

REGARDING PASSAGE OF H.R. 6842

HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. HULSHOF. Madam Speaker, today the United States House of Representatives took a large and much anticipated step towards protecting every American's 2nd Amendment right by passing H.R. 6842, The National Capital Security and Safety Act. The amendment to this legislation, authored by Representative Childers, is a much needed improvement to the underlying bill and will help the District of Columbia to fully comply with the United States Supreme Court's decision in D.C. vs. Heller.

Today is truly a great day for every American as Congress has mandated that the stringent restrictions placed on citizens of the District of Columbia and their ability to possess firearms has been replaced with a law that is in line with what our founding fathers originally intended. It is my hope that other cities and municipalities with similar, restrictive gun ownership laws will now change those laws to come in line with our Constitution.

**HONORING THE GARDEN CITY
SCHOOL BLUE RIBBON AWARD**
HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Garden City Middle School for having received the prestigious Blue Ribbon School Award. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels.

Garden City Middle School succeeds in providing an atmosphere where students foster a desire for life long learning and are motivated to reach their highest potential academically, creatively, socially, physically and emotionally. Last year Garden City Middle School ranked first in Nassau County in the percentage of students passing the New York State Grade 8 Math Assessment and second on the New York State Grade 8 English Assessment. Additionally, Garden City Middle School students ranked first on the New York State Grade 8 English Assessment of students scoring at the mastery level. A supplemental aspect of their curriculum is to teach the students social responsibility. Last year Garden City Middle School raised more money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital than any other school in the nation while also participating in Toys for Tots drives, collecting food for food banks, and collection campaigns to support the troops in Iraq.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children, and our community, and our nation, are enhanced by the contributions of high achieving students like those at Garden City Middle School.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my thanks and recognition to Garden City Middle School.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE "SAKS" BILL

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, the U.S. Justice Department estimates that 8 percent of all rapes occur on the job. Yet, many of these victims are told their only remedy is workers' compensation. When rape occurs on the job, employers should not be able to hide behind a system designed to compensate for job-related accidents. The bill that I am introducing today sends a clear message: Rape is not all in a days work.

Workers' compensation systems were created by States to provide a means of redress for work-related personal injuries which occur during the course of employment. Workers' compensation is an exclusive remedy. In the event that an injury is covered by workers' compensation, no other legal action may be taken by the injured employee. This bill gives victims of workplace violence across the Nation a remedy outside the workers' compensation system. It does this by creating a Federal civil rights cause of action, under certain conditions, for employees who have been the victims of gender-motivated violence at work.

We need to create an American workplace safe from violent crime. This bill will encourage employers to create a job environment free of violent sexual assault and rape.

HONORING JONATHAN MCCOLE**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jonathan McCole of Kansas City, Missouri. Jonathan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1419, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jonathan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jonathan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jonathan McCole for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE DAILY 45: LAVAL CRAWFORD**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States.

Three men were charged, today, in the September 13 fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laval

Crawford from Pontiac, Michigan. Laval was ambushed at his home and one of the men charged allegedly was in possession of a concealed weapon, an AK-47 rifle to be exact.

The killing was the 19th homicide this year in Pontiac, which has experienced a rash of recent violent incidents, including shootings in recent weeks, according to news reports. I look forward to a day when the news is filled with good news; news that peace has increased on our streets—not another death.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say 'enough is enough, stop the killing!'

**IN HEARTFELT AND GRATEFUL
MEMORY OF DR. ELLEN WOLFE**
HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, if the world has seemed a bit grayer in recent weeks, it is no doubt due to the passing of one of its brightest lights. Ellen L. Wolfe, the highly respected and much-loved registered nurse and Doctor of Public Health, left us on August 4.

As director of Children's Medical Services for the City and County of San Francisco and throughout her career, Ellen dedicated her life to the care and well being of underserved children and their families. Dr. Wolfe was a pioneer in the field of children's health and a passionate advocate for abused children. She served as director of the Early Parenting Project, San Francisco General Hospital's landmark abuse prevention program, and was instrumental in creating the Child Protection Center at SFGH, serving as the program's Associate Director for Health Care Services from 1989 through 2005.

Madam Speaker, a measure of anyone's life is how fondly they are remembered after their passing. By this yardstick, Ellen surpasses all measurements. Thousands of San Franciscans owe their health, mental well-being and, in many cases, very lives, to the intellect, instinct and intervention of this intrepid public servant.

Ellen came to us by way of Denver, Colorado. She attended the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley on a music scholarship and her love of the violin and classical music only grew stronger after graduation. Ellen received a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco and a Master and Doctor of Public Health from UC Berkeley.

Her accomplishments in San Francisco are many and notable, including the development of a Health Passport system for children in foster care, creation of a widely-used child abuse manual for doctors and nurses, and educating foster parents, health professionals and students about child abuse reporting and health issues. A tireless advocate, Ellen served on the California Subcommittee on Medically Fragile Children in Foster Care, the Personnel Advisory Committee for Early Intervention Services, and the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Dr. Wolfe authored numerous professional publications addressing foster care and prenatal drug and alcohol use and served as an

assistant clinical professor in the Department of Family Health Care Nursing at the UCSF School of Nursing.

Outside of work, Ellen is remembered as a passionate woman who embraced life to its fullest. She is missed dearly by her mother Marian, sisters Christine and Charlotte, brothers Fred and Sam, and a great many close friends and colleagues. They remember fondly her love of classical music, fine food and the great outdoors, which were eclipsed only by her commitment to children's health.

