

At a time when the Pentagon plans to reduce the number of troops and issue furloughs, this is simply unacceptable.

Mr. Speaker, there are several positive provisions of this bill that I do support, including the continuance of DOD clean energy programs, lifting restrictions on servicewomen's access to reproductive health care, and preventing increases in new TRICARE fees. I am also pleased that the bill includes some provisions to address the crisis of sexual assaults in the military. For example, it strips commanding officers of their unilateral authority to change or dismiss a court-martial conviction and requires that service members found guilty of sexual offenses be dismissed or dishonorably discharged. Lastly, it provides legal assistance to victims of sex-related offenses. Unfortunately, the underlying legislation contains too much wasteful spending and does not include several important amendments aimed at correcting the abuses to our civil liberties contained in previous Defense Authorization bills, most notably those related to Guantanamo Bay prison and indefinite detention.

One of our primary objectives today is to provide the resources and policy guidance necessary to protect our nation, while upholding the civil rights enshrined in the Constitution. Moreover, we must exercise fiscal responsibility by making certain that every dollar we authorize today contributes to our national defense. The rejection of my common-sense amendment demonstrates that H.R. 1960 fails to meet that goal. It is time for tough choices and smart cuts that save taxpayer dollars, even at the Pentagon. Wasteful and excessive Pentagon spending is no longer acceptable as low income families, seniors, and disabled Americans to go without the critical services.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this legislation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the individuals who volunteer in the member offices of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors is composed of eight elected members responsible for the effective and efficient administration of county government. Four of the eight supervisors, Pete Candland, John D. Jenkins, Frank J. Principi, and Chairman Corey A. Stewart have enlisted the help of local citizens to support the activities of their member offices. The volunteers who are being recognized today assist the Supervisors in their service to the citizens of Prince William County. These volunteers play active roles on local boards and commissions, provide administrative support and help plan civic events.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the Prince William Board of County Supervisors:

Scott Abell, Al Albarn, Debi Alexander, Janelle Anderson, Debbie Andrew, Fran Ar-

nold, Jeff Bergman, John Brenkus, Dominick Brognano, Chris Browning, Janice Carr, Ashley Cavossa, Dave Christiansen, Barry Cline, Fay Cochran, Jim Cornwell, James Cumming, Steve Dawson, Betty Duley, Wayne Ernst, Sheila Falsetti, Jake Frank, William Gerald, Caye Glaze, John S. Gray, Mac Haddow, Scott Helberg, Jennifer Hicks, Mike High, Jenn Hoskins, Sandy Iasiello, Heidi Keller, Allison Kipp, Shawn Landry, Bill Latham, Vito Losardo, Jr., Anthony Lukeman, Frank Maresca, Duane Martin, Andrew Maurer, Nick Mazzarella, George McLaugherty, Steve Merkli, Don Metzger, Jason Miller, Ron Montagna, Charmain Moorhead, Wayne Murphy, Ward Nickisch, Melvin Padgett, Dianne Raulston, Charlie Rigby III, Mary Jo Rigby, Susan Rudolph, Sandi Sale, Marti Sanregret, Dick Schneider, Chester Smith, John Sweeney, Judy Tan, Ron Turner, Laird Walker, Jennifer Wall, Bill Walsh, Jimmy Walters, Scott Weible, Ken Weinzapfel, James Carter Wiley, Kisha Wilson-Sogunro, Jane Wyman, Eric Young.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending and thanking these volunteers for their efforts in aiding and supporting our local Supervisors. The work done by these volunteers serves as a bridge between our elected officials and local citizens that ought to be recognized appreciated and maintained.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CITY OF MANASSAS COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers with the City of Manassas Community Emergency Response Team.

