

timely fashion, reduces costs by authorizing a new user fee program for generic drugs, and takes important steps to prevent and mitigate critical drug shortages.

As the co-chairman of the Childhood Cancer Caucus, I am pleased that this legislation contains several provisions that will facilitate the development of safe and effective childhood cancer treatments. The legislation makes permanent two key complementary pediatric drug programs—the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BPCA) and the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA). Both of these programs foster the development of prescription drugs for children and the safe use of drugs by children. Finally, I am pleased that this legislation incorporates the Creating Hope Act, which I introduced with Representatives MCCAUL, BUTTERFIELD, and MYRICK. Under this incentive program, a pharmaceutical company that develops a drug specifically to treat a rare pediatric disease will be rewarded with a priority review voucher for another drug. I'm hopeful that this program will kick start private sector investment in new and innovative treatments for children and families affected by cancer.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support S. 3187 to provide FDA the resources it requires to guarantee the safety of American's prescription drugs and medical devices.

HONORING PETER S. PAINE, JR.

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend Peter S. Paine, Jr. upon his receipt of the Ordre des Palmes Academiques (Order of Academic Palms). This prestigious honor was awarded by the Messieurs Jean-Claude Duthion, Education Attaché of the French Embassy in recognition of his work to preserve Fort Ticonderoga and its international educational mission.

The Ordre des Palmes Academiques is an order of chivalry of France for academic, cultural, and educational figures. Originally founded by Emperor Napoleon to honor eminent members of the University of Paris, it was established as an order in October 4, 1955 by President René Jules Gustave Coty.

Peter's career as a lawyer and strong advocate for the environment first came to the fore when he was named a member of the Temporary Study Commission on the Future of the Adirondacks from 1968 to 1970, and then as a Commissioner of the Adirondack Park Agency from 1971 to 1995. Peter served as the principle draftsman of the Adirondack State Land Master Plan and the NY State Wild Scenic and Recreational Rivers legislation, masterfully displaying his skill and passion for the environment. He also served as a trustee and former chairman of the Adirontack Nature Conservancy, served on the NY State Nature Conservancy Board of Trustees, was founding member and long time general counsel of the Lake Champlain Committee, and also served as one of the founding trustees of what is now Environmental Advocates. He also has served on the Board of Trustees of the Fort Ticonderoga Association and a trustee of the Adirondack Community Trust pay projects and played an important role in numerous land

conservation contracts in the Champlain Valley including the preservation as a bird sanctuary of the Four Brother Islands in Lake Champlain and the addition of the Split Rock Mountain Range to the NY State Forest Preserve. As a major supporter and co-organizer of the Noblewood Park and Nature Preserve Project in the town of Willsboro, along with Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, he helped create the Coon Mountain Nature Preserve in Westport. Peter lead the Paine family in donating conservation easements to the Adirondack Nature Conservancy starting in 1978 which protected five miles of shoreline on Lake Champlain and the Boquet River as well as some 1,000 acres of farm and forestland.

Peter had a long career in the law with the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton LLP and has served as Chairman of the Champlain National Bank in Willsboro, NY.

Peter is an avid hunter, fisherman, horseman, and wilderness expedition leader. I can tell you from my personal interaction with him over many years that he is a man of uncommon intelligence, clear thinking, and one not afraid to express his opinion on any subject. He performs his duties with alacrity, clarity, and with concern for his environment and fellow man.

Let me offer in conclusion my sincere congratulations on his receipt of the Ordre des Palmes Academiques. I wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

"Peter, mes sincères félicitations pour votre prix à l'ordre des Palmes Académiques. Je tiens à vous souhaiter mes meilleures vœux de succès, et je vous prie d'agréer l'expression de mes salutations les plus distinguées."

SUPPORTING THE SELECTION OF IDAHO'S JERRY KRAMER INTO THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to highlight the career and advocate for one of Idaho's most distinguished professional football players, Jerry Kramer.

Jerry graduated from Idaho's Sandpoint High School and attended college at the University of Idaho on a football scholarship. He was a standout player there, garnering selections to both the East-West Shrine Game and the College All-Star Game.

Over a dozen professional football teams courted Kramer and after being drafted 39th overall, he signed on to play guard for the Green Bay Packers in 1958. The Packers of that era, with help from Kramer, are the only team to win three championships in a row. Jerry Kramer made the "Packer Sweep" famous.

