to incorporate a patient perspective into the drug and device approval process, support advances in personalized medicine, and streamline clinical trials. However, I cannot support the sale of 64 million barrels of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve being used to pay for these changes.

Over the past year, the price of oil has dropped from above \$100 per barrel to below \$50. Although the price of oil is currently at \$54 a barrel on the global markets, this is far from stable. I do not understand why Congress would agree to sell 64 million barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve when the price is low, flooding the global oil marketplace, and likely causing the price to drop even further. This has the potential to cause havoc for our own domestic oil and gas industry.

The decline in oil prices is hurting the states that had benefited from the domestic oil-production boom in recent years. My home state of Louisiana ranked second in the U.S. in oil production and second in natural gas production in 2013, with more than 64,000 Louisianans employed in extraction, pipeline and refining industries. This industry matters to everyone in Louisiana.

According to the American Petroleum Institute the U.S. oil and natural gas industry supports more than 9 million jobs nationwide, supports over 7% of GDP, and contributes more than \$86 million to the Federal Treasury every day. Since oil prices began to drop, it has been widely reported that the oil and gas industry have been struggling to keep their employees on payroll. In April, the U.S. Bureau of

Labor Statistics announced that Louisiana suffered a 3,300 job loss in the mining and logging sector. In June we saw two consecutive week losses in mining employment—that's the category that includes many oil and gas exploration and extraction jobs—have slipped below 100 in Louisiana.

I will not accept the false choice between supporting medical innovation and Louisiana oil and gas jobs. I believe it's irresponsible to flood the global market for petroleum with more product while Louisiana families are experiencing layoffs because of low global prices.

Many of my colleagues have stated that given the remarkable expansion of North American oil production, a reduction in the size of the reserve could be seen as responsible cost-effective public policy. I would disagree. Research shows that price spikes in transportation fuels is highly regressive, with most of the cost disproportionately hitting middle class and low-income groups. This vulnerability remains even though our work shows that the U.S. and much of the Western hemisphere will largely separate from physical trade flows with Middle East producers in the next few years.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Agency (EIA), the U.S. economy will continue to rely upon petroleum for many years, and work by EPRINC and many other research groups demonstrates that we will remain vulnerable to severe economic damage from disruptions in petroleum supplies in the world oil market. The SPR remains an important strategic asset for protecting the U.S. economy and security interests from this vulnerability.

Selling barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve should be done in a thoughtful and strategic manner when global prices are high, not as another coffer for Congress to raid at its convenience and at the expense of Louisiana's oil & gas industry.

HONORING JAMES FORNI

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of James Forni of Petaluma, who passed away on June 28, 2015 at the age of 36. A beloved husband, basketball coach, and friend to all, Mr. Forni has left us at too young an age. If there's any comfort to be found in the pain his family, students, and colleagues are feeling, perhaps it's the knowledge that James' legacy of kindness and compassion will remain with us indefinitely.

Some people are respected. Some people are loved. James Forni was both. A Petaluma native and local icon, Mr. Forni every day lived the values he instilled in his students, his friends, and his family: resilience, integrity, and strength. He was the soul at the very center of Casa Grande High School. Not only did

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he coach football and basketball as well as teach physical education for over a decade, he played multiple sports as a member of the 1998 graduating class before continuing on to play football at College of Marin, University of Oregon, and University of Redlands.

Many people would retreat when faced with a fight. Eight years ago Mr. Forni was diagnosed with melanoma, but he didn't back down. Even when his energy lagged and his muscles ached, he was there for his team. He attended basketball games and practices throughout his treatment. He battled the disease for nearly a decade and coached through the end, guiding his team until this season's conclusion.

James Forni lived for others. He left a permanent mark on his school and community for which, years from now, we will continue to be grateful. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to him today and express our heartfelt condolences to his wife Mary, his parents Jim and Jan, and his siblings Jill and Chris.

COMMENDING LOCAL 2015 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE FIFTH ANNUAL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 55 graduating seniors in my community for their record of academic and athletic accomplishments and for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. I also express my appreciation to Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia for providing this opportunity to be among the first to say to each of these young men and women: "Thank you."

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country exhibited by the members of our Armed Forces. The young men and women from our community who will be enlisting possess an abundance of each of these qualities. I join with their families and friends in congratulating and commending the following graduates on their enlistment in the United States Marine Corps:

Jeremy Ainey, Oscar Ayalafranco, Wesley Bacon, Taylor Basnight, Kaelin Bernard, Matthew Byvik, Jose Carrillomeja, Briana Chaisone, Grant Collins, Sebastian Crossley, Dominic Dagostino, Tyler Dewalt, Andrew Forbang, Austin Gilley, Jacob Gomez, Joseph Grant, Kaleb Hanson, William Harris, Logan Harvey, Chase Haynes, Sean Heim, Wyatt Helean, Michael Hill, John Hoang, Patrick Johnson, Tyree Johnson, Matthew Jones, Scot Khanna, Joseph Larock, Daniel Lee, Jose Martinez, Mason Matvich, Nash Means, Christopher Meraz, Jacob Miller, Mohamed Mohamed, Aninyou Morkos, Maddison Mazingo, Jose Munoz, Christopher Myers, Michael Odellaye, Joshua Peters, Kimberly Ramos, David Reeves, Alexander Rojas, Canas Rubia, Spicer Sabruno, Nicky Sanchez, William Schouville, Taylor Terrell, Christian Trujillo, Jacob Vignaroli, Daniel Walton, Michael Wynd, Paul Zandbergen.

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21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2015

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Mr. UPTON. Mr. Chair, the following is my statement in its entirety:

We launched this effort a year-and-a-half ago. And with tomorrow's House vote, we mark an important milestone in our quest for 21st Century Cures—one step closer to the finish line.

There are so many individuals throughout our 18 month journey that helped get us to where we are today. Patients across the country. Advocates. Researchers. Innovators. Experts. Academics. Regulators. Some of the nation's brightest minds. To all we say thank you.

Thank you to the staff—on both sides of the aisle—who took the meetings, did the research, drafted the language, and sat at the negotiating table for countless hours to help us develop this incredible product. Gary Andres, Joan Hillebrands, Alexa Marrero, Clay Alspach, Paul Edattel, Josh Trent, Robert Horne, John Stone, Carly McWilliams, Katie Novaria, Adrianna Simonelli, Graham Pittman, Michelle Rosenberg, Traci Vitek, Sean Bonyun, Noelle Clemente, Macey Sevcik, Mark Ratner, Tom Wilbur, Bits Thomas, Marty

Dannenfelser, Tim Pataki, Karen Christian, Peter Kietly, Jeff Carroll, Tiffany Guarascio, Lisa Cohen, Rachel Stauffer, Elizabeth Farrar, Matt Inzeo, Cole Leiter and all the Democratic staff, the staff of our members . . . thank you all. Thank you to House legislative counsel and the Congressional Budget Office for your efforts and dedication. Thank you to the members of both parties who brought their best ideas, partnered with one another to make their case, and delivered so many of the policies we welcome today.

I'd also like to thank HAL ROGERS and his staff. The Appropriations Committee has been a critical partner in this effort, working with us and developing the right approach to achieve our shared goal of helping patients in a fiscally responsible way.

