

That is why I rise in support today of H.R. 5462, the Birth Defect Prevention, Risk Reduction, and Awareness Act of 2010. This legislation establishes a grant program to revitalize the Nation's network of pregnancy risk information services.

These services offer pregnant women and their health care providers information and consultation regarding exposures to medications, chemicals, infections, and illnesses that may pose a risk of birth defects, a risk to the pregnancy, or a risk to the mother while pregnant. They also provide similar information on exposures during breastfeeding.

Fifteen years ago, there were over 30 such services across the country. Today, there are fewer than 15. State and private funding has provided inadequate support, and even those that remain open have sustained budget cuts of as much as 60 percent. And there are currently no Federal programs to provide support for these counseling services.

This bill remedies that oversight. It gives mothers the information they need to protect their children. And it will help reduce the frequency of birth defects in our Nation. I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING MR. BILL KLING FOR HIS SERVICE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William "Bill" Kling for his continued service to America's veterans. Mr. Kling's unwavering patriotism and continued dedication to America's heroes are to be highly commended.

Bill Kling served in the Navy during the Second World War. It was during his time in the Navy that Mr. Kling developed an unceasing devotion to his fellow servicemen. For over 35 years since, Mr. Kling has served his fellow veterans living in south Florida through community service and political activism.

Mr. Kling currently serves as the chair of the Broward County Veterans Council (BCVC), a coalition of 57 organizations in Broward and Palm Beach Counties that operates under a common plan to protect and implement benefits for veterans.

Uniting behind its mission "To Serve and Unite our Veterans," the BCVC has achieved substantial benefits for our veterans under Mr. Kling's leadership. As an advocate for better health care for veterans, Mr. Kling led the drive to build the new state-of-the-art Broward County VA Outpatient Clinic in Sunrise, FL. In addition to a successful campaign for a veterans state nursing home located in Pembroke Pines—a crucial service for veterans living in south Florida—Mr. Kling and the BCVC were also instrumental in delivering a VA hospital to Palm Beach, FL.

Mr. Kling's leadership has even had a national impact. Mr. Kling and the BCVC are responsible for the implementation of the handicapped parking signs that are now ubiquitous in shopping malls and public areas across America.

Bill Kling's most recent service to America's veterans has focused on national legislation

and keeping the BCVC's member organizations informed so that they may act accordingly. Mr. Kling has been an outspoken critic of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and a leading voice in the fight for its repeal. Additionally, Mr. Kling has been actively working to ensure that military families receive the same benefits as private citizens under America's recent landmark health care reform. Mr. Kling's leadership will help 700,000 young adults whose families are members of TRICARE, which covers military families, become eligible for health insurance coverage.

I have always valued Mr. Kling's insights and advice, and I proudly salute his exceptional service to our nation's veterans and, indeed, to all Americans. Not only is Bill Kling an American hero, Madam Speaker, he is a living testimony to the spirit of national service and a true role model.

HONORING CRAIG ZIMPHER

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize a fellow Ohioan and diligent public servant. Craig Zimpher, a friend and native of Piqua, Ohio, is retiring from Nationwide Insurance, after a dignified career in which he served both his country and the State of Ohio.

Craig began to distinguish himself as a young man while pursuing his education at the Ohio State University. While earning a B.A. and M.A. in history, Craig served as a resident advisor in the dean of student's office, where he helped design the honors undergraduate residential program. To this day, he remains active in the Ohio State University alumni community. Upon his graduation, he served as a first lieutenant in the United States Army; and, in 1973, he continued his commitment to public service by going to work as the policy director for the minority leader in the Ohio House of Representatives. In this role, Craig advised legislative leaders on a broad range of public policy issues facing Ohio families and businesses. Subsequently, Craig served as the deputy assistant to former Ohio Governor James Rhodes, where he coordinated policy research, drafted legislative proposals for Ohio, and advised the Governor on state regulatory matters. In 1980, he became a member of the Governor's cabinet, serving as the chairman of the Ohio Industrial Commission, where he administered the State's insurance program.

