

the globe nor does it have anything to do with ensuring that women who are faced with a very, very difficult decision have access to the safest care possible. More evident is that this bill is just another attempt to challenge *Roe v. Wade* and achieve an outright ban on all abortion services.

As a Member of Congress and a physician who has worked tirelessly to eliminate all health disparities those along racial and ethnic, geographic and gender lines I cannot and will not support any policy that I know will not improve the health, wellness and thus life opportunities of those who often are marginalized and on the down side of opportunity, access and privilege. And so, I cannot and will not support any bill that will not improve the lives of women and girls by expanding their reliable access to safe and appropriate comprehensive health care—including reproductive health care and by ensuring gender equality across all facets of their lives, from at work to in the classroom.

And so, I strongly encourage my colleagues not to support H.R. 3541. The issue of sex-selection is a very serious challenge, and serious challenges warrant serious, effective solutions. This bill certainly is not that!

We have a chance to stop in its tracks a bill that could worsen the health disparities that affect women, and that give rise to unsafe, often-lethal back-alley abortions.

Let's stop this bill; let's do so now; and let's go back to the table and develop a thoughtful bill that addresses the root causes the sex discrimination and gender inequalities that leave millions of talented girls and women on the downside of opportunity and hope.

RECOGNIZING THE MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING VOL- UNTEERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William volunteers of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

MADD's volunteers in Prince William County, Virginia have increased public awareness of the dangers of drunk driving and the assistance families need to survive such tragedies. Volunteers organized a tribute to local victims/survivors at the Walk Like MADD event at Battlefield High School. Volunteers provided literature and displays at National Night Out Against Crime events throughout the county. Monthly volunteer victims spoke of the impact of drunk driving on their lives to court-ordered convicted drunk drivers.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for Mothers Against Drunk Driving:

Darlene Adams
Susan Baldassari
Laura Dawson
Whitney Manning
Debbie Sausville
Ann Taylor
Dorothy Waldron

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William volun-

teers of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to our community. These volunteers work to prevent families from experiencing the pain of losing a loved one to drunk driving.

CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIA- TION ON ITS 100TH ANNIVER- SARY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the American Podiatric Medical Association on its 100th anniversary.

Founded in 1912, the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), located in Bethesda, is the nation's leading and recognized professional organization for doctors of podiatric medicine (DPMs), and the pre-eminent trade association representing podiatric medicine and surgery. I am very proud that the APMA's national headquarters is in Maryland's Eighth Congressional district.

DPMs, also known as podiatrists, are recognized as physicians and surgeons, qualified by their education, training and experience to diagnose and treat conditions affecting the foot, ankle, and structures of the leg. The medical education and training of a DPM includes four years of undergraduate education, four years of podiatric medical education at an accredited podiatric medical college, and at least three years of hospital residency training. In short, Mr. Speaker, podiatric medicine is to the foot and ankle what ophthalmology is to the eye, cardiology is to the heart, or otolaryngology is to the ear, nose, and throat.

Podiatric medicine has witnessed a tremendous evolution over the past 100 years, and podiatrists are now the preeminent providers of foot and ankle care. On July 1, 1912, 225 charter members gathered at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago to organize a national association dedicated to the needs of practicing chiropodists. Today, what began as the National Association of Chiropodists is the American Podiatric Medical Association, home to more than 12,000 member podiatrists. APMA has 53 component organizations across the United States and its territories, and all practicing APMA members are licensed by the state in which they practice podiatric medicine.

It seems at times that many Americans may not think about podiatrists until they experience foot or ankle problems. But we should be thankful that we have the expertise of thousands of podiatric physicians throughout the country as focused and dedicated medical professionals, medical professionals who really do help keep America walking.

Within the field of podiatric medicine and surgery, podiatrists can focus on specialty areas such as surgery, sports medicine, biomechanics, geriatrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, or primary care. Podiatric physicians routinely perform comprehensive medical history and physical examinations; prescribe drugs and order and perform physical therapy; perform

basic and complex reconstructive surgery; repair fractures and treat sports-related injuries; prescribe and fit orthotics, insoles, and custom-made shoes; and perform and interpret X-rays and other imaging studies.

