

rural areas who may not have multiple pharmacies near them and for women from low-income communities who lack the resources to find another pharmacy in the appropriate time. Women from all walks of life are being traumatized and humiliated at the hands of pharmacists who are denying them their right to contraception based on their own personal beliefs.

The Access to Birth Control, ABC, Act is an important step in protecting a woman's constitutional right to contraception. Birth control and emergency contraception are part of women's basic health care and pharmacists should not have the right to interfere.

AMERICA COMPETES
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5116) to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Chair, in 2007, Congress responded to the recommendations of many experts that the federal government must increase its investment in basic research and in science and math education by passing the America COMPETES Act. The reauthorization before us today continues the United States on the path of investing in programs that will keep the U.S. competitive in the global economy.

Beginning in 2006, President Bush's American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) launched a three-pronged approach to competitiveness by strengthening research at the National Science Foundation, the Office of Science at the Department of Energy, and the laboratories and construction of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST. The America COMPETES Act of 2007 established a 7-year doubling funding pathway for these agencies and also included some new ideas, such as the establishment of a DARPA-like agency at the Department of Energy. ARPA-E is still in its infancy, but testimony before the Science and Technology Committee indicates that this agency has the potential to overcome some of the greatest hurdles to commercialization of innovative energy technologies. The reauthorization bill provides more flexibility to ARPA-E and increases its authorization in future years.

The reauthorization measure before us today also focuses on the challenges facing our nation's manufacturers by broadening and strengthening manufacturing extension services and reviving manufacturing innovation through research and development. Although manufacturing has experienced tremendous technological gains over the last few years, international competition has exacted a toll on our Nation's manufacturers. Furthermore, today's economy has placed a great strain on States to participate in federal programs like the Manufacturing Extension Partnership at NIST. This bill would temporarily relax the cost-share requirements on States to allow for

continued participation of the greatest number of small manufacturers across the Nation who depend on this program to help them continually innovate.

I recognize that many of my colleagues are concerned that this bill authorizes spending more than \$80 billion over the next 5 years. Indeed, our economy is suffering, we are deeply in debt, and fiscal restraint must be exercised. However, if there is ever an investment that will guarantee an economic return, this is it.

The reality is that if we are unwilling to spend this money now, we are deciding to pay it later to other countries that make these investments today and produce the products that we will need tomorrow. A recent article in *The Economist* focused on emerging international markets, and noted that:

Last year productivity in China grew by 8.2%, compared with a rise of 1.0% in America and a decline of 2.8% in Britain. A few years ago Airbus and Boeing were willing to outsource only basic work to Indian firms, but now they entrust some of their most complicated tasks to them.

Other countries are now competing with us not only on cost, but also creativity. We have thought for years that there are certain innovative activities that will only happen in the United States, but I feel less certain that is still the case. To keep on the cutting edge of creativity, we must make these investments in science and technology, or we will simply be left behind.

Science and technology are the fundamental movers of our economy, and if we want to remain globally competitive, this bill is the surefire way to guarantee results. The dividends paid by training scientists, engineers, and teachers will multiply throughout all sectors of our economy.

I want to thank Chairman GORDON and Ranking Member HALL for working on this legislation. I hope my colleagues will support this investment in our Nation's future.

HONORING GUERNEVILLE SCHOOL
DISTRICT

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Guerneville School District on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. The school can trace its history to several separate one-room schools in Russian River communities in Sonoma County, CA. The earliest was founded in 1860, and the last one merged into the Guerneville School District in 1955.

The direct forerunner of the school opened its doors in the old-time logging town of Guerneville on First Street, in a building which now houses the Sonoma County Veterans' Memorial Hall. There were four classrooms serving students in first through eighth grades. In 1949 the school moved to its current location, one mile north on Armstrong Woods Road.

