

Dr. Goknar has an impressive list of national and international accomplishments, including receiving two Fulbright awards and the Dublin IMPAC literary award. He holds a PhD and Master's Degree from the University of Washington, Seattle.

Since 1981, the NEA has helped support the accessibility of priceless pieces of literature to all Americans by providing Literature Translation Fellowships to outstanding scholars to help translate those works into English. For 22 years the NEA has awarded 255 fellowships to help translate different pieces of literature in 62 languages from 78 countries. This year, after a rigorous review process, only 16 scholars are being awarded a total of \$250,000 to translate works in 13 languages from 15 countries into English.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Dr. Goknar on his commitment and contributions to helping more Americans access important literary works through translation. In an increasingly globalized society, it is critical to understand those from other places and walks of life. Literature provides perspective and context into important cultural trends and ideals, so we must invest in learning all we can through works in other languages and from other places.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating Dr. Erdag Goknar and other 2014 NEA Literature Translation Fellowship recipients for their outstanding work and commitment to helping others access important pieces of literature.

RECOGNIZING MRS. ALLIE MUSE PEEBLES AS RALEIGH-APEX NAACP HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 25, 2013*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Allie Muse Peebles on being selected to receive the Humanitarian of the Year Award by the Raleigh-Apex chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP.

Mrs. Peebles has dedicated over twenty years of service to the Raleigh-Apex NAACP. As Life Membership Chairperson, she has encouraged more than half of the branch to become Life Members and secured needed funds for the branch's annual scholarship and other endeavors.

I first got to know Mrs. Peebles as I prepared to run for Congress some 28 years ago. I quickly learned how respected she was in Raleigh and Wake County, based on her commitment to community betterment and her ability to communicate and work with people of varying views and backgrounds. After retiring as an English teacher, she continued writing for the *Carolinian*, a biweekly African-American publication based in Raleigh, and she remains an active member of the Raleigh Alumna Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Voter Education Coalition, the Sertoma Club, the National Council of Negro Women, and the Raleigh Alumni Chapter of Hampton University.

I commend her remarkable service both to the community and the Raleigh-Apex NAACP.

Mrs. Allie Muse Peebles is very deserving of the Humanitarian of the Year Award, and it is with great pleasure and pride that I congratulate her on receiving this honor.

HONORING BLAKE MCELMAN AND JAY CAVANAUGH OF MAINE FOR COURAGEOUS ACTIONS

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 25, 2013*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two young men in my district whose courageous actions saved the lives of two fishermen this past New Year's Eve.

While attending a family gathering on Montsweag Bay in Woolwich, Maine, late that evening, Blake McElman and Jay Cavanaugh, both 21, heard yells coming from the water. Looking out, they saw that the incoming tide had quickly surrounded two men who had been digging for worms on mudflats far from shore. Standing on a rock, the men would quickly become immersed in the frigid water.

With time of the essence, McElman and Cavanaugh decided to attempt a rescue themselves. Hauling a canoe to open water over ice and snow, they paddled several hundred yards offshore and recovered the men, both showing early signs of hypothermia. Once ashore, they fed and warmed the men, who ultimately escaped from the incident unscathed.

This would not have been the outcome without the quick and courageous actions of McElman and Cavanaugh. Most likely they saved those men's lives that night. I'm relieved and thankful that all four men survived this very dangerous situation.

Mr. Speaker, many people in Maine make their living in jobs that involve braving the elements and even risking their lives in unforgiving and swiftly changing environments. But what also characterizes our state is that our people look after each other and are willing to go a long way to help one another. McElman and Cavanaugh certainly showed that to be true, and then some. I'm very proud to have them in my district.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Chair, I rise to speak in favor of adoption of the Defense Appropriations Act of 2014.

I thank Chairman C.W. BILL YOUNG and Ranking Member PETE VISCLOSKEY, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Defense for their

work to provide for our nation's national defense.

I also want to extend thanks and appreciation to the men and women in and out of uniform to defend our nation. You serve your nation with honor and distinction. In each generation our nation must remember that the freedoms that we enjoy come at a price, which you have paid without hesitation or complaint.

Each year the Congress takes on the tasks of providing appropriations for the nation's defense. The Appropriations subcommittee that focuses exclusively on the work of the Department of Defense is the subject matter experts who manage the long process that resulted in the bill before us for consideration. As members of the House of Representatives we are each subject matter experts on the committees that we serve, but we are also experts on the constituencies we seek to represent.

