

Educating America's youth is an investment in our nation's future, and it is imperative that all students have access to quality education. By equipping our students with the tools needed to become successful employers and employees, we fuel technological innovation, wealth creation, and economic growth.

Again, congratulations to Orange County Public Schools for being chosen as a winner of the 2014 Broad Prize. I sincerely appreciate their leadership and dedication to educating the students of Central Florida.

RECOGNIZING EMPLOYEE LEARNING WEEK—DECEMBER 1–5, 2014

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Employee Learning Week, which will be celebrated the week of December 1–5, 2014. A national campaign, Employee Learning Week strives to emphasize the importance of the link between employee education and achieving exceptional results within an organization.

Established by the American Society for Training & Development, the campaign brings awareness to the necessity of professional training and workplace education for employees and organizations alike. Each year, Employee Learning Week recognizes and lessens the growing skills gap in today's highly competitive economy. An important facet of Employee Learning Week, the Niagara Frontier Chapter is an independently-incorporated, nonprofit organization affiliated with the American Society for Training & Development.

With over 140 members hailing from diverse industries across the region, the chapter has been successful in making a meaningful difference in the area of professional growth.

Through these efforts, the Niagara Frontier Chapter has demonstrated a significant commitment to developing the region's workforce, a noble investment in Western New York's economy. Mr. Speaker, please join me in identifying December 1–5, 2014, as Employee Learning Week, and congratulating the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the American Society for Training & Development on their endeavor.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the National Institutes of Health and the vital importance of continued investment in medical research. The National Institutes of Health is one of the world's leading medical research centers and represents our best hope for improving treatments and finding cures for diseases that affect millions of Americans.

Today, more than 30 million Americans suffer from rare or incurable diseases. The research conducted by the National Institutes of Health is critical for success in the fight

against these diseases. Particularly troubling among these is Alzheimer's disease, for which there are no preventative measures, palliative treatments, or cure. While we have seen reduced incidence of some common diseases—like heart disease and some cancers—deaths from Alzheimer's disease have increased over the last 30 years.

Currently, Alzheimer's disease affects more than five million Americans. Families suffer both financially and emotionally as they care for loved ones with the disease, and it places a staggering burden on our health care system at a cost of over \$200 billion per year. In Pennsylvania alone, more than 270,000 seniors suffer from Alzheimer's—13 percent of all senior citizens in the state of Pennsylvania. These numbers only underscore the importance of investing in public health research, which might yield valuable treatments and cures.

Mr. Speaker, continued support for the National Institutes of Health is a critical step in meeting the health care challenges currently facing our nation. I urge my colleagues to consider the far-reaching and long-term benefits of investment in medical research through the National Institutes of Health and the positive effect it will have on our nation's health and economy.

RECOGNIZING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2014 ARTS COUNCIL OF FAIRFAX COUNTY ARTS AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Arts Council of Fairfax County and the recipients of the 2014 Arts Awards. These awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of artists and arts organizations, as well as individuals and businesses in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church that support the arts in our community.

Founded in 1964, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. The Arts Council operates programs and initiatives that include grants, arts advocacy, education, and professional development opportunities for artists and arts organizations. In FY14, the Arts Council awarded over \$500,000 in County, public, and private funds through competitive grants and awards to arts organizations and individual artists. These grants helped to fund approximately 13,000 performances and 2,600 arts programs which were attended by more than 1 million people. In addition, The Arts Council of Fairfax County has been a strong supporter and sponsor of the 11th Congressional District High School Arts Competition and has been instrumental in making this program one of the most successful in the nation.

The Arts Awards honor supporters of the arts in four categories: the Jinx Hazel Arts Award, the Arts Impact Award, the Arts Education Award, and the Arts Philanthropy Award. It is my honor to enter the following names of the 2014 Arts Awards Recipients into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: The 2014 Jinx Hazel Arts Award will be presented to Bill Reeder and Richard Kamenitzer of George

Mason University. Together they have built one of the nation's most respected higher education programs for the arts and arts management, training hundreds of artists and arts administrators, helping young professionals create new arts programs, and sustaining local arts organizations in Fairfax communities.

