

development and validation of critical C-IED solutions ahead of the threat.

As a father of a West Point Cadet from the Class of 2013, Captain Borrebach has worked tirelessly to improve the protection of those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines downrange as if they were his own. Over his tenure, he has contributed significantly to the improvement of the IED found and clear rate and correspondingly has helped prevent casualties and loss of life.

I am proud to share in the celebration of Captain Borrebach's remarkable accomplishments that have served this nation well in Afghanistan and Iraq. As he departs for his alma-mater, the United States Naval Academy, for his final assignment in his thirty-year career, I ask my colleagues to recognize his leadership and distinguished service.

CONGRATULATING JORDAN
BRITTON, MISSOURI TRACK AND
FIELD STATE CHAMPION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hollister High School's Jordan Britton for winning the Long Jump and the Triple Jump State Titles at the Class 2 Missouri Track and Field Championships.

Jordan worked hard throughout the season to achieve his state championship titles. After districts he was ranked first in Long Jump. Upon reaching the state competition Jordan found himself struggling to match his previous best jumps. With help from Head Coach Tucker Pierce and Jump Coach Greg Brown, Jordan was able to recover and found himself in fourth place before his second to last jump. It was then that Jordan put forward his best performance with a leap of 21 feet and 10 inches, which was just enough to give him the top prize in the Class 2 finals.

Jordan also took the Triple Jump with a leap of 43 feet and 6 inches, gaining his second title at the state championship. Having entered the state competition in third place, Jordan knew he would have to jump a personal best to even medal. Competing against the number one seed in the final, Jordan overcame a 43 foot leap to secure first place by 6 inches, again giving his best performance in the second to last jump.

The Hollister School District as well as the track and field staff are proud to have such a fine young man representing their school. He truly represents his family, school and the state of Missouri in a positive manner.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jordan on his State Track and Field Championship Titles.

CANCER-FREE LABEL ACT

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, exposure to cancer-causing agents increases every American's risk of cancer, and they are found in everyday products and in the environment.

Since only 5% of cancer is caused by genetic factors, people can reduce their risk of getting cancer by the other 95% of causes by reducing their exposure to carcinogens.

We all know that we can reduce our risk of getting cancer by wearing sunscreen, quitting smoking, and steering clear of asbestos. But what about everyday products? Which make-up has carcinogens? Which pesticides? Which air fresheners, carpet cleaners, flea collars, and yes, food items, increase your family's risk of cancer? Which baby shampoos?

The reality is consumers do not know. Even if our constituents memorized the list of known and probable carcinogens, many substances in consumer products remain hidden. Words like "fragrance" and "artificial flavoring" are used in place of specific ingredients to protect companies' trade secrets, and they should. But there is no denying that this protection makes it harder for consumers to make fully informed choices.

And even if known carcinogens were not part of a product's ingredient list, certain manufacturing or storage practices can result in the introduction of carcinogens into a product, which then can pass into your body.

Today, I am introducing legislation called the "Cancer-Free Label Act." Under this bill, manufacturers who would like to market their products as being completely free of all known carcinogens would be allowed to seek a "cancer-free" label. By submitting a confidential application to be evaluated by the agency that regulates their specific product, a manufacturer could provide consumers assurance that the product is free of known carcinogens without having to divulge valuable trade secrets. The voluntary application would protect manufacturers' hard-earned intellectual property and could not be used by any agency of government for any reason other than determining the product's "cancer-free" status.

The application would simply include a full list of substances and a demonstrated adherence to best carcinogen-avoidance practices in manufacture, storage, and transportation. In addition, this program would not mandate any new bureaucracy to evaluate carcinogens; it simply creates a process for agencies to compare ingredients lists against existing government lists of known and probable carcinogens.

Unlike other well-intentioned efforts to get carcinogens out of consumer products, this legislation would not rely on mandates or bans. If a manufacturer does not choose to apply, there is no penalty. The labeling program is 100% voluntary. It would simply harness the power of the free market, enabling consumers to choose safer products for themselves and their families. We all remember the most recent example of this—it was consumer selection, not government intervention, that got BPA out of baby products.

I urge my colleagues to pass this market-driven legislation and give consumers and families across America the power to opt-out of cancer-causing substances in everyday products.