I especially want to highlight my partner in this effort from day one, Ms. DEGETTE. She has been to Michigan, and I have travelled to Colorado—we have been on a number of road trips for Cures and I look forward to the next journey. I also want to thank Mr. PITTS, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. GREEN for their partnership. We have made great strides but our work continues—and we won't stop until the ink is dry on the 21st Century Cures Act in the Oval Office.

I also want to give a hearty thank you to Max—a 6-year old ambassador for Cures. Although he is faced with the challenge of Noonan syndrome, he has been a little warrior in this effort. He joined us when we had our 51 to zero vote in the committee. And I am delighted Max will be by my side tomorrow on the floor for final passage.

Helping Max is why we're here. Helping my friends Brooke and Brielle is why we are here.

With a resounding vote, we will send a signal to the Senate—loud and clear—that the time is now for Cures 2015. I look forward to working with my Senate counterparts to continue the momentum and get 21st Century Cures to the president's desk.

We have a chance to do something big, and this is our time.

Vote yes.

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HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 48 graduating seniors in my community for their record of academic and athletic accomplishments and for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Army. I also express my appreciation to Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia for providing this opportunity to be among the first to say to each of these young men and women: "Thank you."

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contacted by one of the founding parents who upon learning that her son and other students at his school who had decided to enlist would not receive any recognition during graduation, joined with other parents to organize the first enlistee recognition ceremony of its kind in the region. The first ceremony recognized 9 students; this year we will be honoring 133 local students for choosing to serve our country in uniform.

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Ronell Akwe, Gustabo Arguero, Eleanor Awwe, Angela Barfield, Ian Bliss, Tony Britvec, Ciara Carter, Dylan Cate, Robert Compton, Dylan Cook, Karon Cook, Gisela Diaz, Mason Dineen, Andrew Drescher, Ian Dumas, Yeni Dzib, Michael Fowlkes, Cristian Garcia, Adrianna Garner, Tabaria Harris, Kiee Harvey, Hunter Henson, Chase Henson, Nicholas Hwang, Lane Ingram, Olivia Jackson, Dylan Jeffries, Arielle Kirk, Andriy Kuranov, Daisey Kyaw, Eric Leach, Katelyn Lloyd, Joshua Marcano, Juan Martinez, Ofori Nana, Carlos Ortega, Thanh Tu Phung, Jordan Rivera, Julian Rivers, Tia Roush, Brian Steele, Louis Surface, Brian Vaughn, Dillon Welton, Steven Wesley, Donovan Wolford, Timothy Yemelyanov, Aisha Yunus.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the courage and dedication of these graduates and in assuring them and their families that the full support and resources of the U.S. Congress and the American people will be behind them on every step of their journey in defense of our nation's freedom.

HONORING PRESIDENT HARVEY
SCHMITT OF THE RALEIGH
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Harvey Schmitt, who recently retired as President and CEO of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. In the twenty-one years Harvey has headed the Chamber, he has played an integral role in transforming Raleigh into a thriving city known internationally as one of the best places in America to live, work, and run a business.

Harvey has been a tireless promoter of the city's assets, often assuming the role of recruiter-in-chief. The enterprises he has helped bring to the Triangle include Red Hat, PNC, and the Carolina Hurricanes. He spearheaded the transformation of downtown Raleigh, creating the Downtown Raleigh Alliance, helping to revitalize Fayetteville Street, and leading the charge to build the downtown Raleigh convention center. He also promoted three billion dollars in school construction bonds to ensure that Triangle students learn in first-class facilities.

As Ranking Member of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, I particularly appreciate Harvey's contribution to modernizing transportation in the Research Triangle. He and the Chamber created the Regional Transportation Alliance to advocate for improved highways and transit and a diversified system for the future.

Throughout his time at the Chamber, Harvey has been an invaluable asset to and a dedicated advocate for the Triangle. His tireless efforts and winning ways have left a lasting imprint on his adopted city. He has earned our enduring respect and gratitude, and we wish him the best in retirement.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes:

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Chair, today I rise in strong opposition to senseless Republican attempts to allow Confederate flags to be displayed and sold in national parks and cemeteries. The Confederate flag throughout history has been a symbol of extreme hatred, deliberate malice, and continued segregation. Any attempt by Congress to uphold and profit from such an image is completely reprehensible.

Recently, states across the country have done the right thing and removed the Confederate flag from their State Capitol grounds, including my home state of Alabama. In fact, on July 9th South Carolina lawmakers voted to ensure that this contentious symbol is removed from its state capitol grounds. It is unconscionable to think that while South Carolina's legislature was working until the early hours of the morning fighting for the removal of the Confederate flag, my Republican colleagues were attempting to undo efforts by the House to prohibit the Confederate flag from being sold and displayed at our national parks and federal cemeteries.

The Confederate flag is a part of America's past and that is where it should stay. Removing the Confederate flag does not detract from America's rich history in any way, but instead

is recognition of the fact that this flag represents hatred not heritage, treason not pride. In order for us to come together as a nation, it is necessary to remove the vestiges of the past that connect racism and segregation.

The preamble to the Constitution reads "We the people", making it evident that America is supposed to be one cohesive nation. As Members of Congress we have the responsibility to ensure that our actions reflect the will of the people. The Confederate flag does nothing but continue to divide this great country. Let's stand behind our nation's purpose, that all men are created equal, by prohibiting the selling and displaying of the Confederate flag at national parks and federal cemeteries.

I urge my colleagues to stand with me and reject this amendment.

COMMENDING LOCAL 2015 HIGH
SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR
DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE
UNITED STATES NAVY AND OUR
COMMUNITY SALUTES OF
NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOR
HOSTING THE FIFTH ANNUAL
ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 5 graduating seniors in my community for their record of academic and athletic accomplishments and for their admirable decision to enlist in the United States Navy. I also express my appreciation to Our Community Salutes of Northern Virginia for providing this opportunity to be among the first to say to each of these young men and women: "Thank you."

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graduates on their enlistment in the United States Navy:

Gabriel Berrios, Owen Buzan, Kim Alexandria, Holly Speacht, and Sara Vasquez.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the courage and dedication of these graduates and in assuring them and their families that the full support and resources of the U.S. Congress and the American people will be behind them on every step of their journey in defense of our nation's freedom.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 424 I was unable to cast my vote in person due to a previously scheduled engagement. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay".

IRAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Secretary of State John Kerry and partners from the P5+1 will meet in Vienna today to continue negotiations with Iran on that nation's nuclear activity. Statements from Iranian leaders such as Ayatollah Khamenei that disparage the United States and Israel remind us of the vital role that Congress has in this process. We must remain vigilant. We must ensure that any agreement holds Iran to the highest standards of transparency and accountability.

The opportunity for the United States to improve our relationship with Iran potentially could lead to greater stability in a region torn apart by war and religious strife. Nevertheless, we must not be naïve. The prospect of peace and stability can be reached only if we are secure that Iran will not threaten its neighbors and the world with nuclear aggression.

Secretary Kerry and his team of negotiators know the gravity of their work. I am confident that they want to see a good deal and will accept nothing less than an agreement that can withstand intense scrutiny. They cannot and should not be rushed into a deal. Nor should they cut corners as the deadline in presenting the details to Congress for a 30-day review approaches.

