

Foundation will receive substantial funds to develop and implement a policy for the broader impacts review criterion that will result in improving the effectiveness and impact of activities to broaden participation within STEM. Such a policy is long overdue. We spend billions of federal dollars for science advancements but have limited requirements for the institutions receiving these dollars to give back to the nation in terms of helping institutions or students beyond their walls improve their access to quality science.

I support the bill because it advances our nation in the STEM areas; however, I am disappointed that many of the provisions to broaden participation that were included in the House-passed version were absent from the final version. I promise to continue to work to ensure that all Americans have access to high quality STEM education and careers. I support H.R. 5116, the America COMPETES Act of 2010; this bill will enhance our present practices in science and our economic strength in the global marketplace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 659, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

TRIBUTE TO FERRARO MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, P.A.

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding medical practice Ferraro Medical Associates, P.A., which is celebrating its 65th Anniversary of dedicated service to its patients, and by extension, the greater community. It is only fitting that Ferraro Medical Associates, and its late founder Dr. Stephen P. Ferraro, be honored in this permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for the comfort and care that it has provided to so many Paterson families.

Dr. Stephen P. Ferraro was born in 1920 in Paterson, NJ to Angelo and Natalizia who emigrated from Sicily to the United States. They had four children, two of whom died untimely deaths leaving Stephen and Joseph. Stephen's parents ingrained in their sons the importance of education, and became successful themselves, owning multiple properties in Paterson.

Dr. Ferraro attended School No. 15 and graduated Eastside High School in 1937. In high school he was very athletic but music intrigued him most and he played the violin for the Eastside orchestra. After graduation he earned a bachelor's degree from Notre Dame University in 1941. Stephen developed a passion for medicine and flying which lasted a lifetime.

In 1946 Dr. Ferraro obtained his degree of Doctor of Medicine from Georgetown Univer-

sity Medical School. He graduated in the top of his class. He returned to Paterson to pursue his career. He did a rotating internship at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson. In 1947 he was certified and passed the State of New Jersey Board as Doctor in Medicine and Surgery. Dr. Ferraro then decided to join the United States Air Force University School of Medicine in Randolph, Texas and became a USAF Flight Surgeon, spending three years in Okinawa. In the Air Force he saw many in great need and he was determined to always be a "people doctor" and provide his service where the need was greatest.

By 1950, when he returned from spending four years at Boston City Hospital, becoming Chief Surgical Resident, he had met a nurse named Betty. He went to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital and became Chief Surgical Resident from 1954–1956. Betty followed him and worked alongside him as his operating room nurse. They later married at St. Anthony Church in Paterson and had six children—Stephen Jr., Natalie, Angelo, Lisa, Lucia and Barbara.

Dr. Ferraro never forgot the city he came from. In 1957 he became attending surgeon of St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center in Paterson. He soon decided to open his own practice at 414 Broadway. Betty was always by his side and was his nurse at the practice. Together they were the perfect "team." The office was on the first floor and their apartment was on the upper levels. He became the Co-Chief of Department of Surgery at Fairlawn Memorial Hospital, attending surgeon at Saddle Brook Hospital, Police Surgeon and City of Paterson physician, Medical Director of Nabisco Brands, Inc., assistant professor at Seton Hall University Department of Surgery and also became Medical Examiner for Federal Aviation-Class A, and USCIS Civil Surgeon. Dr. Ferraro was a distinguished and respected physician who with all his qualities provided the best to his patients and left a remarkable legacy to his children.

Dr. Ferraro's children admired their father for instilling the importance of education in them. When his children were very young he would always encourage them to read. They spent time with their father around the office. Dr. Ferraro was a great role model, allowing them to see the medical world in his office as one of the choices for their lives.

Lisa Ferraro followed her father's footsteps and graduated from Ross University Medical School. In 1984–1987 she completed her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson and immediately went to work with her father. Dr. Lisa Ferraro was Board Certified in Internal Medicine in 1987 and joined attending staff Internal Medicine at SJHMC.