My work in the 18th Congressional District has allowed me the privilege of working with men and women in the military, the workers in aeronautics and space industries that contribute to our nation's defense as well as those in the Department of Defense who work in and around our nation's capitol.

Through my work as a member of Congress I know those who have served and returned home to a tough economy, struggles with physical disabilities and life changing injuries associated with their service to our nation. I do not know the military as a mass of statistics, but individuals with names and faces—real people who depend on each of us to pursue their best interest.

I know you know that none of our offices received calls from lobbyist on behalf of the men and women who serve in defense of our nation in and out of uniform. That is why we must rely upon our own experience and that of the Appropriations' Subcommittee on Defense to reach the best result in a very long and arduous legislative process.

Military families make sacrifices with long separations of parents from spouses and children that last for over a year. Many miss some of the important moments in their children's lives when they are deployed when they have young children. The Defense Appropriations bill includes \$580 million for a military pay raise consistent with the raise included in the House Armed Services bill for a 1.8 percent increase.

I am pleased to say that this Defense Appropriations bill does a great deal more for the men and women serving in the military and places more focus on the needs of their families. This bill maintains the objective of previous Congresses to assure that our nation's military is the best trained, best prepared, best equipped, and best cared for fighting force in the history of the world. That is the least we can do for those who willingly risk their lives to keep us safe.

The bill also recognizes that the military is changing due to the expanded roles for women who pursue careers in the armed services. I strongly believe that this choice should not mean a diminution of rights or opportunities from what they would enjoy these women had pursued a different career path.

For this reason, I sought and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense provided \$150 million for a Peer-Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program. The program fills a unique niche among private and public funding sources for cancer research and presents an

opportunity to forging new ideas and scientific breakthroughs in the nation's fight against breast cancer.

My work to expand the Department of Defense ability to provide assistance and support for medical research related to breast cancer included Jackson Lee Amendment #1 which provided \$500,000 in increased funding for breast cancer research, which was adopted by the Full House. This additional funding raised the amount in the bill to \$130 million and will be made available for Triple Negative Breast Cancer research. Triple Negative Breast Cancer is one of the most deadly forms of the disease that is extremely difficult to detect, and has an extremely high mortality rate.

The threat of sexual assault of both women and men serving in the armed services is a real threat to unit cohesion and professional conduct among the ranks. The troubling aspects of the stories we have heard is the lack of comprehension of the traumatic nature of this crime among superior officers in a position to help. The Defense Department Appropriations bill offers an additional \$25 million for a new Sexual Assault Special Victims Program in addition to fully funding request of \$156.5 million for a Defense-Wide and the Military Service Program which I strongly support.

I sought and the Appropriations Committee provided \$80 million in funding for a Prostate cancer program to be included in the final bill at 100 percent of the requested amount. The most prevalent type cancer in men, and second most diagnosed cancer in the nation, kills over thirty thousand people per year.

Veterans, especially those exposed to defoliants have been identified as being more prone to this disease. Research on prostate cancer will lead to better early diagnostic tools as well as better treatments and improvements to quality of life for prostate cancer survivors.

The unique nature of combat can produce illnesses that threaten health and life expectancy. This is why I requested \$25 million and the Committee provided \$20 million or 80 percent of my request to fund a Gulf War Illness Research Program, GWIRP. The bill provides \$20 million in funding to support the identification of treatments and diagnostic markers for Gulf War Illness, a chronic multi-symptom illness with no effective treatment affecting 250,000 Gulf War veterans. Treatments will benefit military personnel at risk of similar neurotoxic exposures. The FY14 program funded by this bill will fund studies of promising treatments and larger clinical trials of treatments previously shown to be effective.

Jackson Lee Amendment #2 that was adopted by the full House under debate of the bill offered additional funds from \$10 million provided by a transfer to an account that could be used to support work to assist military persons suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorders, PTSD. As we look to PTSD, some of a soldier's wounds are invisible to the naked eye, for these are wounds that should be properly treated. One of the best ways to increase access to treatment is to increase the number of medical facilities and mental health professionals who are available to serve the needs of men and women currently serving and those who have become veterans.

Post traumatic stress disorder, one of the most prevalent and devastating psychological wounds suffered by the brave men and women fighting in far off lands to defend the

values and freedom we hold dear. A suicide bomber, an IED, or an insurgent can obliterate their close friend instantaneously and right in front of their face.