Madam Speaker, when those of us from San Francisco are asked what makes our city so special, we often say, "the people." With the passing of Ellen Wolfe, our beautiful hometown has lost a favorite sister, but her legacy of good works and sound public policy will outlive all of us.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT CHAUNCEY K. LOVELL AND AIRMAN FIRST CLASS ALTHEA LOVELL—SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY" HONOREES

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of two members of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Every month Scottsdale Healthcare honors service members that perform diligent service to this country. This month, they have recognized two siblings: Sergeant Chauncey K. Lovell and Airman 1st Class Althea Lovell.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to such outstanding service members for their bravery and service to our country.

Sergeant Chauncey Lovell has been in the Marine Corps for six and a half years, which he has included three deployments to Iraq in 2004, 2006, and 2008. He is currently deployed and will be transferred in November to his home station, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. His record includes the National Defense Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, a Meritorious Mast and a Certificate of Commendation among others.

Airman First Class Althea Lovell is also on active duty as a Dental Hygienist at the Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. Having joined the Air Force three years ago, this is her first deployment. She is accompanied by her husband, Gil, who is a Tech Sergeant working in the operating room on the same base, and their six-month-old daughter, Chloe. Airman First Class Lovell and her family expect to be reassigned to Hickham Air Force Base in Hawaii.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the inspiring combined efforts of this brother and sister who are serving our country and protecting the lives of their fellow servicemen in combat.

COMMEMORATING WARREN AND BARBARA WINIARSKI FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Warren and Barbara Winiarski. The Winiarskis are being honored by Napa County as the 2008 Grandparents of the Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Winiarski met at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. The Winiarskis along with their three children, Kasia, Julia and Stephen, moved to Napa County in 1964. They settled into the Stags Leap region, purchasing 44 acres in which they planted Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. They named the vineyard Stag's Leap, now known as S.L.V.

The Winiarskis started their vineyard with modest means, but were soon propelled into the spotlight when their wine essentially changed the way California wines were perceived. In 1976 at the famous blind tasting in Paris, the second vintage produced by Stag's Leap Vineyard beat world renowned Chateau Mouton-Rothschild and Chateau Haut-Brion.

They were visionaries in supporting the 1968 decision by the Napa County Board of Supervisors to approve Agricultural Preserve Zoning. The decision prohibits the splitting of lots on the valley floor that are less than 20 acres in size. The Winiarskis also championed Measure J in the 1990s, which prevents the development of agricultural lands without voter approval. Stag's Leap Vineyard was also the first vineyard placed under a conservation easement, leading the way in environmental protection.

Throughout their time in the Napa Valley, the Winiarskis have contributed greatly to the community. They always keep the futures of their five grandchildren in mind, whether preserving the land or creating fine wine.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, the Winiarskis have earned the respect of their colleagues and community. Through visionary leadership they created pathways for others in the community to follow. For these reasons and for the lasting impact that Stag's Leap Vineyard has had, it is fitting at this time that we honor the Winiarskis.

VETERAN VOTING SUPPORT ACT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Veteran Voting Support Act, and to commend the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY) for his leadership in offering it. I was honored to join him as an original sponsor of it, and I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

In a few short weeks, we will participate in two celebrations of our democracy: Election Day, the day upon which we will exercise our most fundamental right—the right by which we secure all others—the right to vote. And one

week later, we will celebrate Veterans Day, the day upon which we honor those who always risk and who all too often give their very lives to preserve and protect our ability to engage in that fundamental right. Arguably, we should celebrate Veterans Day first, and Election Day thereafter, because without the sacrifice of the former we could not continue to be endowed with the latter.

That is why I offer my heartfelt support for the Veteran Voting Support Act, which responds to a flawed policy of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that would have prohibited voter registration at VA facilities. The measure permits states to designate facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as voter registration agencies, requires the VA to provide assistance with absentee ballots, and requires that nonpartisan organizations and election officials be given opportunities to assist veterans with registration and to provide voting information. Above all others, our service men and women should be provided with every convenience and resource to facilitate their ability to vote. This balanced measure does that, while protecting their privacy and preserving the high standard of their care. Our veterans' have fought for our right to vote, and we must now fight for theirs. I urge my colleagues to honor their sacrifice by supporting this measure.

CHIPACC BILL: CHILDREN'S PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE, COORDINATED CARE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about an issue of concern to all families, and everyone who has ever known a sick child.

The Children's Program of All-inclusive, Coordinated Care, ChiPACC, serves the needs of Medicaid-eligible children who suffer from potentially terminal illnesses or conditions. The legislation I am introducing will make ChiPACC a state option under Medicaid.

Medicaid-eligible children—like all children who suffer from potentially terminal illnesses or conditions—need comprehensive, coordinated care. Currently, nearly 30 percent of the children in the United States who have life-threatening conditions qualify for Medicaid. These children are forced into a system that will only treat them on an emergency basis, sending them home to wait until their next health emergency.

Based on the highly effective, collaborative model of care developed by Children's Hospice International, CHI, the Children's Program of All-inclusive, Coordinated Care provides each enrolled child an individualized treatment plan that includes and manages services from providers across the health care spectrum. ChiPACC's services will improve upon the often inconsistent care that is currently available to seriously ill children under Medicaid, doing so at a savings to taxpayers.

With appropriate comprehensive and coordinated services under ChiPACC, many emergency episodes can be avoided or anticipated and managed, such that children receive appropriate care in their homes instead of in hospitals, and so that even when they require