

According to bullying statistics, 1 out of every 10 students who drops out of school does so because of repeated bullying.

Suicides linked to bullying are the saddest statistic.

STATISTICS ON HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

1. HISD has over 200,000 students, 80 percent of which are eligible for free and reduced price lunch. This means that, 80 percent of students come from low socioeconomic households. HISD has approximately 25 percent African American students, 63 percent Hispanic students, and 30 percent students with limited English proficiency.

2. The 100 largest districts represent less than 1 percent of all school districts in the nation, yet enrolls 21 percent of all students, including 25 percent of the Census poverty students, 33 percent of the black students, 32 percent of the Hispanic students, and 31 percent of all minority students.

Houston Independent School District's challenge in providing a world class education faces many of the challenges that Jackson Lee Amendment #5 would address.

The Nation's first line of national defense is a well educated population. Much of the Nation's defense depends on what is developed and created by STEM jobs. It is also important that men and women serving in the Armed Forces have a basic working knowledge of STEM to succeed. For these reasons, it is vital that every child have the best education that this Nation can provide. There is no one size fits all, and there are changes with each generation of teachers and students, but the one constant are the needs of all children are not the same.

There is no deterministic model that decides which child will succeed and which will fail. What we do know is that given the right learning environment with teachers with the right training and support we can graduate students who can create, innovate, lead and succeed in life.

I urge all members to vote in favor of these amendments.

JEREMY LYNN JOPLIN HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS STATE CHAMPION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Joplin High School's Jeremy Lynn for winning the Missouri Class 2 Boys State Tennis Championship.

Jeremy's victory demonstrated hard work, dedication, and courage. Despite battling increasing pain during the match, he won the State championship and finished with a 36–1 record for the season.

Jeremy's victory served as the capstone of a brilliant high school career. In addition to being a State champion, Jeremy is a three time district champion and a three time conference champion. His senior year established him amongst the Nation's best, ranking second in the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Missouri Valley region, as high as 47th in the entire Nation, and as the champion of the 2012 Boy's 18's USTA National Open Championship in Denver.

Jeremy's accomplishments are not just tied to the court; they extend to the classroom. In his first semester of his senior year, Jeremy earned a 4.3 GPA, achieving academic all-conference status.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jeremy Lynn on his Missouri Class 2 Boys State Tennis Championship and a stellar athletic and academic career.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to make a statement in memory of a brave firefighter in California's 36th Congressional District, Christopher Douglas, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty.

Christopher Douglas, a native of Colorado Springs, lived in Temecula, California. Chris was an avid surfer who was well-known and respected by the local community. Chris served his country in the United States Air Force and, after leaving, became an Engineer and Paramedic for CAL FIRE. On Friday, July 5, 2013, he was struck by a vehicle along Interstate 10 in Riverside County, California, while preparing to leave the site of a traffic collision to respond to another incident. He was rushed to the hospital, but tragically passed away. Chris Douglas, an eight-year veteran with the fire department, was only 41 years old. He leaves behind his expectant wife Amy, their two-year-old son Samuel, and family members and friends. Chris died with the same courage as he lived, helping those in need.

This brave man died before his time. He was an honorable, passionate man who devoted himself to his country, his duty, and his family. His service and life are to be commended. His memory will live on in the people whose lives he inspired with his final act of sacrifice.

IN HONOR OF JOHN P. CATALDO, SR.

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, John P. Cataldo, Sr. was a husband, father, grandfather, civic leader and patriot. He served his country in World War II and as a 17-year-old sailor in the United States Navy he was part of the amphibious forces that landed in France on D-Day, June 6, 1944. In civilian life, he devoted much time to his family, business, and civic and charitable organizations. Mr. Cataldo founded the public accounting firm that bears his name and continues today. As a resident of Warminster, he was a volunteer on several local boards and committees, and also an elected Warminster Township supervisor. He proudly served on the military veterans' advisory board in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District. For many years, he was active in the Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No.