Guerneville School District operates from the Armstrong Woods Road site today, although it has gone through many transformations to raise it above flood level and to gradually replace the original rooms with spa-

cious classrooms, offices, gymnasium, library, and computer lab, as well as a modern play yard. Today it houses students in grades K–8.

But the school's biggest asset is its community of students, parents, and staff who work together to create a learning environment that addresses the whole student. To achieve this, Guerneville School District offers "a campus that is friendly, safe, and welcoming; a district that accepts and is committed to diversity; and an educational environment that promotes unity of staff on both professional and community levels."

The school also works in partnership with the larger community to impart a sense of citizenship to the students and secure local support. One of its programs, Circle of Sisters, was started as a pilot project by St. Joseph Health System to promote the self esteem of middle school girls; Circle of Sisters was such a success that it has been replicated around the area.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Guerneville School District and all of its family, friends, alumni, students, and staff as they celebrate this momentous occasion. Happy 150th birthday!

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AMERICORPS

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor AmeriCorps Week, and the nearly 12,000 Oregonians who are AmeriCorp alumni that have pledged to "get things done for America" since the program began in 1994.

Whereas service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and throughout our history citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

Whereas those AmeriCorps members have served more than 774 million hours nationwide, including 14,388,200 served by residents from Oregon, helping to improve the lives of our State's most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, and contribute to our public safety; and;

Whereas the Corporation for National and Community Service State Office and Oregon Volunteers! Commission on Voluntary Action and Service play a key role in determining where AmeriCorps resources should be directed to meet State and local needs; and

Whereas residents of Oregon have earned more than \$32,097,912 in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to help pay for college or pay back student loans; and

Whereas AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in our communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders in disproportionately high levels; and

Whereas last year I cosponsored and helped pass the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act which sets AmeriCorps on a path to grow to 250,000 members by the year 2017 and focuses AmeriCorps on critical national

issues of education, health, clean energy, veterans, and economic opportunity; and

Whereas, AmeriCorps Week, May 8–15, 2010, is an opportune time for the people of Oregon to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their service; thank AmeriCorps' community partners; and bring more Americans into service: Therefore, be it

Resolved, that I, DAVID WU, do hereby recognize AmeriCorps Week and urge citizens to thank AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service and to find ways to give back to their communities.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN SOUTHEAST

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 1337, expressing the sympathy and condolences of the House of Representatives to those affected by the flooding in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi in May 2010.

I would like to acknowledge Speaker PELOSI and Chairman OBERSTAR for their leadership in bringing this important resolution to the floor. I would also like to thank my colleague Congressman COOPER, who authored this legislation.

As Chair of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response, I stand with my colleagues in expressing our deepest sympathy to those affected by this recent flooding. The State of Tennessee was hit by unprecedented rainfall that resulted in the massive flooding of areas in and around Nashville. According to the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the two-day rainfall totals of 13.53 inches more than doubles the previous record of 6.68 inches set in September, 1979. Unfortunately, the storms causing the rainfall claimed the lives of 31 people across Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi. My heart goes out to their families and loved ones.

In addition, the storms destroyed homes and displaced thousands of people across Tennessee, and the flooding affected travel along hundreds of roads throughout Tennessee, including interstate highways 40 and 24. Schools and universities across the region were closed. However, in this time of need, citizens and emergency responders worked together to aid their neighbors after the storm. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to the people of the State of Tennessee and the surrounding States, who continue to work to protect people from the floodwaters and aid in the recovery efforts.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I stand with my colleagues today to honor the emergency responders across Tennessee for their bravery and sacrifice during this tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1337.

HONORING THE 2ND AIR DIVISION OF THE 8TH AIR FORCE

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise before the House today to remember the American heroes of the 2nd Air Division of the 8th Army Air Force, and the designers and manufacturers of the B-24 Liberator whom served our country so honorably during WWII.