At the end of this year, Craig, a Vice President of Nationwide Insurance, will retire after nearly 30 years with the company. Craig is well liked and respected by his colleagues. He is happily married to Park Zimpher, and they are the proud parents of three sons, Fletch, Peter and Nate. Craig is an avid student of history and enjoys fishing and golf, pastimes he will hopefully have more time for in the months and years to come. I want to thank Craig Zimpher for his service to his country and Ohio, and I wish him good health and Godspeed in his retirement.

CELEBRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Republic of China as it celebrates its 99th National Day on October 10th, 2010. This festive holiday, known as Double Ten Day, celebrates the start of the Wuchang Uprising in 1911, which led to the collapse of the Qing Dynasty in China and the establishment of the Republic of China.

The Republic of China has become a model of economic and democratic success in Asia. Through the diligence and ingenuity of the Taiwanese people, their economy continues to flourish and has become one of the strongest in the region. In the last few decades, the Republic of China on Taiwan has held several democratic elections and peaceful transfers of power. The Republic of China continues to serve as a shining example of a free and democratic nation in Asia.

The United States and the Republic of China remain close friends and allies through their mutual commitment to democratic principles, freedom, and entrepreneurship. Madam Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Republic of China as it celebrates the 99th National Day.

HONORING MOLINA HEALTHCARE

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I would like to bring attention to Molina Healthcare, a managed care organization that provides healthcare services to families and individuals eligible for government-sponsored programs.

Thirty years ago, Dr. C. Molina, an emergency room physician, saw a need to provide quality healthcare for patients regardless of their financial status. Consequently, Molina Healthcare was started.

Molina Healthcare is dedicated to addressing the disparities in healthcare in order to positively impact members' long term health and well-being. In addition, Molina Healthcare is devoted to serving the community and positively impacting the neighborhoods they serve.

The vision of Molina Healthcare is consistent during Hispanic Heritage Month. They understand the need to develop linguistically and culturally sensitive healthcare programs members. I applaud Molina Healthcare, for reaching out to low-income children and women in rural counties in Texas through the Children's Health Insurance and Prenatal Plan. Lastly, I congratulate Molina Healthcare, for being named the 2010 largest Hispanic-owned business in the United States by Hispanic Business Magazine.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MR. JOE HUBBARD

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary life of Mr. Joe Hubbard, a tireless advocate and dedicated servant for people in need.

For 50 years in the East St. Louis community, Joe Hubbard has been the person that people turn to when they have nowhere else to turn. When a single mother needs shelter and food for her children; when a family has seen all their possessions destroyed in a fire; when an unemployed father has lost all hope of finding a job; or when an elderly person comes to the end of life with no family or friends to see them through their final days, there has been one response—call Joe Hubbard.

Joe Hubbard learned about families in need the hard way. His father experienced a debilitating workplace injury when Joe was young, forcing his family into financial hardship and requiring them to accept assistance from others. No doubt this early experience, in concert with Joe's deep Christian faith and the example of some compassionate mentors, played a significant role in setting him on his life's mission of helping those less fortunate.

As a young man, Joe became involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and began to expand his work with the poor through that organization. Realizing the need to provide an organizational foundation to capitalize on Joe's dedication and energy, the Catholic Diocese of Belleville began Catholic Urban Programs with Joe as Coordinator, a position he has held to this day.

There are those who say that Joe Hubbard can accomplish more with one phone call than others could with a week's work. In the past 50 years, Joe has developed many contacts and knows how to pull the right resources together to solve a problem. But Joe Hubbard is not just a high-level administrator. Joe goes into the broken homes and squalid apartments to deliver assistance. He visits the sick and elderly and those in prison. He delivers the food and clothing to families. He holds the hands of people as they lay dying, listening to their final words and seeing to it that they are laid to rest with dignity.

Joe Hubbard has received many accolades for the work he has done ministering to the poor and needy in his community but that has never been what drives him. Joe's faith, his family and many friends and service to his fellow man are important to him. Joe has been quoted, "When you are created in the image and likeness of God . . . We all have a common bond of love." This statement probably best explains what has kept Joe Hubbard doing God's work for his fellow man for these past 50 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Joe Hubbard for a lifetime of compassionate care and to wish him the very best in the future.

CONGRATULATING JOSEPH A.
PAGLIANITE ON RECEIVING THE
ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF LUZERNE COUNTY'S
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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. Joseph A. Paglianite, this year's recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement" award from the Italian American Association of Luzerne County.

