

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
CALEB GOODWYN**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, as a United States Representative, I have a duty to effectively serve the people in my constituency to the best of my ability. In this mission, it has always been my good fortune to be surrounded by a dedicated staff in both Washington and Alabama that has put service to the public as its first cause.

As the District Director in my Birmingham office, Caleb Goodwyn has provided outstanding service as my "eyes and ears" in the 6th District. As Caleb prepares to depart for an exciting new professional opportunity, I want to take this time to thank him for his work on my behalf and on behalf of the people of Alabama.

As I have often said, staff members are public servants every bit as much as those who have been elected. During the past five and a half years, Caleb Goodwyn has represented my office with consummate skill, professionalism, and loyalty. He has been a trusted liaison between my Federal office and mayors and local and State government officials, the business community, law enforcement and fire officials, the nonprofit sector, and the citizens who call my office every day in search of assistance. Caleb's approach has always been to listen and work towards thoughtful solutions to problems.

Caleb is at his best when the issues are the most challenging. He provided poised leadership in my Birmingham office during the response to the devastating tornadoes of April 27, 2011, and has worked with multiple stakeholders on important transportation improvements, economic development for our communities, and the construction of the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, to name just a few.

Caleb has also generously given his time and support to many charitable endeavors, including the "Three Hots and a Cot" project for homeless veterans in Birmingham.

A native of Jasper, Caleb is a graduate of Sewanee: The University of the South and the University of Alabama. Prior to joining my office, Caleb gained valuable experience in the Office of Governor Bob Riley.

In his new responsibilities with the PowerSouth Energy Cooperative in Montgomery, Caleb will continue to be heavily involved with local and State economic development. The policy knowledge, experience and relationships that he will bring to his position will help promote economic opportunity for the people of Alabama.

It is my pleasure to wish Caleb and his lovely wife Elizabeth all the best as they begin this new adventure in their lives and to thank him for his diligent service to my congressional office and to the citizens of his home State of Alabama.

AFFORDABLE HOME HEALTH CARE

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, states across the Nation are reducing their health care costs by doing something that makes a lot of fiscal and common sense: they are making it easier for seniors to receive care where they most want to be—in their homes. Washington should take notice. Instead of making it more difficult for home health care providers to operate, the Federal Government should strive to make these services more accessible to all seniors. After all, home health care is clinically advanced, cost effective, and, most importantly, patient preferred.

Take my home State of Ohio as an example. Under Governor John Kasich's leadership, Ohio has significantly increased seniors' access to home health care—and, according to analysis by Miami University's Scripps Gerontology Center, the State is saving half a billion dollars a year as a result.

I think Governor Kasich put it best when he said, that he could not, "think of anything more important to a senior than to be able to stay in their home with assistance, rather than being put in a facility that they are not comfortable with." The Governor is right.

Mr. Speaker, as is usually the case, States are leading the way with low-cost, high-quality home health care. They are forging ahead with policies that not only save money, but deliver a better quality of life for our seniors. Making at home health care more accessible for seniors is a win-win for my State, and Washington would be wise to follow.

RECOGNIZING HONOR FLIGHT
CENTRAL FLORIDA**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, in honor of America's World War II veterans, the Honor Flight Network conducts several Honor Flights year round to Washington, D.C. in order to provide our nation's heroes a day to visit and reflect at their World War II Memorial. I am pleased to recognize that on October 7, 2012, an Honor Flight will take place to honor the World War II veterans of Central Florida.

Honor Flight Central Florida was established on August 27th, 2011, and held their first flight on June 9th, 2012. The philosophy of the Honor Flight Network is that America felt it was important to honor veterans with dedicated memorials, and it should be equally important that those veterans get to see and experience their memorial. As a way to express appreciation and thanks for their service to our country, the veterans are able to fly with Honor Flight at no personal expense. Honor Flight Central Florida has 27 World War II veterans that will be flown to Washington, D.C. this October to see their memorial on the National Mall.