COMMEMORATING THE 38TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. SHELLY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call my colleagues' attention to the 38th anniversary of Turkey's unlawful and tragic invasion of Cyprus. Turkey's occupation, which began on July 20, 1974, left thousands of innocent Greek Cypriot civilians without their homes, their land, and their families. It is crucial for us to commemorate this unfortunate situation and assist the people of Cyprus in reaching a solution.

Many of the Cypriot generation who suffered the invasion have not lived to see justice or a resolution to this conflict. Although many of the survivors have had the opportunity to return to their homes on the northern side of the island, it was only to discover them occupied by Turkish settlers.

Only Turkey recognizes the occupied northern side of the country as a Turkish Cypriot state, but it does not even provide a valid standard of living to their own citizens. This was made evident through the recent demonstrations by Turkish Cypriots who have displayed their own dissatisfaction with the Turkish occupation. More recently, Turkey has threatened the use of force to stop Texas-based Noble Energy from drilling for oil and gas off the shores of Cyprus and to blacklist any businesses that work with Cyprus for natural resource extraction.

Meanwhile, the Turkish government has begun to sow instability throughout its region. Turkey recognizes the terrorist Hamas government in Gaza and even received its leader in the Turkish parliament earlier this year—disturbing hypocrisy from a state that receives US support for its own fight against terrorism. Turkey also demands that Israel end its naval blockade of Gaza, despite the deadly security threat Hamas poses to Israel. Turkey's repeated, flagrant criticism of Israel is particularly troubling and potentially destabilizing.

Turkey continues to deny the Armenian Genocide during which 1.5 million Armenians perished and has threatened punitive measures against the United States if Congress recognizes this tragic event. Since 1993, Turkey has maintained a destabilizing blockade of Armenia.

The time has come for Turks to end their threats and denials, withdraw their troops, and return the territory that is not rightfully theirs. That way, the Cypriots—and the Cypriots alone—can make the decisions affecting their future.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5856) making appropriations for the Department of Defense

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 5856, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013. H.R. 5856 provides \$519.2 billion for the base budget of the Defense Department in fiscal year 2013 which is \$3.1 billion above the President's request and \$1.1 billion above the fiscal year 2012 level.

In addition, the Department of Defense (DOD) appropriations bill provides \$88.5 billion in fiscal year 2013 contingency funding for ongoing military operations in Afghanistan, at the President's request and \$26.6 billion below the fiscal year 2012 level. The contingency funding being \$26.6 billion below the fiscal year 2012 level reflects the continued drawdown of U.S. activities in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I support this bill for three reasons:

(1) Provides all service members a pay raise of 1.7 percent, the level included in the President's request;

(2) Provides \$33.9 billion, \$334 million above the President's request, for Defense health care programs for our troops, their families, and retirees; and

(3) Provides \$1.6 billion for measures to counter improvised explosive devices in Afghanistan.

I would like to thank Chairman YOUNG and Ranking Member DICKS for ensuring that there were no reductions in the number of C-17s that are in use by our Armed Services in the Fiscal Year 2013 Defense Appropriations bill. The C-17 is the Air Force's premier strategic transport aircraft and remains the military's most reliable and capable airlift aircraft. The C-17 has proven capable of delivering more cargo, troops, and non-war humanitarian missions than any other aircraft. The C-17 delivered needed relief supplies and search and rescue teams immediately in the aftermath of the destruction in Japan. The C-17 also delivered over 10,005 tons of disaster relief supplies and carried 13,812 passengers in response to the earthquake that struck Haiti in 2010.

Mr. Chair, in my remaining time let me briefly highlight additional key provisions. This legislation provides increased funding of \$246 million for cancer research, \$245 million for medical facility and equipment upgrades, \$125 million for Traumatic Brain Injury and psychological health research, and \$20 million for suicide prevention outreach programs. Also, provides \$2.3 billion for family support and advocacy programs.

This bill provides \$181 million in additional funds not requested by the President to keep open production lines for the M-1 Abrams tank and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. As our nation goes through an Armed Forces reduction, protecting critical industries such as U.S. combat vehicle is imperative. Maintaining a modest and continuous Abrams production line is necessary to persevering superior battlefield capabilities. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey said, "capability is more important than size." I agree. In April, I signed onto a letter to Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta expressing that sentiment.

H.R. 5856 maintains our military superiority by continuing the research and development of current and future military equipment. This bill provides \$5.9 billion for procurement of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. Provides \$2.6 billion

for procurement of modified F-18 Super Hornets, which is \$562 million and 11 aircraft more than the President's request. Also, provides \$1.8 billion to develop the KC-46A, the Air Force's next-generation aerial refueling aircraft.