When disaster strikes and individuals are at risk to imminent threats, Prince William County first responders who provide fire and medical services may be unable to meet the demand for their services. People could be forced to rely on one another to meet the immediate needs for lifesaving and life sustaining measures. The City of Manassas Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) volunteers take a positive and realistic approach to such circumstances. When the number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages prevent individuals from accessing emergency services, C.E.R.T. volunteers will be there to fulfill a vital need. Through training, C.E.R.T. volunteers can manage utilities, put out fires, control bleeding, treat for shock, search for and rescue victims safely, and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective in a time of crisis.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers with the City of Manassas C.E.R.T.:

Donna Bellow, Antonisha Bennett, David Bruce, Debby Bruce, Steve Bryant, Justin Burns, Laura Campbell, Brian Chase, Catherine Colon, David Core, Melinda Core, Shirley Cox, Amanda Cruise, Mary Dellinger, Lisa Evans, Arleen Green, Adrienne Helms, Robert Keller, Boniat Long-Maddox, Marcus Lower, Brian Maceyak, Gerald Manley, Donna

McDonald, Thomas McDonald, Megan McHugh, Irma Mejia-Lewis, Mike Nealey, Chad Ostergren, Zach Ostergren, Wayne Phillips, Robert Punihaole, Tracy Reed, Nicole Robinson, Sean Ryan, Manoj Sapre, Satinder Sodhi, Denise Villamar, Lawrence Warkentien, Barbara Warren

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of the City of Manassas C.E.R.T. for managing a citizen-based disaster response and providing the community with a vital lifeline in emergency situations.

#### RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ITS VOLUNTEERS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William County Department of Social Services and its volunteers who help provide a social safety net for those individuals and families who find themselves in a time of need or uncertainty.

The Prince William County Department of Social Services works to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families with programs that help them cope in moments of personal crisis and develop skills for self-sufficiency. The Department strengthens the social and economic well-being of county citizens by administering programs such as Child and Adult Protective Services, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, and temporary assistance to families in need. The Department of Social Services employs a committed professional staff with credentials in social work, employment counseling and career planning, criminal justice, and information technology. Volunteers supplement the work done by the staff with outreach and administrative support.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the Prince William County Department of Social Services: Sharon Clerkin, Cynthia Fiattor, Yolanda Miles, and Saul Svarz.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these individuals for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to our community. The Department of Social Services fulfills our commitment to individuals and families in a time of need. It is a vital community resource and helping hand whose reach is extended by volunteer support.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE NURSE AND HEALTH CARE WORKER PROTECTION ACT OF 2013

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Nurse and Health Care Worker Protection Act of 2013, on behalf of myself and my colleague, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. This legislation provides important protections to nurses, nursing aides, and other

health care workers who face frighteningly high rates of injury due to unsafe patient handling practices. In 2011, nurses had the fifth highest rate of musculoskeletal disorders of any profession; nursing aides were number one.

However, this does not have to be the case. Modern technology, in the form of mechanical lifts and other assistive devices, makes the manual lifting and moving of patients mostly obsolete. My bill would require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to promulgate a standard to protect health care workers from the some 36,000 severe injuries they suffer each year.

In creating a federal standard to protect nurses, we will be joining health care facilities across the nation, and a number of states—such as Texas and California—who have passed similar legislation and seen dramatic savings as a result, mostly in the form of lower workers compensation and health care costs.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill and join me in making health care workers and patient safety a priority.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEER PRINCE WILLIAM DISASTER & CITIZEN CORPS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Volunteer Prince William Disaster & Citizen Corps.

In the event of an emergency, the Volunteer Prince William Disaster & Citizen Corps respond to disasters by supporting administrative activities, caring for household pets and shoveling snow. The program volunteers are always at the ready. They give selflessly of their time and energy whenever they are called. The volunteers are the unsung heroes, quietly working behind the scenes while vital services are provided to those in a severe moment of need.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names for the Volunteer Prince William Disaster & Citizen Corps:

Yolanda Adam, Asya Allen, Victoria Berry, Judson Bireley, Nancy Bireley, Lynsay Campbell, Yasmin Griffin, Monique Guimond, Natalie Hockaday, Chloe Johnson, Robert Keller, Calayna Lane, David Lane, Cayla LesPierre, Da'Neisha Ligon, Karen Lyle, Connie Moser, Raquel Murray, Nancy Neeper, Ralph Neeper, Ta'Nique Pete, Trish Redmond, Shekinah Sledge, Takiyah Stovall, Tabitha Turman

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Volunteer Prince William Disaster & Citizen Corps for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to disaster response in our community.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers for the Greater Prince William Medical Reserve Corps.