Jerry Kramer is perhaps most famously known for "The Block" where he led quarterback Bart Starr into the end zone as time ran out in the 1967 NFL Championship game, defeating the Dallas Cowboys in what is known as the "Ice Bowl."

Jerry Kramer was a five-time All-Pro, a member of five championship teams, including the first two Super Bowls, and a member of

the NFL's 50th Anniversary All-Time team. He was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1960s at offensive guard and led the NFL in field goal percentage in 1962.

Surprisingly, Jerry Kramer is the only player selected to the NFL's 50th All-Time Anniversary team who has not been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

It is time, Mr. Speaker, for this oversight to be corrected. Jerry Kramer is so highly regarded that seventeen current members of the NFL Hall of Fame, many who played against Kramer, have endorsed his nomination and election to the Hall. That list of players includes such greats as Roger Staubach, Frank Gifford, Alan Page, Bob Lilly, Jan Stenerud, Gino Marchetti and Coach Joe Gibbs, to name just a few.

Besides his contributions on the football field, Jerry is a highly regarded citizen of Idaho who gives his time to worthy causes including serving on the selection committee for the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame. Idahoans are proud of his accomplishments and football fans throughout the state support his induction.

There is no doubt in my mind that Jerry Kramer's NFL career clearly qualifies him for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 26th, 2012, I missed rollcall vote 416 for unavoidable reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 416: "no" (Connolly of Virginia Amendment).

ON POINT, SHADES OF BLACK AND GREEN IN HONOR OF THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the Montford Point Marines, were the first enlisted Blacks ever to serve in The United States Marine Corps. Today we honor these magnificent heroes with the presentation of Congress's highest civilian award, The Congressional Gold Medal. These heroes fought on two fronts: at home against discrimination and across the seas to defend our nation. Beginning in 1942 they served in the Pacific Theater, and fought as valiantly as any Americans ever have. Their courageous lives have helped bring this Nation one step closer to equality. I ask in honor of all of these heroes living and deceased, this poem be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

ON POINT, SHADES OF BLACK AND GREEN
(by Albert Carey Caswell)

On . . .
On Point!
All in those Shades of Black and Green!
As a war can so be fought on two fronts
sometimes so sadly seen!

As had all of those Montford Point Marines
 . . .
 All in their most magnificent shades, shades
 of Black and Green . . .
 For only The Few, Shall Ever Be United
 States Marines!
 As a Nation's dark deep past so convened!
 All in what discrimination so really means!
 As throughout all of those generations,
 and all of those tears and pain upon a Na-
 tion!
 But, To Be A United States Marine!
 But, some dreams never die as so it seems!
 To walk so proudly and wear those brilliant
 shades of Green!
 And to go so boldly forth,
 all in your most heroic course!
 As A United States Marine!
 And even though what we so did to them was
 a disgrace as seen,
 these fine heroes would not so lost pace,
 these Marines!
 As they so heroically marched off into that
 shadow of death with high esteem!
 While, all of their most brilliant hearts so
 gleamed!
 OohRah!
 Because, discrimination is no match for A
 United States Marine!
 With the world at its edge,
 as Mankind bled . . .
 To Save The World, all in those magnificent
 shades of black and green!
 So that into a future, A King Among could
 so speak of his Dream!
 Because, no more fiercer warrior has so been
 seen!
 Than, all of those Magnificent Montford
 Point Marines!
 As I pity those poor Japanese,
 who had to so face all of their most heroic
 screams!
 As Jesse Owens,
 had already laid the ground work in Ger-
 many it seems!
 When, the second wave came crashing in as
 seen!
 Bringing a setting sun in the land of the Jap-
 anese!
 As what their fine hearts for our country tis
 of thee would mean!
 All in that Pride,
 that which so dwells deep inside of being a
 United States Marine!
 As their courage and their faith,
 put our Nation one step closer to that place!
 Where all of our forefathers' hearts had so
 truly dreamed!
 For all men are created equal all in this
 golden theme!
 So on this day,
 look around you and pray and so say thank
 all of these Marines!
 All in their most magnificent shades of
 Black and Green!
 Whose courage and undying faith,
 so made this our world a much better place
 all of these Marines!
 Listen closely, can you but not hear the lib-
 erty bell!
 Ringing out for the freedoms that they so
 fought for across the shores so well!
 For all these magnificent men where On
 Point,
 as our Lord God knows so very well!
 All in their most magnificent shades of
 Black and Green!
 All of these Magnificent Montford Point Ma-
 rines . . .
 As time and history would tell!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EL PASO YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the El Paso Youth Symphony Orchestra (EPYSO) and their Diplomatic International Cultural Exchange Tour.