A good deal means that the international community must be permitted to inspect Iranian military and research installations to ensure that no illicit enrichment takes place. Inspectors must have full and unfettered access to be able to determine whether nuclear infrastructure has been dismantled so that its breakout capacity will be measured in years, not weeks. In addition, Iran must adhere to all U.N. Security Council Resolutions that require detailed explanations of previous nuclear efforts.

Until the U.S. Congress is assured that these measures have been implemented, sanctions must not be eased. The security of the U.S., Israel, and of our allies demands that

we continue to apply pressure on the Ayatollah and his regime to ensure that they keep their word now and into the future.

TRIBUTE TO PAULA BELL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Paula Bell of Des Moines, Iowa, for receiving the 2014 Wells Fargo Volunteer of the Year Award for the Central Iowa Region.

Wells Fargo has been able to create an environment that fully embraces workplace giving. Last year, they set a company record by pledging \$97.7 million to 30,000 nonprofits and schools. Wells Fargo has donated 6.4 million hours of service since 2011 and steps up in times of need, helping both domestically and abroad.

Paula Bell was granted this prestigious award, as well as \$1000 to donate to a nonprofit organization of her choosing, for volunteering 200 of the 111,415 total hours that Wells Fargo team members in the Central Iowa Region logged in 2014. Paula's hard work and dedication to serving others truly embodies our Iowa values.

I applaud her for her commitment to giving back to the community and service to others. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating her for receiving this award. I wish her and her family all the best moving forward.

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERIC A. GIVENS, UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the dedicated service of Lieutenant Colonel Eric A. Givens while serving with the Legislative Affairs Division at the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve from May 19, 2014, until March 8, 2015. During that short time, Eric made a lasting and positive impact on the Army Reserve through his efforts to foster and maintain relationships with Congressional members and staff.

As lead legislative liaison for military readiness and operations programs, Eric ensured that Army Reserve Soldiers' interests were clearly communicated to Members of Congress and their staffs as they considered the impacts of pending legislation. Additionally, Eric led efforts to draft, refine, and promote Administration-approved legislative proposals designed to ensure the well-being of Army Reserve Soldiers and to maintain the high-quality force the Nation has come to expect from its Army Reserve.

Ever the professional Soldier, LTC Givens arrived at the Legislative Affairs Division with nearly three decades of Army Reserve service that began with his enlistment in 1985. He re-

ceived his commission as an officer in 1990 and joined the Active Guard and Reserve program in 1995. His years of experience in the field and as a staff officer at the Pentagon made him an invaluable resource to the Legislative Affairs Division, as his well-developed relationships bore fruit on a daily basis.

LTC Givens' presence in the office and on Capitol Hill brought joy to all who worked with him, and he will no doubt take that same spirit with him wherever his Army Reserve career leads. The Army Reserve's Legislative Affairs Division will remember him as a tireless proponent of Army Reserve equities, and as a Soldier who represents the best of what America has to offer.

The 11th Congressional District of Virginia has one of the highest veteran and military populations in the United States. As Representative of this district, it is critical that I receive accurate and timely information so that I can best represent the needs of our service members and ensure that they and their families receive the protections and benefits that they have earned. This would not be possible without the invaluable contributions of men and women like LTC Givens who tirelessly and effectively communicate with our office and advocate for their fellow soldiers.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the residents of the 11th District, I congratulate and thank LTC Givens and his wife, Lisa, for their service to our country and wish them the best for continued success.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF JUDY STUDEBAKER WARREN

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a beloved friend, Judy Studebaker Warren. Judy, of the famous Studebaker automobile family, was a vibrant, caring, and passionate individual. Her love of life and contagious smile had a rippling effect of positivity on everyone around her. Sadly, after an almost two year battle with cancer, Judy passed away on July 5, 2015. It is my privilege to honor her extraordinary life on the floor of the United States House of Representatives.

A lifelong Hoosier, Judy grew up in Logansport, Indiana and graduated from Logansport High School. After high school she earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Indiana University, where she was a proud member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority and later became an active member of the Indiana University Alumni Association. She also served as President of the Junior League of Indianapolis, an organization she loved that benefitted from her energy and talents. Whether it was planning a fundraising gala for the Junior League or hosting a tailgate at an Indiana University football game, Judy was a gracious and amazing hostess who brought joy to everyone around her.

Judy's love of community and commitment to volunteering extended well beyond the Junior League of Indianapolis. She was the founding member of the Indianapolis Chapter of D.A.R.E. in the Pike Township School System

and created many inaugural events, including ArtSparkle for the Indianapolis Art Center, the Tribute for the Indiana State Museum, and REV to benefit Methodist Health Foundation.

She also had extensive board participation, serving on the boards of the Indianapolis Art Center, Indiana State Museum, Championship Auto Racing Auxiliary, The National Art Museum of Sports, The Oaks Academy, and Ballet Internationale, to name a few. Her other affiliations include the Governor's Residence Commission, St. Margaret's Hospital Guild, American Cancer Society Guild, Presidents Roundtable, Indiana Children's Wish Fund's Ball and Spotlight, and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. She was cause-oriented and loved a challenge; give her a goal and she was a fundraising machine. But most of all, she always had fun—and made sure everyone else did, too.

Judy was an innovator and the Hoosier community was her beneficiary. She brought so much good to the City of Indianapolis, and her hard work did not go unnoticed. After she completed her Junior League of Indianapolis Presidency Mayor Bart Peterson named June 4, 2003 as Judy Warren Day in the City of Indianapolis. She also received Governor Daniels' Distinguished Hoosier Award in 2006 and Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard's Community Achievement Award in 2010.

Judy was an embodiment of all that is kind and generous. Judy is and always will be an inspiration to me. Her grace, bravery, and spirit will live on through those whose lives she touched. She is survived by her husband, Brick; son, Clay, and his wife Stasha; her mother, Vera; and her beloved grandchildren, Katie and Ethan. She is also survived by her stepson, Ryan, and his wife, Elizabeth; and their children, Elijah Brick (E.B.), Martha Claire and George Taylor Warren. Judy Warren is an example of a great American woman who throughout her lifetime served her family, her friends, and community with passion and love.

H.R. 2999, THE FAIR VA
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce H.R. 2999, the Fair VA Accountability Act, legislation that will bring real accountability to the VA while maintaining constitutional due process protections for civil service employees.

Last year, we were horrified to learn of widespread mismanagement at the VA. We all felt outraged that VA employees whose actions may have harmed veterans remained in their jobs or sat at home for months on paid administrative leave. There have been other bills introduced that seek to bring greater flexibility to the VA to remove problem employees, but I believe that many do this by destroying the bedrock principles of our civil service, limiting due process to an extent that runs counter to the constitutional protections we enjoy. I think these bills have another failing—they likely would result in outcomes far different than their sponsors and proponents intend. By violating the due process rights of our

federal employees, these bills could very well ensure that if followed, VA may never be able to effectively remove bad employees when a court finds them unconstitutional.

The Fair VA Accountability Act increases accountability by allowing VA to immediately suspend without pay any employee whose misconduct poses a direct threat to veterans' health and safety. VA currently has the authority to fire employees with adequate pre-termination notice—usually 30 days. I agree that VA needs to do a better job of utilizing this authority. But the only realistic reason a VA employee should be fired on the spot would be if his or her conduct threatened veterans' health and safety.