The Greater Prince William Medical Reserve Corps (GPWMRC) is a cadre of volunteer health care professionals and community members trained to respond to emergencies and assist with public health events in Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. This unit is one of approximately 800 units that are part of the national Medical Reserve Corps program under the direction of the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General and 1 of 31 such units in the Commonwealth of Virginia. GPWMRC volunteers frequently provide important health services at events such as health fairs, vaccination clinics and large public gatherings. Volunteers also spend time attending trainings and exercises to remain prepared to help the community during an emergency.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the Greater Prince William Medical Reserve Corps:

Lisa Adcock, Maria Gracia Agra, Bethany Alexander, Diane Ameen, Vickie Andrews, Jennifer Andricosky, Doreen Anguay, Mary Anim-Twum, Evelyn Ansah-Agyei, Pilar Arroyo, Patrick Ashley, Andrea Asimeng, Patricia Ayala-Tipmongkol, Rochelle Baker, Heather Baldwin, Valerie Bampoe, Hassan Bangura, Acasia Barrett, Debra Beasley, Harry Beaver, Charlotte Bediako, Stephanie Beeman, Gina Bellamy, Antonisha Bennett, Mary Black, Anke Blaine, Diondra Blyden, Sarah Boughman, Erica Boulting.

Celeste Bowen, Kathy Bowman, Linda Bradish, Eve Brandon, Tetyana Breus-Smith, Susan Brewer, Freda Briggman, Eileen Brown, Josh Brown, Pamela Brown, Alisa Bruce, David Bruce, Deborah Bruce, Robert Bruce, Sam Bruce, Stephen Brunelle, Erika Buccellato, Brian Buccellato, Sheila Buhl, Lacey Burnside, Gail Bush, Tina Bush, Sharon Campagna, Joyce Campbell, Donald Campbell, Kathryn Cantoni, Shuiping Carpenter, Antonetta Carter, Rachel Carter, Tanya Carter, Stephen Chan, Racquel Charles-Hinds, Gabriella Chimenz, Carolyn Claybrooks, Barbara Claybrooks, Jeffrey Cobb.

Kathy Cobb, Susanne Coffineau, Leigh Colbert, Larry Colby, Mary Cole, Nancy Collins, Debbie Constable, Judy Corcoran, Sonia Coughlin, Marguerite Crozier, Franklin Crozier, Lisa Cullom, Ruth Cunningham, Jack Cunningham, Hannah Cutts, Valerie Cyrus, Cynthia Daffan, Theresa Dailey, Estelle Daniels, Tele Dasilveira, Molly Davis, Annette Davis, Jessie Davis, Monique Davis, Brian Davis, Faduma Deghill, Tyanne Delaney, Patricia Demain, Mary Dessimoz, Joseph Dibisceglie, Kalima Drga Abreu, Douglas Dulaney, Diane Eldridge, Blossom Ellicott, Connie Embrey, Gloria Ephraim, Amy Escherich, Bernadette Espy, Erica Etienne, Blanche Evans-Stewart, Daniel Ferrell, Cheryl Flesch, Carla Flores, Karen Flowers, Adrienne Foose, Sandra Francis.

Tera Frazier, Rannveig Fredheim, Victoria Gammon, Bianca Garcia, Rhonda Garrett, Barbara Gass, Fil Beth Gatmaitan, Rachel Gibson, Aurea Goodwin, Asher Grady, Miguel Granillo, Suzanne Graves, Donna Grey, Masako Griffith, Brenda Grimes, Valentina Grozdanic, Mary Gueriera, Shirley Haas, Margaret Hall, Irene Hamblen, Jeff Hamilton, Karen Hamilton, Alisha Hand, Barbara Happ, Erika Harris, Pam Hart, Tammy Hartzler, Margaret Hayes, Carol Heddleston, Ashley Hernon, Monica Hesham, Shenna Hess.

