

friends and I put our lives in its care for what we believe. We must protect that right.

In the past three years there have been members of this body who have protested the policies of the administration. While I disagree with them on many issues, I deeply respect their right to peacefully and non-violently protest. Some of them may be new to protest but I know that every member of the Tea-Party Caucus will support my amendment.

Mr. Chair, the ability to protest was the foundation of our country. Protest has shaped and reshaped our society. Again and again. If the courts review this policy, we should make clear that this provision should not stand. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this amendment.

IN HONOR OF AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
OWENS

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true patriot who died in service to this great country. On February 17, 2011, Airman 1st Class Corey C. Owens, USAF, died of a non-combat related incident at Al Asad Air Base in Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

Airman 1st Class Owens, 26, of San Antonio, Texas, was assigned to the 47th Security Forces Squadron, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, and was on his second deployment to southwest Asia. His father resides in Story, Arkansas.

Although I never had the honor of meeting Airman 1st Class Owens, it is clear by the outpouring of praise from his colleagues, friends, and family that he was well liked and well respected by all who knew him. In fact, local news reported that when Laughlin Air Base held a memorial service on Feb. 28, they had trouble finding a space large enough.

Airman 1st Class Owens is survived by his current wife, Misty Owens; his two daughters, Xiya and Xoe Owens from his first marriage; his father, Steve Owens of Story, Ark.; his mother, Chris Owens of Springfield, Ill.; two sisters, Ann Kusterbeck of Princeton, Tex., and Sandra Owens of Springfield, Ill.; two uncles, two aunts, two nieces, one nephew and several cousins.

When we think of true heroes, we think of brave Americans like Airman 1st Class Owens who risk everything to defend freedom and serve this great country. We will always be grateful for his selfless sacrifice and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his parents and the rest of his family and friends during this very difficult time. We are who we are as a nation because of patriots like Airman 1st Class Owens.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life of Airman 1st Class Corey Owens and his legacy, as well as each man and woman in our Armed Forces, and all of those in harm's way supporting their efforts, who give the ultimate sacrifice in service to this great country. We owe them our eternal gratitude.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM A.
KRUPMAN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William A. Krupman of Purchase, NY, who is being honored for his dedication to at-risk youth and their families upon his retirement as Chair of the Children's Village, a New York-based multi-service, not-for-profit agency.

Mr. Krupman was elected to the Board of the Children's Village in 1974. In 2004, he was elected as Chair of the Board. Through his tireless efforts as Trustee and eventually Board Chair, Mr. Krupman helped the Children's Village to become a leader in the child welfare and juvenile justice fields. He also successfully created nationally recognized, evidence-based models of care that lead to real social impact.

During his almost four decades on the Children's Village Board, Mr. Krupman has provided guidance to approximately 10,000 children and their families. He has not only motivated guardians to lead by example and teach their children the importance of social, educational, and economic skills, but has also provided guidance to orphans, an especially vulnerable group. The Children's Village's Dobbs Ferry campus includes long-term residential treatment programs, a short-term crisis intervention center, temporary placement for youth awaiting a court disposition, and a public school that educates all of these children as well as day students from around the region. The Children's Village also has offices in Harlem and the Bronx and program sites around Westchester County.

Mr. Krupman's work has also had a profound impact abroad. Through his commitment and strong will, Mr. Krupman has succeeded in expanding literacy programs around the globe. In 2009, at the invitation of the Government of Iraq, Mr. Krupman traveled to the country as part of the Children's Village delegation to help train NGO's working with orphans. In Iraq, Mr. Krupman, along with a team of professionals, assessed the needs of the locals and offered suggestions on how to apply local feedback into the curriculum to ensure that the needs of Iraqi families and children were being met. The information they gathered helped Iraq's non-government service organizations develop programs for family foster care homes, social workers, and short-term crisis stabilization facilities similar to the one run by the Children's Village. Additionally, they established a team of Iraqi social service leaders to continue and develop the outstanding work started by Mr. Krupman and the team.

Mr. Krupman currently serves as Chief Advisor to Litworld, an organization that strives to make the dream of world-wide literacy for children a reality. LitWorld teams work with teachers, community members, parents, and children to establish communities that will grow and expand to harbor literacy leaders. Recently, Mr. Krupman traveled to several African countries, including Kenya and Rwanda, bringing with him his enthusiasm and energy to share the gift of literacy with children by reading to them.

