

end. Mrs. Anderson has run the race of life with grace and dignity and God has blessed her over her lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mrs. Bessie Mae Rudolph Anderson as she and her family prepares to celebrate her 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING ST ANN'S SCHOOL 148 YEARS OF EDUCATING YOUTH

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St Ann's School of Hornell, New York for educating the youth of the 29th district for 148 years. On Wednesday, June 20th, St Ann's school closed its doors for the final time, bringing to a close a long legacy of providing a strong Catholic education to the children of the Southern Tier.

Since its founding in 1863, St Ann's School has committed itself not just to the development of the skills necessary for learning, but to the development of the whole child. Operating in an atmosphere permeated by Christian values, St Ann's School has long provided families with an affordable option to instill in their children the intellectual, emotional, and spiritual values necessary to become outstanding citizens.

It has been my privilege to represent St Ann's School for the past 2 years, and although I regret the decision that was made to close the school, I am truly thankful for its deep commitment to the education of the children of the 29th District of New York.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRI- TION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding as the House Agriculture Committee marks up H.R. 6083, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARMM) Act.

As families struggle to meet their basic needs during the economic downturn, the SNAP short-term food assistance program has become more important than ever. With over 14 percent of American households suffering from food insecurity, SNAP works to ensure that children, unemployed workers, and seniors have the nutrition and extra help they need. SNAP provides essential support for 46.3 million Americans (nearly half of which are children) in 22 million different households. Washington State alone has nearly 1 million people that rely on SNAP benefits.

Changes proposed in the FARMM Act to end broad-based categorical eligibility would hurt low-income families in Washington State. An estimated 80,000 Washingtonians that currently receive SNAP benefits would not qualify or would be dropped from the program. Fur-

ther, an estimated 280,000 low-income children in SNAP-eligible households that currently have access to free or reduced school meals would no longer have access. Further, FARMM Act provisions to limit which Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) payments can apply to SNAP benefits, would further limit benefits received through SNAP. These changes would disproportionately impact children, seniors, and working families. In these trying economic times, many Washingtonians cannot afford these cuts.

Congress must stand up for SNAP funding, as the program plays a crucial role in our economic recovery. The best way to lower government spending on SNAP is not through major cuts, but by continuing to help families in need. In Washington State, the average SNAP recipient receives benefits for only nine months. In these tough economic times, SNAP is providing much-needed support in getting families back on their feet.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues protect SNAP funding as the FARMM Act goes through the legislative process.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to correct an error I made in voting recently.

Rollcall vote 430, the twelfth Broun amendment, proposed to reduce the Public Housing Operating fund by \$56 million. Because that particular series of votes included six successive amendments by Representative BROUN of Georgia, and these votes were shortened to two minutes in length, I mistakenly lost track of the order of amendments and voted "yes" on rollcall 430. I ask that the RECORD reflect I intended to vote "no" on rollcall 430.

CONGRATULATING ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS AND THE FDA

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Arena Pharmaceuticals and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on their work to approve a new weapon in the battle against obesity—Belviiq. This is the first new drug for the treatment of this serious medical condition to be approved by the FDA in 13 years. According to the FDA, this innovative therapy works by activating the serotonin 2C receptor in the brain. Activation of this receptor may help a person eat less and feel full after eating smaller amounts of food.

Mr. Speaker, the health of our nation needs to be a top priority, and with over 93 million Americans impacted by obesity this type of innovation needs to be supported. The FDA's approval of Belviiq is not only a step towards improving the lives of many Americans and significantly reducing healthcare costs, but it can also result in job retention and job growth in San Diego. Breakthroughs, like Belviiq from

the San Diego life science community, create jobs in their search for innovations to ensure a healthier future. Arena Pharmaceuticals invested over \$1.5 billion dollars to get to this point, much of which was spent in California. In addition, all pivotal clinical trials were conducted here in the United States of America. By fostering cutting edge life science research, we can bring economic invigoration to San Diego and the U.S. while alleviating current medical ailments like obesity.

The life science industry employs over 2 million Americans, with the San Diego cluster being one of the largest at approximately 40,000 employees and 700 companies. Through successes in this industry with promising advancements like Belviiq, more companies and research projects can emerge in the region to generate job opportunities. San Diego biotechnology is internationally renowned for important discoveries in the medical field. Belviiq adds another distinction to San Diego biotechnology as our region is directly contributing to remedying obesity in the United States, which costs the nation \$190 billion per year. These medical breakthroughs not only help our local businesses, but also contribute to a healthier America.

Currently, less than one third of Americans have a healthy body weight. Americans across all social and economic groups are consequently affected by medical issues caused by being overweight. This recent innovation can allow us to look towards a future in which less Americans are affected by this serious medical condition and other weight-related illnesses. As doctors have been asking for more research into new treatments for weight-loss, Belviiq begins to answer these calls. Now we have taken the first steps in a new approach to obesity and will hopefully see new results.

Congratulations to Mr. Jack Lief of Arena Pharmaceuticals. The work of this innovative company will not only be felt in San Diego but across this great country.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA PEANUT COMMISSION

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, with the discussion of a new farm bill heating up, I would like to pay special recognition to the Georgia Peanut Commission. In August, the Commission will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. Since 1961, they have successfully improved the profitability of peanuts and peanut products through research, promotion, and education, creating a better market for Georgia peanut farmers.

When the Georgia Peanut Commission began, farmers who harvested 475,000 acres of peanuts averaged yields of 1,200 pounds per acre. Last year, farmers who harvested the same 475,000 acres averaged over 3,500 pounds per acre, an increase of 350 percent. Due to their efforts, Georgia peanut yields are consistently higher than other states; possess superior quality, and contribute an estimated 2 billion dollars to the Georgia economy.

