

prepared to handle the resulting mass casualties that would likely result from such an attack.

Thousands of lives could potentially be saved if our medical personnel are adequately prepared and trained for such an occurrence.

The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) provides funding to State and local governments to assist in preparing for and responding to mass casualty incidents resulting from acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and other events.

Using the grants, jurisdictions develop response plans, conduct exercises and training, and acquire medical countermeasures and personal protective equipment for dealing with biological events that occur on a large scale.

As it stands, the MMRS program has not been reauthorized or appropriated funds due to recent budgetary constraints.

MMRS Characteristics include: Integrated medical response system; detailed system response & operations plans; specially trained responders at all levels; specialized response equipment; specialized medical equipment and pharmaceutical cache; enhanced medical transport and treatment capabilities.

MMRS has 12 MMRS Capability Focus Areas, which include the following: Strengthen Medical Surge; strengthen Mass Prophylaxis; strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response, and Decontamination Capabilities; strengthen Inter-operable Communication Capabilities; strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities; expand Regional Collaboration; triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment; medical Supplies Management and Distribution; mass Care (Sheltering, Feeding, and Related Services); emergency Public Information and Warning; fatality Management; volunteer Management and Donations.

H.R. 5997 would authorize use of Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding toward the enhancement of medical preparedness, medical surgery capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities.

This would effectively allow to MMRS program to continue using these funds, which provide important measures such as a pharmaceutical stockpile, medical kits, and diagnostics that will help to protect first responders, their families, and immediate victims from a chemical or biological act of terror or accident.

As Americans, we must ensure that we are adequately prepared for whatever challenges that we face in our Nation; and nowhere is that more true than with the potential for large-scale disasters.

Preparing for large and debilitating disasters has become an inconvenient but necessary facet of modern America, a task that our government has met head on since 9/11. This bill will help to ensure that the resources are there in order to make those preparations.

DEPUTY LARRY GILDER

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize Jefferson County Deputy Larry Gilder, who was presented with a Life

Saving Award during a ceremony on October 30, 2012. Deputy Gilder put himself into harm's way on two separate occasions this year alone, earning him accolades and the title of "hero."

During a routine patrol in Beaumont, Texas, on October 12, 2012, Deputy Gilder came across an 18-wheeler loaded with heavy equipment that was stuck on a railroad track. Gilder used his vehicle to block traffic so they could attempt to dislodge the vehicle with no success. The truck could not move. Deputy Gilder went to make an assistance call and saw the worst possible sight—a train headed straight towards them.

Thinking quickly, Deputy Gilder alerted his dispatch and began racing to get the driver out of the vehicle. Thanks to the noise and commotion, the driver never heard the train. They were able to move him into safety while Gilder had enough time to move his vehicle out of the way of the train. Mere seconds later, the trailer was destroyed. No injuries were reported, including the son of the driver, who was asleep in the cab. Deputy Gilder saved three lives that day, including his own.

This was not the first incident where Deputy Gilder went above and beyond in the line of duty. Earlier this year, Deputy Gilder and his partner came upon a trailer on fire. A woman found herself trapped inside with the fire growing and time running out. They were able to rescue the woman, and Deputy Gilder suffered injuries due to his daring escape. When asked about the injuries, he responded that he would do anything for the citizens of Jefferson County.

President Ronald Reagan once said that "Heroes may not be braver than anyone else. They are just braver for five minutes longer." Thanks to two daring moves by Deputy Larry Gilder, lives were saved. He is a true American hero.

And that's just the way it is.

A TALL TEXAN AMERICAN HERO

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCaul

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. McCaul. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and great leader in this body: Science Committee Chairman RALPH HALL, who just became the oldest known House member to cast a recorded floor vote. I am honored to serve on the Science Committee with the Chairman, and I have seen first hand his dedication not only to America's scientific endeavors, but also to our country and the great state of Texas.

Chairman HALL was born in Rockwall County, Texas, a place he has represented in Congress since he was elected in 1980. He was an aircraft carrier pilot in the Navy from 1942–1945 and received his law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1951. In the 1950s, he served as Rockwall County judge and in the 1960s he served in the Texas state senate. During this time he was also a successful business leader in Rockwall County.