The 2014 Arts Impact Award will be presented to the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE). Over the past 40 years, GRACE has enriched the Reston community with art exhibitions, arts education programs, and the annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, which has become one of the region's largest arts festivals with tens of thousands of attendees. Since its inception in 1974, GRACE has mounted more than 250 exhibitions, presenting the work of local, regional, and national artists.

The 2014 Arts Education Award will be presented to Cappies of the National Capital Area (Cappies NCA) for its innovation and impact in arts education. Cappies—the Critics and Awards Program—engages high school students in a comprehensive theatre education program. Each year, Cappies NCA involves approximately 3,200 students from 56 schools as theatrical performers, production managers and technicians, and critics. Since its inception in 1999, thousands of high school students have experienced the breadth and depth of the theatre, with many becoming actors, theatre professionals, arts educators, and journalists.

The 2014 Arts Philanthropy Award will be presented to Pat and Steve Macintyre for their outstanding support of initiatives that strengthen the arts in Herndon and Reston. Through their generosity over the past three decades the Macintyres have founded or supported organizations including the Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts, Council for the Arts of Herndon, League of Reston Artists, Initiative for Public Art—Reston, Herndon's Art in Public Places initiative, and Technology and the Arts scholarships. Additionally, Pat has served on the boards of many of these organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2014 Arts Awards and in recognizing and thanking the visionaries, leaders, and supporters who help to make our Northern Virginia communities rich with cultural opportunities.

URGING SUPPORT FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH FUNDING

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the inclusion of additional funding for Alzheimer's research in the National Institute of Health's (NIH) budget. This disease affects over 5 million Americans, and every 67 seconds someone develops Alzheimer's. The impact on these patients and their families is immense, and Congress must act now to ensure needed funding is available to researchers working to better understand, treat, and cure Alzheimer's.

As the Appropriations Committee drafts spending legislation for the current fiscal year, it is critical that the NIH budget include an additional \$200 million for Alzheimer's research.

The requirement for this funding was validated by the National Alzheimer's Plan, a comprehensive Congressionally-directed initiative which serves as a blueprint to ensure that taxpayer dollars are carefully invested in medical research.

One in three seniors who die each year have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia, and the Center for Disease Control notes that it is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. In addition to the terrible toll on individuals, the cost of treating Alzheimer's will cost over \$214 billion this year. With so much at stake, an investment of \$200 million in 2015 is clearly justified, and we must also continue to provide funding for Alzheimer's research in future years.

On behalf of South Texas families affected by Alzheimer's, I urge my colleagues in Congress to support increased funding for Alzheimer's research.

IN HONOR OF PAMELA VON NESS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Ms. Pamela von Ness on the occasion of her retirement from thirty eight years of federal civilian service with the Department of Defense. I have had the great pleasure of working with Pam during her tenure as the Deputy Garrison Commander of the Presidio of Monterey. The Presidio garrison plays host to several thousand students and faculty of the Defense Language Institute as well as several other Army missions. Pam effectively served as the city manager of these dynamic communities. And it is in that capacity that I and my staff came to understand and rely on Pam's deep professionalism and problem solving skills. I would like to share with the House an excerpt from the Department of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Award given to Pam in recognition of her service:

"During the period of August 2003 to November 2013, Ms. von Ness distinguished herself while serving as the Deputy Garrison Commander, United States Army Garrison, Presidio of Monterey California. Throughout Ms. von Ness' outstanding 38 years of Civil Service, she has had a long-standing record of exceptionally distinguished performance. The culmination of her remarkably outstanding career has resulted in innumerable contributions to the local Presidio of Monterey community and significant contributions to the Department of the Army. Her dedicated efforts resulted in numerous groundbreaking accomplishments, which set examples for cost savings and effectiveness, while delivering first class support to tenant organizations at the Presidio of Monterey and the fifteen functions and sub-installations the Presidio supports on the California Central Coast. Her extensive knowledge, expertise, and experience, coupled with her dedication to mission accomplishment, have directly provided immeasurable benefit to the Installation Management Command and the United States Army."