I believe my bill provides the proper balance between the needs of the VA and the rights of VA employees. I also believe it provides sufficient due process rights to meet constitutional requirements and provide accused employees with a fair chance to tell their side of the story. Keep in mind that over 30 percent of VA employees are veterans themselves—the largest percentage of veteran employees among civilian agencies. I am proud to promote a policy that protects these employees' constitutional right to due process before losing their federal job.

In addition to the immediate removal provision, my bill increases accountability at the VA by addressing the “revolving door” problem, prohibiting senior VA executives from receiving VA contracts for at least a year after they leave the VA. It also limits the use of paid administrative leave to 14 days, to ensure employees don't continue to draw paychecks while sitting at home for months.

Finally, the Fair VA Accountability Act protects whistleblowers by requiring mandatory back-pay for any employee who proves that dismissal was a result of whistleblower retaliation. My bill also requires the IG to report on the percentage of employees fired who claimed whistleblower protections, and retains existing Title 5 protections for VA employees.

As stated in a letter of support by the American Federation of Government Employees, this language establishes “highly effective mechanisms for increasing VA accountability while preserving the due process rights of front-line employees so that they can still make lifesaving disclosures about patient harm and other mismanagement without the fear of immediate job loss as at-will employees.”

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE OLDE FORGE-SURREY
SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Olde Forge-Surrey Square on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Located in the heart of Fairfax County and the 11th Congressional District of Virginia, the Olde Forge-Surrey Square subdivision is set in a beautiful location, surrounded by large parks and streams. The residents take great pride in their community and are willing and eager participants in the community's civic association.

The Olde Forge-Surrey Square Civic Association is dedicated to promoting a high quality

of life for all of the residents. There is an active Neighborhood Watch program, which helps to ensure the area remains safe and that neighbors stay connected. The Brandywine Pool is a local gathering place for all, and there are frequent barbecues and other community events. Recently the civic association took on a large project to renovate its playground. Through the generous contributions of the residents, as well as support of the local business community, the civic association was able to raise enough money to qualify for a grant from Fairfax County for a complete playground renovation.

As the former president of my own civic association, I understand that when residents invest their time, care, and energies in their communities, it benefits all. Fairfax County is considered one of the best places in the nation in which to work, live, and raise a family, largely because of the willingness of so many to become actively involved.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Olde Forge-Surrey Square Civic Association on its 50th anniversary and in thanking all of the residents for their tireless efforts and dedication to the community and region.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN REECE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brian Reece of Osceola, Iowa, on receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

This program, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes exemplary teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of math and science. Each award recipient will be receiving a certificate signed by the President, along with a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. Each recipient will travel to Washington, D.C. for an awards ceremony at a later date.

Brian has been teaching mathematics for the past 19 years. Nine of those years have been spent at Central Academy, a public high school in Des Moines listed in the top one percent of educational programs by the College Board. He has taught in a number of Iowa school districts, as well as at the Des Moines Area Community College. Brian received his B.A. in Mathematics from Central College in Pella, Iowa, and furthered his mathematics education with a Master's of School Mathematics from Iowa State University.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Iowans like Brian Reece who display dedication and pride in developing Iowa's next generation. I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Brian for receiving this prestigious award and wishing him nothing but success in the future.

WELCOMING CHARLOTTE BETH
STONE

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, as I rise today, it is my pleasure to announce the birth of Charlotte Beth Stone on June 3, 2015 at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, VA.

Charlotte is the daughter of Kevan Stone, my Special Projects Director, and Alexis Rice. Friends since High School in West Palm Beach, Florida, Alexis and Kevan married years later in Washington, D.C. at the historic Willard Hotel in May of 2014.

On this happy occasion, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our warmest congratulations and wishes to the Stone and Rice families for continued health and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote on Friday, July 10 as I was attending the memorial services of a dear friend in my congressional district.

Had I been present, I would have cast my vote in support of H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act, even though I am disappointed that the Republican Majority included last minute and unnecessary policy riders. I am cosponsor of the underlying bill which would encourage biomedical innovation and the development of new treatments and cures (Roll Call #433).

I would have also cast my vote in support of the amendment introduced by Representatives BARBARA LEE, JAN SCHAKOWSKY, and YVETTE CLARKE to H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act. This amendment would remove harmful policy riders that aim to undermine women's access to reproductive health services from this otherwise noncontroversial, bipartisan effort. As a longtime supporter of a woman's right to access comprehensive reproductive healthcare, I oppose the inclusion of these unnecessary policy riders in this important bill (Roll Call #432).

I would have cast my vote in opposition to the Brat/McClintock/Garrett/Stutzman/Perry Amendment to H.R. 6, which would have turned the NIH and Cures Innovation Fund into a discretionary spending program, leading to immense uncertainty which would undercut the Fund's effectiveness and NIH's ability to maximize its work (Roll Call #431).

CONGRATULATING MARY AGEE ON
HER RETIREMENT FROM NORTH-
EAST VIRGINIA FAMILY SERVICE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mary Agee of Fairfax, Virginia

on her retirement after 43 years at Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS).

Since its founding by community volunteers in 1924, NVFS has addressed the growing needs of communities throughout our region. NVFS works to improve the lives of its clients through a variety of programs in five mission initiatives: housing, child and family enrichment, health access, emergency assistance, and workforce development.

Ms. Agee began her career with the organization as a Family Counselor in 1972 and since 1988 has served as Executive Director and then Chief Executive Officer. Four decades of service to our community cannot be fairly summarized in one statement, but just a few examples illustrate the tremendous impact Ms. Agee's efforts have had on the lives of Northern Virginia families.

When she was named Deputy Director in 1978, NVFS had 11 staff, five of whom were full-time, and a budget of \$187,000. Today, the nonprofit organization has 350 employees, approximately 3,600 volunteers, an operating budget of \$32 million and offices in Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun counties, as well as the cities of Alexandria, Manassas and Manassas Park. NVFS is now the largest private, nonprofit human service organization in Northern Virginia. Each year, nearly 34,000 individuals and families turn to NVFS to find housing and emergency services, early childhood programs, health & mental health services, workforce development programs, legal assistance, anti-hunger programs, and intervention and prevention programs.

Additionally, NVFS has played a role in stabilizing families affected by national crises. After the tragedy of 9/11, NVFS led the Survivors' Fund Project, providing direct assistance and long-term case management services to local victims, their families, and first responders. Ms. Agee considers this her proudest moment. In partnership with the Red Cross, NVFS led the Katrina Project for evacuees from New Orleans who relocated to our region. The success of this first-ever collaboration led the Red Cross to establish similar contracts across the nation.

