

has brought recognition and appreciation of wild horses and burros on our public lands. Cloud has taught us that what wild horses and burros cherish most is not so different than for all Americans, freedom and family.

HONORING ATHENS OLD FIDDLERS CONTEST AND REUNION 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 80th Anniversary of the Athens Old Fiddlers Contest and Reunion in Henderson County, Texas.

Founded in 1932 in Bethel, the contest was moved to Athens in 1933 and found a permanent home at the Henderson County Courthouse on the square in downtown Athens.

The Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion is one of the oldest continuous fiddle reunions in the United States, and it is devoted to the preservation of the style of music that once brought courage to our starving troops at Valley Forge, earned devoted admirers like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, and today continues to delight millions.

On behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, I commend the volunteers who generously donate their time and talents to ensure the future of this festival.

HONORING JOEL ARNIER

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize the valiant efforts of Joel Arnier, an 18-year firefighter-paramedic from Addison, Illinois.

A few weeks ago, while fishing on the Fox River, Joel heard a woman screaming for help in the distance. Sensing trouble, Joel rushed to the scene and discovered that the woman's infant daughter had fallen into the water. Joel immediately recognized the urgency of the situation and quickly began performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. After a few critical minutes of attentive care, Joel was able to successfully revive the infant and save her life.

Although Joel was off-duty that day, he did not hesitate to come to the mother's assistance. Joel's training and expertise allowed him to respond promptly and effectively to such an urgent and terrifying incident. Every day, heroic men and women like Joel keep our communities safe, and they deserve to be recognized.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in commanding Joel Arnier for his extraordinary effort.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 23, 2011, I missed three rollcall votes (Nos.

330–332)—H.R. 1627, H.R. 1383 and H.R. 1657—because of a delayed flight due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on each of the aforementioned rollcall votes.

HONORING MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Montgomery County Public Libraries, a nationally recognized library system that I am proud to have located in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District.

Libraries have provided service to Montgomery County residents for generations. The first private library was established in 1838, stimulating wealthy patrons, clubs, civic associations and municipalities to begin libraries for their own communities. The Montgomery County Public Libraries system began operations in 1951 with the formerly independent libraries in Four Corners, Gaithersburg, Garrett Park, Noyes, Sandy Spring, Silver Spring, and Wheaton.

Today, Montgomery County has one of the leading library systems in the nation. It has grown to 21 branches, reaching every corner of the county. I am proud that these libraries, staffed by a combination of trained and dedicated professionals and volunteers, are able to serve so many people. In fact, two-thirds of the residents of Montgomery County are active library users.

Libraries have changed a great deal over the decades. While books and printed materials are still vitally important, Internet access, e-books and databases are playing an increasingly important role in how libraries serve their communities. The Montgomery County Public Libraries system has adapted well over the last 60 years, and I am confident that it will continue to do so as it enriches the lives of county residents, from the youngest to the oldest, by helping to teach new skills and providing information, education and recreational materials.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me not only in recognizing the six decades of achievement by the Montgomery County Public Libraries, but of the outstanding achievements of public libraries in each congressional district throughout our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 331, I was present, but I was distracted and missed the second vote in the three vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

HONORING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PHILLIP WYSOCKI

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Private Class Phillip Wysocki of Hebron, Kentucky.

Phillip has served honorably with the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division during two deployments to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He joined the United States Army after graduating from Conner High School in Boone County, Kentucky in 2009. He played Varsity football for the Cougar football team and was a standout athlete. He is also a volunteer firefighter with the Hebron Fire Protection District which he joined during his junior year of high school.

On November 1st, 2010, while serving in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, Phillip and other members of his unit came under attack from Taliban fighters. An IED exploded, critically injuring several soldiers. Phillip contributed significantly to facilitating the evacuation of casualties under heavy enemy fire and repelling the enemy attack.

In February of 2011, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in this combat action. His actions were in keeping with the proud military heritage of Kentucky and the heroism of Kentuckians in the defense of our Nation for over two centuries.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding heroism of Private First Class Phillip Wysocki, Jr. in service to the United States Army and our Nation.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAX PARITY FOR NON-RESIDENT PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES ACT OF 2011

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Tax Parity for Non-Resident Professional Athletes Act of 2011, at the request of the D.C. Council, which unanimously passed a Sense of the Council resolution, introduced by D.C. Council members Jack Evans and Harry Thomas, Jr., calling on me to introduce the bill in Congress. The bill would amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to allow the District to impose a tax on income earned in the District by non-resident professional athletes, just as a number of states currently do. For example, California received \$102 million in tax revenue from income earned by non-resident athletes in 2006–2007. Tennessee raised \$1.1 million in tax revenue from visiting athletes, which was used for municipal parks and recreation projects. The bill does not tax the income of citizens of neighboring states. It is those states, not visiting athletes, that Congress intended to protect with the Home Rule Act provision that prohibits D.C. from taxing non-resident income.

The District continues to be responsible for providing state-like services to D.C. residents,

in addition to providing services to non-residents and the federal government, despite congressionally imposed restrictions on the District's revenue-raising capacity. The prohibition on taxing non-resident income should not be stretched to cover visiting athletes, a group not intended to be covered by the prohibition in the Home Rule Act. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

TO HONOR THE TRAGIC PASSING OF HECTOR R. CLARK AND EDUARDO ROJAS, JR.

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor U.S. Border Patrol Agents Hector R. Clark and Eduardo Rojas, Jr.

