

have evacuated their homes due to the flooding brought on by the heavy rain in Nashville, Tennessee, and partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank in greater New Orleans to assemble and ship emergency food boxes bound for the Louisiana coastal fishing communities whose livelihood is being impacted by the recent oil spill.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues Ms. MATSUI, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. PRICE and others for introducing this resolution with me.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased at this time to yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MATSUI), the sponsor of the resolution.

Ms. MATSUI. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me time.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1338, which recognizes the significant accomplishments of AmeriCorps volunteers and helps raise awareness about the importance of national and community service. I would like to thank the Education and Labor Committee and especially Chairman MILLER for their support of this legislation and my fellow co-chairs of the National Service Caucus, Representatives EHLERS, PLATTS and PRICE, for their partnership. As a co-chair of the National Service Caucus, it is a pleasure to call attention to the tremendous work of those involved in service at every level.

We are now in the midst of National AmeriCorps Week which is celebrated each year to honor the important work that AmeriCorps volunteers provide to our communities. At this time last year, the President had just recently signed the Senator Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, with strong bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate; and we have seen since then a tremendous increase in the number of AmeriCorps applications and interest in service as a whole.

The bill answered the call for Americans of all generations to help get the country through the recent economic crisis by serving in their communities. In times of strife, the American people have always shown a spirit of service and ingenuity, and investments in service and volunteer programs help prepare us to handle the unforeseen crises.

In my hometown of Sacramento, the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, or as we say NCCC, provides important benefits to our region. For example, Sacramento-based NCCC members served thousands of hours to help fight the fires that devastated the lives and livelihoods of thousands of Californians and, in doing so, helped protect thousands more. AmeriCorps NCCC members are disaster trained and available for immediate deployment in the event of a natural disaster anywhere within the United States. Through programs such as AmeriCorps, State and national Volunteers in Service to America, or VISTA, and NCCC,

servicemembers address critical needs in our communities, and we should continue to make national service more accessible to the millions of Americans who want to serve their country by contributing to their community.

Madam Speaker, AmeriCorps Week offers us an opportunity to honor the important work of AmeriCorps volunteers in our own districts and across the country. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and take this opportunity to thank AmeriCorps volunteers for their dedication to improving our Nation one neighborhood at a time.

Mr. EHLERS. I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I would just reiterate the points that have been made earlier but in a more brief fashion to say that I hope our colleagues will join in supporting this resolution and to say thank you to the many volunteers who are on the front lines helping us during times of crisis, whether it's economic, physical disaster or sociological change. We need their help, and we appreciate it. This is a resolution to do that. So I thank the sponsors. I thank the chairman of the Service Caucus and urge your support.

Mr. LOEBACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the fourth annual AmeriCorps Week.

I am fortunate to come from Iowa where a sense of community is the norm. In 2008, we were hit by the worst disaster in the state's history. The flooding destroyed homes and businesses, but Iowans pitched in to help their neighbors, and volunteers from across the nation came to assist our communities.

AmeriCorps members came to Cedar Rapids and other flood-affected areas immediately after the disaster hit, helping to meet people's basic needs in the aftermath of the emergency.

AmeriCorps volunteers continue to work in the area rebuilding homes, coordinating volunteer efforts, and revitalizing local community organizations. To date, about 1,700 AmeriCorps members have volunteered to help with the flood recovery effort.

Iowans owe a debt of gratitude to AmeriCorps, VISTA, and NCCC members who have worked so hard for our communities, so I am pleased to have the opportunity to thank them today.

Ms. TITUS. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1338.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the

Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1261) recognizing National Nurses Week, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1261

Whereas since 1990, National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Recognition Day for Nurses, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing;

Whereas National Nurses Week is a time of year to reflect on the important contributions that nurses make to provide safe, high-quality health care;

Whereas nurses are known to be patient advocates, acting to protect the lives of those under their care;

Whereas nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession with 3,100,000 jobs;

Whereas the work of nurses encompasses a wide scope of scientific inquiry including clinical research, health systems and outcomes research, and nursing education research;

Whereas nurses help inform and educate the public and Congress to improve the recruitment, education, retention, and the practice of all nurses and, more importantly, the health and safety of the patients they care for;