Mr. Krupman's many outstanding achievements in providing assistance to children and youth, both here and around the world, are inspirational. I urge you to join me in honoring William A. Krupman.

HONORING DEBORAH J. MAGGS

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Deborah J. Maggs, on the occasion of her retirement.

Deborah was hired in May of 1975 as a Caseworker 2 for the Lycoming County Children and Youth Services. She has served for 37 consecutive years, 34 of which were full time. She worked part time for three years from 1979 to 1982 in order to raise her two children.

In 1985, she was promoted to Casework Supervisor 1 in the General Protective Services Unit, a unit she led until 2005. Deborah's extensive training, experience and skills helped her develop expertise in the area of Child Protective Service investigation.

In 2005, Deborah was instrumental in the development, implementation, and supervision of the County's Integrated Assessment Units, composed of caseworkers cross-trained to perform Child Protective Services, General Protective Services and Mental Health Assessments.

Throughout her career, Deborah has supervised and mentored over 30 staff, many of whom have gone on to become supervisors themselves.

Deborah has dedicated a significant part of her life to service casework, having either supervised or conducted over 21,000 investigations and assessments protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of well over 38,000 children. In 2010 she was recognized with the "Excellence in Human Services" award as nominated and selected by her staff and peers.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deborah J. Maggs, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising her commitment to Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District.

H.R. 1756, THE NATIONAL OILHEAT
RESEARCH ALLIANCE REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2011

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, as this Congress debates measures to address our nation's energy independence, economic growth, and job creation, I rise in strong support of the National Oilheat Research Alliance Reauthorization Act of 2011 (H.R. 1756).

Oilheat safely and efficiently heats 9.5 million American households, keeping an estimated 24.5 million individuals comfortable when the temperature drops. As the American cost of living continues to rise, vital advances in this industry can save consumers money. With the goal of improving heating efficiency

and technology, we have introduced H.R. 1756, legislation to reauthorize this vital program and have the support of 70 bipartisan and geographically diverse cosponsors.

Since its inception in 2001, the National Oilheat Research Alliance (NORA) has made significant progress in improving the efficiency and reliability of oilheating equipment, thus lowering costs to consumers and reducing the use of oil. NORA is a collaborative program established by the oilheat industry aiming to strengthen the industry by improving education and training for employees, providing information to customers, and developing new products for consumers. From an ecological standpoint, NORA is working on the development of sustainable biofuels as part of heating oil, and improving emissions controlling technology.

NORA is funded by a fee of 2/10th of 0.01 cent per gallon paid for by oilheat distributors only if 85% of the industry agrees that it is wanted. This fee does not affect consumers, but rather is an initiative by members of the industry to improve their product and save customers money.

Since the authorization of NORA the industry has:

Improved residential oilheat efficiency by 30 percent or 120 gallons per home. Based on the U.S. average heating oil price in the 2009/2010 winter season, the volume reduction over this period has reduced oilheat consumer's energy costs by about \$335 per household at a cost of \$7.50 per household heated with oil.

Reduced foreign oil imports by 185,000 barrels per day.

Reduced CO₂ emissions by 30 million tons. The adoption of NORA's best practices resulted in reduced claims and less severity for industry participants. This yielded a significant reduction in the cost of insurance for companies. For a typical company utilizing NORA's best practices, insurance costs per customer will be reduced by 1.0 cent per gallon.

The authorization of NORA merely provides the mechanism for the oilheat industry, should they choose to work cooperatively, develop programs, and ensure that solutions are found systematically and resourcefully. By reauthorizing NORA, we will help ensure the continuation of research that has helped lower consumer costs and improved heating efficiency.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues and the staff on the Energy and Commerce Committee for the work they have done on this legislation and urge its consideration and passage.

IN RECOGNITION OF A SAFE PLACE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize A Safe Place, its Board of Trustees, its counselors, and its volunteers as the organization celebrates its milestone of twenty-five years of service to the community.

A Safe Place is an organization on Nantucket that helps survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault as they start over and rebuild their lives. They were founded in 1987 by five members of the Nantucket Wom-

en's Bar Association and, since then, have continued to provide free and confidential services to these survivors. Over the years, the organization's outreach has expanded to also include specialized assistance to children whose lives have been affected by violence in the home.