We honor the brave men and women whose dedication to our great nation protected our freedom during perilous times. Among the courageous heroes of Honor Flight Central Florida in October are Chief Master Sergeant Melvin Jenner, USAAC-USAF; Private Joyce Geier, USAF-WAC; Corporal Eugene Hatley, USAF; Lieutenant Colonel James Krajicek, USAF; Private 1st Class Stanley Shader, Army; Sergeant George Focht, Army Air Corp; Sergeant Robert Thomson, Army Air Corp; Private 1st Class Arthur Lehmann, Army; Private Nicholas Liverani, USMC; Petty Officer 2nd Class Julia Kelly, USN Waves; Petty Officer 2nd Class Gerald Langella, USN; Petty Officer 3rd Class Gene Gray, USN; Ranger Francis Coughlin, Army; Major Samuel Holland, Army; Ensign Donald Voorhees, USN; Corporal Kenneth Shappell, USAF; Staff Sergeant Thomas Sparks, Army; Staff Sergeant Charles Andresakes, Army; Lieutenant Colonel Frank Brown, USAF; Petty Officer 2nd Class John Franklin, USN; Private 1st Class Charles P. Hearn, Army; Petty Officer 2nd Class William Hancock, Jr., USN; Aviation Petty Officer 3rd Class John Nelson, Navy Air Corp; Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Berkmeier, USN; Corporal Andrew Kunkel, Army; Petty Officer 3rd Class Russell Smith, USN; and James Moore, USN. The selflessness by which they voluntarily served and put their lives on the line for our safety and security is inspiring.

It is my distinct pleasure, as a representative of the people of Central Florida, to recognize the honor, courage, and commitment of these heroes, along with all members of America's armed forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this country.

IN HONOR OF THE BUCKS-MONT
CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE REMODELING
INDUSTRY**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bucks-Mont Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for their service to the local community.

For twenty years, this chapter of NAIR has worked tirelessly to educate and grow successful business while improving the homes of families who need it most.

Over the last decade the men and women of the Bucks-Mont NAIR have put in over 7,334 volunteer man hours. These volunteers have donated their time, as well as the necessary tools and materials for worthwhile causes such as Habitat for Humanity, the New Beginnings Community Church, and the Vietnam Veteran Project.

Throughout its twenty year history, this chapter has showed a continued commitment to serving others who are in need and I am confident that they will continue to do so for years to come.

RECOGNIZING WORLD
ALZHEIMER'S MONTH**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's Disease.

As we recognize September as World Alzheimer's Month, I want to thank the many advocates, caregivers, and health professionals who provide support for those who suffer from Alzheimer's Disease, and the medical researchers who are working so hard to discover better treatments and cures. I especially want to recognize the work of the Alzheimer's Association, including the Greater Illinois Chapter, that is working to reduce stigma and eliminate Alzheimer's Disease.

Alzheimer's Disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, and it is the only cause of death among the top 10 that today cannot be prevented, cured, or even slowed. Every 68 seconds, an American develops Alzheimer's Disease. It is estimated that this year, 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's Disease, including 210,000 people aged 65 or older in Illinois. In addition to the physical and emotional toll of those afflicted with Alzheimer's and their families, there are immense costs associated with caring for those with Alzheimer's.

The Alzheimer's Association not only makes critical investments into Alzheimer's research but also provides support groups, education programs, and other resources to patients, caregivers, and families. More than 15 million Americans will provide unpaid care valued at \$210 billion to individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's and other dementias. As the co-chair of the House Democratic Caucus Seniors Task Force, I am committed to accelerating our efforts to help patients and caregivers.

Today, September 21, is "Go Purple" day to highlight the need to end Alzheimer's. I hope that we also remember today that Congress needs to act to help meet that goal, while also making sure that individuals living with Alzheimer's and those who care for them receive the assistance they need and deserve. Last May, the first ever National Alzheimer's Plan was released, laying out the needs and the opportunities before us—in public education, treatment, support services, and research. We need to adopt their positive recommendations, but we also need to make sure that we move forward, not backwards.

