

City of Burlingame and the Town of Hillsborough merged fire services in 2004, becoming the Central County Fire Department, he became the first Deputy Fire Chief of the new agency. This is a role he has embraced, as he became the agency's second Fire Chief in December 2006. Last year he took over responsibility for fire departments in Millbrae and San Bruno as well.

Chief Dornell's service to the community has taken other forms as well. He is a long-standing Fire Technology Instructor at College of San Mateo, administrator of the San Mateo County Fire Recruit Academy from 1997 to 2006, and a Member of the San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association, where he serves as liaison to a number of adjunct groups. Chief Dornell is also the first inaugural chairman of the Burlingame Adopt-a-Unit program, which since 2004 has supported hundreds of US soldiers through their deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

In his retirement, Chief Dornell will be relocating to Calaveras County to enjoy hiking and outdoors activities in the Central Sierra, to continue work on the home he has been rebuilding, and to spend some time travelling around the country with his wife Debra. He will also continue his work as a volunteer for the Calaveras County Sheriffs Search and Rescue Team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Fire Chief Don Dornell on a remarkable career. His contributions to our community are an example of the best in public service, and his leadership and dedication will be missed. We wish him the best in his retirement.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,599,194,294.87. We've added \$6,111,722,145,381.79 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE S.A.F.E. COMPOUNDED DRUG ACT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Supporting Access to Formulated and Effective Compounded Drugs Act, or the S.A.F.E. Compounded Drug Act. My colleagues Congresswoman NITA LOWEY of New York, Congressman CONYERS of Michigan, and Congressman HONDA of California are co-sponsors of this legislation and I thank them for their work on this issue.

This bill seeks to ensure that patients and health care providers across the country have access to safe compounded drug products.

As you know, a devastating fungal meningitis outbreak last year was associated with contaminated products from a compounding facility in Massachusetts. Nearly 750 Americans became ill from these products and 61 perished. Unfortunately, this tragic outbreak and the others we have seen since are not anomalies. They are the result of a broken system. My thoughts and prayers are with the individuals and families whose lives have been affected by these contaminated products.

Earlier this week the Government Accountability Office released a report on drug compounding. That report noted that "lack of consensus and differing FDA authority to oversee compounded drugs across the country has resulted in gaps in oversight." Gaps that clearly risk the public health.

Just this week a compounding pharmacy announced the recall of more than 125 different types of sterile compounded products distributed nationally. Five days after the company began notifying its customers of the recall, a recall notice was published by the FDA. These products are being recalled because of a "question of sterility assurance." Thankfully no illnesses have been identified, but it is imperative that we act now and not wait for another heart wrenching outbreak and ask ourselves if we could have prevented it in the first place.

The bill I am introducing today should be part of our work to fix the system. It would do five things: clarify Federal authority of compounding pharmacies, improve patient and provider notification with accurate labeling, improve communication between Federal and state regulators, seek additional information to improve our understanding of the complexities related to compounded products, and strengthen penalties.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PROMOTE PROGRESS IN DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYS-TROPHY RESEARCH

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to talk about an opportunity before us to help some courageous children with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Duchenne affects nearly 20,000 babies a year, arresting proper muscle development during childhood.

Children with Duchenne, like young Gabe Griffin of Birmingham who I have personally met, are full of strength, spirit, and hope. They are an inspiration to all of us.

Thanks to medical research and the advocacy of Gabe's parents, Scott and Traci Griffin, and many other parents including Joel and Dana Wood here in Washington, new therapies and treatments are being developed for children with Duchenne.

But we all want progress to come even faster.

The Food and Drug Administration is considering whether to allow accelerated use of a potential breakthrough therapy. It is a drug called Eteplirsen.

While properly taking safety into account, it is important for the FDA to reach a timely de-

cision on making this drug available to the children who would benefit from it.

When you have had the privilege to be with wonderful kids like Gabe, you know that we must do everything possible to help them progress through a healthy and happy childhood.

