

veteran's discharge from active duty. In addition, the twelve weeks of leave for "exigencies" relating to deployment includes not only leave for families of National Guard or Reservists in support of a contingency operation, but also leave for: (1) families of regular active duty servicemembers; and (2) families of those who have been deployed overseas.

The FMLA is intended to help individuals balance their family and work obligations. So far, working people have used FMLA more than 100 million times to care for themselves and their family members. When the Act was first passed in 1993, it was a giant step and, while we need to pass legislation to provide paid leave, FMLA is still of great importance to working families.

Since a majority of military spouses work, they too must balance work and family. They work to put food on the table and support their families. But they face additional challenges because their lives are disrupted by multiple deployments, involving not only active servicemembers but those in the National Guard and Reserves as well.

Over 35,000 servicemembers have been injured—many seriously—in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. These injured warriors need substantial support and care from their families, often for long periods of time, and some permanently.

In addition, veterans of both conflicts are developing serious illnesses and injuries after they are discharged from active service. Brain injuries such as traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress syndrome are disabling conditions but often do not materialize until well after servicemembers have been discharged from active duty. A recent study by the Department of Defense estimates that 11 percent of Iraq veterans and 20 percent of Afghanistan veterans suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome as a result of their service.

No matter where we come down on the merits of these conflicts, we must support families whose loved ones put their lives and their futures on the line for our nation. The provisions of H.R. 2647 will certainly help.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY STAFF SERGEANT JUSTIN GALLEGOS

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Staff Sergeant Justin T. Gallegos, who was killed in action with seven fellow Soldiers as their remote outpost in mountainous eastern Afghanistan was attacked by insurgents on October 3, 2009. He leaves behind his mother, two sisters, brother and a 5-year-old son.

Born in Tucson, Arizona, Justin graduated from Tucson High School before joining the Army in 2002. Staff Sergeant Gallegos was assigned to Bravo Troop, 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division.

Justin was on his first deployment to Afghanistan, but he had already completed two previous deployments to Iraq, the first a one-year deployment from November 2005 to 2006

and the other a fifteen-month deployment from March 2007 to May 2008.

Since entering the Army, Justin had earned a reputation for being a good Soldier. Over his career he earned more than a dozen honors including three Purple Hearts, two Army Commendation Medals and two Army Achievement Medals. He also earned the Bronze Star for his actions that day in defending his combat outpost.

On this day, he was deployed to a remote base near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. As insurgents poured over the hilltop ridge toward his position and the base, Justin and his fellow Soldiers held their ground before the camp was partially overrun and nearly destroyed by rocket and mortar fire. The team held back hundreds of enemy fighters before ultimately succumbing to the overwhelming volume of fire.

These men fought bravely and will not be forgotten.

We remember Staff Sergeant Gallegos and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Justin's legacy reaches beyond the desolate landscape of Afghanistan and into the hearts of a grateful nation.

This body and this country owe Justin and his family a debt of gratitude and it is vital that we remember him and his fellow servicemembers who have paid the ultimate price.

Justin is a hero both to his country and to his wonderful family. We salute his selfless service, sacrifice and bravery. May he not be forgotten and may his mission continue in the work of this body and the hearts of all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed rollcall vote Nos. 772–774 on October 13, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

Rollcall vote No. 772, To provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, "yea."

Rollcall vote No. 773, To reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission, "yea."

Rollcall vote No. 774, Congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on 98 years of serving local communities and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the Nation, "yea."

HONORING KYLE L. REECE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle L. Reece, a very spe-

cial young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle 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 Kyle L. Reece for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF HIRAM LODGE

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating with the Hiram Lodge #7, Free & Accepted Masons, in Franklin, Tennessee, on the occasion of their bicentennial.

Hiram Lodge is home to the oldest continuous Masonic Lodge in Tennessee, predating the establishment of a Grand Lodge in the state. Located just off the square in Franklin, this beautiful structure has been home to many historical occasions—from President Andrew Jackson's negotiations with the Chickasaw Nation, to serving as a lookout post, barracks, and hospital during the Civil War. The Lodge is undertaking careful renovations to ensure this magnificent structure, the oldest Gothic Revival building in the state of Tennessee, survives for generations to come.

More importantly, however, is the role the Lodge has played in the life of the community over these past 200 years. So many of Franklin's leaders have been members of the Lodge, and to this day the Lodge is deeply involved in the civic and charitable affairs of the City.

Please join me in honoring 200 years of the Hiram Lodge's past, and celebrating this momentous occasion.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information in regards to H.R. 2892, the Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Rep. JO ANN EMERSON
Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Act

Account: State and Local Programs
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Howell County Emergency Preparedness
Address of Requesting Entity: 3 Courthouse, West Plains, Missouri 65775

Description of Request: Provide an earmark for \$250,000 for an Emergency Operations

Center in West Plains, Missouri. The Emergency Operations Center will serve the residents of Howell County and surrounding counties in the region in case of any natural or man-made hazards. The funding is budgeted at approximately \$7,275 for administrative and legal expenses; \$81,000 for land, structures, right-of-ways, appraisals, etc.; \$2,925 for project inspection and architectural and engineering fees; \$153,175 for equipment, construction and miscellaneous items; \$5,625 for contingencies.

IRAN SANCTIONS ENABLING ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Iran Sanction Act.

On September 25, we learned that Iran has been operating a secret uranium-enrichment plant in the city of Qom, capable of producing enriched uranium for bombs.