She has worked as school physician for Public Schools Nos. 5, 8, 28 and Kilpatrick School. She was assistant Medical Director at Nabisco from 1987–1992 and has taught first year medical students from UMDNJ, as well as forth year foreign medical students. In 2000 she was appointed as Civil Surgeon for USCIS. In February 2010 she became Certified in Aesthetic Medicine.

Dr. Ferraro left a truly wonderful legacy in Paterson. In April 1996 Dr. Stephen and Dr. Lisa Ferraro registered the office as a corporation, Ferraro Medical Associates, P.A. Despite the challenges, the office still serves our com-

munity at 414 Broadway. Presently the practice provides medical care to approximately five hundred patients a month. It is estimated that close to half a million patients have passed through the doors at 414 Broadway.

Although Dr. Stephen P. Ferraro departed from this earth in 2002, he left a legacy of perseverance as well as a well recognized practice, which continues to thrive under the leadership of Dr. Lisa Ferraro. Her siblings are all successful professionals in their fields. Stephen P. Ferraro, Jr. M.D., is an orthopaedic surgeon in Redding, California, Angelo Ferraro, M.D., a cardiologist, Spokane, Washington, Lucia Ferraro, M.D., an anesthesiologist and Critical Care, Sherman Oaks, California, Natalia Ferraro is a homemaker and professional photographer and Barbara Tabano is a homemaker and operates a family business, The Sock Company, with her husband Jim.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of wonderful people in my District. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join all of the patients and friends of the Ferraro family, all those who have been helped throughout the years, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions they have made to the community in Paterson and beyond.

FEDERAL GRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

HON. JOHN J. HALL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

Mr. HALL of New York. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

I was proud to bring millions of federal dollars home to local taxpayers. New Yorkers pay more in federal taxes than New York receives in federal funding support, so I worked hard to bring additional dollars back home for local projects, thereby reducing the burden on local property taxpayers.

ORANGE COUNTY

Obtained \$19.6m from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for infrastructure upgrades and renovations at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Obtained \$4.4m from the U.S. Department of Transportation for improved runway lighting and resurfacing at Stewart Airport, thereby increasing its air traffic capacity. The new lighting improves both energy efficiency and public safety during take offs and landings.

Obtained \$3.6m from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for repairs and renovations at the Stewart Air National Guard base.

Obtained over \$3.5m from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for energy efficiency improvements in Orange County.

Obtained \$2.3m from the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District, including \$1.5m in federal impact aid and \$800,000 in federal funding to improve science and technology programs.

Obtained \$2m in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding to construct a new water filtration plant for the Village of Warwick.

Obtained \$1.33m in federal funding to support the Newburgh-Beacon ferry enabling easier access to public transportation for commuters.

Obtained \$597,000 from the Department of Homeland Security for five local fire departments, including Greenville Fire Department; the Slate Hill and New Hampton Fire Departments in Wawayanda; and the Johnson and the Unionville Fire Departments in Minisink.

Obtained \$564,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for improvement projects at Greenwood Lake.

Obtained \$394,000 in federal funding to replace the Hambletonian Water Main in Goshen which improved water quality and saved property tax dollars.

Obtained \$245,600 in federal funds for the Hudson Valley Agricultural Viability Program that will create jobs and attract private investment in local farms.

Obtained \$110,000 for the Port Jervis Police Department to upgrade their outdated communications system.

Obtained \$160,000 in federal funding for the Monroe Police Department.

Obtained \$95,300 in federal funding for St. Anthony Community Hospital in Warwick for their Wound Care Program.

Obtained a \$78,683 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Dept of Justice to improve public safety in Orange County through increased police patrols and improved equipment and technology.

Assisted in obtaining almost \$72,000 for Museum Village.

Obtained a \$66,500 Department of Homeland Security grant for the South Blooming Grove Fire District.

