

group of workers and hopefully help them start on the road to retirement security. We urge our colleagues to join us in supporting "The Automatic IRA Act of 2010."

RECOGNIZING BECKLEY IMPACT

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Beckley Impact, a very special team of 16 and under softball players from my native town of Beckley, West Virginia.

This talented group of young ladies recently won the WV United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Championship and recently returned from Florida having competed in the USSSA World Series. Now the 9th ranked team in the Nation, originally formed in 1999, the team ended its recent tournament with a 3–3 record and 24–8 overall record.

While I applaud these players for their hard work, commitment and dedication to softball, I would also like to commend them for serving as a great inspiration to others both on and off of the field. Just recently, each of the team members dedicated herself to play in honor of the West Virginia coal miners who perished in the Upper Big Branch mining disaster in April. Most every family on this team had a relative, friend or neighbor who died in this tragedy.

In what has become a tradition, and a very meaningful moment, immediately following each game, the team invites their opponents to join them in a group prayer on the field, whether they won or lost.

It is my honor to salute this wonderful team, these giving individuals—Eryn Buchanon, Alexandria Garris, Alyssa Hunt, Kelci Jones, Alexa McCormack, MacKenzie Milam, Ashleigh Mills, Katie Muovich, Andrea Roles, Alissa Ward, Randi Wright, team manager Randy Hunt, and coaches Patti Ward and Willie Wright.

Their effort is aided and strongly supported by an array of local businesses who serve as sponsors. We recognize their commitment and dedication to this worthwhile community activity for our youth.

This partnership of coaches, team managers, small business, proud parents and players helps guide our youth to more productive adulthood and helps build citizens for our cities, towns, states and Nation who care and contribute of themselves in due turn. A valuable lesson for us all.

HONORING PETER SILVESTRI

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peter Silvestri on his receipt of the Illinois State Crime Commission's award of Municipal Leader of the Year for 2010. The commission chose Silvestri due to his exceptional leadership skills at the county and municipal levels as Cook County Commissioner and the Village of Elmwood Park president.

Elected in 1994 as Cook County Commissioner of the ninth district, Silvestri has played

a crucial role in nearly every area of county concern. He chairs the Zoning and Building Committee, the Building Ordinance Commission, the Litigation Subcommittee and the Environmental Control Committee. As Chairman of Environmental Control, he convened a committee of community representatives, engineers and environmentalists to discuss the Forest Preserve's proposed Storm Water Management Plan. Additionally, he sponsored an amendment to the building code to change group homes of 8 or less residents from multi-unit requirements to single family requirements, for which he will receive the President's Award from Oak Leyden Developmental Services. He serves as vice-chairman of more committees than any other commissioner. He also memorialized fallen police officers through the Cook County Peace Officer's Memorial.

As Elmwood Park President since 1989, Silvestri prides himself on an increase in building construction and expansion of village parks. During his tenure, the Village of Elmwood Park has seen a new public safety building, family aquatic center and gymnasium, and public library, as well as expanded open park space now known as Central Park. Additionally, he and the Village Board of Trustees enhanced the education requirements and training for drug and gang prevention and enforcement at the municipal police department.

While Pete Silvestri has received many awards, he sees himself as a caretaker for every person in the village and the county. I have seen firsthand Pete's extensive involvement in the community, and I applaud him on being named Municipal Leader of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Peter Silvestri on the Illinois State Crime Commission's acknowledgment of his positive effects throughout Chicago.

SPECIAL THANKS TO A VERY SPECIAL NATIVE SON: A TRIBUTE TO JIMMY BUFFETT FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE GULF COAST

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the past few months have been tremendously stressful on the people of America's Gulf Coast as our area has been overwhelmed with the worst-ever offshore oil-spill in U.S. history.

Not a day has passed since the April 20th explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig—which left 11 dead and many others injured—that coastal residents in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida haven't had to deal with the economic, ecological and environmental fears associated with this tragedy.

For many, our way of life and everything we have known—and loved—has been threatened. Even today, as news comes that the well has been permanently capped, there continues to be legitimate concerns about what the long-term scars will be in communities like Grand Isle, Pass Christian and Perdido Key.

Specifically, Alabama's coastal towns of Bayou La Batre, Dauphin Island, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach have been especially hard-

hit, with direct impact on our fisheries community, seafood processors and commercial and recreational boaters, not to mention hundreds of small, family-owned businesses that dot the Alabama Gulf Coast like seashells that wash up with the morning tide.

While the concern no doubt continues and the challenges, in many ways, remain daunting, Gulf Coast residents were recently treated to a brief respite from the worry and stress that has been hovering over our area like a Category 5 storm out on the Gulf.