Hector R. Clark and Eduardo Rojas, Jr., agents of the U.S. Border Patrol, sadly lost their lives on Thursday, May 12, 2011 in Gila Bend, AZ.

The agents were out on patrol in this rural area of Southern Arizona when their patrol car was struck by a train.

They were rushing to the aid of fellow agents and, due to the remote nature of the area, there was no warning sign of the incoming train.

Border Patrol Agents put their life on the line every day they report for duty.

It is not an easy job and it takes an honest commitment to the values and ideals that make the United States such a great country.

Each agent exhibits a true sense of patriotism, service and honor.

The work of the Border Patrol is not only vital to the security of the communities adjacent to the border, but also to the nation as a whole.

Without their bravery and dedication, Arizona and the United States would be a less safe place to live. Nothing can prepare us for the tragic passing of those who serve our nation.

Their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

REPEALING MANDATORY FUNDING FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1216) to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations:

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1216.

This legislation is yet another Republican attack on health care innovations that promise to increase patient access to care. We must make a successful transition to a more efficient, high-quality health system and, through health care reform, we can.

Instead, Republicans are making every effort to undermine this mission by chipping away at the graduate medical education system.

H.R. 1216 threatens progress toward patient-centered health care delivery, in which primary physicians ensure that patients receive preventive, comprehensive and ongoing care.

Academic medical centers have long been integral to developing innovative treatments and assuring access to care for Americans who need the most help. As we begin to implement health care reform, these institutions are seeking to become leaders in biomedical science as well as innovators in new delivery models.

The Albert Einstein Healthcare Network in Philadelphia, for example, was recently approved as a patient-centered medical home. The Hospital and its network of physicians is now offering patients a new model of coordinated, continuous care in an academic setting, all while improving quality and reducing costs.

Community-based training, such as the teaching health center program, is a valuable supplement to our Nation's prestigious teaching hospitals.

Our Nation faces a crisis in access to primary care—more than 1.3 million Medicare beneficiaries have difficulty finding a new primary care physician.

In 1961, half of U.S. physicians were generalists, primarily general practitioners. Since then, the percentage has dramatically declined, while the cost of delivering care has increased substantially.

While our Nation's hospital-based teaching programs yield thousands of highly trained physicians, we simply do not have the capacity to meet demand—specifically when it comes to primary care.

The teaching health center program is uniquely positioned to address primary care training for underserved populations.

Community-based training models, such as teaching health centers, will serve the Nation by creating new capacity in our graduate medical education system, which will lead to an increase in the total number of primary care physicians.

Primary care and community-based health centers, particularly, produce excellent outcomes at lower costs, and have the potential to save the system billions of dollars annually by preventing avoidable emergency room visits.

If every American made use of primary care, the health care system would see \$67 billion in savings annually.

Yet this bill would create uncertainty and unpredictability in a program intended to move us toward this ideal.

I urge my colleagues to support training of primary care physicians and cost-saving innovations by opposing H.R. 1216.

IN MEMORY OF REAR ADMIRAL GEORGE STROHS AHL

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of an American military icon and my friend,

Rear Admiral George Strohsahl (Ret.), who passed away this week after a lifetime of service to his country.

Admiral Strohsahl had a storied career from the time he entered the Naval Academy in 1955 until he retired in 1994. Among his many accomplishments, George Strohsahl flew jet attack aircraft from aircraft carriers in both the Pacific and Atlantic fleets, which included two tours of combat flying in Vietnam and command of an A-6 squadron. He was the Air Boss on USS *Nimitz* and played himself in the popular Kirk Douglas movie Final Countdown.

He conducted operational testing of weapons systems at China Lake, California, and was the director of the Tactical Air Analysis office in the Pentagon, which was a part of the McNamara systems analysis team known as the "Whiz Kids." He was Program Manager for the F/A-18 Hornet family of aircraft, which was and still is the largest aircraft acquisition program in the Navy.

From 1988 to 1990, Admiral Strohsahl commanded the Pacific Missile Test Center at Pt. Mugu, in my congressional district. As senior naval officer for the South Central California area, he was active in many civic organizations in Ventura County at that time.

Following Navy retirement, Admiral Strohsahl spent more than seven years in fighter aircraft design, testing, and logistic support management positions at the Boeing Development Center in Seattle, Washington. He provided consulting services to industry and the Navy and contributed as a volunteer to Ventura County organizations involved in community support of Naval Base Ventura County.

I testified with Admiral Strohsahl before the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission. I believe his testimony was instrumental in minimizing the amount of technical work being moved from the base.

Admiral Strohsahl was married for 44 years to the late Marvalyn Fiske. They raised three children, one of whom resides now in Ventura with her husband and family. After Marvalyn passed away, he married Mary Anne Vernalis, whose late husband, Sam, was a longtime associate of the admiral's in the Navy and a well-respected civic leader in Ventura County. Together, they share five children and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in honoring the memory of Rear Admiral George Strohsahl and in offering our condolences to his family.

HONORING PADUCAH MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NATIONAL MIDDLE SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the team of students from Paducah Middle School who won second place in the U.S. Department of Energy's 21st Annual National Science Bowl. Team members Erin Burba, Reese Butler, Grant Hutcheson, Parker Lloyd, and Palmer Stroup were led by Cindy Glisson and Dianne Cypret in their successful creation of a hydrogen-fueled model car.

After placing first in the regional competition in February, the team of seventh and eighth