Whereas the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) released final survey data showing that enrollments in entry-level baccalaureate programs in nursing rose by 3.6 percent in 2009, and though this marks the ninth consecutive year of enrollment growth, the annual increase in student capacity in 4-year nursing programs has declined sharply since 2003 when enrollment was up by 16.6 percent;

Whereas United States nursing programs were forced to reject almost 119,000 qualified applications to nursing programs according to the National League for Nursing's most recent survey of all prelicensure nursing programs;

Whereas according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of registered nurses is expected to grow by 22 percent from 2008 to 2018, much faster than the average for all occupations;

Whereas according to new survey data by the AACN, enrollment in doctoral nursing programs increased by more than 20 percent this year, signaling strong interest among students in careers as nursing scientists, faculty, primary care providers, and specialists;

Whereas according to the AACN, expanding capacity in baccalaureate and graduate programs is critical to sustaining a healthy nursing workforce and providing patients with the best care possible;

Whereas nursing colleges and universities across the country are struggling to meet the rising demand for nurses; and

Whereas increased support is needed to enhance efforts to educate nursing students at all levels, to increase the number of faculty members to educate nursing students, and to

create educational opportunities to retain nurses in the profession: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, as founded by the American Nurses Association; and

(2) acknowledges the importance of quality higher education in nursing, including baccalaureate and graduate programs and programs that help expand the supply of nursing program faculty, to meet the needs of one of the Nation's fastest growing labor fields.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KLINE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days in which Members may revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H. Res. 1261 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of H. Res. 1261, which recognizes National Nurses Week and the significant contributions that nurses make to our Nation's health care system. National Nurses Week also stresses the importance of quality higher education in nursing to meet the needs of one of the fastest growing professions.

National Nurses Week began on May 6, a day also known as National Recognition Day for Nurses. Today marks the end of the week of recognition as we celebrate the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

All across the Nation, communities have spent this week recognizing our Nation's 3.1 million nurses for their heroic acts, years of service to the community, and commitment to the nursing profession. Today's health care system requires nurses to be present at every stage of patient care, including partnering with physicians, pharmacists and other health care professionals to direct and manage patient needs. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

The number of nurses in the United States is expected to grow rapidly in the near future. The Bureau of Labor Statistics anticipates that the employment of registered nurses will grow by 22 percent from 2008 to 2018. The growth in nursing job openings, along with an increasing number of nurses retiring or leaving the profession, is likely to lead to a continued demand for nursing professionals. In fact, it is estimated that there could be a shortage of more than 1 million nurses by the end of this decade.

Madam Speaker, while we honor America's nurses, we know we must do

more to expand and sustain the profession. According to the National League for Nursing's most recent survey of all prelicensure nursing programs, thousands of qualified applicants have been rejected from nursing programs nationwide in the last few years. According to the League, the lack of capacity in nursing programs is due in part to a continuing shortage of nursing educators. It is vital that we support efforts to enhance existing education programs at both the baccalaureate and graduate level.

Madam Speaker, once again I express my support for National Nurses Week and the focus on the contributions of our Nation's many nurses to our health care system. We honor the excellent work done by nurses and encourage them to continue making a difference each and every day.

I thank the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON) for introducing this resolution, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 1261, recognizing National Nurses Week. The gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) explained in some detail the history of this week and the importance of nurses to our communities, to our States, and to our Nation. I strongly endorse and identify myself with her remarks.

I want to just take a personal moment. This is an especially important week in my house and my life. My wife, Vicky, has spent her entire adult life as a nurse, as a registered nurse. She did a career in the Army as an Army nurse and worked for years in emergency rooms and trauma centers literally around the country as I was transferred from duty station to duty station. And so I feel the importance that comes with this very noble and important profession.

I know the care and compassion that comes with this profession, the life-saving skills and the dedication. In my family, literally in Vicky's family, the nursing profession has long been part of that family. Her mother was a nurse. I have a niece, her niece is serving as an Army nurse. I have a sister-in-law who spent her adult life as a nurse. This is a profession that is, indeed, life-saving and so important to our families.

I want to extend my grateful congratulations to all those nurses, men and women, who have dedicated their lives to serving those in need here and around the world. I ask that my colleagues support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize for such time as she may consume the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON), the author of H. Res. 1261.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I thank Ms.

