

RECOGNIZING TERRY SANFORD HIGH SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL GRADUATION

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terry Sanford High School of Fayetteville, NC as they celebrate their centennial graduation on June 6, 2013.

Recognized by US News and World Report for receiving the Silver Medal in the annual list of America's Best High Schools in 2006, as well as being ranked one of the top 25 high schools in North Carolina this year, Terry Sanford is a shining example of a school preparing our students for the challenges of the 21st Century.

Terry Sanford offers fourteen different Advanced Placement courses as well as a variety of honors courses. In addition, Terry Sanford is home to the School of Global Studies which offers a rigorous, liberal arts college preparatory education in order to promote academic excellence, global awareness, and cultural and social growth.

I would like to congratulate Terry Sanford High School and its staff for 100 years of excellence and I commend them for their outstanding service in North Carolina education.

IMPORTANCE OF HOME HEALTHCARE

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the value of home healthcare to the people of Indiana's Ninth Congressional District. In addition to being a preferred place for care for most eligible seniors, home health consistently offers seniors the lowest cost venue. In Indiana alone, over 61,000 Medicare beneficiaries receive home health services from more than 8,000 Hoosiers who provide their care. Home health services, properly regulated, need to be encouraged rather than discouraged, to fulfill their mission of quality care for America's seniors and greater value for our Medicare program.

I appreciate the home health care community's efforts to develop their own proposal to weed out bad actors in their industry. One proposal that might save money within Medicare would place reasonable per-provider limitations on 60-day episodes of home care. Such limitations aim to ensure beneficiary access to care and stop abusive billing practices that appear to exist in a small number of counties nationwide. MedPAC's March Report to Congress referenced 25 counties in the nation where a reasonable reduction in home care utilization with an episode limit could achieve up to \$1 billion in savings per year.

A reasonable but stable reimbursement environment is necessary for home care providers to continue accomplishing their mission. Since 2010, the home care industry has been subjected to nearly \$70 billion in reimbursement cuts, 21% of their total funding. I have said time and again that our Medicare system

needs broad reform to make it sustainable for future generations. We cannot continue to impose cut after cut on our providers and expect to fix the system without shifting more of the financial burden to our senior population or harming patient care. Working together to implement creative reforms like this, we will ensure that this valuable service continues to improve the lives of our seniors in their homes in Indiana and across the nation.

BLM PREVENTS JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, this month, the United States Bureau of Land Management indefinitely cancelled all oil and natural gas lease sales in California. This includes 1,278 acres of prime oil and natural gas land in Kern and Fresno counties located in my District—California 21.

This land is part of the Monterey Shale Formation located in the Central Valley. The Monterey Shale contains 2/3 of our country's shale oil reserves—the equivalent of 15.4 billion barrels. If tapped, it could generate half a million jobs and generate \$4.5 billion in revenue. This would have a significant impact on my district which has faced chronic unemployment for years.

However, citing sequestration, BLM is suspending all future lease sales in California. The decision was made despite the fact that these leases provide significant revenue for the federal government.

This is just another example of the Administration using sequestration to further their environmental policy agenda at the expense of American families. BLM's efforts to prevent energy development are depriving my constituents of quality jobs and increasing energy prices for hardworking families across the country.

It is unacceptable that BLM is halting lease auctions in regions that have been used for oil and gas development for over a century. These auctions generate revenue for the federal government, reduce our nation's dependency on foreign oil, and lead to direct economic benefits as well as local job creation.

Thousands in the Central Valley remain unemployed as the job-creating opportunities within lease sales remain untapped. If we took advantage of these employment opportunities, small businesses would have more customers and local government could direct more revenue dollars to public safety and education. Those of us in the Central Valley are proud of our energy and agriculture heritage.

It is time for Washington bureaucrats to get out of the way and let our valley flourish.

A TRIBUTE TO RECOGNIZE JULIUS KNAPP AND EVAN KWEREL ON RECEIVING PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARDS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Julius Knapp and Evan Kwerel on receiving Presidential Rank Awards. Every year the President confers these prestigious awards to a select group of career senior executives with the designation of Distinguished Executive, and Meritorious Executive.