HONORING INDUCTEES INTO THE SOUTH JERSEY FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the seven new members of the South Jersey Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The inductees were Reggie Lawrence, Phil Costa, Todd McNair, Brian Matera, Arnold Byrd, Mike McDevitt, and Jim Doyle.

Reggie Lawrence has been a high school coach for sixteen years and is currently coaching at Willingboro. He has rebuilt the Willingboro program, which previously had a 0-10 record, into a local power which last year qualified for the South Jersey Group 2 playoffs. Mr. Lawrence has earned more than 100 victories during his coaching career at Camden, Pennsauken, Jackson Liberty, and Willingboro. Coach Lawrence has not only had an extremely successful coaching career, but he was also a star athlete at Camden High School.

Phil Costa starred at Holy Cross High School and was named to the All South Jersey team. He later excelled at the University of Maryland and now plays for the Dallas Cowboys. He started in every game for the Cowboys in 2011 and was one of the best centers in the NFL. Although he was injured for the majority of the 2012 season, he recently signed a two-year contract extension and will be back on the field for the 2013 season.

Todd McNair played at Temple University and then professionally for the Houston Oilers and the Kansas City Chiefs. In his career, McNair caught 254 passes with seven receiving touchdowns, and rushed for 803 yards and three touchdowns. He also averaged 18.6 yards per kickoff return. McNair ranks in the top 20 among Chiefs receivers with over 1,800 receiving yards. After retirement from professional football, McNair coached at Camden High School and was the running backs coach for both the Cleveland Browns and the University of Southern California. During his time at USC, he was widely recognized as one of the most effective recruiters in college football.

Brian Matera is one of Pennsauken's legendary players. He was the Indians starting linebacker for three years, earned All South Jersey honors, and was nominated by Scholastic Magazine as an All American.

He also played for the University of Maryland in three bowl games. In 1980, he even earned a tryout with the Philadelphia Eagles. Tragically, Brian Matera passed away in 1990 but his accomplishments will not be forgotten.

Arnold Byrd earned the Oaks Award, one of the highest academic awards for a male student. He was also a member of the National Honor Society, and made All State and All South Jersey for football. He received both

athletic and academic scholarship to Rutgers and in 1960 he was recognized as their most valuable football player.

Mike McDevitt is known as one of South Jersey's top coaches. He currently serves as line coach at Haddonfield Memorial. He was previously an assistant line coach at Cherry Hill East, Pitman and Gloucester Catholic dating back to 1987. Coach McDevitt also served as Gloucester Catholic head coach from 1989–1993, making two appearances in state championship games.

Finally, I would like to personally congratulate Jim Doyle, a dear friend and coach of my Alma Mater, Triton Regional High School. I am pleased to honor Coach Doyle for his distinguished service as coach and athletic director. For 35 years he coached football and track at Glassboro, Lenape, and Triton. As football coach, he earned a career record of 91–63–7 at Glassboro and Triton, including a perfect 8–0 record in the 1968 season at Triton. Two of his top high school players went on to play football at the collegiate level for the University of Virginia and Rutgers University.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions of these seven inductees to the football community and to South Jersey should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our gratitude for Reggie, Phil, Todd, Brian, Arnold, Mike, Jim, and their families as they celebrate their induction into the South Jersey Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

HONORING MR. SIMMIE JESSE HILL, JR. OF MIDLAND, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Simmie Jesse Hill, Jr. of Midland, Pennsylvania. He was born on November 14, 1946 and grew up to become one of the greatest basketball players to come from Western Pennsylvania.

Simmie Hill starred on the 1965 Midland High School men's basketball team, considered by many to be one of the best in Pennsylvania's history. The Midland Leopards won the State title that year, finishing the season 28–0. Mr. Hill scored over 650 points that season, and he led the team to victory with his thirty-one points in the championship game.