The Italian American Association of Luzerne County will hold its 33rd annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on October 10, 2010.

The Association currently has over 200 members.

Each year, the Association honors one of its members with its "Lifetime Achievement" award. Members meeting broad criteria are nominated and the award is ultimately selected by the Association's Board of Directors.

This year's recipient is Joseph A. Paglianite of Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Paglianite was born in Wyoming, Pennsylvania on October 13, 1925. He is the son of Antonio and Mary Paglianite.

Mr. Paglianite graduated from Wyoming High School before working as a welder and inspector in the aircraft manufacturing industry.

After a short time working in the aircraft manufacturing industry, Mr. Paglianite was motivated by his Uncle's pizzeria to change careers and enter into the pizza business. In 1953, he opened Joe's Pizza in Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania.

By 1960, with the help of his brother-in-law, Mr. Paglianite had transformed Joe's Pizza into Grotto Pizza, and they opened their first restaurant in Delaware. Over the next few years, Grotto Pizza's success in Delaware led to more locations throughout the state.

In 1988, a fire destroyed the original restaurant in Pennsylvania. Mr. Paglianite and his family rebuilt a new 650-seat restaurant on the original site, and two more restaurants in Edwardsville and Wilkes-Barre quickly followed.

Today, along with the three locations in Northeastern Pennsylvania, there exist eighteen Grotto Pizza restaurants in Delaware.

Mr. Paglianite's success as an entrepreneur has been an inspiration throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

This year, the Luzerne County Community College will open the Joseph A. Paglianite Culinary Institute. Mr. Paglianite has donated over one million dollars to LCCC for the development of the new Culinary Institute and a scholarship program for first-year culinary students.

Mr. Paglianite is a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club and a member of the Gate of Heaven Roman Catholic Church in Dallas.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Joseph A. Paglianite on this auspicious occasion. His hard work and generosity will continue to live on in northeastern Pennsylvania for generations.

HONORING U.S. MARINE CORPORAL
AARON HOWELL

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, United States Marine Cpl Aaron Howell from Potsdam, New York. On April 22, 2010, during a mortar attack in Afghanistan, Corporal Howell lost both his legs and most of his fingers on one hand. Close to death, he somehow summoned the will to live. His life and his experiences are an inspiring lesson to us all about the selfless sacrifice and courage of the men and women serving in the military today. As Corporal Howell meets his latest challenge to rebuild his life, we know that this Marine will climb the next mountain and, with his courage and can-do attitude, will serve as an example to us all. I ask that this poem, written by Albert Carey Caswell, in the honor of Corporal Howell's extraordinary courage, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOWELL?

Howell does one go off to war?

Howell do you walk though the valley of death, and yourself ignore?

Howell do you come back from the dead, and rebuild your life again once more?

Howell do you wake up and see your fine legs, and part of your strong hands so gone?

Howell do you find the courage, the strength to somehow move on?

Howell, do you raise your fine head up so high, and want to live, with tears in eye?

For only such things in a magnificent heart of courage so lie!

For only such things our Lord God up in Heaven, the courage so gives!

That against all odds, tells you I still have so much more to this our world to give!

For only such beauty, but comes and so emanates . . . from a heart where faith and courage live!

Yea, you Marine . . . who upon battlefield of honor were so bravely and so heroically seen!

As with your Brothers In Arms, who but did so such many most magnificent things . . .

Living and dying for each other, all in that most heroic hue of green . . .

All in that great glory and high honor, of being a United States Marine . . .

And when on that morning you awoke, all in your tears as you began to choke . . .

As it was when your fine heart so spoke!

Don't give in, don't give up . . . finding hope! Just Howell, did you find the strength to cope!

Bringing the Angel's up in Heaven to tears, emote!

Just Howell, do you wake on each new morn . . . as oh Howell, you inspire us all with your life so worn!

As you Teach Us . . . as You So Beseech Us . . . as upon our souls your faith adorns!

For you are but the kind of Son, every Father on earth would wish for one!

As you make us understand just Howell Heaven is won!

And Howell against all odds, Thy Will Be Done!

Now, I know Howell!