In fact, Georgia is number 1 in the national production of peanuts with nearly 50 percent of the annual crop.

And no one can miss those small red packs of peanuts. The Georgia Peanut Commission is recognized throughout the world by their red packages of Georgia peanuts. Annually, the Commission distributes 2 million of those little red packs, demonstrating their commitment to the peanut industry.

In addition, with farmers and ranchers being the true conservationists of America, the Commission, on August 1st, will open a net-zero energy building, which will serve as their new headquarters. During the construction of this new building, only local contractors and businesses were used and no government funding was provided, further showing their commitment to Georgia's agricultural future.

Mr. Speaker, with agriculture being one of the economic pillars of this great country, it is with pride that I congratulate the Georgia Peanut Commission on its 50th anniversary, and I look forward to working with the Commission for another 50 years.

CONGRATULATING QUINTIN SMITH

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Quintin Smith on his 200 Meter Dash State Title at the Missouri Class 4 State Track and Field Championships.

Quintin Smith, a senior at Parkview High School, took home first place for the Vikings in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 21.50.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Quintin Smith on his 200 Meter Dash State Track and Field Title.

HONORING MILLENNIUM MOMENTUM FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THEIR STRONG PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an exceptional foundation in California's 33rd District—Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc. (MMF). This Los Angeles based organization was formed on July 12, 2002 as a 501(c)(3) with the critical mission to increase the number of students and young adults from various backgrounds in the public service system through higher education, scholarships, mentoring, and leadership development training.

MMF empowers and encourages students to further develop their passion for service, commitment to change, and to become leaders within their communities. The program rewards exceptional student leaders with scholarships that are matched by their own institutions, providing more financial resources for students to complete their college degrees. Students attend life changing leadership development workshops focusing on important issues such as personal finance, professional communication, dispute resolution, and résumé and interview preparation. This foundation has an outstanding and effectual track record of equipping young people with the

tools and skills they need to reach success in public service.

Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc. has become one of the premier providers of leadership development training in the nation with a 96 percent college graduation rate and an 85 percent employment matriculation rate among program participants completing service delivery from 2004 to 2011. MMF's capacity to effectively reach, educate, train, and professionally develop young adults was so impressive, it was selected by the Obama administration in 2012 to serve as a national partner to help implement the White House Young America Series, a non-partisan educational conference initiative aiming to merge President Obama's vision with young America's needs in 17 cities around the nation.

Mr. Speaker, we are very proud to have such an outstanding organization as part of the Los Angeles Community and California's 33rd Congressional District.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF SALLY WILLOUGHBY WILSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my son Julian Wilson and his wife Joy Wilson of Lexington, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby girl. Sally Willoughby Wilson was born at 10:48 p.m., on Saturday, June 30, 2012, weighing 7 pounds and measuring 19 and 3/4 inches long. Sally joins an older brother, Jack Wilson. She has been born into a loving home where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future.

I would also like to congratulate Sally's grandparents Gary Strickland and Sherry Strickland of Nichols, South Carolina, and my wife, Roxanne Wilson of Springdale, South Carolina. I am so excited for this new addition to the Wilson family.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNEXATION OF ELSMERE CANYON IN SANTA CLARITA, CA

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Santa Clarita and its residents on the recent annexation of Elsmere Canyon. This annexation completes a 25-year journey to protect a beautiful canyon that provides outstanding recreation opportunities to residents of the Santa Clarita Valley and visitors from surrounding areas.

Elsmere Canyon serves as an important wildlife corridor and is an integral part of the City's greenbelt. The Canyon is a popular destination for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts, and greatly enriches the recreational opportunities available in our area.

I am proud to have fought for, and won inclusion of, a legislative provision that was written into law which will forever protect Elsmere Canyon from being developed as a massive

landfill. In February of 1995, I introduced H.R. 924, legislation that would prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from transferring any part of the Angeles National Forest from federal ownership to be used as a landfill. This language was included in the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, which was signed into law that year.

I would like to recognize the efforts of the Santa Clarita City Council, Supervisor Antonovich, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for working together to purchase the land in 2010, which helped to pave the way for annexation into the City this spring. It is my sincere hope that Elsmere Canyon serves as a reminder that when residents, elected officials, and community organizations come together, we can create great opportunities for the residents that live in our beautiful valley.

HONORING JAMES ROMAN CUTSHAW

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend, a selfless humanitarian, a loving son, brother, husband, and father—Mr. James Roman Cutshaw, better known as Roman.

In addition to his unwavering dedication to his family, Roman is also a lifelong Marine who served in World War II as an artilleryman. Roman's father taught him about how precious freedom and liberty are, as he served during World War I. He encouraged each of his sons to enlist as well. Not only did Roman make his father extremely proud, he also took away intangible life lessons about camaraderie, duty, and honor that are still with him today.

After the war Mr. Cutshaw continued his education and received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He later moved his family from Greeneville, Tennessee, to Athens, Georgia, where he became a successful businessman, father to four boys, and pillar of the community.

After his retirement, Mr. Cutshaw has continued an active and engaging lifestyle all the while maintaining a constant drive to better himself in every way possible. At age 77 he returned to school to obtain a second degree in Heating and Air Engineering and at age 86 he received a third degree in Theology. Roman maintains a garden large enough to feed several families in his community and has done countless free repairs on refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners in the hot Georgia summers for those not fortunate enough to afford these costly services. He is truly an example of what it means to put others' needs before your own and to always trust in the Lord.

In 2011, Roman was diagnosed with cancer and is now in his hardest battle yet. Just last week, he turned 92 years old and days before was placed under the care of Hospice. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, but we know God has blessed and will continue to bless Roman. This is a man who has not been afraid to get his hands dirty or make sacrifices on behalf of his neighbors. He understands the value of a hard day's work, the loyalty it