

team, their coaches and Oxford High School on this outstanding achievement.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, on May 30, 2012 I was unavoidably delayed due to a mechanical problem during travel causing me to miss rollcall vote 295 on H.R. 4201, the Servicemember Family Protection Act. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted "aye".

# PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (PRENDA) OF 2012

SPEECH OF

## HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 30, 2012*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to H.R. 3541—Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2012, because it is a backdoor attempt at reversing decades of precedent established by *Roe v. Wade*. I have always believed that a woman's right to choose is a constitutional right. And personal decisions, such as deciding whether or not to have an abortion, should involve a woman, her family and her faith. If an abortion is a personal decision, the government should not interfere.

The passage of the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act presents would put the onerous on health care providers in deterring the intent of the woman seeking an abortion. The legislation would create a civil cause of action for an injunction that could take months to resolve, leaving the woman with limited options. Most egregiously, the legislation would, for the first time in almost forty years, allow the government to legislate this personal decision in the first trimester of pregnancy. It is clear that the ultimate goal of this legislation is an outright ban on abortion services. For these reasons, I oppose this legislation and urge my colleagues to stand with women and against the Republican continuous attacks on their rights.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. ROBERT L. TURNER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. TURNER of New York. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 295 I was away from the floor due to a memorial service for first responders at the World Trade Center Memorial in New York. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

# HONORING WARMINSTER PRODUCTION TEAM

## HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Warminster based production team responsible for the anti-bullying album "All About Bullies . . . Big and Small." Congratulations to Steve Pullara, Jim Cravero, Gloria Domina, Kevin Mackie and Patrick Robinson for their Grammy award winning production for best children's album. Your album is inspiring to us all, and it paves the way in the fight against bullying amongst our nation's youth.

Today, bullying is a serious problem in our schools, and it has manifested into cyber bullying in our homes. Statistics show that nearly 77 percent of our children have been bullied at some point in their lives, and some of these cases have even led to suicide.

In order to prevent bullying throughout our nation, it is necessary to apply unique and creative methods that resonate with younger generations. Featuring 37 songs, poems and short stories performed by prominent American artists, "All About Bullies . . . Big and Small" sends a powerful anti-bullying message to its listeners.

Thank you once again to the producers of the album for doing their part to make not only Bucks County, but the entire nation, a better, safer place for everyone. I am honored to represent these Grammy winners in Congress, and hope they will continue their efforts.

# HONORING TL HANNA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

## HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the TL Hanna High School Girls' Soccer Team for winning the State 4A Championship. These young women had a phenomenal 27–2 season, defeating Wando High School two to nothing to capture the state title for the first time in school history.

Led by their coach, Katelyn Davis, and their trainer Jason Powell, the team had three players named "all state", and five named "all region".

After winning the State Championship in Columbia, South Carolina, on May 18, one of the players was asked about her head coach by a member of the press and stated: "She is the rock of this team. Our big sister. We look up to her so much, and wouldn't be here without her."

Coach Davis did an excellent job leading her team to the state title, keeping them focused on their motto "one team, one goal."

Competitive sports are valuable for teaching important life lessons such as determination, hard work, and being part of a team. I'm confident that these young women will carry their experiences with them out into the world, and use them to boldly succeed in life.

Congratulations to: Tatiana Guarin, Madison Anderson, Madyson Strong, Paige Miller,

Baylee Gillmore, Chelsea Drennan, Catherine Roberts, Madison Cutts, Amber Bowles, Kelly Shaw, Meredith Parker, Jan Wilson, Anna Brannon, Olivia Bair, Kylie Miller, Christina Barrington, Lina Baroni, Margaret McElwee, Fantasia Todd.

You all have many reasons to be proud. I know that you'll never forget your 2012 Championship season, and I hope you'll take the same level of boldness that you brought to the field with you everywhere you go in life.

Congratulations Yellow Jackets, and God Bless.

# PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (PRENDA) OF 2012

SPEECH OF

## HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 30, 2012*

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3541, the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2012. Contrary to its misleading title, H.R. 3541 would do nothing to prevent sex discrimination, but instead, would be a huge step backwards for gender equality, by enacting dangerous restrictions on women's reproductive rights. This legislation would place harsh criminal penalties on doctors, asking them to read minds, profile women, violate doctor-patient confidentiality, and make them fearful of providing legal health care. It is a reckless attempt to restrict women's health care rights simply to score political points, and yet another reprehensible example of politicians practicing medicine without a license. American women can and should be trusted to make morally and intellectually sound decisions about their own health.

# HONORING REVEREND RICHARD CARRUTH'S 35 YEARS OF MINISTRY

## HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Richard Carruth of Newbern, Tennessee for his 35 years of service to Methodist communities in Mississippi, Kentucky, and West Tennessee.

Even as a retiree, Reverend Carruth has a long history of enriching and supporting the lives of his communities tri-state area. Since then, he has actively served small membership churches in the 8th District of Tennessee after making his retirement home in Dyer County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Reverend Carruth on the occasion of his 35th Anniversary as a Methodist Minister this May. There is no doubt that throughout those 35 years, his ministry has touched thousands of lives.

TRIBUTE TO SECOND LIEUTENANT  
THEODORE REMINGTON WOO

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishment of a hero from the Second Congressional District of West Virginia, Second Lieutenant Theodore Remington Woo; a highly honored West Virginian soldier who served in two wars for his country. He was the first soldier of Chinese descent to die in combat for the state of West Virginia. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Cross Citation, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's badge, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

Theodore Remington Woo's accomplishments of his life exceed his collection of medals. I am honored to have requested his name stand forever within the 20-64-53.27wb bridge on Interstate 64 in his home of Kanawha County, West Virginia. The bridge will be located only minutes away from where his high school once stood. Second Lieutenant Woo grew up in a patriotic family with several relatives being named after American presidents. He and his brother George, who went on to become a House Delegate, played along the Kanawha River and helped out in their family restaurant, The Canton.

Second Lieutenant Woo was a student at West Virginia University before he enlisted in the Army. Woo then served with the 93rd Division of the Third Army in France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia where he received the Bronze Star for "Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against the Enemy in European Theater of Operations."

After World War II, he reenrolled in West Virginia University, but was needed during his senior year to train at Fort Knox as an infantry leader until 1951. Second Lieutenant Woo then served in the Korean War as Platoon Leader in Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment in the 1st Cavalry Division. A story of heroism echoed through our nation when he and his men destroyed an enemy bunker while dodging overwhelming mortar and small arms fire. Out distancing his leading elements, he was forced to retreat the hill to regroup. Despite being wounded in the arm, he continued to lead and retake the hill. Upon capturing the hill, Second Lieutenant Woo was tragically killed during counter attack while evacuating the wounded. Woo's courage and devotion will be forever recognized and serve as a symbol of our commitment to peace.

West Virginians are truly honored to count Second Lieutenant Woo, a real American hero, among us.

CELEBRATING THE GARY NAACP'S  
47TH ANNUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP  
BANQUET

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to stand before you today to

recognize and commend the members of the Gary, Indiana, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). On Saturday, June 2, 2012, the Gary NAACP will hold its 47th Annual Life Membership Banquet at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana.

This annual event is a major fundraiser for the Gary NAACP. The funds generated through this event directly support the organization's many outstanding programs and advocacy efforts. Through its membership and the support of the community, the Gary NAACP is able to serve the people of Northwest Indiana and continue the mission started by the national organization in 1909 by working diligently to combat injustice, discrimination, and unfair treatment for all people in today's society. In addition, the banquet serves to update and keep the community aware of the NAACP's activities and formally honor its new life members.