The Sporting News named Mr. Hill a First-Team All-American when he was a senior at West Texas State University. Following his college career, Mr. Hill played four seasons of professional basketball in the American Basketball Association and retired in 1974. In 2010, he was inducted into the Midland Sports Hall of Fame.

Simmie Hill passed away in Pittsburgh on July 14, 2013 at the age of sixty-six. He is survived by four daughters and nine grandchildren, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Mr. Speaker, Western Pennsylvania has a strong sports legacy, and I am pleased to honor the memory of one of our greatest basketball players.

CONGRATULATING HON. B. TODD JONES ON HIS CONFIRMATION BY THE U.S. SENATE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate my constituent and friend, the Honorable B. Todd Jones, on his confirmation by the United States Senate to be the director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). As the first permanent director since 2006, Director Jones knows the job well; he has been leading this important federal law enforcement agency as "acting director" since 2011. While serving as acting director, Mr. Jones has also been serving as the United States Attorney for Minnesota. The hefty and time consuming responsibility of leading two important federal offices has proven to be a testament to Mr. Jones' commitment to public service, his stamina, and the gracious support of his wife, Margaret, and his children.

Nominated by President Obama to serve as ATF's permanent director in January 2013, Mr. Jones endured a Senate confirmation process that too often neglected the gun violence crisis in this country and instead degenerated into a partisan political smear campaign with unfounded attacks on an outstanding public servant. The Senate vote to confirm Mr. Jones was very partisan. The six Republicans who voted for cloture thus allowing an up or down vote on this nomination deserve to be commended for their fairness. I also want to commend Minnesota's two Senators, AMY KLOBUCHAR and AL FRANKEN, for shepherding this nomination through very difficult political terrain.

There is no doubt that President Obama got it right when he tapped Mr. Jones to lead the ATE. Todd's career in public service is stellar—a Marine Corps infantryman, Marine Corps Judge Advocate, federal prosecutor, and the U.S. Attorney for Minnesota in both the Clinton and Obama administrations. This is a man of integrity, character, and determination who has never hesitated to serve his country when called upon.

As the director of ATF, B. Todd Jones will have the opportunity to strengthen and offer much needed stability to an agency that has been denied a permanent director by Republicans in Congress even when a nominee was put forth by President Bush. Both ATF staff and law enforcement officials all across the U.S. will have a partner and an advocate in the new director. As gun violence continues to plague America's cities, towns, families, and, most tragically, our schools, ATF needs a leader who will respect gun rights, but champion gun safety and safe communities. That's the kind of leader Todd Jones will be and I am very proud of his on-going service to our country.

A TRIBUTE TO DIANE BRIDGEWATER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Diane Bridgewater for being named a 2013 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Each year, Business Record undertakes an exhaustive review to identify a standout group of women in the Greater Des Moines area who, as the publication notes, "have made a difference." An impressive group of inspiring female leaders are selected annually for this prestigious distinction, which is based on combined criteria of community involvement, career success, and being a role model for other women to emulate. The 2013 Women of Influence honorees join an impressive roster of more than 130 women who have changed and are continuing to change our communities for the better.

Diane Bridgewater has always wanted her work to benefit the community. And so since she began her career at KPMG Peat Marwick in 1985, she has held numerous positions and board memberships to accomplish her goal. Once at DuPont Pioneer for 18 years and now executive VP and chief financial and administrative officer for LCS, in which role she has worked to improve the lives of senior citizens, this successful business executive also has served as a director at the United Way of Central Iowa, ChildServe, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central Iowa, Hospice of Central Iowa, the UNI College of Business dean's advisory board, Casey's General Stores Inc., and Bankers Trust Co.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Diane Bridgewater in the United States Congress, and I am pleased to recognize her for working to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Women of Influence class continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 433 I was unavoidably detained at a personal doctor's appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF EAST PALO ALTO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 30th anniversary of the City of East Palo