As such, it is with a heartfelt voice of pride and gratitude from Parrot Heads all over the country that I rise today to give thanks to musical legend—and native son—Jimmy Buffett for his uplifting, outstanding performance on the white, sugar sandy beaches of Gulf Shores, Alabama, where Jimmy and some of his friends entertained over 35,000 people with a free concert on July 11.

Everything that afternoon—from the clear blue skies to the emerald green waters (without oil, I might add) led to a truly festive and remarkably uplifting performance. Without a doubt, Jimmy and his friends provided some much needed tonic for an area that has been in bad need of a big boost!

Jimmy—it's kind of hard to call him "Mr. Buffett" when he often goes to work barefoot, wearing only shorts and a t-shirt—is truly a man of many talents.

As his fans around the country know, he was born in Pascagoula but grew up in Mobile, attending St. Ignatius as a little boy and graduating high school from McGill Institute. A few years later, he received a history degree from the University of Southern Mississippi but long before he left the Mobile City Limits, Jimmy was well on his way to making a name for himself as a musical talent.

Today, Jimmy Buffett is known around the world for hits such as "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise." Over the years, his 30 albums have earned 8 Gold Albums and 9 Platinum or Multi Platinum Albums. And in 2003, Jimmy was awarded the Country Music Award for his hit single with Alan Jackson, "It's Five O'clock Somewhere."

But not only is Jimmy a great singer and performer, he is also a highly successful songwriter, author, businessman, and movie producer. He owns or licenses two famous restaurants named after two of his very popular songs, "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise."

Outside of his busy work life, Jimmy manages to go above and beyond with his charity efforts. In 1981, Jimmy and Bob Graham, former governor and senator from Florida, founded the Save the Manatee Club, a strong-willed group that is leading the world in preservation efforts of the West Indian Manatee.

In addition, he generously funded The "Singing for Change" foundation from his 1995 concert tour which provided grants to local charities concerning children and family, the environment and also disenfranchised groups.

Madam Speaker, when the chips were down and spirits were mighty low, it was our very own "Son of a Son of a Sailor" who came home to South Alabama to help remind his friends, his family and all who watched the concert live on CMT that the Gulf Coast will weather this storm—as we have so many others—if we'll just keep the faith and stick together.

And it is on behalf of a grateful Gulf Coast community that I would like to offer my deepest appreciation to Jimmy Buffett for what he did on the afternoon of July 11th to remind us all of what it will again be like "When the Coast is Clear." Thanks, Jimmy.

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL
GOLD MEDAL TO THE WORLD
WAR II MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL
AIR PATROL

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5859, which will award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

During World War II, the volunteer members of the Civil Air Patrol—civilian men and women ranging in age from 19 to 81—provided extraordinary public and combat services at a critical time of need for the nation.

Civil Air Patrol members used their own aircraft to perform a myriad of essential tasks for the military and the entire country, including attacks on enemy submarines off the Atlantic coast and the Gulf of Mexico.

The Civil Air Patrol was established on December 1, 1940, one week before the attack on Pearl Harbor. After performing exemplary service in WWII, the Civil Air Patrol was chartered by Congress as a nonprofit, public service organization and in 1948 as the Auxiliary of the United States Air Force.

The Civil Air Patrol was initially mobilized in response to a massive German Navy submarine offensive off the east coast of the United States that targeted oil tankers and other critical shipping.

As 52 tankers were sunk by enemy submarines between January and March 1942 alone, neither the Navy nor Army had sufficient resources to patrol and protect the coastline—threatening the entire war effort.

The Civil Air Patrol Coastal Patrol undertook the challenge of protecting our sea lanes and supporting the military's efforts at this critical time. From March 1942 until August 1943, more than 40,000 volunteers at 21 Civil Air Patrol bases stretching from Maine to Texas coordinated thousands of patrols, investigations, and convoy missions.

Heroic Civil Air Patrol Coastal Patrol aircrews were responsible for attacking 57 submarines—destroying or damaging two—as well as reporting nearly 200 submarine positions, 17 floating mines, and 91 vessels and 363 survivors in distress.

In addition to the work of its Coastal Patrol, the Civil Air Patrol also established itself as a vital wartime service to the military, states, and communities across the nation.

These brave volunteers engaged in an impressive array of missions including border patrol, forest fire patrol, courier flights for mail and urgent deliveries, emergency transportation of personnel, search and rescue, and various military support duties. Overall, during the war the Civil Air Patrol undertook tens of thousands of missions and logged hundreds of thousands of flight hours in defense of our country.

The Civil Air Patrol's WWII service came at the high cost of 64 fatalities and 150 aircraft

lost. Indeed, the courage and sacrifice of the estimated 200,000 civilians in the Civil Air Patrol exemplifies the spirit and dedication of an entire generation who were willing to risk their lives for America and the cause of freedom.