We cannot make short-sighted cuts to medical research, including the National Institutes of Health, that will delay the discovery of new treatments and cures. This year, it will cost \$200 billion, including \$140 billion from Medicare and Medicaid, to provide care for those living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. This cost is estimated to soar to \$1.1 trillion by 2050. Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid would be devastating to Alzheimer's patients and caregivers, and arbitrary cuts to Older Americans Act programs will leave individuals and caregivers without the supports they need.

I urge my colleagues and their staff to join me to recognize September as World Alzheimer's Month and commit to developing and implementing strategies to address Alzheimer's disease.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTIN HEINRICH

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, on September 20, 2012, I unfortunately missed one vote, rollcall No. 588. If I had been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 588.

HONORING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF CHARLES "CHARLIE" MICHAEL

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and distinguished career of Charles "Charlie" Michael. For over 40 years, Charlie has served as a soldier in the United States Army, as a contractor at the Department of Defense, and as a civilian in the Department of the Army.

Charlie began his career in the United States Army as military policeman in 1968, serving in Okinawa, Vietnam, and Washington, DC. After separating from active duty in 1972, Charlie attended Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, and earned a Bachelor's Degree in psychology. Following graduation from Lycoming, Charlie began working as a Family Court Hearing and Enforcement Officer. During that time, he also enlisted in the Army Reserve.

In 1981, Charlie entered the Army Active Guard Reserve Program as an executive officer, and held other posts throughout the 1980s. In 1998, Charlie retired from the Army Budget Office as the Army Reserve Liaison at the rank of Major.

After retiring from active duty, Charlie became a contractor and supported the Army Reserve Operations Division until 2003. Later, he became Deputy Division Chief for the Programming and Resource Division where he spearheaded significant improvements in readiness levels for Army units and individuals.

I first met Charlie when he arrived in my office in 2009 as an Army Fellow. During his time with us, Charlie worked on legislation important to veterans like H.R. 4279, which would allow veterans to receive educational assistance on an accelerated basis if they met certain criteria. Charlie's most important contribution to this office, though, may well be the delicious Coca-Cola Cake that he loved to make and that we all loved to enjoy.

As he retires from his long and distinguished career, I am certain that Charlie looks forward to moving to South Carolina with his wife Diane, and spending more time with his family including his son Brian, his daughter Christine, and his grandchildren Kaitlyn, Paige, and Samantha.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Charles "Charlie" Michael and his service to this country in so many different capacities. It was an honor to have him work in my office. His tireless commitment and dedication to public service and the Armed Forces will be missed, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, due to my attendance at the funeral of a dear friend, I was unable to be present for votes in the House on Friday, September 21. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the Markey Amendment No. 1, Waxman Amendment, Markey Amendment No. 5, Jackson Lee Amendment, Markey Amendment No. 10, and the DeFazio Amendment. I would have voted "nay" on the Kelly Amendment, the McKinley Amendment, the Berg Amendment, and the Gosar Amendment. I would have voted "yea" on the Democratic motion to recommit, and "nay" on final passage of H.R. 3409.

IN HONOR OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LAUREN HAYNES

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Lauren Haynes, one of my constituents in Pennsylvania's 8th District.

Thanks to Lauren's tireless efforts in pursuing excellence in education, she has been awarded the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Offered to the families of union members, the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship is a highly competitive program which rewards applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to their education.

Thomas Jefferson deeply valued a good education, once declaring that "above all things I hope the education of the people will be attended to; convinced that on their good sense we may rely with the most security for the preservation of a due degree of liberty."

Lauren has carried on this American tradition of academic excellence, and I wish her the best of luck as she continues her work at Drexel University this Fall.

DISAPPROVING RULE RELATING TO WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 118 because I believe Congress must act to preserve a principle that has helped lift millions of American families out of poverty. The principle is simple: Able-bodied welfare recipients should engage in work. And we know for a fact, based on the success of welfare reform, that this principle works. More than sixteen years of strong work requirements have demonstrated that a job and a