He brought his strong sense of leadership and service to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he has faithfully served since Ronald Reagan was elected president. As

House Science Committee chairman, he has been a leader promoting science, technology, engineering, and math education. He has worked to ensure that sound scientific principles are the bedrock of any related public policy decisions being made. He has put a priority on research and development to ensure that America remains competitive. And he has been a leading proponent of America's space exploration program.

In addition to all of his professional achievements, Chairman HALL has a great sense of humor. Congress can be a place of intense political maneuvering and infighting, and he always brings levity to tense situations with his wit and charm. He endears his colleagues to him on both sides of the aisle.

It is with great pride today that I congratulate my friend and colleague, RALPH HALL, on his distinguished career; his service to our country; and his leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives. This body is better because of his service, and I wish him many more years of success and happiness.

MARV KAY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mr. Marv Kay for his service to our community and receiving the 2012 Mayor of Golden's Award for Excellence.

Marv's story is one of long-term dedication to the community of Golden. Through great amounts of perseverance Marv has served the community as mayor, mayor emeritus, serving chair of the Blue Ribbon, honorary co-chair of the 2012 Jefferson County Schools Mill and Bond Campaign, as a member of the Golden Good Government league, a mentor of numerous civic leaders, and a valued Colorado School of Mines leader and guide.

Marv continues to serve Golden, regardless of the hat he wears each day. Through his pure selflessness, he is committed to leading the town in the right direction towards success. Each community could benefit from having a member such as Marv advocating in their streets.

Mr. Marv Kay has been a champion in the community and I am honored to congratulate him on receiving the 2012 Mayor Award for Excellence. I am sure he will exhibit the same dedication and commitment in all his future endeavors.

HONORING HARLEM'S HISTORIAN AND BLACK FILMMAKER WILLIAM "BILL" MILES

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Harlem's historian and Black Filmmaker, William "Bill" Miles. William Miles was born in Harlem, New York, and has used his deep knowledge and experience of Harlem to produce films that tell unique and

often inspiring stories of Harlem's history. Based in New York City at THIRTEEN/WNET New York Public Media, William Miles produced many films dedicated to the African-American experience that have been broadcast nationwide over the Public Broadcast System, PBS. Bill Miles' interest in creating historical documentaries was nurtured through 25 years of restoring archival films and early feature classics for Killiam Shows, Inc. and the Walter Reade Organization in New York City.

Bill Miles' breakthrough film was *Men of Bronze*, which opened at the New York Film Festival in 1977 and was later broadcast on PBS. This film tells the story of the black American soldiers of the 369th Infantry Regiment, known as the Harlem Hellfighters, who, because of segregation in the U.S. Army, fought under the French flag in World War I. The regiment spent more time in the front-line trenches than any other American unit, fighting alongside French, Moroccan, and Senegalese soldiers. First organized in 1916 as the 15th New York National Guard Infantry Regiment and manned by black enlisted soldiers with both black and white officers, the 369th Infantry is known for being the first African-American regiment to serve with the American Expeditionary Force during World War I. The regiment was nicknamed the Harlem Hellfighters and the Black Rattlers, in addition to several other nicknames. Federalized in 1917, it prepared for service in Europe and arrived in Brest in December. The next month, the regiment became part of the 93rd Division (Provisional) and continued its training, now under French instructors. In March, the regiment finally received its Federal designation and was reorganized and reequipped according to the French model. That summer, the 369th was integrated into the French 161st Division and began combat operations. Dubbing themselves "Men of Bronze," the soldiers of the 369th were lucky in many ways compared to other African Americans in 1918 France. They enjoyed a continuity of leadership, commanded throughout the war by one of their original organizers and proponents, Colonel William Hayward. Unlike many white officers serving in the black regiments, Colonel Hayward respected his troops, dedicated himself to their well-being, and leveraged his political connections to secure support from New Yorkers. Spending over six months in combat, perhaps the longest of any American unit in the war, the 369th suffered approximately fifteen hundred casualties but received only nine hundred replacements. Unit histories claimed they were the first unit to cross the Rhine; they performed well at Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Wood, earning the epithet "Hell Fighters" from their enemies. Exhibiting extraordinary valor, the 369th, an integral part of the Fourth French Army, fought on the front until the Armistice. During the Meuse-Argonne Offensive the 369th showed exceptional bravery, especially on September 29, 1918, during the liberation of Sechault, when a third of the regiment suffered casualties. Whereas African American valor usually went unrecognized, during its service, the regiment suffered 1500 casualties and took part in the following campaigns: Champagne-Marne, Meuse-Argonne, Champagne 1918 and Alsace 1918. One Medal of Honor and many Distinguished Service Crosses were awarded to members of the regiment. The most celebrated man in the 369th was Pvt. Henry Lincoln Johnson, a