Through Ms. Agee, NVFS has earned a reputation as a leader in the community by supporting community partnerships, taking a leadership role in multi-agency service delivery for clients, and working collaboratively with other human services agencies on advocacy issues. On an individual level, Ms. Agee has served as an inspiration and mentor to many in the human services community. She carefully works with colleagues to develop their strengths and to nurture relationships that benefit the community and people in need, rather than any particular organization. I had the great pleasure of collaborating with Ms. Agee during my 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Her leadership was invaluable when the County launched homeless prevention and affordable housing initiatives during my tenure as Chairman, and she, along with the entire team at NVFS, was an invaluable partner for the County's many human service programs to assist our neighbors most in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mary Agee for a lifetime of service to our community and in congratulating her on her retirement. When I was Chairman of the County Board, we often joked when retirement announcements like this were made that we

should pass an ordinance not allowing such talented and dedicated people to leave public or community service, and I certainly wish that was the case here. I wish Mary and her family all the best in this next chapter of her life.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6) to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes:

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Chair, on a personal level, I have family members who have suffered with Parkinson's—I witness this debilitating disease through them. It is hard to see. Few things in America are truly ubiquitous—diseases, sadly, are one of those things.

In addition to the struggle chronic and rare disease patients face, physicians, researchers, clinicians, and medical device companies (among others) deal with an outdated and overly burdensome regulatory structure. These regulations stifle the development of new cures and treatments, whether they are drugs, biologics, or devices.

Given the reality, we have to ask: how can we get cures and treatments to the people who desperately need them?

That is the question the 21st Century Cures Initiative was created to answer. The 21st Century Cures Initiative is a bipartisan undertaking by members of the Energy and Commerce Committee to help our healthcare innovation infrastructure thrive and deliver more hope for all patients. This is a tremendous undertaking, and is much easier said than done.

It is about finding new ways to drive innovation. In addition to adequate funding and resources, we need to think critically about structural changes to streamline and modernize our health care system. We need to rethink what we have been doing and how we are doing it for the 21st Century.

This is what 21st Century Cures Initiative is giving us: an opportunity to address some of the structural barriers to new cures and promote new ways to incentivize developments. The 21st Century Cures Initiative has examined and seeks to accelerate the complete cycle of cures—from discovery to development to delivery and back again to discovery. This has resulted in the 21st Century Cures Act—a culmination of over a year's worth of engaging with patients, researchers, physicians, government, and private entities.

This year included numerous hearings and roundtables in Washington D.C. As legislators, we worked tirelessly to engage all stakeholders from across the spectrum. The only way we can answer the question—how do we get better cures and treatments?—is to work with everyone involved in the American health care system.

I am proud that I was able to have several provisions that were included in the final version of the Cures Act. These provisions will help to change the lives of patients in small to larger ways. I want to take a moment and highlight some of the provisions and some of the people that helped shape the policy.

Rare diseases are not a rare problem. Nearly 30 million Americans—1 in every 10 people—are living with a rare disease.

That is why I introduced the OPEN Act—the Orphan Product Extensions Now Act. It was included as a provision of the 21st Century Cures Act.

My bipartisan bill has the potential to help millions of people by incentivizing the testing of mainstream drugs—or repurposing them—to treat rare diseases and pediatric cancers, and it was included as a major provision in the 21st Century Cures Act.

The OPEN Act would unlock a new world of potential treatments—it would put FDA-approved, safe, and effective treatments “on-label.”

Through the 21st Century Cures Act, Congress has a chance to come together to make a real difference in the lives of the 160 million Americans who suffer from a rare or chronic condition, as well as the family members and friends of all those afflicted.

The OPEN Act is one provision in the 21st Century Cures Act, but it is one I am proud to have authored, and one I believe will make a substantial difference in the lives of a lot of people.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped make the OPEN Act a reality, and who fought for this legislation to be in the 21st Century Cures Act.

Julia Jenkins, Max Bronstein, Andy Russell, Harry Sporidis, Tim Perrin, everyone at the EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases, and the other 155 rare disease groups that supported the OPEN Act:

National MPS Society, With Purpose, National PKU Alliance, Taylor's Tale, RASopathies Network USA, Kids v Cancer, Let Them Be Little X2 Inc., Info and Resources for Idiopathic Pulmonary Hemorrhage (IPH-NET), Noah's Hope, Mary Payton's Miracle Foundation, Hope4Bridget Foundation, Batten Disease Support & Research Association, Cure Sanfilippo Foundation, Beyond Batten Disease Foundation, Drew's Hope Scientific Research Foundation, International Pemphigus and Pemphigoid Foundation (IPPF), Cure AHC, Autoinflammatory Alliance, MLD Foundation, Fabry Support & Information Group, Children's PKU Network, FMD Chat;

National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association (NTSAD), Little Miss Hannah Foundation, Rare Disease United Foundation, Global Genes Project, Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America (FMDSA), Lymphatic Malformation Institute, Mastocytosis Society, EB Research Partnership, BRBN Alliance, Jonah's Just Begun, Abigail Alliance for Better Access to Developmental Drugs, Hannah's Hope Fund, GNE Myopathy International, The Ryan Foundation, Organic Acidemia Association, Cardio-Facio-Cutaneous International, NGLY1.org, Gwendolyn Strong Foundation, POMC Island One boy an Ocean of friends, Gene Giraffe Project, International FOP Association, Aware of Angels;

CureCADASIL, GT23 FOUNDATION, Desmoid Tumor Research Foundation (DTRF), The Association for Glycogen Storage Disease, Gene Spotlight Inc., Amyloidosis Foundation, Hereditary Neuropathy Foundation, Relapsing Polychondritis, Klippel-Feil Syndrome Freedom, CureDuchenne, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association, Bert's Big Adventure, Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, Sarcoma Foundation of America, The Nicholas Conor Institute, Luck2Tuck Foundation, Team Sanfilippo Foundation, The Rally Founda-

tion for Childhood Cancer Research, CARES Foundation, Inc., Help Extinguish Hunter Syndrome, Sephardic Health Organization for Referral & Education, Hunter Syndrome Research Coalition;

The Kortney Rose Foundation, Saving Case & Friends, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation, The Children's Medical Research Foundation, Inc., Cure SMA, Narcolepsy Network, Celiac Support Association, Caleb's Crusade Against Childhood Cancer, International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation (IWMF), PKD Foundation, EDSers United Foundation, Choroideremia Research Foundation, Inc., Genetic Alliance, The Life Raft Group, The Will Luthcke Foundation, Angioma Alliance, Smashing Walnuts Foundation, Castleman Disease Collaborative Network/Castleman's Awareness & Research Effort, The GIST Cancer Awareness Foundation, The Truth 365, The Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation, Sophia's Fund; Journey4ACure, Princesses on a Mission, Inc., Noah's Light Foundation, Pediatric Cancer Foundation, West Virginia Kids Cancer Crusaders, Inc., Bear Necessities Cancer Foundation, A Kids' Brain Tumor Cure, RARE Science, Inc., ISMRD (the International Advocate for Glycoprotein Storage Diseases), Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network Inc., Run4Rare, A-T Children's Project, The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders, The Adult Polyglucosan Body Disease Research Foundation (APBDRF), Alexa Nawrocki Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Beckwith-Wiedemann Children's Foundation International, The Brooke Healey Foundation, Talia's Legacy Children's Cancer Foundation, The Rare Childhood Cancer Advocacy Group, Alex's Army Childhood Cancer Foundation, The Catherine Elizabeth Blair Memorial Foundation, Stillbrave Childhood Cancer Foundation;