Last month, Julius Knapp, Chief of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Office of Engineering and Technology and a dedicated agency employee for nearly 39 years, received the Distinguished Executive Presidential Rank Award. This award recognizes Julius for his ongoing work to unleash new technological innovation.

Evan Kwerel, the FCC's Senior Economic Advisor and a 30-year agency employee, received the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award. As the "father of FCC spectrum auctions," Evan was recognized for his keen economic analysis that has made an extraordinary impact on modern communications policy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in congratulating Julius Knapp and Evan Kwerel on receiving these very special awards and for their dedicated years of service to the Federal Communications Commission and to the people of our nation whom they have served in an exemplary fashion.

IN RECOGNITION OF LILLIAN KAFKA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lillian Kafka as she celebrates her ninetieth birthday this month.

Ms. Kafka, or "Libby" as she is referred to by her many friends, was born on May 18, 1923, to Louis and Mae Dubinsky of Sharon, Massachusetts. The Dubinsky family owned Sunset Lodge, a popular summer resort hotel on the idyllic shore of Lake Massapoag in Sharon. Ms. Kafka, along with her siblings Aaron and Edith, would often help their parents with the daily tasks of the family business. Upon the passing of Louis, the Dubinsky children helped their mother even more with running the hotel until it was sold to the Archdiocese of Boston several years later.

On June 18, 1944, Ms. Kafka celebrated her wedding to husband Milton Kafka at the Sunset Lodge, and the two remained happily married until Milton's passing in 2006. The Kafkas welcomed five children into their family: Louis, Millie, Benjamin, Kenneth, and Hirsh. Ms. Kafka has seen her family grow exponentially over the years, and is now the proud grandmother of twelve and great-grandmother of seventeen.

Today, Ms. Kafka stays quite active with her large family, and spends much time in particular with her great-grandchildren, who lovingly refer to her as "G.G." When she is not

busy with family, music and theater take up most of her free time. Ms. Kafka is an active volunteer at the Sharon Community Theater and the Actors Collaborative. She has performed onstage at the Mansfield Music and Arts Society, and she now fills the role of the organization's official backstage hostess. Her love of volunteering and positive outlook are representative of the extraordinary person that Ms. Kafka is, and the entire community has benefited from her many accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Lillian Kafka on this joyous occasion of her ninetieth birthday. She is an outstanding member of our community, and I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her many more years of health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING RANDY JOYCE AS
THE 2013 AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Randy Joyce, the 2013 Air Force Association Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Joyce received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education, with minors in Sports Medicine and Social Sciences, from the University of Mobile in 2000. Five years later, he earned a Certification in Gifted Education from the Okaloosa County Alternative Certification Program. He also is affiliated with the Air Force Association, the Civil Air Patrol, and the Okaloosa County Education Association. These achievements and affiliations prepared Mr. Joyce for his career in educating the students of Northwest Florida in the science, aviation, and aerospace fields.

For the last nine years, Mr. Joyce has been dedicated to serving the students of Crestview, Florida. Mr. Joyce began his teaching career at Richbourg Middle School. After five years at Richbourg, Mr. Joyce moved to Shoal River Middle School (SRMS) to teach classes in comprehensive sciences. He has spent the last six years teaching Aerospace and Aviation Science, a program in the Community High Okaloosa Institutes of Career Education (CHOICE) Aviation Institute. Mr. Joyce's dynamic and engaging teaching style has built tremendous interest in aviation studies at his school and has garnered him multiple nominations for the Teacher of the Year Award. This year, he has won that award.

A large part of Mr. Joyce's curriculum involves engaging his seventh and eighth grade students with hands-on educational tools. For instance, his classes visit Pensacola Naval Air Station twice per year to experience the evolution of military aviation while witnessing the impact that aviation and aerospace have on their lives. Mr. Joyce also takes his students to Challenger Learning Center every year to better connect the students with the roles they can play in the future of space exploration. The students participate in numerous labs during the course of the year that begin with learning the basics of lift, drag, gravity, and thrust, and culminate with building their own rockets, complete with making their own fuel mixtures. These exercises and experiences in-

still an interest in exploring the frontiers of aerospace and aviation in the many students who participate in these courses.

