

The programs operated by Shelter House have contributed greatly to breaking the cycle of homelessness. In FY2012, Shelter House decreased the average length of stay for families in its shelters by 30 percent, and 72 percent of families at the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter and Patrick Henry Family Shelter moved into permanent housing, representing a 12% increase over the previous fiscal year. At Artemis House, 67% of households moved to safe and stable housing—an increase of 5% from FY2011. In FY2012, Shelter house prevented 40 households from becoming homeless, and 80 percent of families staying in its transitional and permanent supportive housing programs increased their employment income by an average of more than \$650 per month. Volunteers and community partners are essential to this success, as they provide the tools necessary to combat homelessness. Their time, money, and effort compose the foundation of Shelter House's commendable work.

This year, Shelter House has recognized the following individuals and partners for their outstanding commitment to ending homelessness in our community: Changing Lives Awards—Passion 4 Community, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, and St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Community Champions—Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Madison Ridge, and McLean Bible Church. Ending Homelessness & Domestic Violence Awards—Pat Kuehnle, Keller Williams Fairfax Gateway Office, and Lori Tagami. Youth Volunteer Award—Natalie Hancher, Molly Sullivan, Charlotte Lackey, Girl Scout Troop #1732, and Rock Spring UCC YORS (Youth of Rock Spring). These individuals and organizations certainly deserve special recognition for their dedication to Shelter House. However, we also must acknowledge the importance of all Shelter House volunteers, as well as the private sector and government partners who constantly strive to better our community through efforts to provide secure, structured environments, as well as indispensable support, for families in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to Shelter House and its many volunteers and community partners. Their selfless work benefits the entire Northern Virginia community and improves the lives of many of our neighbors.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAKEWOOD 4TH OF JULY PARADE

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Lakewood 4th of July Parade. On July 4, 1964, the Lakewood 4th of July Parade consisted of two children riding their bikes down the sidewalk on a block of Lakewood Boulevard. From these humble beginnings, the parade has expanded to become an institution of the Lakewood neighborhood.

For the past 50 years, the Lakewood 4th of July Parade has worked hard to promote a sense of community for its residents. While the parade has grown tremendously over the

past five decades, it remains true to its purpose of having a parade for the benefit of kids of all ages. The Lakewood 4th of July Parade is truly helping make our community a better place to live.

My wife, Melissa, and our two young children enjoy participating in the Lakewood 4th of July Parade. The annual event is important, not just to those who live on the neighboring streets, but to all who come to Lakewood to enjoy the patriotic festivities.

On behalf of all Lakewood residents, I would like to congratulate the Lakewood 4th of July Parade organizers and volunteers on their tremendous accomplishments and thank them for their continued valuable service to our community and country.

ADDRESSING THE NEGLECTED DISEASES TREATMENT GAP

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, which I chair, held a hearing that examined the neglected diseases that affect a relatively small but significant number of children around the world.

These diseases are not only debilitating for their victims but are too often fatal when untreated. Such diseases largely impact poor people in poor countries. They are not only small in numbers, but they are unable to pay market prices for treatments and are unlikely to lead social movements to force action on their diseases. That means that research on detection, vaccines and drug treatment for their ailments does not receive the priority that diseases such as HIV/AIDS, often seen in pandemic levels, are given.

The World Health Organization has identified 17 neglected tropical diseases or NTDs. The list ranges from chagas to rabies to leprosy to dengue fever. However, there are others not on this list of 17 diseases that also receive less attention. These include such diseases as polio and smallpox, which have largely been eliminated from the planet, and fatal, fortunately rare NTDs such as kuru and ebola.

This hearing will consider the current U.S. government handling of these neglected diseases to determine what more can or should be done to address this situation. Current U.S. law favors research on those diseases threatening the American homeland, but in today's world, diseases can cross borders as easily as those affected by them or the products imported into the United States. For example, chagas is most prevalent in Latin America, but it has been identified in patients in Texas, and cases of dengue fever have recently been reported in Florida. We cannot afford to assume that what may seem to be exotic diseases only happen to people in other countries. Ten years ago, West Nile Virus, another NTD, was not seen in the United States or anywhere else outside the East African nation of Uganda, but in less than a decade, it has spread across this country and much of the rest of the world. Last year, 286 people died from West Nile Virus in the United States alone. As re-

cently as the mid-1990s, this disease was seen only sporadically and was considered a minor risk for human beings.