Cures Within Reach, ALL4Trey, Team Sabrina, Sofia's Hope, Inc., ALL4Trey, Delainee's Battle, Joey's Wings Foundation, The Bozeman 3, Team Ashley Bragg, Cole vs Cancer, Dominick One in a Million, Samuel Szabo Foundation, Wilms Tumor Survivor Group, Aiden's Army, Sofia's Hope, Inc., Mikey's Way Foundation, Team Serena, Supporting Our Cancer Kids, The Champ's Corner, Habitat for Hope, Ali's Angels Foundation, Gold Rush Cure Foundation; Sickle Cell Warriors, Inc., The Rare Cancer Research Foundation, Carson Leslie Foundation, Amyloidosis Research Consortium, Pulmonary Fibrosis Advocates, The Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis, Mytomic Dystrophy Foundation, LMSarcoma Direct Research Foundation, BioPontis Alliance for Rare Diseases, Foundation for Ichthyosis & Related Skin Types, Inc., 5p-Society, The Antonio Holmes III & Long Foundation, National Fragile X Foundation, National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), OsteoPETrosis Society, Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation, The MAGIC Foundation, Cure HHT, DEFY Foundation, Chase After a Cure, DC Outreach Inc., Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation, and the Bridget the Gap—SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation.

These groups' grassroots efforts were instrumental in the effort to get the OPEN Act in the 21st Century Cures Act.

I would like to thank all the participants of the two 21st Century Roundtables I held in my District in August of 2014. Your input was vital in the early stages of drafting the 21st Century Cures Act, and I will be forever appreciative. Dr. Wayne Taylor, on behalf of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; Mrs. Colleen Labbadia, on behalf of the Parent Project for Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD);

Ms. Patricia Stanco, MHS, on behalf of the ALS Association Florida Chapter; Ms. Ashleigh Pike and Ms. Beth Pike—dysautonomia patient advocates; Dr. Samantha Lindsay, on behalf of the Alpha-1 Foundation;

Ms. Janice Starling, on behalf of the American Association of Kidney Patients; Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Gretchen Church, on behalf of the Parkinson's Action Network;

Dr. Clifton Gooch, FAAN, Professor and Chair, Department of Neurology, University of South Florida;

Dr. Dave Morgan, CEO and Director of USF's Byrd Alzheimer's Institute;

Dr. Richard Finkel, Chief Neurologist at Nemour's Children's Hospital;

Mr. Geary A. Havran, President of NDH Medical, Inc., and Chairman, Florida Medical Manufacturers Consortium (FMMC);

Ms. Lisa Novorska, CFO, Rochester Electro-Medical, Inc.;

Dr. Thomas Sellers, MPH., Center Director and Executive Vice President for Moffit Cancer Center;

Dr. Glen Hortin, Clinical Pathology Medical Director for the Southeast Region, for Quest Diagnostics.

Additionally, I want to thank Nick Manetto from PPMD and USAgainst Alzheimer's, Miriam O'Day from the Alpha-1 Foundation, John DeMuro from Moffitt, Monica Richter from USF, Jennifer Sheridan from PAN, Gary Dessatti, John Ray from FMMC, and Erin O'Malley and Virginia Biggar from USAgainstAlzheimer's.

I would also like to thank Candace Lerman, Laura Milford, and Max Schill. They are all rare disease patients and advocates who I have had the pleasure of meeting. Their in-person advocacy and their dedication to improve the lives of everyone with a rare disease is admirable. I am truly grateful for their contribution and support of this legislation.

I also want to recognize Noah Coughlan and Jonny Lee Miller. Noah is a young man who ran across the country—over 3,000 miles—three times to raise awareness for rare diseases. This is a feat achieved by very few, and is a tremendous physical feat demonstrating his dedication to this cause. Jonny Lee Miller is an actor and advocate who runs ultra-marathons to raise money and awareness for rare diseases.

To everyone else who was involved, supported the OPEN Act, tweeted about it, posted about it on Facebook, or advocated on behalf of the 30 million Americans with rare diseases, I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Additionally, the 21st Century Cures Act includes another one of my bills, H.R. 2298, the Patient Safety and Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Act. I began work on this bill three years ago, after a prescription drug abuse hearing. The problem was apparent, and a fix was desperately needed.

This provision will create a drug management program within Medicare to use the same tools used in Medicaid, TRICARE, and private insurance to deal with the growth in prescription drug abuse.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) estimates that there are 15.3 million Americans over the age of 12 that “used prescription drugs non-medically in the last year.” USA Today reported that in 2012, the average number of seniors misusing

or dependent on prescription pain relievers in the past year grew to an estimated 336,000, up from 132,000 a decade earlier, based on data from SAMHSA. Addition does not recognize age, race, ethnicity, or income. Anyone could be susceptible including seniors.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General has recommended that Medicare have this type of a program. In a hearing, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Principal Deputy Administrator stated that they supported this policy, but needed a statutory change in the law to create such a program.

A change to the Medicare program is a herculean task. I want to thank some of the people that supported this provision and helped get this legislation over the finish line. Lindsay Berman from the Pew Charitable Trusts, Jerry Steffl, Jonathan Heafitz, Gary Kline, Sergio Santiviago, Richard Hoar, Heather Cutler, Nelson Bunn from the Major County Sheriffs Association, and Chuck DeWitt from the Major Cities Chiefs Association.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber today because I was at the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals hearing in New Orleans, LA, on President Barack Obama's immigration executive actions.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call vote 431.

I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 432 and in favor of the Lee/Schakowsky/Clarke Amendment which would have struck from the underlying bill controversial policy riders that will undermine a woman's right to choose. This amendment would have protected women's health care choices and was especially vital to low-income and minority women's health.

I would have voted "yea" on roll call vote 433 in support of H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 INSTITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SALES & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT WINNER MARK WEBER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement presented by the Institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development (IES&BD). The Institute was created to foster excellence in business sales and development practices and to help organizations maximize their efforts. This annual award recognizes individuals, teams, and organizations throughout the United States who demonstrate exemplary performance through leadership, risk taking, innovation, vision, and customer development.

The 2015 IES&BD Lifetime Achievement Award honoree is Mark Weber of NetApp, a data management and cloud storage provider based in Vienna, Virginia. With over 30 years of experience in technology sales and engineering, Mr. Weber is a proven leader in Information Technology with particular expertise in serving the public sector.

Mr. Weber began his career as a federal account manager for Hewlett-Packard and later joined Sun Microsystems where he managed a diverse portfolio and served in a variety of positions including regional executive director for federal, state, and local government sales.

At NetApp, as Senior Vice President for the Americas, Mr. Weber leads sales, channels, engineering, professional services, business development, finance, operations, and marketing across North America, South America, and U.S. Public Sector. Prior to his current role, Mr. Weber served as the President and General Manager of NetApp U.S. Public Sector for ten years. He was responsible for managing and developing government business at the federal, state, and local levels in addition to higher education and teaching hospitals.

Under his leadership, NetApp's Vienna office was ranked in the top 10 for the best places to work in D.C. for the sixth time by the Washington Business Journal as well as repeatedly listed in the Washingtonian's Best 50 Places to Work issue.