The keynote speaker at this year's event will be Reverend Dr. Michael Eric Dyson. Dr. Dyson is a Georgetown University professor of sociology and a political analyst for MSNBC. Dr. Dyson has been able to positively influence the lives of numerous individuals through his remarkable career and his noteworthy dedication to charitable endeavors. In addition to his outstanding professional career, Dr. Dyson is well-known as a social activist, renowned orator, and prophetic preacher.

This year, the Gary NAACP will honor twelve outstanding individuals from Northwest Indiana who will join the hundreds of other outstanding civil, community, and religious leaders that have previously been recognized as life members. For 2012, the distinguished individuals who will be inducted as life members of the Gary NAACP are: Indiana Supreme Court Justice Robert Rucker, Dr. Judy Ball, Shontrai Irving, Esq., Gage Brown, Kamden Brown, Shante Brown, Zachery Brown, Stephen Mays, Dr. Linda Peterson, Renee Ceaser-Patterson, Kennedy Winfrey, and Kya Winfrey.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the newest life members of the Gary branch of the NAACP, as well as Attorney Karen Pulliam, the current Gary NAACP president, and all members of the organization for their extraordinary efforts and for their tremendous leadership. These outstanding men and women have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all residents of Indiana's First Congressional District, and for that they are to be commended.

H.R. 5651, THE FOOD AND DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACT  
OF 2012

**HON. CHARLES F. BASS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5651, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Reform Act of 2012. The user fee process at the FDA is a vital element in maintaining operations at the FDA to bring valuable drugs and devices through the approval pathway and to market. I am optimistic that, with the enhanced finan-

cial incentives and resources available to the FDA included in the user fee agreements, we will see shorter approval times and more successful products available to patients. Additionally, there are significant drug and device regulatory improvements that will, I believe, increase transparency, market involvement, and the development of innovative and life-saving drugs and devices.

Consistent throughout this process has been a commitment to bringing the need of the rare disease community to the forefront of this debate, both through medical device legislation as well as a focus on drug development for rare diseases. I am proud to have my bill, the Humanitarian Device Reform Act (H.R. 3211), included as a provision in the device regulatory section. This language will make it easier for device manufacturers to create Humanitarian Use Devices (HUDs) to treat individuals, both children and adults, who suffer from diseases that affect communities of 4,000 or fewer each year. Current law prevents companies who manufacture HUDs from recouping beyond the research and development costs, subsequently restricting entry into this field, particularly for smaller device companies, such as those found in New Hampshire. This provision would lift this outdated profit cap restriction and would do so in a way that maintains incentives for devices developed for both children and adults and keeps in place the necessary product safeguards. It would maintain FDA's current oversight of HUDs but, by allowing manufacturers to generate a profit from the sale of these devices, allow for further development, improvements, and incentives to make it possible for new device developers to enter the marketplace, many of which cannot afford to do so under current statute.

During this debate I have made clear my support for rare diseases and the focus on drug development and expedited approval pathways for drugs to treat rare diseases. With this increased focus on providing incentives to manufacturers to invest in the development of these drugs, it can be an attainable goal for an individual and family affected by rare diseases to not only improve the quality of life but possibly even find a cure. By working together, the FDA and drug developers will be able to maintain the high standards of safety but also fast-track the approval process in order to bring these important drugs to the patient.

While H.R. 5651 makes a number of important reforms, more work needs to be done to strengthen the integrity of the drug supply chain. Congress must maintain its commitment to keeping the American people safe and protect the integrity of drugs, from the manufacturing floor to the medicine cabinet. We need more than the prospect of a patchwork of state regulations that would prove to be costly and ineffective, and more importantly, would fail to get the job done. Instead, we need a common sense national tracking system that will provide a consistent and workable solution for all parties in the supply chain.

At the beginning of May, I joined a bipartisan group of my colleagues in writing a letter to Chairmen UPTON and PITTS and Ranking Members WAXMAN and PALLONE stressing the importance of the pharmaceutical distribution chain and urging the inclusion of legislative language to establish a prescription drug traceability platform. While I had hoped an agreement would have been included in the