Mr. Speaker, an individual's feet often reveal indicators of that individual's overall health. The feet are affected by chronic diseases leading to decreased mobility and disability for individuals already in poor health. Arthritis, diabetes, and neurologic and circulatory disorders can all have an effect on our feet. Therefore, we must ensure that all individuals receive the expert foot care they need regardless of their disability status or expected longevity, and at all stages in their lives.

In a 2010 survey by APMA, 50 percent of Americans indicated that they experience foot pain and discomfort. The same survey found that those who had foot pain were much more likely to experience problems in other areas of the body. Specifically, 65 percent of Americans who were overweight experienced regular foot pain, 32 percent with foot pain also had circulatory problems, and 20 percent of Americans with foot pain suffered from heart problems. The connection between chronic diseases and foot pain is not coincidental. Foot pain, regardless of its cause, can limit the mobility of individuals and contribute to a more sedentary lifestyle and the onset of numerous chronic conditions.

Medically necessary care provided by podiatrists can reduce the risk of and prevent complications from diabetes as well as other diseases, while at the same time offer savings to our heavily burdened health care system. A recent study conducted by Thomson Reuters indicates that foot and ankle care furnished by podiatric physicians improves patient health and has a positive return on investment. According to the study, patients with diabetes presenting with foot ulcers who see podiatrists are less likely to suffer hospitalization or amputation than patients who had not received care from a podiatrist. Moreover, the study found that each dollar invested in care furnished by podiatric physicians offers the payer up to \$51 in savings.

In its first century, APMA has served the nation through two world wars and other conflicts; helped standardize and enhance educational standards; promoted the profession to patients and the public; and built lasting relationships with other medical specialties. The association regularly hosts medical and scientific meetings dedicated to highlighting and disseminating research findings and clinical advances in the prevention, detection, treatment, and the cure of foot, ankle and related conditions. And it continues to meet its clinical and scientific mission through its publication of academic journals and clinical statements on the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of foot and ankle disorders; through providing continuing medical education in foot and ankle care; and through consumer education on foot and ankle health.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the American Podiatric Medical Association on its 100th anniversary, and in recognizing its members' significant service and contributions to our country's health-care delivery system.

RECOGNIZING THE PROJECT
MEND-A-HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers of Project Mend-A-House.

Project Mend-A-House volunteers are committed to improving the living conditions for low-income, seniors and/or disabled persons in Prince William, Manassas City, and Manassas Park by offering free home repairs and home modifications. Thanks to the dedication of its volunteers, residents can remain safely and independently in their own homes for as long as possible.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for Project Mend-A-House:

Ed Trotman, Brian Henkel, Linda Pulley, Bill Okuly, Kevin Tamai, Dean Quick, Robin Bayles, Ray Stuckey, Howard Horner, Bill Hoehn, Pat Wesley, Linda Wesley, Jon Ulm, Tom Smith, Scott Sells, Rich Beamer, Frederick Parish, Ernestine Jenkins, Janice Rossi-Carr, Joseph Swetnam, M.A. Sargo, Richard Baucom, Jo-Ellen Benson, David Carr, Maxine Coleman, Kevin English, Lillian Garland, Beja Harper, Candi Johnson, Linda Leiker, Gloria Rouse, Andrea Savitch, Kathy Strauss, Michael Turch, Andrea Saccoccia, Karen Garvin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of Project Mend-A-House for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to our community.

LEADING THE WAY FORWARD FOR
THE NEXT 20 YEARS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Leadership Alliance, a national consortium of renowned institutions of higher education that seeks to mold underrepresented students into academic, business, and public service leaders. The Alliance aims to prime young scholars from underserved populations for graduate training and professional apprenticeships through a comprehensive program of research, networking, and mentorship at critical transition points along their academic path.

In the twenty years since its inception, the Leadership Alliance has mentored over 2000 undergraduates who participated in a summer identification program. Over 53 percent of students enroll into a graduate level program—a number that is greater than the national average.