The work at Qom has gone on for years in secret and despite five UN Security Council resolutions calling for Iran to cease all work on uranium.

The Iranians continue to claim that their nuclear intentions are peaceful, but the recently discovered plant's "size and configuration" are "inconsistent" with peaceful purposes.

If we had any doubt that Iran was pursuing nuclear weapons, the discovery at Qom dashed that doubt.

Now the U.S. must do its part to stop Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

The first step toward crippling Iran's progress toward a nuclear weapon is to impose the sanctions proposed in the bill before us today.

The Iran Sanctions Act calls on state and local governments to cease investing public funds in companies that support Iran's oil and gas sector.

A nuclear armed Iran is a threat to the entire region, particularly our friends in Israel, and could incite nuclear proliferation in the Middle East and around the world.

We must do everything in our power to keep weapons of mass destruction out of the hands of the Iranians, and those efforts start today with this bill and these sanctions.

HONORING COLLIN HUSTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Collin Huster, 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 374, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Collin has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Collin 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 Collin Huster for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

SPEECH OF

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud daughter of Greece, and as a cosponsor of this resolution, to join my colleagues in honoring the Daughters of Penelope, an organization of women who exemplify Hellenic values and ideals, both within the United States and across the globe. Over the past 80 years, the efforts of the Daughters of Penelope have had a significant impact on the welfare of those in need. From assistance to battered women and children, to support for cancer research and funding for schools, the work of these women is deserving of our wholehearted recognition and praise.

I want to draw special attention to the contributions that the Daughters of Penelope have made in the fight against breast cancer. Not only has the organization participated in a variety of fundraisers for breast cancer research, the Daughters of Penelope have engaged members of different ethnic communities in countries across the world by preparing and distributing awareness pamphlets that they translated into several languages. Raising awareness is a vital method of fighting breast cancer and I commend the efforts of these women in educating underserved communities about this disease.

Another notable accomplishment of the Daughters of Penelope is the Greek Immigrant Oral History Study, recordings that document the history of Greek women, like my grandmother and great-grandmother, who immigrated to the United States. This project marked the first time that an ethnic organization had submitted its oral history to the Library of Congress, paving the way for other ethnic communities to share their own stories as well.

With great appreciation and admiration, I recognize the invaluable contributions the Daughters of Penelope have made in the spirit of Hellenism. I join in supporting this resolution and urge my colleagues to support it as well.

COMMENDING THE STAFF AT JOHNS HOPKINS BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, as Congress works to extend health insurance coverage and improve the quality of care for all Americans, I would like to commend the Johns

Hopkins Center for Innovative Medicine and their Aliko Initiative, an effort to restructure medical education with an emphasis on patient-centered care, for creating an innovative program that puts patients first. The Center for Innovative Medicine, launched five years ago by Dr. David Hellmann and Mr. Richard Paisner, has three goals: getting doctors to know their patients as people, members of families and communities; encouraging collaboration among all members of the Johns Hopkins Bayview campus; and creating a culture where everyone on the Bayview campus feels like a part of something special.

The Center's Aliko Initiative focuses on the first goal and has been called the most important innovation in graduate medical education in a generation by the renowned historian Dr. Kenneth Ludmerer. As described in *Pharos*, the journal of Alpha Omega Alpha, the honor society of medical schools, the Aliko Initiative seeks to train young doctors to get to know their patients as people. Through the generosity of Mrs. Aliko Perroti, internal medicine residents care for patients hospitalized at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center under the direction of Dr. Roy Ziegelstein and Dr. Cynthia Rand. This initiative emphasizes that optimal medical care can only be delivered if medical treatments are tailored to the individual patient, and this can only be done if doctors get to know patients better as people, which sometimes involves visiting them at home after hospital discharge. Dr. Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force, circulated the *Pharos* article to all Air Force Medical Service personnel and said, "It [the article] emphasizes the necessity for all of us to understand that health care must be patient-centric. We must know our patients and ensure schedules provide time for care teams to spend with patients. We must focus on the patients to help them achieve new levels of health."

Madam Speaker, I commend the hard-working people at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, the Center for Innovative Medicine and the Center's Aliko Initiative. Their work should be seen as a model for improving the quality of care for all Americans. I'd like to enter the full text of the *Pharos* article into the RECORD.

TEACHING RESIDENTS TO KNOW THEIR PATIENTS AS INDIVIDUALS

THE ALIKO INITIATIVE AT JOHNS HOPKINS
BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER

Neda Ratanawongsa, MD, MPH; Cynthia S. Rand, PhD; Cathleen F. Magill, MD, MHS; Jennifer Hayashi, MD; Lynsey Brandt, MD; Colleen Christmas, MD; Janet D. Record, MD; Eric E. Howell, MD; Molly A. Federowicz, MA; David B. Hellmann, MD; Roy C. Ziegelstein, MD

MS. P: CASE SUMMARY

Ms. P is a fifty-year-old woman with a history of hypertension who presented to the hospital with a severe allergic reaction to over-the-counter pain medications. During her hospitalization, Ms. P admitted to the intern that she had experienced the same allergic reaction before and felt ashamed that it had occurred again. In discussing how Ms. P organizes her medications, she also admitted that she only intermittently takes her blood pressure medications. She revealed that she is a busy caregiver for her mother and son, both of whom live with Ms. P and have complex medical problems of their own. The intern, consulting with her resident and attending, wondered how she can best help