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in thanking Pam for her years of skilled, intelligent, and dedicated service to our nation's defense. We wish Pam success and happiness in the next chapter of her life.

HONORING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Daughters of Penelope on its 85th Anniversary and to recognize the organization's civic contributions and commitment to public service in the United States and abroad.

Since its founding in 1929, the Daughters of Penelope has become a preeminent international women's organization and affiliate of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), the nation's leading association of American citizens of Hellenic heritage. Today there are 250 Daughters of Penelope chapters around the world.

I am especially proud to recognize the Daughters because I believe the organization embodies the spirit of *philotimo*; a conviction for civic duty and deep honor in volunteerism that all Hellenes strive to uphold.

The Daughters of Penelope was first established with the mission of improving the lives of all women and providing them the opportunity to make significant contributions to American society. Today, the organization strives to promote the ideals of ancient Greece: education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

Through this enduring commitment to the *philotimo* ethic, the Daughters of Penelope has achieved remarkable accomplishments: providing educational opportunities for youth, tirelessly caring for the elderly and victims of domestic abuse, and raising funds for important civic causes and medical research. Demonstrating strong character, determination, and hard work, it's no surprise that Daughters of Penelope members often rise to become leaders in their respective professions, from government to business to the arts.

On this 85th Anniversary, I congratulate the Daughters of Penelope for its tremendous accomplishments and thank the organization for its enduring commitment to public service.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JAMES M. BOLES, ED.D.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and accomplishments of a distinguished member of my community and my friend, James M. Boles, Ed.D. Dr. Boles's work and unwavering dedication to better the quality of life for those who need it most—the disabled, children, seniors, and their families—is a model and an inspiration.

Dr. Boles served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of People, Inc., the largest non-profit human services agency in Erie County. On October 1, 2014, after thirty-three years spent growing this impressive organization, he retired.

When Dr. Boles began his tenure with People Inc. in 1981, the organization staffed 200

people. Under his leadership, People Inc.'s budget has grown from \$2 million to over \$144 million, an impressive feat in Western New York's non-profit community. At his time of retirement, Dr. Boles had the responsibility of overseeing more than 3,200 staff that assist over 12,000 individuals.

A lifetime student and advocate for those with disabilities, Dr. Boles received his Doctor of Education and his Masters of Education degree from Columbia University, and his Masters of Arts degree from Goddard College in Clinical Psychology.

Dr. Boles has been a member of countless groups such as Commissioner's Advisory Council on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors, the National Conference of Executives of Associations for Retarded Citizens, National Rehabilitation Association, and the Buffalo Niagara Partnership. He was appointed to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities by President Bush in 2006, a committee that I had the pleasure of nominating him for once again.

During my years as an elected official I have worked closely with Dr. Boles and People, Inc. The work they do is incredible and necessary. From creating and maintaining group homes across Western New York, easing the pain of families and individuals that need their care, to advocacy for the human services on local, state, and national levels, Dr. Boles was consistently at the forefront. As stigma surrounding the disabled decreases and awareness of conditions and care needed rises, it is in no small part due to the work of Dr. Boles.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the amazing accomplishments of James M. Boles Ed.D. during his career and to congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement. I am certain his advocacy for those with disabilities will not cease with his retirement from People Inc., and his enduring legacy will impact our community for years to come.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL D. MIRALLES

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Michael D. Miralles and to recognize his lifetime of service to our country.

On April 1, Lt. Colonel Miralles retired from the United States Air Force Reserve after twenty-nine years of sacrifice and service to this great nation.

Prior to his service as an American airman, Lt. Colonel Miralles was as a Petroleum Engineer and Polymer Chemist in Oil-Field Exploration and Drilling Operations. In 1985 he graduated from OTS and has since served our country in many different capacities. In his last assignment, he worked as the Deputy Commander of the 403rd Maintenance Group, Air Force Reserve Command, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

For his distinguished leadership and meritorious service throughout his career, Lt. Colonel Miralles has been awarded the Bronze