

Improvement Act—would make this transferable benefit useful for more families. The current Post-9/11 G.I. bill statute allows children of servicemembers to use these transferred benefits up until age 26 but regulations essentially require that transfer to take place prior to that child turning age 23.

Mr. Speaker, I can find no valid policy reason for this gap. My bill would close this gap and allow children of servicemembers to be transferred these benefits up to the current limit on when they can use those benefits, age 26. This change is written in a way so that its impact is limited to just this program.

This gap was brought to my attention by a constituent, a veteran of multiple wars, who tried to transfer his Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to his daughter only to be blocked by the age limitation. I can only imagine his disappointment at finding out that he could not pass these hard earned benefits to the daughter he has loved and supported her whole life.

Age 26 is now widely recognized as a critical age up to which other important benefits for dependent children are being tied, including under the new health care reform law. Earlier this month, the FY 2011 National Defense Authorization Act that this House passed would extend coverage under TRICARE for dependent children up to age 26 to match the requirement in the health reform law. If this fix was appropriate for health care benefits, it certainly ought to be appropriate for education benefits.

When the Post-9/11 GI bill was passed we were primarily concerned with increasing the benefits available to our brave servicemen and servicewomen, not putting up more barriers to keep them from accessing them. Unfortunately, this oversight limits the scope of these new benefits in a way that was certainly unintended. With this legislation, we can correct this so all eligible dependents are provided access to the benefits this bill provides. I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 434, H.R. 4514—Colonel Charles Young Home Study Act, had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

HONORING ED MOODY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the journey of Ed Moody. Entrepreneur, citizen, veteran, and family man, Mr. Moody celebrates his 90th birthday among family, friends, and those who in the past nine decades are friends who have become Mr. Moody's family.

While stricken with the mumps, brothers Tom and Ed Moody passed the time by dreaming of opening a business of their own. Delayed by his honorable service in World

War II, Tom Moody opened Moody's Tire Company doors April 1, 1944. Ed Moody joined his brother two years later. Constantly seeking to offer a service of necessity and patriotism, Moody's Tire Company learned to retread tires after a freeze was placed on creating a new product. This spirit of devotion to community and country is woven throughout Ed Moody's life.

Ed Moody is known in his community as “Mr. Franklin.” His perfect attendance at the Franklin noon Rotary meeting, his devotion to the Boys and Girls Club of Franklin and Williamson County, and his commitment to the ideals of the greatest generation are just a few of the accolades his wife Eileen, their daughters Patsy and Rebecca, his four grandchildren and the rest of the Moody family celebrate today.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing “happy birthday” to Mr. Ed Moody. As we celebrate his birth and his lasting mark on the community of Franklin, Tennessee, we wish him many more years of life and love.

MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT'S CAMPAIGN OF PERSECUTION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the following op-ed which appeared in the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday, July 6. The Kingdom of Morocco, often portrayed as a beacon of tolerance in the Arab world, has shown its true colors with the recent expulsion of dozens of U.S. citizens and scores of foreign nationals without due process. I urge my colleagues to support these American citizens whose human rights have been violated by the Moroccan government.

[From the Wall Street Journal, July 6, 2010]

EXPULSED IN MOROCCO—U.S. ALLY
MISTREATS AMERICAN CHRISTIANS

Morocco has long been considered a bastion of relative religious tolerance in the Muslim world, but since March the government has summarily expelled dozens of Americans for Christian proselytizing.

Of the more than 100 Christians (some of them non-Americans) who have been deported—humanitarian workers, businessmen and teachers—many had lived in Morocco for more than a decade. Most were denied any semblance of due process, and some were given only a few hours to pack their bags. The government has provided little or no evidence of proselytizing, which is illegal in Morocco.

Eddie and Lynn Padilla had been foster parents in the Village of Hope, an orphanage located in the Atlas Mountains east of the capital of Rabat, where they were raising two Moroccan orphan boys under the age of two. The government has long known they are Christians and had granted them a 10-year visa.

That changed on March 9. After three days of police inspection and interrogation, the Padillas were given a few hours to gather their belongings. “It happened so fast that you didn't even really have time to feel the shock of it until later,” Mrs. Padilla told us in an interview. “The worst moment of it all was handing over the boys. . . . These children were abandoned by their birth mothers. We were their parents.”