Obtained \$60,000 for the Woodbury Police Department.

Obtained \$40,000 for the Quassaick Bridge Fire District.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Obtained over \$13m for improvements to I-684.

Obtained \$6.75m from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for infrastructure upgrades and renovations of patient care areas at the FDR Veterans Hospital in Montrose.

Obtained \$6.1m from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for infrastructure improvements at the Camp Smith National Guard Training Site in Cortlandt.

Obtained \$5m from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for a water treatment plant for the Peach Lake community in North Salem. The new water treatment plant will help restore the quality of the lake and create local jobs.

Obtained almost \$2m for improvements at the Croton-Harmon train station including flood prevention and infrastructure upgrades.

Obtained \$1.96m in federal funding for reconstruction and improvements to Route 6 in Cortlandt.

Assisted in obtaining \$1.3m from the Dept of Energy for the Bedford-Northern Westchester Energy Action Coalition.

Obtained over \$1.1m for improvements to the Annsville Circle in Cortlandt.

Obtained \$665,000 in federal funding to improve the Peekskill Downtown Business District including sidewalk improvements, landscaping, and lighting upgrades on Main Street.

Obtained \$332,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Westchester County

Forensic Science Laboratory, to improve the quality and timeliness of medical examiner services, thereby reducing the case backlog.

Obtained \$325,000 from the federal Drug Free Communities Support Program for programs sponsored by the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, Alliance for Safe Kids in Cortlandt Manor, and the Town of Cortlandt.

Obtained over \$300,000 for programs at the Yorktown Senior Center.

Obtained \$196,000 in federal funding for improvements at the South Salem library.

Obtained \$120,000 from the Department of Homeland Security for the Goldens Bridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Assisted in obtaining \$115,000 for the Katonah Museum of Art.

Obtained 98,400 in federal funding for A-HOME to build an affordable home for a first responder in Lewisboro, using the most state of the art energy efficient technologies.

Obtained \$95,300 in federal funding for the new emergency department at the Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco.

Obtained \$87,000 for the Katonah Fire Department.

Obtained \$70,000 in federal funding for the Pound Ridge Police Department for communications systems that will improve emergency response capabilities.

Obtained \$47,000 in federal funding for education programs at the Van Cortlandt Manor historic site in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Obtained \$8.22m from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for infrastructure and energy efficiency improvements at Castle Point Veterans Hospital.

Obtained \$3.6m from the U.S. Department of Transportation for improvements in public transportation including local busses and bus facilities in Poughkeepsie.

Obtained \$2.4m for the development and manufacture of night vision goggles by E-Magin, located in Dutchess County. These goggles improve the safety of our troops in the field, while creating local manufacturing jobs.

Obtained \$330,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to help retrofit stormwater systems in East Fishkill and Beekman.

Obtained \$314,000 for Hudson River Housing in Poughkeepsie to assist in rehabilitating affordable homes and creating opportunities for local financing.

Obtained \$196,000 in federal funding for the Village of Wappingers Falls to create Consentino Park.

Secured Dyson Foundation grant funding of \$108,000 for Arlington High School's club ACTION students to install solar panels on the roof of the High School.

Obtained \$98,600 for the Glenham Fire District.

Obtained \$86,000 in federal funding for technology improvements at the St. Francis Hospital emergency room.

Obtained \$77,000 for the Fishkill Fire Department.

Obtained \$66,000 in federal funding to install solar panels on the Beacon Municipal Building.

Obtained \$61,750 from the Department of Homeland Security for the Wappingers Falls Fire Department.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Obtained \$1.9m from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for a water treat-

ment plant for the Peach Lake community in Southeast. The new water treatment plant will help restore the quality of the lake and create local jobs.

Obtained \$1.6m for upgrades to roads in Kent.

Obtained \$400,000 in federal funding for Putnam Valley for their Lake Oscawana Management and Restoration Plan, saving money for local property taxpayers while improving water quality.