Mr. Weber's professionalism has earned him the respect and admiration of his peers. In 2014 he was recognized by the Wash100 Exec Ranks as an Innovative GovCon Technologist & Business Leader. He was also awarded the FedScoop50 Industry Leadership award in 2012 and 2013 and the Federal Computer Week's Federal 100 Award in 2011. Within NetApp, he has received the Club Award for nine straight years and is frequently recognized as Sales Leader of the Year within the larger organization.

Mr. Weber sits on the Advisory Council for the Department of Business & Economics at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and is a board member of the Virginia Tech Science and Engineering Regional Growth Enterprise (VT-SERGE).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mark Weber for his many contributions to the federal IT procurement field and on congratulating him on receiving the 2015 Institute for Excellence in Sales & Business Development Lifetime Achievement Award.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6) to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes:

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Chair, today I stand in strong support of the 21st Century Cures Act. This bipartisan bill gives our nation's best and brightest the tools they need to understand—and eventually defeat disease—and reauthorizes both the National Institutes of

Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The 21st Century Cures Act has the potential to accelerate the discovery of drugs for life-threatening illnesses; repurpose drugs found ineffective for one condition and test them on another; promote an interoperable health system; enhance telehealth practices; and advance the development of more targeted, personalized treatments.

My district, the 7th Congressional District of Alabama, is home to the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the Southern Research Institute, and the University of Alabama. NIH funding is critical to the continuing vitality of these three leading institutions, as well as to the region.

The prospect of this act alone provides hope. Hope that cures can be discovered, hope that one day no diagnoses indicate inevitable ailment or death, and hope that one day treatments will yield more reward than risk.

Despite the potential of this bill, there are two amendments that threaten that hope and essentially aim to inhibit the health of several Americans. First, the Hyde Amendment has reared its ugly head yet again. It is a harmful and discriminatory bill that prevents women from making their own healthcare decisions. Further, it serves as a stark contradiction to efforts geared toward providing health positive resources for all.

Second, the Brat amendment aims to convert the federal funding of the NIH and the FDA from mandatory to discretionary. Such a transaction would stifle the progress both federal agencies have already made and will continue to make. It will singlehandedly reverse the trajectory of medical progress and halt further research efforts.

With only 5 percent of rare diseases having an FDA-approved treatment, it would be a gross understatement to say our medical systems have failed to keep pace. Viruses and diseases will not wait for us to catch up; they will mutate, grow ever more virulent, and continue to impact our public health. We need to leverage our investments to make potentially game-changing strides in treatment. We need 21st century solutions for 21st century threats.

An investment in health affects more than our physical well-being, and the 21st Century Cures Act reflects this. H.R. 6 is not only a health bill; it is a jobs bill. Our country has been the leader in both the medical device and biopharmaceutical industry for decades, helping us become the core of global medical innovation. This puts a target on our backs, as China and other countries have attempted to attempt to claim this role and thus, our jobs. U.S. medical device-related employment totals over 2 million jobs, and the U.S. biopharmaceutical industry is responsible for over 4 million U.S. jobs. NIH funding currently supports over 400,000 jobs at research institutions across the country, including jobs for young and upcoming scientists. Without this funding, our jobs are out there for the taking. Without this funding, the thousands of jobs in my district provided by the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the Southern Research Institute, and the University of Alabama are not safe. The policies in this legislation will help us fight off foreign competitors and allow us to continue innovating, so we can all protect medical jobs in our districts and add more.

We must get serious about addressing the unmet medical needs of the American people.

I urge my colleagues not to deprive the American people of the cures they deserve. Vote against these poison pill amendments because when it comes to the health of our constituents, there is no place or time for partisan politics. I urge my colleagues to oppose the Brat and Hyde amendments, and I urge them support H.R. 6.

RECOGNIZING NONE SUCH FARM

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special company in the 8th Congressional District, None Such Farm, which recently was recognized as a Finalist for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their support of their workers who serve our country in the Guard and Reserve. Nomination requests come from a Guard or Reserve member who is employed by the organization they are nominating, or from a family member. The award was created to publicly recognize employers that provide exceptional support to their Guard and Reserve employees, and the Department of Defense deems it the highest of all employer recognition awards.

30 companies from across the country were selected as a Finalist for this prestigious award. None Such Farm is the only company representing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and all of us in Bucks County are proud.

None Such Farm is owned and operated by the 3rd generation of the Yerkes Family in beautiful Buckingham, Pennsylvania. For over fifty years the Yerkes farm supplied sweet corn for the wholesale market in Philadelphia. In the late 1970's, as the wholesale market began to change, Bill and John Yerkes decided to build a Farm Market. Since 1978, the market has doubled in size, adding a Meat Shop to sell their own farm raised beef, along with a kitchen for high quality "ready to go" food. None Such Farm is a staple of Bucks County, with some of the best sweet corn around, along with delicious fruits, vegetables, and beautiful flowers.

Today, the Yerkes family heritage lives on—through Leslie, Jon and Scott Yerkes, who made the decision to preserve the 217 acre farm. As a County Commissioner and as a United States Congressman, I have seen the tremendous strides that None Such Farm has made and the dedication it has given to its customers and employees.

I am pleased to see the Department of Defense recognize None Such Farm for their good treatment and support of our nation's military families. Thank you to the Yerkes family for taking care of those who serve our country. I am proud of your commitment to our military, and wish you many years of success in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 HONOREES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations (the "Federation") and the honorees of its 65th Annual Awards Banquet. The Federation is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations. Each year, the Federation honors a few select individuals for their extraordinary contributions to our community. As a former two-term President of the Federation, I understand that those who volunteer their time, energies, and talents to civic activities play a vital role in making Fairfax County one of the best places in the nation in which to live, work, and raise a family. I am honored to recognize the following individuals for their service to our community:

2014 Citizen of the Year: Michael O'Reilly. A lifelong resident of Fairfax County, Michael O'Reilly is a true "model citizen" who never fails to heed the call to public service. Mr. O'Reilly served as Mayor of the Town of Herndon from 2004–2006. In 2009 he helped create the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and has chaired the Board since its inception. He also currently serves as President of the Herndon Council for the Arts and as Co-chair of the Herndon Committee of the Dulles Regional Chamber.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Mary Agee. For the past 43 years, Mary Agee has made an enormous difference in the lives of Northern Virginians, particularly the low income and struggling. Joining Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) in 1972, Ms. Agee became the organization's leader 27 years ago. Under her leadership, NVFS has grown into a regional resource that employs 350 people, has approximately 3,400 volunteers, and provides assistance to more than 34,000 Northern Virginia residents every year. Although Ms. Agee is retiring from her position as President and Chief Executive of NVFS, her contributions and impact have left a permanent imprint on our community that will continue to help future generations of Fairfax residents.

Citation of Merit: Connie Hartke. Connie Hartke is best known as President of Rescue Reston, a grassroots organization formed to protect open space. Under her leadership, Rescue Reston secured more than 4,200 signatures in opposition to the construction of homes on the Reston National Golf Course and led citizen engagement efforts with the Board of Supervisors and Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Hartke is also a valued supporter of the Walker Nature Center, participating in numerous education programs including hikes, presentations, and environmental film nights.