Outside of the Christian press, the deportations have largely gone unnoticed. One man who has paid attention is Virginia Representative Frank Wolf, a Republican who co-chairs Congress's Human Rights Commission. In hearings last month, Mr. Wolf scored Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and U.S. Ambassador to Morocco Sam Kaplan for failing to speak up for the expelled Americans.

Mr. Wolf wants Congress to suspend its \$697.5 million five-year Millennium Challenge contract with Morocco. The program, which is intended to fight poverty, gives grants to countries based on factors like “ruling justly.” U.S. taxpayers won't tolerate financing governments that mistreat Americans solely because of their religion.

MEDIA SHOW DOUBLE STANDARD ON PROSECUTION OF MEDIA LEAKS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media strongly criticized former President George W. Bush for cracking down on leaks of classified information to the media.

Now, as the Obama Administration intensifies efforts to prosecute media leaks, the national media are mostly silent.

Even the New York Times noticed the double standard:

“In 17 months in office, President Obama has already outdone every previous president in pursuing leak prosecutions. His administration has taken actions that might have provoked sharp political criticism for his predecessor, George W. Bush, who was often in public fights with the press.”

The national media should give Americans the facts, not practice a double standard.

COMMENDING THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF THE EAGLES

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. LOEBSACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the Fraternal Order of the Eagles for their pledge to donate \$25 million over the course of the next five years in order to support diabetes research at the University of Iowa.

The Fraternal Order of the Eagles has recognized that diabetes has become an increasingly serious problem in this country, affecting over 23 million Americans. Their pledge to fund diabetes research at the University of Iowa represents an extraordinary commitment to researching better prevention and management techniques to improve the health of our nation.

The University of Iowa is consistently at the forefront of innovative research, and through this new partnership with the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, I am confident that we can discover new ways to reduce the devastating effects of diabetes.

HONORING TAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, JEFFREY KOCAB AND DAVID CURTIS

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my community as we mourn the deaths of two young Tampa Police Department Officers, Jeffrey Kocab and David Curtis, who were fatally shot in the line of duty.

Tampa families and neighborhoods value the service of the brave officers of the Tampa Police Department. On June 29th 2010 the city lost two valuable members of the forces. The officers were conducting a routine traffic stop when the passenger opened fire, hitting the officers. Both passed away at Tampa General Hospital that same morning.

Jeffrey Kocab began his law enforcement career 2006 and was honored as "Officer of the Year" and "Employee of the Month" on four separate occasions for his outstanding performance. Officer Kocab was an achiever who loved his work. In the fourteen months he was with the Tampa Police Department he established himself as a fine officer. His outstanding police skills allowed him to move through the department's training program at an accelerated pace and his work was a testament to his strong commitment to law enforcement.

David Curtis was a dedicated four-year Tampa officer. A native of Mobile, Alabama Curtis began working for Hillsborough County Sheriffs Department in 2002 where he was part of the Tactical Action Control team. During his tenure there, he went to Mississippi in 2005 to help with the recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina. He received outstanding evaluations throughout his time at the sheriff's office, but he knew he wanted to one day be a deputy or a police officer on the street. In 2006 he got that opportunity when he began with the Tampa Police Department where he was soon honored as "Employee of the Month" in recognition of his work with a complicated child neglect case. He loved participating in the honor guard and recognizing the people who have given their lives in the line of duty. Officer Curtis was always compassionate with others and was dedicated to his job and community.

Throughout the years we have lost several other police officers and together we honor their memories. Corporal Michael Joseph Roberts was shot and killed in 2009 while investigating a heavily armed man. During his 11 years with the Tampa Police Department he received 33 commendations and awards for his work, including the department's rare "Life Saving Award."

We will also always remember the day of May 19, 1998 when Detectives Ricky J. Childers and Randy Scott Bell were shot while transporting the murder suspect of a 4-year old boy. Both detectives were veteran officers of the Tampa Police Department and had received over 30 letters of commendation each during their service on the force. Their loss motivated changes in the Tampa Police Department's law and policy so officers could better protect themselves while in the line of duty.

