

HONORING MR. IAN SEIVWRIGHT
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-
TIREMENT AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF
THE WESTERN SPRINGS FIRE
DEPARTMENT AFTER 50 YEARS
OF SERVICE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ian Seivwright, who has contributed to the safety and welfare of Western Springs residents over the last 50 years as a member of the Western Springs Fire Department. His final day with the fire department will be October 1, 2010.

Western Springs was founded in 1886 and established its fire department eight years later in 1894. During its 115-year history, the fire department has been invaluable to the residents of Western Springs thanks to the bravery and commitment of its volunteer, full-time, and part-time firefighters.

As a member of the Western Springs Fire Department for almost half of its long history, Mr. Seivwright has touched many lives, whether through extinguishing fires, saving lives, or by leading and teaching young firefighters. Mr. Seivwright showed an early interest in firefighting and public service at age 13 when he was a junior high student in Western Springs. He would observe and follow local firefighters, waiting for the day when he would be old enough to serve. Mr. Seivwright eventually became a full-time member of the Western Springs Fire Department, and thanks to his skill, integrity, and dedication, rose to the position of Deputy Chief.

In addition to serving his community, Ian Seivwright also served his country as an officer in the United States Navy in the late 1960s and early 1970s, where he distinguished himself in his service with the Pacific fleet.

Mr. Seivwright's commitment to residents of Western Springs and the fire department will be sorely missed as he retires. He has been a great asset to his community. His retirement is truly worthy of special recognition and commendation.

Mr. Seivwright has inspired those around him to be courageous, helpful, and professional just as he has been. I am certain his legacy will continue to motivate young public servants for years to come.

I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Ian Seivwright for his work on behalf of the residents of Western Springs, and to wish him a well-deserved, long, and happy retirement.

HONORING TYLER RADER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Rader. Tyler 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 394, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tyler has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tyler constructed two outdoor benches to allow people who come to the local Harvesters food pantry a place to sit and eat.

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

IN TRIBUTE TO JUDGE STEVE MCGUIRE

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to the Honorable Judge Steve McGuire, an eight term County Judge of Mississippi County, Arkansas. For 16 years he has worked hard to maintain a strong, unified Mississippi County that has benefited in overall wealth, job growth, and prosperity for its residents. Over the years, he has kept an open ear and mind to everyone he has worked with, and although he surely deserves his retirement he will be missed by all.

Steve has been a lifelong resident of Mississippi County. After graduating from the University of Arkansas with a business background, he earned an advanced degree in Agricultural Engineering.

A former intelligence officer of the U.S. Navy himself, Steve made it an important part of his life to continue to support veterans as a member of both the American Legion Post 24 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7075.

Steve has continued to share his knowledge and passion throughout his career as a member of the Osceola Rotary Club, Arkansas Waterways Association, Lower Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association, County Judges Association, Blytheville/Gosnell Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors, and as an Honorary Board Member of both the Blytheville and Osceola Chambers of Commerce.

I wish Steve, his wife of 46 years, Anne Tyler, and the rest of his family all my love and respect, and a long happy retirement.

CHRISTOPHER BRYSKI STUDENT LOAN PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the passage of H.R. 5458.

Like all of my colleagues, I receive thousands of pieces of mail a week. When a letter from my constituent Ryan Bryski came across my desk I knew I had to act.

Ryan's brother Christopher, for whom this bill is named, was a young man attending Rut-

gers University when he suffered a traumatic brain injury after an accidental fall.

Christopher was in a vegetative state for 2 years before his passing in 2006.

For a parent, that situation would have been enough to endure, but for the Bryski family, their suffering was far more than just the loss of their youngest son.

Like most college students, Christopher had to borrow money to finance his education.

He had received loans through both the Federal Government as well as a private lender. Like most college aged kids, Christopher did not have enough credit to receive a private loan on his own, so his father Joseph co-signed his loan.

Federal loans discharge upon the death of a student, however private loans do not. Since Joseph cosigned Christopher's loan he was now responsible to pay it back in full.

This situation puzzled the Bryski family because nowhere in their loan contract was a clause specifying what would happen to the loan upon the borrower or cosigner's death or disability.

Their lender told them that according to the bank Christopher's persistent vegetative state and subsequent death was a simple "inability to pay," so the financial burden was placed on Joseph.

This was not the only problem the Bryskis encountered after their son's fatal accident.

Due to the fact that Christopher was over 18 when he left home to attend school he was, according to the law, an adult who was able to make his own financial, legal, and health care decisions.

With Christopher in a vegetative state, his parent needed to maintain his financial standing with his school, as well as pay his bills and fulfill all of his contracts.

The Bryskis spent countless time and money regaining custody of their own son so that they could prevent him from defaulting on other bills in case he should recover.

They were not only being responsible parents, but responsible Americans.

The Bryskis also endured a personal interview of Christopher, so that the courts could be sure Christopher was indeed unable to make decisions on his behalf. Literally, someone from the court came to Christopher's hospital room and yelled in his face to ensure that he would not respond and he was indeed in a vegetative state.

As a father of 4 boys, 2 of whom are in college, I cannot imagine going through what the Bryskis went through.

This is why I introduced H.R. 5458 the Christopher Bryski Student Loan Protection Act or Christopher's Law.

This bill would help prevent other families from going through what the Bryskis did by ensuring that private educational lenders clearly describe the obligations of borrowers and cosigners upon their death or disability—what the banks call "an inability to pay." The rest of us would call it a family tragedy.

Christopher's Law will also urge the Federal Reserve Board to adopt and interpret the same definitions of death and disability as the Department of Education, mainstreaming and clarifying the law.