This bill also provides \$250 million above the President's request for the Rapid Innovation Fund. This will continue the efforts started by the Armed Services Committee in fiscal year 2011 to promote innovative research in defense technologies among small businesses. H.R. 5856 includes \$519 million for the Cooperative Threat Reduction program, known as Nunn-Lugar, to assist in the denuclearization and demilitarization of the states of the former Soviet Union.

Finally, let me note my opposition to a number of provisions in this bill. This bill provides no funding for the Medium Extended Air Defense Systems (MEADS) program, which is a joint U.S.-German-Italian effort planned to replace Hawk and Patriot systems worldwide by 2018. Provides \$118 million less than the President request for necessary F-22 warplane modifications. Reduces the Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Fund (DAWDF) by \$224 million from the fiscal year 2013 budget.

Mr. Chair, this bill is based upon a \$1.028 trillion discretionary spending cap for fiscal year 2013, which is \$19 billion below the \$1.047 trillion discretionary spending cap agreed to in the bipartisan Budget Control Act. With my colleagues across the aisle squeezing our discretionary spending, they are hampering our ability to support many key national security priorities.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support and join me in voting for the bill on final passage.

A TRIBUTE TO MASTER POLICE OFFICER JEREMIAH GOODSON

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Master Police Officer Jeremiah Goodson of Lumberton, North Carolina, had his life taken from him while protecting his community on July 17, 2012. Officer Goodson had served on the City of Lumberton Police Department since 2006, and is the first Lumberton Police officer to be killed in the line of duty in 76 years. Officer Goodson will be remembered by all those whose lives he touched as the finest example of bravery, honor, and public service.

Officer Goodson, a native of Lumberton, worked selflessly to make a positive difference in his community. In addition to his service with the Lumberton Police Department, Officer Goodson was also a member of the police force's Gang Unit and served as a Resource Officer at Lumberton High School. Officer Goodson's colleagues at the Police Department spoke of Goodson as a personable officer and a great person who never met a stranger. Students at Lumberton High School recall Goodson as a good, loving, gentle person who will be remembered for doing his work diligently and cheerfully.

Over his lifetime, Officer Goodson earned countless friends because of his readiness

with a lighthearted joke or kind word. Because of his six years of service with the police department and his friendly personality, Officer Goodson had one of the most respected and recognizable faces in his community.

He was so widely admired within his community that the celebration of his life was held at Lumberton High School to better serve the huge amount of people attending to honor and remember him. The outpouring of grief from the Lumberton community is a testament to a life well-lived, and one that ended too soon.

Above all, Officer Goodson will be missed by his family and friends. He was the son of Bettie and Jerry Goodson, a brother to Isis and Joshua Goodson, the loving husband of Lametria Goodson and father to their children, Jurnee Amiah Goodson, Tyryn Hueston, and Josiah Malachi Goodson. Though their sorrow must run deep, we hope they may take comfort in knowing that this man is a hero to his community and he will rest in peace with his Savior. May God bless his family, and may we always keep in remembrance the life of Master Police Officer Jeremiah Goodson.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, on roll-call No. 503 had I been present, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING PATRICK VAN GRINSVEN

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Patrick Van Grinsven, a vital member of my staff for over the past 3 years.

Friday, July 20th was Pat's last day serving the people of the Illinois Fifth Congressional District. He has served with distinction since June 2008 when he joined the staff of my predecessor in office, the Honorable Rahm Emanuel. In April 2009, after I was sworn in, Pat joined my staff as a Legislative Correspondent and now departs as a Legislative Assistant.

Pat began his career in public service when he became an intern in the office of his hometown Congressman, the Honorable Rahm Emanuel. Pat quickly moved up and in late 2008 he was promoted to Staff Assistant. After Congressman Emanuel left to become President Obama's Chief of Staff and I was elected as his successor, Pat joined my office as a Legislative Correspondent to continue serving the Fifth District. Pat managed all my constituent correspondence—an exceptionally difficult task amidst the controversy of the 111th Congress. In 2010, I promoted Pat to Legislative Assistant and since then he has handled some of my highest priority issues including transportation, veterans, postal, and labor. As the longest-tenured staff member serving the Fifth District in Washington, DC, Pat will be sorely missed.