WOOLSEY for yielding me this time. It is a privilege to offer this resolution celebrating this resolution recognizing National Nurses Week, which ends today.

Nurses have been called the patient's first advocate, but their work also encompasses a wide scope of scientific inquiry, including clinical research, health systems research, and nursing education research.

Every day, nurses make a commitment to providing quality patient care, growing and adapting to the new challenges that our changing health care system requires.

I began my career as a registered professional nurse where I provided hands-on patient care for 15 years as a psychiatric nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas, Texas. This is why I remain a strong nursing ally today, advocating on behalf of the nursing profession to ensure that they have the means necessary to perform their jobs safely, with the best resources possible.

I would like to thank my fellow colleagues, the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) and the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY), who are also nurses and champions of this resolution and the nursing profession. The Congressional Nursing Caucus was also helpful in promoting this legislation, and I appreciate all of the efforts to generate support for the resolution.

Nurses are a key component to our Nation's health care system and will become even more vital with the full implementation of health care reform. Nurses work in emergency rooms, school-based clinics, community health centers, skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, physician offices, and on the battlefield. Their roles take many shapes from staff nurse to nurse educator, all while remaining committed to patient safety and working to influence the broader health care policy for the benefit of the greater good. Nurses are extremely dedicated individuals who must be intelligent and detail oriented, ready to act at the spur of the moment. A caring and compassionate heart is required for the tough work that nurses perform, usually under duress.

As important as the nursing industry is, we still face a nursing shortage. Enrollment rose in 2009 for entry-level B.A. programs, but the annual increase in student capacity in 4-year nursing programs has declined sharply since 2003.

It is imperative that we expand capacity in B.A. and graduate programs to sustain a healthy nursing workforce and provide patients with the best care possible.

As we try to meet the demands of the nursing profession, we must also tackle the challenges related to the impact of faculty shortages on educational capacity.

Increased Federal and State support is needed to enhance existing programs and create new programs to educate nursing students at all levels, to increase the number of faculty members to educate nursing students, and to retain nurses in the profession.

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I don't have any other speakers at this time, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS), who is also a nurse, for such time as she may consume.

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1261, recognizing National Nurses Week, and I thank the leadership in the Congress for bringing this bill to the floor and acknowledge the close personal ties that many of us have with nurses.

I am very honored and pleased to be cosponsoring this resolution with my House colleagues and fellow nurses, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON and also CAROLYN MCCARTHY.

The recent debate in Congress on health care reform and the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act have provided us an opportunity to highlight the importance of nurses to our health care system. Nurses are the backbone of health care delivery, and I know that because occasionally I will be approached by a colleague who wants to tell me about a recent medical event in their life, some situation, procedure, or surgery or some hospital stay. And inevitably it isn't the kind of doctor care they had; it is the nurses that they want to tell me about, especially the outstanding ones who made all of the difference in their recovery. I know because it is nurses who spend countless hours at patient bedsides. It is nurses who are in all walks of life, educating their communities about public health, and that is what I did for most of my career as a nurse, caring for the children and their families in our public school system in my community.

Nurses are also case managers. They are health system administrators. They are educators. They are members of the military. They are primary providers, and this list goes on and on. So I am proud to see our House of Representatives recognizing the immeasurable contributions that nurses make to the daily health and well-being of all Americans.

Madam Speaker, I know as individuals we each recognize the important roles nurses play. Of course, too often this recognition and appreciation doesn't come until after we have had our own adverse health experiences, as I have been relating to you. As I said, many of my colleagues come up to me after a hospitalization or that of a family member, and again they say, Wow, if it hadn't been for the care of the nurses.

Today, we have an opportunity to collectively thank and show appreciation to the nurses in our lives and all of the nurses that serve our country every day in the armed services and in our communities, the nurses who are our constituents and our family members and our friends, and to renew our commitment to supporting the profes-

sion by providing greater opportunities for scholarship and loan repayment, just as we did in our newly enacted health reform law. We have a shortage of nurses and other health providers, and we want to do what we can to increase their numbers so that better patient care can be delivered.