In recognition of this remarkable volunteer service and commendable record, H.R. 5859 will award a single gold medal collectively in honor of the WWII members of the Civil Air Patrol.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the valuable wartime service rendered by the civilian volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol by supporting this legislation.

INTRODUCING H.R. 6081, THE STEM
CELL THERAPEUTIC AND RE-
SEARCH REAUTHORIZATION ACT
OF 2010

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, today, I along with Congresswoman MATSUI, introduced H.R. 6081, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2010. This important bipartisan legislation will reauthorize for five years the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) and the National Cord Blood Inventory Program. These life-saving programs are set to expire on September 30th, so it is my hope that the Congress takes up and passes this legislation quickly. In drafting H.R. 6081, Congresswoman MATSUI and I worked with Senator HATCH who has introduced the Senate version of this measure along with Senators DODD, BURR, REED, ENSIGN, and FRANKEN.

Specifically, the legislation would:

Recognize that medical consensus supports a national inventory of more than 150,000 cord blood units by modifying the national goal;

Extend the term of initial and contract extensions from three to five years, making it easier for banks to engage in long-term relationship building with birthing hospitals;

Require cord blood banks to establish a plan for increasing cord blood unit collections and/or expand the number of collection sites with which they work;

Require cord blood banks to provide a plan for becoming self-sufficient, a core tenant of the original authorizing legislation;

Clarify the minimum timeframe for maintaining NCBI cord blood units on the National Registry;

Correct the definition of "first-degree relative";

Authorize \$23 millions for FY 2011 through FY 2014 and \$20 million for FY 2015 for the NCBI (when combined with the funding levels for the Program, the overall bill does not increase federal spending);

Allow HRSA to allocate funds appropriated in one year in the following year, as needed, for both the Program and the NCBI;

Update the annual reporting requirements for the Program;

Enhance the studies, demonstration programs, and outreach projects related to cord blood donation and collection to include exploring innovative technologies, novel approaches, and expanding the number of collection sites;

Update the confidentiality language that applies to adult donors to make it consistent with the requirements for cord blood donors and existing federal and state privacy laws;

Authorize \$30 million for FY 2011 through FY 2014 and \$33 million for FY 2015 for the Program (when combined with the funding levels for the NCBI, the overall bill does not increase federal spending);

Require a GAO report due one year after enactment to review studies, demonstration programs, and outreach efforts for the purpose of increasing cord blood unit donation and collection for the NCBI to ensure high-quality and genetically diverse inventory of cord blood units.

Madam Speaker, I would like to enter into the record a letter from the CEO of the National Marrow Donor Program, Jeffrey Chell, M.D., urging us to approve this legislation prior to September 30th. When the Congress originally created the NMDP in 1986, some thought we would only be able to register 50,000 eligible donors. Since that time, the NMDP has added over 8 million eligible donors to the national registry and has performed over 40,000 transplants. This program has exceeded expectations and saved thousands of lives throughout the years. H.R. 6081 has bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate, and I urge my colleagues to support its adoption to reauthorize the NMDP. It is truly a life saving program and this legislation will ensure that it continues without disruption.

AUGUST 9, 2010.

Re Reauthorization of the C.W. Bill Young
Cell Transplantation Program and the
National Cord Blood Inventory

Hon. C.W. BILL YOUNG,

Hon. DORIS MATSUI,

House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES: I am writing on behalf of the National Marrow Donor Program to convey our strong support of the reauthorization of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program (Program) and the National Cord Blood Inventory (NCBI). We applaud the efforts of Congressman Young and Congresswoman Matsui in introducing today's legislation and the continued bipartisan support for these life-saving programs. We especially want to thank their staff for their continued efforts. Because the NCBI sunsets at the end of the fiscal year, we encourage the Congress to support passage of this important legislation before October 1.

Every year approximately 12,000 patients search the national registry for a life-saving donor or cord blood unit. To ensure that all patients have access to these types of adult stem cell transplants, Congress must maintain its support of the Program and the NCBI. We commend the dedication of Reps. Young and Matsui, along with Senators Hatch, Dodd, Burr, Reed, Ensign, and Franken who introduced legislation in the Senate last week. Their hard work has resulted in a bipartisan and fiscally responsible bill, which will assist the NMDP in advancing our life-saving mission.

The reauthorization maintains important components of the existing programs, including a single point of access and a focus on building a diverse registry of adult donors and cord blood units. It also includes modifications necessary to continue the successful work of these programs.

The NMDP is dedicated to creating an opportunity for all patients to receive the transplant therapy they need, when they need it. Through a competitive process, the