Obtained \$192,000 in federal funding for Putnam Hospital Center's comprehensive cancer care program.

Obtained \$190,000 from the Department of Homeland Security for the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department.

Obtained \$145,000 for the Carmel Police Department for a police vehicle video system.

Obtained \$125,000 from the federal Drug Free Communities Support Program for programs implemented through Putnam's Council for Alcoholism and Other Drugs.

Obtained \$106,000 for equipment for the Kent Fire District.

ROCKLAND COUNTY

Obtained over \$15m for improvements to the Palisades Parkway.

Obtained \$2.5m for road improvements in downtown Haverstraw.

Obtained \$383,000 in federal funding for the Stony Point Ambulance Corps.

Obtained \$352,500 in federal funding for youth gang prevention programs.

Helped obtain \$297,000 from the U.S. Department of Education for the North Rockland Central School District.

Obtained \$188,000 for the Thiells-Roseville Fire District.

Obtained \$66,000 for the Stony Point Police Department to maintain a full time school resource officer at the James A. Farley Middle School.

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Casework: One of the aspects of the job that I find most rewarding is the ability to assist local constituents with individual problems. In many of these cases the constituent needs assistance cutting through the federal bureaucracy to get the attention they need to their individual situation. Although I believe that people shouldn't need to turn to their Congressional office in order to get their cases resolved, I am happy to be able to assist when such instances occur.

My Congressional office resolved thousands of constituent service cases, which included providing assistance to Veterans, Seniors with Medicare and Social Security concerns, foreclosure and mortgage assistance to homeowners, families seeking adoptions, and expediting passports. The Congressional office provided assistance to constituents trying to reach family members during natural disasters overseas such as Haiti and Chile. In many of these cases our assistance made a real difference in people's daily lives.

Some specific examples of the hundreds of successful results achieved by the Congressional office are described below.

Veterans: Obtained well over \$2 million in retroactive payments and benefits for individual local veterans earned but never received from the Veterans Administration due to administrative backlogs and errors. These awards ranged from a few dollars to over \$100,000 depending on the type of injury, level of disability, and length of the VA delay in processing the case.

Successfully assisted many local Veterans in receiving long over due combat medals such as medals from World War 2 for a Mahopac veteran and several Purple Heart recipients.

Awarded the prestigious Air Medal to former flight crewmembers of the 336th Medical Detachment, and Army Reserve Helicopter Ambulance unit in a ceremony at Stewart Airport. The 60 men and women of the 336th Medical Detachment, trained as Medevac pilots, helicopter crew chiefs and medics, evacuated sick and wounded soldiers from the battlefield. Due to adverse field conditions and administrative oversight, the unit's flight crews did not receive their Air Medals until my office intervened on their behalf.

Social Security: Assistance was provided to constituents such as explaining eligibility for disability benefits; facilitating communication between beneficiaries and local SSA offices; assisting in setting up payment schedules for overpayments to beneficiaries' accounts; reinstatement of disability benefits that were incorrectly stopped; expediting appeal hearings, expediting the processing of retroactive checks in favorable disability cases that included amounts in excess of \$100,000; removal of overpayments that were mistakenly put onto beneficiaries' records; and assisting with the appeal of an overpayment waiver request.

For example—

Expedited a Social Security appeals hearing for a constituent who suffered major spinal injuries, was unable to work and facing bankruptcy. The case was found fully favorable to the constituent.

Expedited a retroactive payment in a Social Security disability case for \$79,000.

Helped get a Social Security disability appeals hearing for a woman suffering from a tick-borne illness similar to Lyme's Disease. The appeal was expedited and she was awarded more than \$1,800 in monthly benefits and more than \$65,000 in retroactive benefits, and found eligible for Medicare.

Medicare: Facilitated reimbursement for Durable Medical Equipment and other services.

Helped remove surcharge on Part B, premium and processing of retroactive payment.