The 8th Air Force—known better as the “Mighty Eighth”—was part of the largest air strike force in history, flying bombing missions over Europe from November 1942 to April 1945. While pilots and crewmen were trained in Pueblo, Colorado, their aircraft—the B-24 Liberator—had its manufacturing headquarters in San Diego.

In the peak of the wartime efforts, 11 Liberators were built a day, and more Liberators were produced than any other four-engine bomber in World War II, including the famous B-17 bomber. Over 18,000 bombers were made by Consolidated Aircraft Corporation in San Diego between the years of 1939 and 1945, and over 45,000 San Diegans helped in the manufacturing process.

The B-24 Liberator carried a crew of 8 to 10 men, and was powered by four 1,200 horsepower engines and carried 2,750 gallons of fuel. Many of the B-24 missions were round trips of 1,500 miles, and the planes were not pressurized or heated; crewmen wore oxygen masks on high altitude missions and were exposed to temperatures that could reach minus 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Despite these conditions, the 2nd Air Division dropped over 630,000 tons of bombs and destroyed thousands of enemy aircraft.

In San Diego, we honor their service at the Veterans Memorial Garden in the Air Garden, which is the first city park to honor the ground and flight crews of the bomber, along with the citizens of San Diego who helped build it.

Madam Speaker, we will never forget the bravery displayed by the men of the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force. We will remember their sacrifice and patriotism, especially as the remaining members meet on June 5th for their annual reunion. So, as we remember the contributions made by the members of the 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force, we shall never forget that the freedoms we enjoy today are because of the courage and valor displayed by those who fought to protect them. As a veteran myself, I take great pride in recognizing the 2nd Air Division and the San Diego community for their contributions and tireless efforts that were so critical to our success and ultimate victory in World War II.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THE ARA PARSEGHIAN MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ara Parseghian Med-

ical Research Foundation, which is holding its 15th annual “One More Victory, Ara!” event in Tucson, Arizona on May 14 and 15.

The Foundation was established in 1994 by Cindy and Mike Parseghian after three of their four children were diagnosed with Niemann-Pick Type C disease. It is named for the children's grandfather, Ara Parseghian.

Niemann-Pick Type C disease is a genetic, neurodegenerative disorder that causes progressive deterioration of the nervous system. It affects children by interfering with their ability to metabolize cholesterol. This metabolic disorder results in neurological problems that are ultimately fatal.

Tragically, Mike and Cindy's three children, Michael, Marcia and Christa lost their lives to Niemann-Pick Type C disease. But as Cindy, has said, “they have given us a legacy of hope.” Cindy, Mike and their extended family has not been defeated by the deaths of their children. With incredible determination and hope they have devoted themselves to finding a way to conquer this disease.

Great progress has been made through research supported by the Foundation. Scientists funded by the Foundation have identified the gene responsible for causing NP-C. This discovery has played a major role in moving Niemann-Pick research to a new and encouraging level.

On her desk, Cindy Parseghian keeps a quote by physicist, inventor and rocketry pioneer Robert H. Goddard: “The dream of yesterday is the hope of today . . . and the reality of tomorrow.”

Those dreams and hopes are carried forward by the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, which has raised more than \$33 million. That money has been used to fund more than 75 research projects, which the Parseghian family believes will prevent other families from having to lose a child to this disease.

The family's cause has become our community's cause and this weekend hundreds of people will gather to once again show their support for the Foundation and its critical mission.

The Foundation is a labor of love for the Parseghian family and for many others but we all know that the hardest worker, the force behind the Foundation, is Cindy Parseghian. While Cindy would not want to be singled out for all that she has done, we do so today on behalf of a grateful community and in recognition of her dedication to the work of the Foundation over the past 15 years.

I commend the Parseghian family for their courageous fight on behalf of children across our country and the world. The fight has been difficult but, with the progress they have made, the final victory is within sight.

SATELLITE TELEVISION EXTENSION AND LOCALISM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3333, the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010. I'm pleased that the Senate finally passed its version of a