former Albany, New York, rail station porter, who earned the nickname "Black Death" for his actions in combat in France. In May 1918, Johnson and Pvt. Needham Roberts fought off a 24-man German patrol, though both were severely wounded. After they expended their ammunition, Roberts used his rifle as a club and Johnson battled with a bolo knife. Johnson was the first American to receive the Croix de Guerre (Cross of War) awarded by the French government. By the end of the war, 171 members of the 369th were cited for their heroism and decorated with the Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honor. Upon their return to the United States, the Harlem Hellfighters were honored by the City with a victory parade up Fifth Avenue. During World War II, the 369th distinguished itself at Okinawa, and later fought in the Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf Wars and the War on Terror in Afghanistan. The unit serves today as the 369th Sustainment Brigade.

Mr. Speaker, as a Korean War Veteran and Member of the 369th Harlem Hellfighters Veterans' Association, I included this comprehensive history of the 369th Regiment as documented in film by our beloved William "Bill" Miles because these brave Men of Bronze were game changers that fought as proud Americans to protect and serve our nation.

As I continue to talk about the great work of my dear friend filmmaker Bill Miles, I must also recognize his best known artistic documentary, *I Remember Harlem*, a four part comprehensive series, which chronicles the history and changes of the Village of Harlem and changes from its beginnings in the early 1600s through the early 1980s. The program's episodes include segments on Harlem's early history and settlement, the Harlem Renaissance, the Great Depression in Harlem, the Civil Rights Movement and political activism in the era of Malcolm X, and the problems and redevelopment of the '70s. Miles spent three years researching materials for *I Remember Harlem*, which traced Harlem's 350-year history. As a visual counter to the oral histories in the film, Miles unearthed archival photographs and motion picture stock footage along with newsreel films, much of it rare and never before seen by the general public. In early 1982, one year after it was broadcast, *I Remember Harlem* won an Alfred I. DuPont Columbia University citation and an American Film Festival Award.

Bill Miles, president of Miles Educational Film Productions, Inc. produced and directed *The Different Drummer: Blacks in the Military* (1983) concentrated on African-American soldiers in recent decades. A three-part documentary that explores the history of blacks in the American Armed Forces. Part One, "Unknown Soldiers," examines the earliest black involvement in the military, from the Civil War to World War I; Part Two, "The Troops," continues that history from World War II to the war in Vietnam; Part Three, "From Gold Bars to Silver Stars," features interviews with today's highest-ranking black officers, who describe their how they rose up the military ladder.

Miles's three-part program *Black Champions* (1986) dealt with a three-part chronicle of the historic achievements by black athletes in America. The documentary uses rare archival footage to illustrate how many black champions, both famous and little-known, successfully challenged racism to achieve a level of

prominence almost always denied them in other areas of American life. "Who Will Wear the Crown?" (Part One) examines early black participation in sports, focusing on the athletic departments of segregated Negro colleges during the first half of the century. "New Times: The Integration of American Sports" (Part Two) explores black pioneers who became superstars in the white sports arena. "Looking For Tomorrow: Black Athletes and the Sporting Life" (Part Three) focuses on the world of corporate sports and the financial and emotional pressures facing black superstars. Important topics included the impressive performances of various black athletes at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, Jackie Robinson's integration of Major League Baseball, Althea Gibson's achievements in tennis, and the careers of early black football stars.