Yet, as American soldiers, they are trained to suppress the agonizing grief associated with those horrible experiences and are expected to continue on with the mission. And carry on they do, with courage and with patriotism.

The bill also provides \$125 million in funding to for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Psychological Health research, and \$4 million for alcohol and substance abuse research. In addition, \$20 million is provided for suicide prevention and outreach.

My focus is also the military of the future and the overwhelming need for people who have strong science, technology, engineering and mathematics, STEM, educations to fill the positions required for the successful defense of our nation's cyber networks.

I sought \$30 million for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions, HBCU/MI. The Funding requested was approved by the Appropriations committee at the level at over \$35 million or a 116 percent over the amount I requested. The funds appropriated will reinvigorate the relationship between the Department of Defense and the HBCU/MIs and to ensure that minorities are represented in the long-term development of the STEM workforce pipeline. The funding will support undergraduate and graduate STEM programs to increase the participation and success of minority students through engaged mentoring, enriching research experiences, and opportunities to publish, present, and network. Consistent with the report of the National Academy of Sciences "Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America's Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads," the funding is intended to enhance the Department's efforts to emphasize STEM education improvement within the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions program. The Committee should encourage the Secretary of Defense to consider these factors when awarding competitive funding under this program, as well as ensuring that selected programs have a sufficiently large cohort of students to allow for effective peer-to-peer mentoring.

I offered language to create a report that the Secretary of Defense must present to Congress on the topic of hazing in the military, harassment and mistreatment of service members across the Armed Forces. The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 180 days after enactment of this act on the prevalence and consequences of hazing, harassment and mistreatment of service members and the policies in place to address cultural sensitivity and hazing and harassment prevention and intervention. Further, the report shall include recommendations for the services to accurately record and prevent incidences of hazing, harassment and mistreatment of service members and to adopt a more intentional diversity and inclusion effort. Finally, the report shall propose a plan to implement and monitor these recommendations.

On balance this Department of Defense Appropriations bill overall is a good thing for the men and women of the armed services espe-

cially with the additional of an amendment to prohibit the use of funds to deny Department of Defense civilian employees security clearance because of financial difficulties caused by "furloughs" due to sequestration.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PATTY SHAY

**HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 25, 2013*

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to recognize Patty Shay, who is retiring after 34 years of distinguished service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Patty is the Director of Constituent Services and Office Manager for my office, and will retire on August 31, 2013. Patty began her career in civil service in 1977 with the office of Assemblyman Bill Dannemeyer and remained on staff after he was elected to Congress in 1979. Fourteen years later, Patty continued her service by joining my office when I succeeded Dannemeyer as Representative of the 39th District. By this time, Patty knew that she preferred casework and that the U.S. Service Academy process was her specialty.

Patty has enjoyed the challenge of helping people. Her motto is always, "do the best that I can in the place where I am and be kind." Over her years of service, Patty has handled thousands of cases. And often, people will call after years have gone by and continue to say thank you.

Her favorite casework is the Department of Veterans Affairs, and in particular dealing with those who served in WWII. The stories told by these humble warriors left her forever grateful for the Greatest Generation.

Patty's true passion during her service was the U.S. Service Academy process. She developed a very structured nomination system in order to develop the young nominees, which has helped them to succeed at the academies. She became known as Mama Shay due to a Cadet from the 3rd class that attended West Point. Patty has worn this as a badge of honor. Many officers continue to write messages to Mom/Mama Shay today.

Through the years, the long line of Patty's kids that received appointments grew to 607. Of that number, 414 graduated and are serving all over the world today. Many have accomplished fulfilling military careers while others have become lawyers, doctors, or dentists. She feels privileged to know so many bright, capable nominees, and has been happy to provide them with support, guidance, and direction throughout the years.

As a testament to her work, Patty has received numerous public service awards including; the "Duty Honor Country" award by the West Point Society of Orange County; "The Donald" which is an award selecting the legislative staffer of the year by fellow Orange County staffers; and the "Everyday Hero Award" from the Fullerton Rotary Club. Patty is extremely thankful and grateful for the years she has spent in public service.

Patty has always kept family close and of the highest priority. Having raised two active boys as a single parent, she was constantly running from one event to another. Who knew this would be the prologue to her duties handling the Academy Nominations. Her non-stop