Melissa Hinson, Jenny Ho, Kathryn Hoepker, Elizabeth Hoitt, Christina Holcomb, Amanda Holdaway, D'ivonne Holman, Jennifer Hoskins, Joan Howard, Gary Huntzinger, Miwa Hwang, Dawn Isherwood, Mark Jackman, Dorothy Jacobs, Kadija Jalloh, Rosa Lee Jarvis, Jenaya Johnson, Kimberly Johnson, Annie Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Lucinda Jones, Fatmata Kamara, Melanie Kaminski, Hye Kang, Shantharama Karanth, Jane Keady, Katherine Ketchum, Stephanie Keyes, SueKim, Melinda Kinnear, Jonathan Kiser.

Elizabeth Koren, Gifty Kotey, Sheila Kronenberg, Esther Krukar, Hawa Kun, Cecilia Kusi, Denise Kuszewski, Janiece Lacy, Hope Laingen, Iris Lamptey, Grace Langebeck, Susan Leferson, Blake Leggett, Brunette Lewis, Eileen Loving, Tasha Lowery, Nghi Lu-Tran, Joyce Lund, Theresa Malizia, Beatrice Manana, Linda Manley, Gerald Manley, Diana Mann, Michael Mantyla, Rachel Marconett, Traci Marin, Mark Mason, Marsha Mason, Iris Matos, Kelly Matthews, Danielle Matwijec, Jessica Maybar, Catherine Mcandrew-Baxter, Kamil McClain, Cari McClurkin, Marianne Mccool, Cyndi Mccool, Pamela Mcgrath.

Megan Mchugh, Cary McMahon, Cathleen Mcneal, John Meehan, Cynthia Mendel, Rebecca Merkli, Judy Merring, Ryan Metz, Debbie Midkiff, Evan Midkiff, Timothy Miner, Celia Miner, Mary Minter, Heather Miranda, Karen Mitchell, Emerita Mogrovejo, Esther Moniba, Marshaune Montes, Virginia Morales, Troy Morton, Chrystal Morton, Cynthia Mosier, Alexis Munguia, Jennifer Murphy, Lisa Murray, Margaret Nee, Ralph Neeper, Nancy Neeper, Rodney Nelson, Julie Nicoletti, Nancy Norris, Philip Nuar, Lawrence Ofosuhene, Juanita Oliver, Janet Ours, Sarah Paciulli, Nina Palmateer, Felecia Parker, Dipti Patel, Paul Patterson, Maria Patterson, Marie E. Pollard, Jose Quinones, Anthony Rademacher, Loretta Rademacher.

Brenda Randall, Isaac Randall, Renee Ray, Rhoda Restauo, Dianne Rice, Teresa Rice, Thomas Richards, James Richey, Mark Rivera, Melissa Rivera, Sandy Rivers, Kristi Robinson, Donna Robinson, Kimberly Rorig, Sheila Rosinski, Joan Roxbury, Sherry Russell, Julie Russell, Kelly Russell, Ron Russell, Bruce Sabol, Joann Saenz, Mary Saimon, Jo Sylvia Salmon, Yvette Sandoval, Donald Sauer, Michelle Schuller, Catherine Schumacher, Susan Scott, Karin Seidel-Hernandez, Shashi Sharma, Shekhar Sharma, Anne Shaw, Kathleen Shay, Buffie Simmons, Tiffany Sisk, Carrie Slavens, Zondra Smith, Kathleen Smith Peters, Bette Sneed, Tonya Springer, Carrie Stempler, Bobbi Steneck, Jane Stottlmyer, Anne Stross.

Kamar Sumrall, Sacha Taylor, Kara Tennant, Esther Thompson, Shelley Tibbs, Cecile Towler, Olivia Twyman, Raquel Upshur, Eileen Vassallo, Edgar Vega, Susana Vega, Maria Vermejo, Kristina Vi, Aida Vicencio, Karen Villar, Amy Vincent, Danielle Vinyard,