Citation of Merit: Bruce Wright. Bruce Wright commutes by bicycle to most of the many meetings he attends as Chairman of Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB). Since 2005, Mr. Wright and FABB members have worked with Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Transportation to ensure that bicycling is an integral part of the county's transportation network. Under his leadership,

FABB advocated for the county's first Bicycle Master Plan. He has served on the Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee, the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee, the Tysons Land Use Task Force, the Fairfax County Trails & Sidewalks Committee, and on the Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

Special Gratitude Honoree: Supervisor Michael Frey. Supervisor Frey has represented the Sully District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since the Sully District was created in 1991, and I was proud to serve with him during my 14 years on the Board. Prior to that, he worked for former Board Chairman Jack Herrity and former Springfield District Supervisor Elaine McConnell. Since the beginning of his tenure, Mr. Frey oversaw enormous growth and change in the Centreville/Chantilly area. His expertise in land use and development issues helped guide the area through this transitional period. His notable accomplishments include the creation of the Centreville Historic District, the acquisition of over 2,000 acres of parkland, and the establishment of a day labor center in Centreville. Mr. Frey has worked tirelessly for transportation improvements in western Fairfax to improve mobility and reduce congestion. A strong proponent of youth activities and opportunities for young children, Mr. Frey has been a leading advocate of youth sports. In addition, Mr. Frey was a strong supporter of the bid by Fairfax County to host the 2015 World Police and Fire Games and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the organization. Mr. Frey is retiring later this year from the Board of Supervisors, and I wish him well in his retirement and thank him for his 24 years of service to the County and the residents of the Sully District.

Special Gratitude Honoree: Supervisor Gerald "Gerry" Hyland. Supervisor Gerry Hyland has represented the Mount Vernon District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 1988, and I was proud to serve with him during my 14 years on the Board. As one of the longest-serving supervisors, Mr. Hyland has helped shape the tremendous growth and development of southern Fairfax County. He has been a force for renewal within the Mount Vernon District, working tirelessly on such major projects as the revitalization of the Route 1 corridor, the massive expansion of Fort Belvoir required under BRAC, and the transformation of Lorton from an industrial area once known for a prison and landfill into a thriving community known for its parkland, premier golf course, and the Workhouse Art Center. A tireless advocate for his constituents, he has helped manage the explosive growth of Mount Vernon to ensure that the quality of life enjoyed by the residents would not be diminished, but would rather be enhanced by this reinvention of the community. Mr. Hyland is retiring later this year from the Board of Supervisors, and I wish him well in his retirement and thank him for his 27 years of service to the County and the residents of the Mount Vernon District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in congratulating them on being honored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations. Civic engagement is the root of a community, and Fairfax County residents enjoy an exceptional quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees

have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

**H.R. 2647—THE RESILIENT
FEDERAL FORESTS ACT**

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I voted against H.R. 2647, the Resilient Federal Forests Act. There are provisions in this bill that I support, such as preventing the practice of “fire borrowing,” in which the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior pull funding from accounts meant for prevention of fire and use it to suppress fires. There are also provisions related to the Secure Rural Schools program that many of my colleagues in the Oregon delegation worked hard to include, and I appreciate their efforts.

I opposed the legislation overall. It goes too far in rolling back important environmental protections, beyond what is necessary to have a balanced approach. I am hopeful as this legislation works its way through the process that it is toned down and focused.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE RECOVER
ACT (REDUCING THE EFFECTS
OF THE CYBERATTACK ON OPM
VICTIMS EMERGENCY RESPONSE
ACT OF 2015)**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Reducing the Effects of the Cyberattack on OPM Victims Emergency Response Act of 2015 (the RECOVER Act), a bill to require the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to provide complimentary and comprehensive identity protection coverage to all individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent OPM data breaches. Senator BEN CARDIN (D-MD) has introduced the companion bill in the Senate. Yesterday, OPM reported that more than 21.5 million current and former federal employees have had their personal information compromised in a second OPM data

breach, five times more than the 4.2 million already reported, for a grand total of 25.7 million federal employees and retirees. OPM said that the 21.5 million individuals whose background check records were compromised would receive only three years of credit monitoring and identity theft protection services and \$1 million in loss coverage, while the other 4.2 million individuals whose personnel records were compromised would receive 18 months of credit monitoring and \$1 million in loss coverage. In light of the scope of OPM's data breach and the limited protection that is proposed, I, along with my House colleagues CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, DON BEYER, DONNA EDWARDS, C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER, ELIJAH CUMMINGS, GERALD CONNOLLY, and JOHN DELANEY introduce a bill that would provide free lifetime identity theft protection coverage that includes identity theft insurance for losses up to \$5 million. This protection is particularly necessary since the breach was discovered a year after hackers had already infiltrated OPM's system.

OPM's proposed protection would not protect current and former federal workers if hackers simply waited for a period of years before exploiting the stolen identities. However, our bill would give current and former federal employees some peace of mind.

The RECOVER Act is necessary to reduce the angst of our dedicated public servants resulting from this entire ordeal. OPM failed to protect our current and former federal employees. It follows that the government must do the right thing to make up for its mistake.

**CONGRATULATING THE 2015 LORDS
AND LADIES FAIRFAX, THE RE-
CIPIENT OF THE JAMES M.
SCOTT COMMUNITY SPIRIT
AWARD, AND THE CELEBRATE
FAIRFAX! VOLUNTEERS OF THE
YEAR**

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 10, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a dedicated group of men and women in Northern Virginia. Every year, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from his or her district who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other exceptional commitments and contributions to our community.

Since the program's inception in 1984, approximately 600 individuals have earned the honor of being named a Lord or Lady Fairfax by his or her representative on the Board of Supervisors. The Board also traditionally recognizes these individuals during a reception held in conjunction with the annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival in June.

This year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will recognize those individuals who have made tremendous impacts through their support of our public schools, parks, youth sports leagues, arts community, public safety, and human service programs. It is nearly impossible to fully describe the diversity of accomplishments by the honorees. Their efforts contribute greatly to the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County and should be commended.

It is my honor to submit the names of the following 2015 Lords and Ladies Fairfax.

At-Large: Lady Katherine K. Hanley and Lord John P. McAnaw

Braddock District: Lady Donna Goldbranson and Lord Richard B. Chobot

Dranesville District: Lady Sarah C. Kirk and Lord Robert D. Vickers Jr.

Hunter Mill District: Lady L. Adelle Jones and Lord Kenneth R. Fredgren

Lee District: Lady Elizabeth M. McGhan and Lord Christopher M. Soule

Mason District: Lady Terri L. Fox and Lord Martin C. Faga

Mount Vernon District: Lady Elisabeth B. Lardner and Lord Martin W. Tillett

Providence District: Lady Peggy A. Koplitz and Lord Paul J. Wexler

Springfield District: Lady Kyra M. Beckman and Lord Jeffrey H. Saxe

Sully District: Lady Bonnie L. Hobbs and Lord Jerrold L. Foltz

I also commend the following recipients of the James M. Scott Community Spirit Award and the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival Volunteer of the Year Awards:

James M. Scott Community Spirit Award: Dominion

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival Volunteer of the Year Award: Tim Harazin

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to these men and women who volunteer their time and energy on behalf of our community. Their efforts provide immeasurable benefits to their fellow residents and serves to strengthen and enrich the Fairfax County community.