Today, A Safe Place provides a 24-hour hotline that people can call when they are in immediate need of assistance, and its counselors often will meet with survivors in the local hospital or police station as soon as the need arises. It has even organized a network of "safe houses" on the island through its Safe Home initiative, a program through which volunteers offer emergency accommodation in their own homes to those leaving an abusive situation. The organization provides assistance with relocation as survivors work to rebuild their lives. When a survivor must confront her abuser in court, a counselor from A Safe Place is often right by her side. A Safe Place offers comfort and assistance to hundreds of people each year, and it is considered to be an invaluable service to the Nantucket community by local law enforcement and healthcare providers.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pride to honor A Safe Place, its Board of Trustees, its counselors and its volunteers as the organization celebrates twenty-five years of service. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of this organization to the Nantucket community and its significance to those whose lives have been changed by its support.

RECOGNIZING THE STATE OF OHIO IN CARING FOR OLDER AMERICANS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, as we work to re-evaluate our country's health care delivery and payment system, I rise in recognition of the great success my home state of Ohio has had in caring for our senior citizens. Ohio Governor John Kasich realized not only the cost savings but also the quality of care that could be achieved through caring for seniors in their own homes. He dramatically increased the availability of home health services for Ohio's senior populations, and according to the Ohio Department on Aging, the state will save an additional \$300 million per year by 2020 because of that decision.

When seniors are paying their own room and board, sleeping in their own beds, and doing their own laundry and cooking, they end up having more personal investment in their own health care decisions—covering costs that taxpayers would otherwise pay in increased Medicare and Medicaid spending. Giving seniors, and all Americans, more control over their medical choices and health care dollars will help promote high-quality, cost-effective health care.

Last month was Older Americans Month, and this year's theme was Never Too Old To Play. Older Americans were encouraged "to stay engaged, active and involved in their own lives and in their communities." What better way for seniors to do this than to receive

needed care in the comfort of their own homes? I applaud the state of Ohio for the quality and cost-effective care we are offering our senior citizens and encourage the federal government to do the same.

CONGRATULATING USCG CAPTAIN STEVE POULIN ON PROMOTION TO REAR ADMIRAL

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer congratulations to USCG Captain Steve Poulin for his much-deserved promotion on June 25, 2012, to the rank of Rear Admiral. His unwavering dedication to duty, combined with his impeccable service record, is a credit to the United States Coast Guard.

For the people of the Gulf Coast, Captain Poulin has been a good friend and protector of our shores as Commander of Coast Guard Sector Mobile, Alabama, from 2009 to 2010.

During his command of Sector Mobile, Captain Poulin demonstrated a level of professionalism in keeping with the finest traditions of the Coast Guard. He was not only the leader of one of the largest operations in the Coast Guard but also a visible and respected member of our community.

Prior to assuming the command of Sector Mobile, he served in Mobile during earlier assignments as Deputy Commander, from 2007 to 2009, and as Law Enforcement Officer and Assistant Operations Officer from 1986 to 1989.

On July 9, 2010, Captain Poulin left the command of the USCG station in Mobile to assume sole duties as local incident commander for the Unified Command. In this capacity, Captain Poulin marshaled Coast Guard resources in the federal response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill which threatened our coastline for much of 2010.

Captain Poulin's extensive service record also includes assignments as Deputy Commander of the Coast Guard Group Galveston, Texas, from 1996 to 1999, and Special Adviser for Border and Transportation Security for Vice President Richard Cheney from 2005 to 2007. From 2003 to 2005, he was Coast Guard liaison to the State Department's Office of Oceans Affairs. He also served as Legal Counsel for the Coast Guard's Port Security Director from 2002 to 2003, and Legislative Counsel in the Coast Guard's Office of Congressional Affairs from 1999 to 2001.

A 1984 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Captain Poulin was awarded his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from the Miami School of Law in 1992.

After leaving the Gulf Coast, Captain Poulin assumed the position as the Coast Guard's director of Congressional Affairs in Washington, DC. He currently serves as the Coast Guard's Maritime and International Law Office Chief.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of South Alabama, I wish to congratulate Rear Admiral Poulin on his promotion. I also would like to extend my very best wishes to his lovely wife, Sherry, and their two children, Steven and Erin.