We need to also increase funding for existing programs to improve the training and recruitment of our next generation of nurses. I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution. I am pleased to be standing on the floor in its favor.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, it is fitting that today, May 12, we are on the floor to honor our nation's nurses on the 20th anniversary of National Nurses Week. Why is May 12th significant? Because it is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

As co-chair of the House Nursing Caucus, I am a proud supporter of H. Res. 1261, which was introduced by my colleague, Rep. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON.

More than three million jobs in this country are held by nurses, and they represent the largest single component of the health care profession. Nurses are the rock stars of the medical profession, and often are patients' greatest advocates. They do not get the recognition they deserve.

They work tirelessly, and often are the greatest source of comfort and compassion for the sick. They are American heroes with huge hearts and sensible shoes. Nurses have probably done more to popularize CROCS clogs than any other single profession. Whoever runs CROCS should give the nursing profession a high five for helping make their footwear a staple from coast to coast.

If you know a nurse, or have received kind and professional care from a nurse, take a moment to thank them. Today, which marks the close of National Nurses Week, is a perfect time to do it. Our nation's nurses deserve our praise, thanks and support, and I am proud to be here today to honor them.

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1261, a resolution to recognize National Nurses Week and acknowledge the importance of quality nurse education programs.

The crucial role of nurses in our health care system cannot be overstated. Across the country, dedicated nurses work tirelessly to ensure that their patients receive quality care. In addition to their countless clinical responsibilities, nurses are a source of medical knowledge and compassion for families and patients when they are going through difficult times.

Sadly, many talented nurses are forced from their profession because of injuries sustained while on the job. Every year, thousands of nurses and health care workers sustain back and neck injuries while lifting or transferring patients. Not only are these injuries very expensive for hospitals and providers because of costs that are associated with workers' compensation, retraining and replacement, but they are also often devastating to the personal and professional lives of nurses. Fortunately, the musculoskeletal injuries in facilities that use assistive patient handling have significantly decreased. That is why I have introduced H.R. 2381, the "Nurse and Health Care

Worker Protection Act of 2009." This legislation would require the Secretary of Labor to promulgate a rule creating a standard for safe patient handling to prevent more nurses from being injured while assisting patients. Additionally, health facilities would be required to purchase an adequate number of mechanical lifting devices. Senator FRANKEN has introduced the companion bill, and just yesterday the Senate Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety held a hearing on this critical issue.

I commend my friend Representative EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON for introducing H. Res. 1261 which honors the necessary and valuable work that nurses do every day. I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, as the old saying goes, "Save one life, you're a hero. Save 10,000, you're a nurse."

I rise today on the birthday of Florence Nightingale to honor America's nearly 3.1 million registered nurses as they celebrate this year's National Nurses Week themed "Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow." Nursing is a profession that welcomes dedicated people with a variety of interests, strengths, and passions attracted by the numerous opportunities that the profession offers. Their dedication to improving the health of our Nation is unmatched, and with the recent passage of health reform, America's demand for nurses is greater than ever as we recruit more nurses to ensure patients' access to high-quality, affordable care, now and in the future.

America's nurses are especially important to our rural and underserved areas as they are the most cost-effective and often the only preventive and primary health care providers available. Our registered nurses are there for patients during times of disaster and crisis, and they serve us well in our schools and at our offices. They devote their lives to improving the quality of life of others and frequently adapt to meet the public's growing needs. The indispensable contributions of our nurses to our health care system are far too often overlooked.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in thanking America's nurses for their role in ensuring the health and well-being of our Nation. Nurses are experts in addressing patient needs. They make a difference every day in all of our lives. When you see a nurse today, thank them for their exceptional work because our caring nurses are ensuring a healthier tomorrow.

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I have no other speakers and I encourage my colleagues to support H. Res. 1261, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1261, recognizing National Nurses Week and recognizing the significant contributions that nurses make to our Nation's health care system.

I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1261, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the

rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

OFFICER DANIEL FAULKNER CHILDREN OF FALLEN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP ACT

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 959) to increase Federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen public safety officers, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 959

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. CALCULATION OF ELIGIBILITY.