806 and the Free and Accepted Masons. We mourn the passing of a true gentleman and acknowledge his faithful service to country and community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT D. GETZOFF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague from New York, Representative TIM BISHOP, to honor the memory of Robert D. Getzoff. Rob was a dedicated brother, a beloved son, a caring uncle, and a fiercely loyal friend.

To his many friends, he was one of the warmest, brightest, and funniest people on Capitol Hill. Though he was a self-described "Jewish rocker from Philadelphia," Rob was a friend of the Illinois Fifth District, having worked for my predecessor, then Congressman Rahm Emanuel, for four years.

Rob served as Congressman Emanuel's Legislative Counsel for the Budget, Financial Services and Ways and Means Committees—a full plate of challenging policy responsibilities and assignments that Rob fulfilled with great skill and success. No one loved it more and worked harder than Rob Getzoff. In an office that prided itself on long hours, Rob made a point of being the first person in the office in the morning, and on many nights he was the last to leave. He served his country and tackled complex challenges and tight deadlines with intelligence and humor.

Rob began his Hill career in the office of his idol, Senator Ted Kennedy, and tackled every aspect of his Hill career with the passion and dedication to public service exemplified by the late Senator. Rob's impressive record of accomplishment was built on his distinguished academic credentials. He held a bachelor's degree from George Washington University, a law degree from Temple University, and an MBA from Georgetown University. In addition to his service on the Hill, he added to his impressive credentials by becoming an expert in financial services regulatory policy while working for industry leaders including Citigroup and Bank of New York Mellon.

Rob was a true policy wonk and a brilliant political strategist. He defended his views with passion whether he was trying to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to help low-income Americans, explaining the greatness of eighties hard rock, or the eating habits of Great Cats. He was unrelenting in pushing his colleagues to do the right thing, whether the question at hand was a pivotal vote or a quality timepiece. He left a legacy of legislative accomplishments including meaningful lobbying reform, janitors insurance, closing the corporate jet loophole, and reducing the size of the "tax gap." He also played a pivotal role in drafting comprehensive tax reform legislation that made the tax code simpler and fairer for all Americans.

Rob was beloved by many who had the privilege to work with him and share his passion and dedication to work and friends. A legislative staff in a Congressional office is a small unit, and Rob was part of a family. That small group of people crammed into a not-so-

large shared space working long hours on difficult issues got to know each other about as well as you can with people assembled by someone else. In stressful moments full of "pushback" and "red flags", he could be counted on to pitch in to help, or simply remind his fellow staffers "you love this song".

Even after Rob left the Hill, everyone wanted to stay in touch with Rob, either through a "pop-in" to the Longworth office or to meet for a cup of coffee for some advice and a few laughs. He maintained his relationship with the Fifth District even after his former boss moved on to the White House, serving as a friend and mentor to my staff.

Rob brought that same *joie de vivre* to all of his work, on and off the Hill. It is no surprise that so many people in Washington and beyond have a story about Rob helping them out with a thorny issue, providing career advice or simply helping them during a challenging time. Rob will also be remembered by so many of us for how easy it was to become and stay good friends with him, and how we were frequently uplifted by his sense of humor, including his spot-on impressions, and his very infectious laugh.

Mr. Speaker, it's not often I find myself in the position of singing the praises of a Flyers fan, and while I'm still happy his team finished second in 2010, there's no question he's first in the hearts of his friends and family. A few years ago the derisive term "little punk staffer" became a badge of honor among the many who've toiled in tiny cramped spaces like 1319 Longworth. Rob was among the best little punk staffers this institution has ever seen.

He was taken from us prematurely, and so many people are devastated by this loss. But Rob wouldn't want us to be sad. He would say "go out and enjoy your young life." He would want us to put on some Green Day, walk past the Capitol Dome and remember why we came to Washington in the first place. The best way to honor Rob is to do a great job while giving everything you have to some great friends. Rob, we miss you already.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes during this week:

On rollcall vote 354, on the passage of H.R. 2576, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 355, on the passage of H.R. 1848, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 356, on the passage of H.R. 2611, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 357, ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 300, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 358, on the passage of H. Res. 300, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 359, on the Motion to Adjourn, I voted "no."