On behalf of the generous and appreciative families of the Tampa Bay Area, I am proud to salute the outstanding service of these two young heroes and remember all those who have also sacrificed their life to serve their fellow citizens. I know that their families and communities are proud of them and of their accomplishments. These brave men gave their lives to protecting our city. For that, I rise today before the United States House of Representatives to honor the memory of Officers Jeffrey Kocab and David Curtis.

IN RECOGNITION OF GOOD SAMARITAN RON ROBINSON

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true hero from my district, Mr. Ron Robinson of Dunn, North Carolina. Mr. Robinson has shown outstanding courage, selflessness and bravery by risking his life to save victims of not one, but two separate car crashes in the past two months.

Once part of the Dunn rescue squad, Ron Robinson quickly put his experience and knowledge to work, helping those in a crucial time of need. A little over a month ago, two young people were in a tragic car accident outside of the Walmart in Dunn, NC. Mr. Robinson, who was shopping at the Walmart as the SUV slammed into the store, was the first to immediately run outside to help the teens trapped inside the vehicle. With his assistance, Triton High senior Dillon Tart, 18, survived the crash with minor injuries. As I honor Mr. Robinson's heroism, I also wish to pause for a moment to mourn Mr. Tart's Triton High classmate, Ashley Moore, who did not survive the crash, despite Mr. Robinson's efforts. This loss does not diminish Mr. Robinson's valor, but does remind us that not all rescues are in our hands.

This past Thursday, July 8, Mr. Robinson once again came face-to-face with a serious car accident, this one off of Interstate 95 in Dunn. The truck involved in the accident was already on fire as Ron approached the crash, but that didn't stop him from crawling into the vehicle and pulling the driver from the flames. Again, Mr. Robinson risked his life to save the life of another.

This kind of bravery and heroism just doesn't happen every day. It is people like Ron Robinson that truly embody the phrase "Good Samaritan" and remind us what it means to fulfill the directive to "help thy neighbor." I don't like to think what might have happened had Ron not been at the scene of those crashes, but fortunately he was and he serves as a true example of what it means to be part of a community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the heroism of an ordinary man performing extraordinary feats. His selflessness and readiness to help those in need is truly something to be admired. We in North Carolina are proud to call Ron Robinson our hometown hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, I was not present for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 434—"yea."

Roll No. 435—"yea."

Roll No. 436—"yea."

CONGRATULATING JAMIE OLIVER FOR HIS EMMY NOMINATION

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I bring to my colleagues' attention today Jamie Oliver, who has been nominated for an Emmy for his television series, "Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution," which focused on the children of Huntington, West Virginia. Mr. Oliver highlighted the importance of a community's dedication to improving their kid's health through what they eat and fostering cooperative partnerships with the Cabell County School District, a community kitchen, and by working with families one-on-one to reach their goal.

Jamie Oliver's show helped Cabell County School District transform their meals to include more fresh foods, which is helping our children to improve their health from an early age.

As our nation faces an obesity epidemic, we need to encourage every effort to improve the meals served in our schools. "Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution" did just that—and Cabell County School District is continuing to implement his program. Mr. Oliver is a leader in the fight against obesity and I am thankful that he and his staff were able to share their lessons with West Virginia.

To support the efforts begun by "Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution," I am also currently drafting legislation that would create a grant program for school districts, like Cabell County, that seek to improve the health of their students by implementing a nutrition program that provides healthier, less-processed foods to their students.

If federal funds can provide the funding boost school districts need to provide healthier foods, I want to make sure we can set aside those funds to encourage these great initiatives. Studies show a healthier diet promotes the physical well being and academic development of our young people. I believe in the program's potential to pave the way to more nutritious menus in our schools, across W. Va. and the nation.

West Virginia has been at the forefront of efforts to improve school nutrition for the past five years—in fact it was the first state to implement many of the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine, which exceed the current national standards for school nutrition. Mr. Oliver's show continued this effort and definitely made an impact on the entire region and I believe our children will be better for it.

I offer my sincere congratulations to Jamie and wish him the best of luck at the Emmys in August.