

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

Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 M devices and Bronze Hourglass device.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 11th District of Georgia, I extend my deepest thanks to Lt. Colonel Miralles for devoting his life to upholding the Constitution of the United States and to the protection of its citizens. I wish him a happy—and well-deserved—retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 MVLE  
ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2014 MVLE Annual Award Recipients.

MVLE is a not-for-profit corporation that provides employment opportunities and support services to individuals with disabilities. For 43 years, MVLE has partnered with commercial businesses as well as with government agencies and other not-for-profit organizations to allow the individuals it serves to live in dignity and as independently as possible. In the last year, MVLE assisted more than 600 individuals, and its workforce can be proud that it is making a positive difference in someone's life every day.

Each year, MVLE honors individual participants, as well as business and community partners, who exemplify MVLE's ideals. I am pleased to enter the names of the 2014 award recipients into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The President's Award is presented to individuals who have shown outstanding progress toward gaining independence and self-sufficiency through participation in employment and community services. The 2014 President's Award recipients are Alfred Dews, Celeste Whalen and Rachel O'Donnell.

The Chairman's Award is presented to an outstanding business partner who has shown excellence in hiring practices, creating supportive work environments, and supporting the mission of MVLE. The 2014 Chairman's Award recipient is Embassy Suites Springfield. The hotel has employed Wounded Warriors, hosted Working Warrior Nation's First Annual Career Fair, launched an internship program for military veterans, supported MVLE's annual Golf Classic, and supplied volunteers for other MVLE activities.

MVLE presents four Community Awards in honor of the four components of our community: Government, Employment, Social Responsibility, and Integration.

The Government Champion Award recipient is SourceAmerica in recognition of its support of the AbilityOne program and its work to create jobs throughout government agencies for individuals with disabilities and military veterans.

The Employment Partner Award recipient is Capitol Office Solutions in recognition of its partnership with Digital Stream, MVLE's document scanning business division, which pairs Capitol Office Solutions' software management with Digital Stream's document management

services and creates more employment opportunities for MVLE's Individuals.

Booz Allen Hamilton is the recipient of the Advocacy Champion Award in recognition of a decade-long partnership with MVLE. MVLE also honors Booz Allen's commitment to diversity in its workforce and promoting community integration for individuals with disabilities.

Greenspring Village is being honored with the Social Responsibility Award in recognition of its continued support of MVLE and our local community. Greenspring has been a longtime employment partner with MVLE and also supports MVLE's annual golf tournament and volunteer activities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending MVLE for its success in helping individuals with disabilities achieve independence and in congratulating the 2014 MVLE Annual Award recipients.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MARCIA A.  
DAVID

**HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding individual, Mrs. Marcia A. David of Novi, Michigan, for her more than 37 years of service with Hormel Foods. She is the first woman in the company's 123-year history to retire from the sales division. She has probably sold more SPAM luncheon meat than any other woman in America during the course of her career.

Marcia started with the company immediately following graduation from The Ohio State University in 1977 and during her 37 and a half years there she has progressed into positions of increased responsibility to her current post as Customer Business Manager.

Marcia started as a trainee in Chicago, and her first sales assignment was in Flint, Michigan. After seven years in the field she transferred to the corporate office in Austin, Minnesota, as an associate product manager. One year later she advanced to product manager—the first woman in company history to hold this position.

After three years in Austin, she returned to field sales in the Michigan district managing the Kroger account. In May 1995 she took over Kmart, advancing to customer team leader while also taking on the additional responsibility of the Target account in 1997. In 2003 Marcia was named the Detroit Grocery Products district manager. Finally, in 2004 she was promoted to the position she holds today, Customer Business Manager of the East Central District where she is responsible for leading a team covering accounts in three states.

Marcia has led several top-to-top meetings with one of the company's largest accounts, Meijer, and achieved a goal of being chosen by them as a joint business planning partner, an honor bestowed on only a handful of Meijer's most important collaborators.

Marcia is a two-time Chairman's Inner Circle award winner. She has been instrumental in increasing Hormel Food's support of and advocacy for the Network of Executive Women. Marcia has been a consistent and energetic mentor for many of the young men and women who have joined Hormel Foods as interns, sales trainees, and account managers.

Her retirement is a milestone within the company, as she will be the first woman to ever retire from the Consumer Products Sales team since the company was founded back in 1891.

I join with her colleagues, friends and family in congratulating Marcia David as she completes her remarkable career with Hormel Foods, and wish her well as she shifts gears to an active and rewarding life after retirement with her husband, Rob.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT OF  
HELIOS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**HON. ED PASTOR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 14, 2014*

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and the impact of Helios Education Foundation on the success of all students in Arizona and Florida. I also want to congratulate Helios Education Foundation on celebrating 10 years of changing lives and strengthening our communities through education.

Helios Education Foundation was created in 2004 through the sale and conversion of Southwest Student Services Corporation led by a visionary President and CEO, Vince Roig, and Board of Directors. At the time of the sale, Southwest Student Services was the eighth largest holder of federally-insured student loans in the country. The net proceeds of that sale were used to create the Foundation's initial endowment of \$525 million.

Since that time and in perpetuity, the Foundation has and continues to be focused on its ultimate goal of creating opportunities for every individual in Arizona and Florida to succeed in postsecondary education. Helios is investing its knowledge, expertise and resources to advance student academic preparedness and to foster college-going cultures in both states.

It's through a decade of strategic partnerships and investments that Helios has identified Early Grade Success, College and Career Readiness, and Postsecondary Completion as the three most critical reform priorities needed to ensure student success. In Early Grade Success, Helios is working to ensure that all children enter kindergarten prepared to succeed and read at grade level by the end of third grade. In College and Career Readiness, the Foundation strives to ensure that all high school graduates are prepared to enter the workforce or credit-bearing college courses. And, the organization's work in Postsecondary Completion is focused on helping more traditionally underserved students access, persist and attain a high-quality postsecondary certificate or degree.

Helios Education Foundation believes that education is an investment and not an expense and has invested over \$155 million in educational initiatives across the full education continuum. To that end, the Foundation has supported the college-going aspirations of more than 135,000 students, provided more than 8,000 scholarships for postsecondary education and provided professional development and training for more than 16,000 educators. Through these and future investments, Helios is laying the foundation for the ongoing