New York City's Columbia University has helped lead the charge in reaching out to these future leaders to help prepare them for professional life. In mentoring a significant number of participants in their Leadership Alliance summer program, Columbia prepared young students to enter a range of fields. I would now like to highlight some examples of the success of this program: Marcel Agueros, a 1992 summer program participant, went on

to become an Astronomy professor at Columbia; Amber Spry, now a first year Ph.D. student in political science, was a graduate of the summer program that received award funding from the American Political Science Association; and George Aumoithe, a 2010 Leadership summer program alumnus, currently researches the prevalence of HIV and the means to fight it.

These individuals are only a few of the outstanding cases produced by this model program. I am pleased to recognize them today as a testament to the importance of sustaining efforts to invest in programs that identify, train, and mentor talented underrepresented and underserved students. I am happy to proclaim the past twenty years work from Columbia University and the Leadership Alliance a resounding victory in this regard. I can only hope that the next twenty years will be just as if not more successful at reaching those students who have been historically underserved in the academic arena.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM
FOREST PARK VOLUNTEERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for Prince William Forest Park.

The volunteers at Prince William Forest Park give their time and talents to assist in many facets of park operations. Volunteers come from all over the country and from the local community to help with visitor services, camp hosting, park maintenance, trail work and much more. They greet visitors with a smile, whether they are there for a day hike or a week's stay in one of the cabin camps. They are the eyes and ears of the park, making sure that visitors have a safe and enjoyable stay. And most of all, they exemplify the mission of the National Park Service and play an integral role to spreading that mission, creating stewards for the future.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Prince William Forest Park:

Mac Kelly

Mary Ann Kelly

Mac Kelly Jr.

Rhonda Farmer

Jim Hurdle

Gloria Hurdle

Ferd Westermeyer

Betty Westermeyer

Ann Todd

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers at the Prince William Forest Park for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to our community.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL CANCER
RESEARCH MONTH AND ARKAN-
SAS'S CANCER INSTITUTES

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Cancer Research Month. In 2012, an estimated 570,000 Americans will lose their life to cancer, including more than 6,500 Arkansans. Sadly, in my home state of Arkansas more than 16,000 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed this year, and Arkansas has the fifth highest cancer death rate in the nation. That's why cancer research is so critical and why scientists and doctors work tirelessly not only to treat cancer, but to prevent it.

Arkansas's Second Congressional District is home to the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, a first class treatment and research facility at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, UAMS, in Little Rock. I am proud to represent the Cancer Institute, which provides care to cancer patients from every Arkansas county and many others from around the country and the world. UAMS researchers are on the cutting edge of treatments for breast cancer, radiological and nuclear emergency situations as well as identifying ways to stop the spread of tumors.

The effects of cancer research reach us all, regardless of whether or not we are the ones directly affected by this devastating illness. I commend the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute and UAMS on their dedication to vital research and improving the lives of Arkansans and Americans.

RECOGNIZING THE SIX WEEKS TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUN-
TEERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Six Weeks to Make a Difference Volunteers.

These dedicated families helped seven conservation projects from March 17 through April 28 at local natural areas. Many of the families helped at several projects. Through the projects, they improved trails, disposed of tons of debris, tires and invasive plants, planted over 1000 trees and bushes, corrected erosion problems, and left our community better than the way they found it.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of volunteers for the Six Weeks to Make a Difference Program:

Adams Family, Aleman Family, Anwar Family, Babar Family, Bassett Family, Broadhurst-Bibbee Family, Butkus Family, Chiodo Family, Couture-Morales Family, Crespo-Galliver Family, Cronin Family, Darcy Family, Dinga Family, Donovan Family, Ehtasham Family, Glass Family, Goodwine Family, Gough Family, Gross Family, Hopkins Family, Huang Family, Hunter Family, Hylton Family, James Family, Jampole Family, Kaps Family, Kay Family, Kristy Family, Kromer Family, Kronthal Family,