Internal Revenue Service: Expedited processing of refund and economic stimulus payments.

Helped change filing status for taxpayer.

Department of Labor: Challenged denial of prescription coverage for a drug that was in a beneficiary's plan.

Assisted in having overpaid monthly COBRA premium credited toward future monthly premiums.

Assisted with having COBRA premium reduction applied to several beneficiaries who did not initially receive it.

Federal Trade Commission: Worked with constituents and relevant credit agencies to fix mistakes on credit reports.

Visiting Washington DC: When constituents, school groups, and local organizations visit Washington DC, my office helps arrange tours, and can help with other aspects of the visits. I make every effort to personally greet local visitors. In 2009 my office arranged and gave over 700 tours of the Capitol to local families, school classes, and other visitors from the 19th Congressional District. The office also assisted with information including assistance in arranging for tours of other significant sites in Washington.

Service Academy Nominations: Each year my Congressional office submits nominations of local students to our nation's military service academies including the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (USMA), Naval (USNA), Air Force (USAFA), and Merchant Marine (USMMA) Academies. I consider it a great honor to be able to nominate top local students who will become the next generation of military leaders. During my two terms in office, I was proud to serve on the U.S. Military Academy's Board of Visitors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, on December 21, 2010, I missed rollcall vote numbers 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, and 663. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 657, "yes" on rollcall 658, "yes" on rollcall 659, "yes" on rollcall 660, "yes" on rollcall 661, "yes" on rollcall 662, and "yes" on rollcall 663.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, on December 21, 2010, I was unable to be present for all rollcall votes due to a medical necessity.

If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following rollcall votes: roll No. 657—"nay"; roll No. 658—"aye"; roll No. 659—"nay"; roll No. 660—"nay"; roll No. 661—"nay"; roll No. 662—"nay"; roll No. 663—"aye".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend to several votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Nos. 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662 and 663.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 660, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted, "no."

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE W.
McCULLOUGH III

HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 22, 2010

Mr. PASCARELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the story of an outstanding individual, Mr. George W. McCullough, III, who will visit New Jersey's 8th District on Sunday, December 12, 2010, for he is a great example of service to our Nation and communities.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for his story is a true embodiment of the American Dream.

George W. McCullough, III serves as Supreme Governor of the Loyal Order of Moose for 2010–2011. He was elected to this post, which also serves as chairman of the Moose International Board of Directors, at the 122nd International Convention in Nashville in July 2010. He had previously served as Supreme Jr. Governor in 2009–2010, and Supreme Prelate during 2008–09.

He is a Life Member of Charlotte, NC Lodge 1113, having been sponsored by his father in 1969. He immediately took an active role, serving on all standing and special committees, and holding all chairs, including Past Governor. He stepped in as acting Administrator for an eight month period. He has been an active Ritualist for more than 20 years, and has been honored as an International Champion in Ritual Competition.

He has served on all the committees and chairs of WENOCA Moose Legion 78 and is a Past North Moose. He has served the North Carolina Moose Association on several District committee posts, as District President, and on most Association Committees; he is a Past President of the Association by Service. He was also conferred the honor of Past President by both the Louisiana and Minnesota Moose Associations.

Mr. McCullough served on the International Community Service Committee before his appointment to the Mooseheart Board of Directors in 1994. A member of the 150 Division of the Moose 25 Club, he received the Fellowship Degree of Honor in 1978 and the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1990. He was awarded the Shining Star as International Moose of the Year for 1995.

He is an ordained minister of the Baptist Church, and he is a U.S. Army combat veteran with service in Vietnam, holding the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart among other decorations. He and his wife Sue reside in Charlotte, where he owns and operates McCullough & Associates Auto Electric. The McCulloughs have two daughters, two sons, a daughter-in-law and two grandsons.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Mr. George W. McCullough, III.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, George's family and friends, all the members of the Loyal Order of Moose, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Mr. George W. McCullough, III to our Nation.