This bill does not require that private loans be discharged in case of death or disability. It simply requires private educational lenders to define death and disability so that borrowers and cosigners can refer to these definitions should a catastrophe happen to their family.

It also states that the private education lender as well as the Federal Government must provide information on creating a durable power of attorney to handle the borrower's financial affairs should the borrower be unable to make those decisions on their own.

In other words, borrower and lender must be on the same page.

Since I introduced this legislation I have been approached by other families in my district with the same problems the Bryskis encountered.

Giving students and their families more choices to protect them against disability or death is an important step. Our ultimate goal should be giving all students and families this protection. I would urge lenders to consider looking at student loan debt forgiveness in the case of death or disability as the Federal Government does. This is also an area where the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau could play a role, and that agency does not need to wait for an act of Congress.

I believe this is a common-sense bipartisan piece of legislation that deserves the support of this entire body.

I would like to thank Chairman MILLER and Chairman FRANK for bringing this important legislation to the floor.

I urge its passage.

HONORING KEN NORBIE

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ken Norbie of St. Cloud, Minnesota for his contributions as "Volunteer of the Year" to St. Cloud Hospital.

Since 1990, Ken has logged in over 4,000 hours of volunteer time with Imaging Services, Mended Heart and Facility Tours. He has made a lasting impression on everyone at the hospital through his caring and compassionate manner. The traits, along with his dedication, make him a wonderful choice for the "Volunteer of the Year" award from St. Cloud Hospital.

Ken is truly a blessing to the patients, staff and faculty at St. Cloud Hospital, and I ask this body join me in recognizing the important contributions he has made to the hospital and the surrounding community.

MEDIA SHOW BIAS IN IMMIGRATION COVERAGE

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media have shown a clear liberal bias in their coverage of immigration.

For example, The New York Times frequently give large amounts of coverage to small pro-amnesty protests, but they ignore or downplay big protests by conservative groups.

This week, The Times featured a 1200-word story about a rally of "dozens" in support of the DREAM Act, which would grant amnesty to millions of individuals.

Earlier this year, The Times covered pro-amnesty demonstrations with as few as four or five protesters.

The Times is not alone in their biased coverage of immigration. By a margin of 12 to 1, the television networks featured more negative reports than positive reports about Arizona's immigration enforcement law; according to a Media Research Center analysis.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not advocate for a liberal, pro-amnesty agenda.

HONORING GEORGE AND PATTI LYNETT ON RECEIVING THE AT- TORNEY ROBERT W. MUNLEY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM LACKAWANNA PRO BONO

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. George and Patti Lynett on receiving the Attorney Robert W. Munley Distinguished Service Award from Lackawanna Pro Bono.

Lackawanna Pro Bono is a non-profit organization established in 1997 to increase the availability of free legal representation for low-income individuals and families throughout Lackawanna County.

Over the past 13 years they have organized local attorneys to volunteer their time to provide representation in over 2,000 cases, and in the process have helped nearly 5,000 residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Lackawanna Pro Bono will host its second annual Fundraising Gala on October 21, 2010 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. For the second year, Lackawanna Pro Bono will honor a select number of individuals and organizations who have demonstrated excellent service to the community with its Attorney Robert W. Munley Distinguished Service Award.

This year's group of deserving recipients includes Mr. and Mrs. George and Patti Lynett of Scranton.

George Lynett graduated from Scranton Preparatory School before attending Holy Cross College. After graduation from Holy Cross, he received his MBA from The University of Scranton before attending Georgetown University Law Center. He is the former publisher of the Times-Tribune and chief executive officer of Times-Shamrock Communications.

Patti Lynett graduated from St. Paul High School before attending Marywood University. From 1982 to 1992 she was the co-owner of Helen Schwartz Gifts.

Over the past few decades, Mr. and Mrs. Lynett have been involved with numerous organizations throughout the community.

Mr. Lynett has served as chairman of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, Scranton Preparatory School, the Pennsylvania Newspaper Foundation, Allied Services, Marywood University and the Scranton Area Foundation.

Mrs. Lynett has served as chair of the board of the United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties, and as a board member of Scranton

Preparatory School, Marywood University, NEPA Philharmonic, St. Joseph's Center, and Catholic Social Services. She is currently a board member of Moses Taylor Hospital and the Physicians Health Alliance.

Together, Mr. and Mrs. Lynett chaired the United Way Drive of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties in 2009.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynett currently reside in Scranton. They are the parents of four children, Sheila, George, Jimmy, and Sharon.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing George and Patti Lynett. Together they have improved the lives of a countless number of residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING JEAN-LUC TIERNEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jean-Luc Tierney. Jean-Luc 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 394, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jean-Luc has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jean-Luc has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jean-Luc has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jean-Luc constructed two outdoor picnic tables to be used by his high school teachers.

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

CHRISTOPHER BRYSKI STUDENT LOAN PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5458, which would help families avoid financial uncertainty by requiring banks providing student loans to inform borrowers and cosigners of their obligations in case of incapacity or death; to define those terms in a standard way; and to discuss the option of credit insurance, which helps pay off debt in the event of death.

I want to thank my colleague, Congressman JOHN H. ADLER, for introducing this legislation. I would also like to express my deepest condolences to the family of Christopher Bryski.

Mr. Speaker, the Bryskis are hardworking people who in 2006 lost their son Christopher in a recreational accident, a tragedy no parent should ever have to endure and certainly one that the Bryskis could never have anticipated. In the midst of this tragedy, the Bryskis were unexpectedly burdened with Christopher's remaining student loan debt. As they soon found