Miles co-produced the film on literary legend James Baldwin: *The Price of a Ticket*, which debuted in 1989 as an episode of PBS's American Masters series. *James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket* captures on film the passionate intellect and courageous writing of a man who was born black, impoverished, gay and gifted, by using striking archival footage to evoke the atmosphere of Baldwin's formative years—the Harlem of the 30s, his father's fundamentalist church and the émigré demimonde of postwar Paris. Newsreel clips from the '60s record Baldwin's running commentary on the drama of the Civil Rights movement. The film also explores his quiet retreats in Paris, the South of France, Istanbul and Switzerland—places where Baldwin was able to write away from the racial tensions of America. Writers Maya Angelou, Amiri Baraka, Ishmael Reed, William Styron and biographer David Leeming place Baldwin's work in the African-American literary tradition—from slave narratives and black preaching to their own contemporary work. The film skillfully links excerpts from Baldwin's major books—*Go Tell it on the Mountain*, *Notes of a Native Son*, *Another Country*, *The Fire Next Time*, *Blues for Mister Charlie*, *If Beale Street Could Talk*—to different stages in Black-white dialogue and conflict.

Bill directed *Black Stars in Orbit* (1990), a documentary that profiles black astronauts and the contributions of African-Americans who worked behind the scenes in the NASA Space Program, featuring Edward J. Dwight Jr., Ronald E. McNair, Frederick D. Gregory, Patricia S. Cowings, Isaac T. Gilliam, IV, Guion S. Bluford, Jr., Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Mae C. Jemison, Robert H. Lawrence, Jr., Robert E. Shurney, Lee Archer, Jr. and George Carruthers.

Black Stars in Orbit was followed by *Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts in World War II* (1992), which Miles co-produced with Nina Rosenblum. *Liberators*, featuring actors Denzel Washington, Louis Gossett Jr. and Leon Bass is a documentary film account about Black American soldiers in World War II who combated racism in the segregated military and on the home front. In April 1945, some Black American soldiers were among the first 'liberators' to enter Nazi death camps, encountering the survivors described by one GI as "walking skeletons."

Bill Miles and Nina Rosenblum collaborated and co-directed, *The Black West*, which is part of a three-volume series of the TBS Emmy award-winning film and Cable Ace nominee series, *The Untold West*. Narrated by Actor

Danny Glover, The Black West episode depicts the story of African Americans of the early western frontier of the late 19th century. The segment salutes the black cowboys of the western wilderness who fought alongside their Native American and white counterparts during the development of the frontier. The contributions of these nearly forgotten African-Americans are portrayed through realistic re-enactments, including a special segment on cowboy Bill Pickett, one of the best rodeo performers of all time.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Miles' life's work is dedicated to exploring the entire African American Experience including the history, culture and achievements of African Americans from their arrival in America in the 16th century to their achievement as astronauts, aeronautical scientists, and engineers. Mr. Miles has won an Emmy Award, has been nominated for the Oscar, and was inducted into the Black Filmmaker's Hall of Fame. Among numerous other awards garnered both at home and abroad, he has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Independent Video and Filmmakers, AIVF in acknowledgment of his outstanding contribution to the history of African American in the medium of film. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in a very special congressional salute to Harlem's Historian and Black Filmmaker William "Bill" Miles, a titan of a man who has documented the history and contributions of African Americans and the Black American Experience with film, a camera and a lens.

HONORING LOGAN'S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ITS COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a leader and innovator of the community, Mr. Melvin Logan, owner of Logan's Construction Company in Sharkey County, Mississippi. Logan Construction Company has been a thriving force in the community for more than thirty years.

Mr. Logan was born and raised in Rolling Fork, Mississippi to the late James and Thelma Logan. At an early age, Logan developed a passion for building things and working with his hands. After graduating from Alcorn State University and spending years perfecting his craft with a local contractor, Logan's dream became reality.

In 1976, at the age of twenty-six, Melvin opened Logan's Construction Company. Initially the primary focus of Logan Construction was renovation of properties until 1978 when Mr. Logan expanded his craft after being approached to build a house. After successfully tackling this challenge, Logan's Construction Company secured a surplus of contracts, becoming the number one builder of new homes and remodeling in the Sharkey County area.