On rollcall vote 360, on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 2667, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 361, on passage of H.R. 2667, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 362, on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 2668, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 363, on passage of H.R. 2668, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 364, on ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 303, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 365, on passage of H. Res. 303, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 366, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 367, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote 368, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote 369, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 354 and 355, I missed these votes because my first flight was canceled, and my second flight was delayed.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both.

17TH NATIONAL BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, this week close to 50,000 Boy Scouts and members of the Scouting community are gathering in Glen Jean, West Virginia for the 17th national Boy Scout Jamboree. This 10-day event features some of the most physically challenging events in its history, including rock climbing, rappelling, white water rafting and biking. The Jamboree is a monumental event for Scouting and is a highlight for the thousands of Scouts who attend.

The first Jamboree was held in 1937 in Washington, D.C. and featured more than 27,000 Scouts who camped on the National Mall under the Washington Monument. Since that time, the Boy Scouts of America has held National Jamborees at several locations across the country, with the most recent in 2010 in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

As an Eagle Scout, I could not be more proud that the Mountain State is hosting the Jamboree for the very first time and will serve as the permanent home for the event in the coming years.

This week, thousands of Scouts from around the United States, their leaders and others have travelled to the new facility near the New River Gorge in beautiful Fayette County, West Virginia. The site, known as the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, will house Scouts, staff and adult leaders, who will enjoy the outdoors and test their abilities in a number of ways. During the Jamboree, the Summit will be the third largest city in West Virginia.

Also, because of its location in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia, physical activities will be more intense and will provide a more diverse terrain for Scouts of all ages. The Summit will challenge Scouts with programs

like BMX biking, climbing, whitewater rafting, and gliding along one of the fastest zip line courses in North America.

Construction of this permanent home for the national Boy Scout Jamboree has pumped nearly \$170 million into the West Virginia economy over the past four years.

The new home for the jamboree, sitting on 10,600 acres in a world-renowned adventure sports region, will undoubtedly provide a huge economic boost for the state and hopefully the participants will keep coming back to enjoy all our stunning state has to offer.

But the greatest impact the Summit will have will be on the thousands of Scouts and adults who participate. This type of impact may be not measured immediately, but will be felt for generations to come. I know that, first hand.

As an Eagle Scout from Troop 6 in Wheeling, W.Va., I can say that the lessons I learned as a young man in the Boy Scouts have stuck with me throughout my life and guided my decisions in my personal and professional career.

My experience in Scouting has helped shape who I am today.

Sadly, many of the values held true by the Scouts are sorely missing in society today. Too often, duty to God and country are not valued in our culture. That is why it is so vital that we help the Boy Scouts continue their mission.

For over 100 years the Boy Scouts have made this country a better place. More than 2.6 million Scouts are continuing to build character, promote physical, spiritual and mental growth, and acquire leadership skills for generations of young men. You can look no further than the 300,000 hours of community service that will be performed during the Jamboree to understand the positive impact Scouting has on its members and the community as a whole.

Now, the Boy Scouts of America have a brand new home to carry on their jamboree tradition in the beautiful state of West Virginia. We are also excited that for the first time in 52 years, the World Scout Jamboree will be held in the United States at this same site in 2019.

While thousands of Scouts are here to "Go Big, Get Wild," we welcome them to our beautiful country roads!

IN HONOR OF DAVE PLATT

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Dave Platt, the owner of the Newtown Swim Club, in Newtown Township, Bucks County, has provided thousands of families with healthful recreational activities since 1983. Dave is closing the business and in this next chapter of his life, he plans to concentrate on his family and his health. We congratulate Dave as a man who has contributed so much to area youth and the community, overall. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he is a past member of the board of directors of Frankford Hospital, Northeast Federal Savings, The George School and the Bucks County Planning Commission. For many years he was the owner of the Somerton Springs Golf Centers where he held