From June 25th through July 2nd, the EPYSO will partner with the Mexican national youth symphony, Sinfonica Esperanza Azteca, in a regional tour that will take them to prestigious venues in southern California. The journey will culminate with a performance aboard the USS *Midway*, honoring veterans and soldiers.

The recognition of the tour would not be complete without mentioning the talented orchestra behind it. This year, Maestro Phillip Gabriel Garcia and his students will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the respected and accomplished EPYSO. With over 3,500 students taught and 200 shows performed, it is amazing to consider that just two decades ago, Phillip was a senior at Hanks High School when he first started this orchestra. EPYSO is now playing nationally in front of thousands. Its philanthropic motive of discovering hidden talent and potential in students throughout the city is also noteworthy.

With the tour underway, the band is focused on providing a phenomenal show. Mayor John Cook and Maestro Garcia have worked with the El Paso musicians to promote the message that they are a band against bullies. Their musical compositions come with a moral that bullying in schools must stop. Their song "I Am Not a Bully" will not only demonstrate and promote equal and fair school policies, but also display to our Mexican counterparts that Americans are more sympathetic than many in the international community label us.

Bullying is an unacceptable and growing problem in our schools. Bullying in all forms is unacceptable and social networks like Facebook and Twitter have only added fuel to the fire. All students suffer when bullying is tolerated, and we need to change if we want to see our youth progress as a generation. Our goal should be to provide students with a safe academic environment where students are comfortable and focused on their social and educational goals. Additionally, as a father and a grandfather, I would not want to witness any child being harassed or picked-on. Being bullied, especially at a young age, has a serious implication on a child's early social development that will negatively impact them for the rest of their lives. Thankfully many activists—like the students in the EPYSO and others—are combating this growing problem.

I am proud of the Diplomatic International Cultural Exchange Tour. As the EPYSO travels across the Southwest with their Mexican counterparts, I hope that their message of tolerance will be one which the cities they visit will embrace and share in their communities.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 4348, SURFACE TRANS- PORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2012, PART II

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Black Motion to Instruct.

This motion is a step back for highway safety, and a step back for our country. This country has done a lot to improve highway safety in the last thirty years. We've mandated safety belt use. We've addressed our many of our most dangerous intersections and developed better signage and more visible traffic signals. And we created a federal mandate that raised the drinking age to 21.

But there are new challenges—and distracted driving is one of the most important. This motion is exactly the opposite of what we should be voting on.

We should be doing everything in our power to encourage responsible driving and protect lives. Couching this argument in the 10th amendment is simply cover for irresponsible legislation.

There are numerous grant programs throughout the federal government that provide funding for states based on national policies that Congress wants to advance. To single out a safety program is totally out of left field—or rather, right field in this case.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this motion.

CONGRATULATING MS. STEPHANIE ODOM ON THE OCCASION OF RECOGNITION AS A UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION DIVERSE SCHOLAR

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great pleasure to congratulate Ms. Stephanie Odom for being honored as a United Health Foundation Diverse Scholar. Ms. Odom's unwavering commitment to academic excellence in the field of science, deem her worthy of this recognition.

The United Health Foundation began highlighting Diverse Scholars in 2007 as an initiative to increase the quantity of deserving, yet underrepresented individuals entering the health workforce. In 2009, the Foundation sought to further engage scholars with access to resources by hosting a forum in our Nation's capital with representatives from government, academia, and various industries.

Ms. Odom is a native of Macon, North Carolina. She has excelled at Edward Waters College as an undergraduate biology major. Currently in her second year of education at Edward Waters, Ms. Odom has consistently achieved Dean's List honors by maintaining a minimum 3.5 GPA since her freshman year. As a result, she is a member of the prestigious national honor society, Phi Eta Sigma.

She credits the United Health Foundation scholarship with assisting her goal of completing post-secondary education. She is a