Mr. Joyce has demonstrated his commitment to the success of each of his students. The growing student interest in his Aerospace and Aviation Science course has led Mr. Joyce to push for devoting an entire school day to aviation coursework. He also serves as the Wellness Coordinator and the Academic Team Sponsor at SRMS, which is a further testament to his tireless efforts to benefit his students.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Mr. Randy Joyce for his great achievements and honorable service. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing him all of the best for continued success.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDER
OF HUMAN RIGHTS ATTORNEY
PATRICK FINUCANE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing to assess progress on the unfulfilled British commitment—broken commitment, unless the British Government reverses course—in the Finucane collusion case, and how this affects the peace process in Northern Ireland.

In connection with the Good Friday peace agreement, the British Government promised to conduct public inquiries into the Finucane and three other cases where government collusion in a paramilitary murder was suspected. Subsequently the British government backtracked in regard to the Finucane case—the 1989 murder of human rights lawyer Patrick Finucane. The British backtracking came despite the recommendation to hold an inquiry, which, again, the British Government agreed to abide by, of the internationally respected jurist and former Canadian Supreme Court Justice Peter Cory in 2004.

I'd like to thank Judge Cory again, who testified about his recommendation, at a congressional hearing which I chaired in May of 2004. That is now nine years ago—and we are all still trying to get the British government to live up to its commitment. The Finucane family has testified at many hearings—Geraldine, Patrick's widow, and his son John, his son Michael, who testified yesterday—going back sixteen years. And of course there have been many others—and all of these witnesses, advocates, and experts have advocated a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the police collusion with loyalist paramilitaries responsible for brutally murdering Pat Finucane.

Over these years the dedicated human rights activists and experts have established much of what happened, and, after facts have been established, the British Government has acknowledged many of them. In 2011 the British Government admitted that it did collude in the Finucane murder and apologized for it.

Much of the credit for this admission goes to the many of you who have done the work on

all the reports that documented collusion, until it was pointless for the British Government to continue denying it.

So that is progress. But the work is not done because the British Government has reserved one final, yet massive injustice: it continues to protect those responsible for the murder of Pat Finucane. Prime Minister Cameron told the Finucane family that the government would not conduct the promised public inquiry into the collusion.

The deliberate decision not to proceed with a public inquiry is a glaring, public breach of faith. It is the source of enormous frustration to Patrick Finucane's family and friends. It resonates throughout Northern Ireland, calling into question the British Government's commitment to peace and reconciliation.

This is particularly sad because the British Government has taken so many other positive, truly honorable steps, many of which were painful for large sectors of British public and official opinion—such as the Bloody Sunday inquiry, released in 2010. To call all that into question by reneging on the promised Finucane inquiry is a tragedy.

Most recently, in December 2012, Sir Desmond De Silva released a new report on collusion in the Finucane murder—really a review of existing case files rather than the gathering of new evidence that the promised inquiry would produce. The De Silva report detailed what Prime Minister Cameron admitted were “shocking” levels of state collusion in the murder, including that it was RUC officers who proposed the killing of Finucane, passed information to his killers, and obstructed the investigation, and that British domestic security had intelligence of the murder threats months before the actual crime yet took no steps to protect him.

It is admirable that Prime the Minister has admitted collusion and apologized for it, but it is really too much to admit a government crime and then to say it will not be investigated—particularly when the government has undertaken a commitment to do so. The question asks itself—after so many positive steps, is the British Government really going to diminish the good it's done since 1998 in order to protect the identity of people who share responsibility for a murder?

I'm sure Congress will continue to maintain a strong voice on this case, which goes to the core of human rights and rule of law.

IN HONOR OF GARDEN STATE
PATHWAYS GRADUATES

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the graduating students of the Garden State Pathways Program at Camden County College.

For the past two years, these remarkable students have acquired valuable expertise in career skills while experiencing a college campus atmosphere. The students graduating May 18, 2013 from the program are Ashley Cousins, Kevin Joseph Hillegas, Wesley Jay Johns, Austin Jarrett Parrish, Ashley M. Smollock, and Lucas Alexander Tavlas.

None of this, of course, would have been possible without the invaluable dedication of