Logan's attention to detail and quality workmanship has garnered him the reputation of being the community expert of helping customers with their desired projects from conception to completion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Logan's Construction Company

and Melvin Logan for his entrepreneurial spirit and continued dedication to serving the Sharkey County community.

JAMIE ZAPATA BORDER ENFORCEMENT SECURITY TASK FORCE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to debate the Senate Amendment to H.R. 915, the "Jamie Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act," which amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST), which shall establish units to enhance border security by addressing and reducing border security threats and violence.

More specifically, this Border Enforcement Security Task Force will achieve its goal of border security enhancement by (1) facilitating collaboration among federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law enforcement agencies to execute coordinated activities in furtherance of border security and homeland security; and (2) enhancing information-sharing, including the dissemination of homeland security information among such agencies.

As the Representative for the 18th Congressional District of Texas, I am deeply concerned about spill-over violence along the border between my state and Mexico. The recent increase in drug trafficking-related violence in Mexican cities, such as Juárez and Nuevo Laredo, is cause for concern, particularly in the neighboring U.S. cities of El Paso and Laredo, TX.

In fact, in 2010, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a safety alert to law enforcement officers in the El Paso area warning that drug trafficking organizations and associated gangs may target U.S. law enforcement.

The BEST program is currently administered by DHS, and involves information sharing and law-enforcement operations between personnel from federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law-enforcement agencies to combat criminal activity near the United States borders.

There are currently 34 BEST units.

Since inception in June of 2005, these DHS-led task forces made 10,024 criminal arrests; 6,541 administrative arrests; 5,802 indictments; and 4,999 convictions.

They seized over 88,500 pounds of cocaine; 870,748 pounds of marijuana; 4,669 pounds of methamphetamine; 4,383 pounds of ecstasy; 1,404 pounds of heroin; 3,866 vehicles; 14,243 weapons; 2,920,155 rounds of ammunition; and in excess of \$111.8 million in U.S. currency and monetary instruments.

Additionally, BEST units have initiated approximately 8,490 investigations.

Jamie Zapata was a Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent from Brownsville, Texas who was killed in the line of duty on February 15, 2011 while serving on assignment in Mexico for United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This bipartisan bill, named in Jamie Zapata's honor, seeks to enhance our nation's abilities to deal with the dangerous activities occurring near our borders and, hopefully, prevent the tragic deaths of more of our agents. These are men and women who put their lives on the line in order to protect our country's interests.

We know that this program works and has provided American citizens with improved border security and greater security throughout the United States.

I urge my colleagues to support the "Jamie Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act," which will ensure that our agents tasked with securing our border, who work under extremely perilous circumstances, are better protected through enhanced information sharing and greater collaboration between agencies.

TED RAINS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ted Rains for his service to our community and receiving the 2012 Mayor of Golden's Award for Excellence.

Ted exemplifies a commitment to the community through innovation that is unprecedented. As captain of the Golden Optimists Bicycle Recycle Program, Ted repaired and distributed thousands of free bicycles to the residents of Golden and the metro area, as well as students of the Colorado School of Mines.

However, Ted did not stop with his mission in Golden. He has also rebuilt and donated bikes to Native American reservations and citizens of Mexico, Haiti, and Tanzania. Ted and Golden Optimists Bicycle Recycle Program have repaired and given a total number of over 9,000 bicycles around the globe and in Golden. Ted truly epitomizes the selfless nature of an outstanding community member and servant.

Mr. Rains is a champion in the community and I am honored to congratulate him on receiving the 2012 Mayor of Golden's Award for Excellence. I am sure he will exhibit the same dedication and commitment in all his future endeavors.

CONSTITUENTS FOR CASA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to recognize the achievements of three constituents of Texas's 2nd congressional district: Rose DeRouen, Judge Randy Shelton, and Eleanor Johnson for their work with the organization CASA as Court Appointed Special Advocates. These distinguished citizens received high honors for their volunteer advocacy work for abused and neglected children.

With a mission to place every child in a safe, loving, and permanent home, CASA relies on the work of volunteer advocates for the interests of children overlooked by society. In