Generally, NTDs affect the health of the poor in developing countries where access to clean water, sanitation, and health care is limited. Roughly 2 billion people are being treated for at least one NTD, although most individuals are infected with several NTDs at once. Several NTDs are difficult to control by drug treatment alone because of their complicated transmission cycles that involve non-human carriers such as insects. Furthermore, some of the drugs have significant side effects (including death) and cannot be used by young children or pregnant women.

A study done in 2001 found that research and development of drugs to treat infectious diseases had ground to a near-standstill. From 1975 to 1999, the report stated, 1,393 new drugs were brought to the market globally, but only 16, or 1.1 percent, were for tropical diseases (including malaria) and even tuberculosis, although these diseases represented 12% of the global disease burden. A 2012 update of that study found that the gap between the percentage of research and development on NTDs and their percentage of the global disease burden had narrowed, but there is still a long way to go to reach an adequate balance. Of the 756 new drugs approved between 2000 and 2011, 29 (or 3.8 percent) were for neglected diseases, although the global burden of such diseases was estimated at 10.5 percent. Of these, only four were new chemical creations, three of which were for malaria, but none for tuberculosis or neglected tropical diseases.

It is unprofitable for companies to create treatments for diseases with few victims and no certain way to recover research and development costs. Our heart goes out to those who suffer from these neglected diseases, and we want our government to speed up research and development in cooperation with universities and private companies. However, research and development take time and effort and costs money that private companies cannot easily justify to their stockholders, including many of us, without incentives. We should consider such incentives and look at the system in place to forge successful efforts to deal with NTDs.

We had with us representatives from the National Institutes of Health, which was established to understand, treat, and ultimately prevent the many infectious, immunologic and allergic diseases that threaten millions of human lives. Their government partner in the system for developing solutions to the problem of NTDs and other diseases is the Food and Drug Administration, which, among other responsibilities, is charged with protecting and promoting public health through the regulation and supervision of prescription and over-the-counter pharmaceutical medications, vaccines and biopharmaceuticals.

Also joining us yesterday were representatives from a network specializing in providing medicines at the lowest possible cost to those suffering from NTDs, a major pharmaceutical company that develops new drugs for the treatment of diseases rare and otherwise, and a new organization seeking to extend the benefits of proven interventions to improve the lives of the poor in developing countries. If a solution to the gap between existing research and development and successful strategies to

meet the challenges of NTDs is to be found, it will take the collaboration of the organizations represented here today, as well as numerous others.

What yesterday was a disease affecting a tiny population in a remote area of the world can tomorrow become an unexpected, global epidemic. We must be better prepared to deal with new challenges to public health.

IN RECOGNITION OF PLYMOUTH'S SIX FALLEN HEROES

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and sacrifice of six fallen heroes hailing from the great town of Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Since September 11, 2001, Plymouth has lost six of its own citizens who answered the call to defend their Nation. These selfless individuals will now be memorialized by family, friends, and neighbors in their hometown when Plymouth's Fallen Heroes Memorial is officially unveiled next week. Today, I would like to express my gratitude for their service by presenting the names of the fallen to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Sergeant First Class Robert E. Rooney, Army National Guard

Killed in action September 25, 2003 in Kuwait

Lance Corporal Jeffrey C. Burgess, United States Marine Corps

Killed in action March 25, 2004 in Fallujah, Iraq

Private First Class Kevin J. King, United States Army

Killed in action April 18, 2007 during a training exercise at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Sergeant Benjamin W. Sherman, United States Army

Killed in action November 10, 2009 in Western Afghanistan

Staff Sergeant Matthew A. Pucino, Army National Guard

Killed in action November 23, 2009 in Pashay Kala, Afghanistan

Specialist Steven E. Gutowski, United States Army

Killed in action September 28, 2011 in Ghanzi Province, Afghanistan

These courageous, distinguished men embodied the best ideals of our country and dedicated their lives to its security. I sincerely thank these six Plymouth natives for all that they have given in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize the outstanding sacrifice that these veterans made for their country. I ask that my colleagues join me in this remembrance, and in thanking all of our servicemembers deployed across the globe.