Section 473(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087mm(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting "(in the case of a student who meets the requirement of subparagraph (B)(i), or academic year 2011–2012 (in the case of a student who meets the requirement of subparagraph (B)(ii)), after "academic year 2009–2010"; and

(B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

"(B) whose parent or guardian was—

"(i) a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001; or

"(ii) was actively serving as a public safety officer and died in the line of duty while performing as a public safety officer; and";

(2) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by striking "Notwithstanding" and inserting the following:

"(A) ARMED FORCES.—Notwithstanding";

(B) by striking "paragraph (2)" and inserting "subparagraphs (A), (B)(i), and (C) of paragraph (2)"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(B) PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, unless the Secretary establishes an alternate method to adjust the expected family contribution, for each student who meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B)(ii), and (C) of paragraph (2), a financial aid administrator shall—

"(i) verify with the student that the student is eligible for the adjustment;

"(ii) adjust the expected family contribution in accordance with this subsection; and

"(iii) notify the Secretary of the adjustment and the student's eligibility for the adjustment."; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) TREATMENT OF PELL AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding section 1212 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, in the case of a student who receives an increased Federal Pell Grant amount under this section, the total amount of such Federal Pell Grant, including the increase under this subsection, shall not be considered in calculating that student's educational assistance benefits under the Public Safety Officer's Benefits program.

"(5) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) the term 'public safety officer' means an individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer, as a fire-

fighter, or as a member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew;

"(B) the term 'law enforcement officer' means an individual who—

"(i) is authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law; and

"(ii) has statutory powers of arrest or apprehension;

"(C) the term 'firefighter' means an individual who is trained in the suppression of fire or hazardous-materials response and has the legal authority to engage in these duties;

"(D) the term 'member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew' means an individual who is an officially recognized or designated public employee member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew; and

"(E) the term 'public agency' means the United States, any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, any territory or possession of the United States, or any unit of local government, department, agency, or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, and the Amtrak Police and Federal Reserve Police departments.".

SEC. 3. CALCULATION OF PELL GRANT AMOUNT.

Section 401(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the SAFRA Act (Public Law 111–152), is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "The Amount" and inserting "Subject to subparagraph (C), the amount"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) In the case of a student who meet the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B)(ii), and (C) of section 473(b)(2)—

"(i) clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall be applied by substituting 'from the amounts appropriated in the last enacted appropriation Act applicable to that award year, an amount equal to the amount of the increase calculated under paragraph (8)(B) for that year' for 'the amount of the increase calculated under paragraph (8)(B) for that year'; and

"(ii) such student—

"(I) shall be provided an amount under clause (i) of this subparagraph only to the extent that funds are specifically provided in advance in an appropriation Act to such students for that award year; and

"(II) shall not be eligible for the amounts made available pursuant to clauses (i) through (iii) of paragraph (8)(A)."

SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. KLINE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on H.R. 959 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in full support of H.R. 959, which offers financial assistance for higher education to the children of police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Madam Speaker, it is an American responsibility to look after the children of our fallen heroes. A small but important gesture to fulfilling this commitment is to make a college education possible for the children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. These mothers and fathers have given their lives so that we might be safe. We should do all that we can to help their sons and daughters be successful.

We know that the loss of a parent can make it difficult for families to make ends meet, let alone send their kids to college. Making their children eligible for the maximum Pell Grant is the way to thank the officers for their sacrifice and to give their children an education which they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Under this bill, a child of a fallen police officer, firefighter, or other first responder who is eligible for a Pell Grant would become automatically eligible for the maximum Pell award. This legislation would waive the income eligibility requirements in such cases.

With passage of the 2008 Higher Education Opportunity Act, we expanded Pell Grants to survivors of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan in a similar manner. As a result, these children will be eligible for more than \$20,000 in grants for college over 4 years.

Whether it's a sacrifice made on a distant battlefield or protecting our citizens here at home, it's time we extended this benefit to all of the children of our fallen heroes. Our fallen heroes deserve our thanks and they deserve our respect, and we can honor them by supporting their children as they seek out a higher education.

I ask that my colleagues join me in full support of H.R. 959, and to take a moment to appreciate the daily sacrifices made by America's police officers, firefighters, and first responders.

I want to thank Representative MURPHY for bringing this resolution to the floor, and I urge my colleagues to pass this resolution.

I also want to thank Chairman CONYERS of the Judiciary Committee for working with the Education and Labor