RECOGNIZING ALEXANDER MIRANDA AND ANGEL VALVERDE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize two students, Alexander

Miranda of Davenport, Florida, and Angel Valverde of Orlando, Florida, on their acceptance to attend a People to People World Leadership Forum next week in Washington, D.C.

The People to People Leadership Ambassadors program brings together middle and high school students from over 140 countries and offers unique, hands on educational experiences that prepare students to assume the mantle of leadership in the future. While in Washington, D.C., students will participate in daily educational activities constructed around a leadership development-focused curriculum to assist students in identifying and applying their personal leadership style.

To be selected for a People to People World Leadership Forum, these students have demonstrated the requirements of academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship. Their commitment of time and dedication to their education and future is outstanding. I wish the best for Alexander and Angel as they continue to advance toward even higher pursuits.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I am pleased to congratulate Alexander Miranda and Angel Valverde on their acceptance to a People to People World Leadership Forum this summer. May their hard work and steadfastness inspire many to follow in their footsteps.

H.R. 1947 THE FEDERAL AGRICULTURE REFORM AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2013

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the harmful "King Amendment" to the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 (H.R. 2217). I believe it will negatively impact Michigan's agricultural industry and hinder states' ability to maintain high dairy standards and to protect its citizens from livestock diseases and invasive pests.

I am disappointed that the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture adopted the controversial King amendment and that floor amendments to strip this harmful provision were not allowed to be voted on by the full House. The King Amendment precludes positive state regulation because it authorizes the federal government to nullify state laws and to change current animal welfare standards.

I have consistently made animal protection a priority. In 2010, I co-authored the Animal Crush Video Prohibition Act that was later signed into law by President Obama. During my time in Congress I have supported and championed legislation aimed at protecting the welfare of animals. I will continue to fight to uphold ethical animal welfare standards.

While I have deep concerns with the substance of the King amendment and a legislative process that barred full House consideration thereof, I believe it is critical to provide necessary resources to our agricultural producers in Michigan and across our nation. I look forward to working with my colleagues in both the House and Senate to enact a farm bill that supports our agricultural industry while maintaining high animal welfare standards.

A TRIBUTE TO DENNIS P. ZINE, MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 28, 2013

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary leadership and public service of Dennis P. Zine, Member of the Los Angeles City Council. For the last twelve years, Councilmember Zine has represented the interests of the San Fernando Valley on the Los Angeles City Council, expanding recreation opportunities for Valley residents, fighting against waste and abuse in public agencies and supporting law enforcement efforts to keep our streets safe.

Councilman Zine has a well-earned reputation in the San Fernando Valley for his deep commitment to local community and non-profit groups as well as his lively presence at community events. Every year I look forward to sharing the stage with the Councilman at the appropriately titled "Dennis P. Zine 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza at Warner Center."

Before his election to the City Council, Dennis served for 28 years on the front lines of the Los Angeles Police Department. During that time, Dennis rose to the rank of Sergeant, was honored as officer of the year by the California Highway Patrol and was elected three times to the Board of Directors of the Police Protective League.

Always working to improve the quality of life for the residents of the San Fernando Valley, Councilman Zine formed P.O.S.S.E. (People Organizing a Safe, Secure Environment), a volunteer group in which hundreds of concerned citizens can work to rid their communities of graffiti, neglected properties, abandoned cars and other nuisances.

Dennis is blessed with two sons, Chris and Eric. Like his father before him, Chris is a Sergeant with the LAPD while Eric is a champion race pilot and flight instructor.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my gratitude to Dennis Zine and thank him for his tenure of outstanding public service to the residents of the San Fernando Valley. Dennis Zine is an extraordinary leader whose service deserves to be recognized for all that he has done and will continue to do for our community.

OFFSHORE ENERGY AND JOBS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2231) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the Flores Amendment.

This amendment would seriously undermine the smart ocean planning activities called for