

Dr. Angelou's wisdom and eloquence inspired countless people around the world to better understand themselves and their neighbors. Dr. Angelou was also an influence and friend to many leaders throughout her life; an unyielding advocate for tolerance, equality, justice, and integrity in the face of intractable intolerance.

Mr. Speaker, we bid farewell to a singular voice and world renowned poet. However, we can all find solace in the certainty that Dr. Angelou's timeless works and example will inspire generations to come. Her spirit will continue to animate her words and her life will remain a testament to the power of perseverance.

WILLARD HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC
EDUCATION AWARD

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Willard Public School District on being named one of the Nation's Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM).

Chris Church has served as the band director for 32 years at Willard High School. Out of 1,200 students who attend Willard High School, more than 500 are involved in band, choir or both, with more still involved in other fine arts programs such as visual arts and theater.

Willard was one of three schools from Missouri to be honored. While other school districts' music programs are hit with cutbacks, music education funding has been protected at Willard.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the teachers, students, administrators and the community of Willard for the support they have provided.

I am honored to recognize Willard Public School District on their efforts which led to the community being named one of the Nation's Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM foundation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 254. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. BARLETTA. Madam Chair, I speak today in support of H.R. 4660, the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2015.

Though we are not voting on a perfect piece of legislation, which rarely is the case, I will enthusiastically support this measure because I believe it accomplishes a number of goals that are very important to me and my constituents back home in the 11th District of Pennsylvania.

As was highlighted in a recent lengthy story in the New York Times, my home town of Hazleton is just like many cities of its size across the country—it is home to a persistent and growing heroin problem. And just recently, Pennsylvania's attorney general teamed up with a variety of law enforcement agencies to run Operation Rising Star, which was aimed at cracking down on the illegal drug trade. That's why I am pleased that the bill recognizes the recent surge in heroin use, overdose deaths, and trafficking, and encourages the Drug Enforcement Agency to increase its use of task forces to address the increasing heroin epidemic.

And, Madam Chair, as we all know, where there are illegal drugs, there will be gangs. I've been working closely on a bipartisan approach to gangs in my district, with Democratic State Senator John Yudichak, through a program called "Operation Gang-Up," which seeks to educate parents, educators, students, and communities about the dangers of gangs, warning signs of gang activity, and prevention techniques. At my request this bill, in addition to funding the FBI's Safe Streets Task Forces and the National Gang Intelligence Center, allocates \$10 million for regional task forces. In this way, Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies can continue to do the important work of attacking gangs where they live and grow, and protect our children and neighborhoods.

And speaking of protecting our neighborhoods and public safety, I think it's worth noting that this bill calls on the Department of Justice to investigate discretionary enforcement decisions of the Department of Homeland Security. This is particularly relevant given the recent news that the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency had released more than 36,000 illegal immigrant inmates who had been found guilty of a total of almost 88,000 crimes. Those crimes included 116 homicides, 43 counts of voluntary manslaughter, and one classified as 'homicide-willful kill-public official-gun.' We should know more about why dangerous criminals have been released into our neighborhoods.

Reforming immigration laws has been the center of a lot of talk in Washington these days, and most of that has to do with the millions of illegal immigrants who are already present. One part of that discussion that is usually left out is how local governments must deal with illegal immigrants who are arrested and incarcerated in local jails and prisons.

Just this March, the Times Leader newspaper of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania reported that my home county, Luzerne County, housed 184 illegal immigrants in the county's correctional facility last year, costing taxpayers

more than \$1.7 million. The county was reimbursed through the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program—not the full amount, mind you, but about \$130,000. Unfortunately, the President's budget proposal would entirely zero out that funding, leaving localities like Luzerne County stuck with the whole bill for locking up illegal immigrants who had broken the law. Let us remember that these are illegal immigrants who would not be around to break the law in our communities if the Federal Government were doing its job enforcing our borders and immigration laws in the first place. Also at my request, this CJS bill restores that funding, and in fact increases it by \$30 million, to a total of \$210 million. This is by no means a full reimbursement, but it is an improvement, and it is certainly better than the President's proposal to defund the program altogether.

Madam Chair, the CJS appropriations bill also places greater emphasis on programs that protect women from violence and exploitation. It contains \$425.5 million for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution programs, representing an increase above existing funding and an amount above the President's request. We will also build on efforts to combat sex trafficking by providing a landmark increase in Victims of Trafficking grants of four times the President's requested amount. All U.S. Attorneys will have to participate in an anti-trafficking task force, and the Department of Justice will be required to continue collecting evidence of 'honor violence' against women in this country.

There are a great many items to be pleased with in this funding bill, Madam Chair. I have mentioned but a few of them, but there are many others with which I agree—increased emphasis on STEM Education, the continued prohibition against the transfer or release of Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States, dedication to Lyme Disease research, and youth mentoring programs.

The bill contains \$51.2 billion in funding by prioritizing programs and spending, and saves more than \$398 million over the enacted fiscal year 2014 level.

I urge passage of the bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DAILY BREAD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 30th Anniversary of Our Daily Bread. Our Daily Bread (ODB) is a non-profit organization whose primary focus is combating hunger and poverty in Fairfax County, Virginia.

The organization began in 1984 as a temporary homeless shelter that rotated among several churches in the area. As permanent organizations and programs developed to assist the homeless in Fairfax County, ODB recognized a need that was going unmet—serving those families who, while not homeless, were in financial crisis and in danger of "falling through the cracks." ODB's leadership observed that many people work hard but live paycheck-to-paycheck. Any kind of unexpected expense, such as a car repair, rent hike, or medical cost can throw them into a financial crisis.

Today, the families ODB helps are likely to be members of the working poor, the elderly, disabled, and those who unexpectedly found themselves in crisis due to job loss, debt, or health issues.

More than half of those served are children. ODB's programs offer the temporary assistance families need to recover from a crisis, stay in their homes, and maintain their self-sufficiency. ODB strives to prevent homelessness with a three-tiered approach; providing food assistance, financial assistance, and, ultimately, financial literacy training. ODB also provides back-to-school supplies for low-income school children and holiday assistance. These programs meet the short-term food and financial needs that often accompany job loss and ill health, while also educating clients about ways to prepare for such financial crises in the future and return to self-sufficiency.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Our Daily Bread for 30 years of service to and in thanking the staff, volunteers, community partners, financial supporters and sponsors for contributing their time, energy, and resources to this worthwhile organization.

HONORING JOE GLIK FOR HIS
YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
TO SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joe Glik and in recognizing his many years of community service and leadership in southwestern Illinois.

Joe Glik is Chairman of the Board and "patriarch" of Glik's, a family owned retail business started by Joe's grandfather out of his horsedrawn wagon in 1897 and now employing over 500 people, with 62 stores in 9 states.

The Glik's business model is for the stores to be connected to the communities where they do business and Joe Glik has led by example through his leadership and community involvement in the Tri-City area of Illinois he calls home. The Glik family was a long-time supporter of St. Elizabeth Hospital (now, Gateway Regional Medical Center) in Granite City, Illinois and Joe served as chairman of the hospital building fund and president of its lay board. In 1993, the hospital recognized Joe's support and contributions to the hospital and his community by awarding him the De La Roche Award.

Joe Glik's community service has also involved the Tri-Cities Area United Way, where he served as the Annual Fund Chairman and President of the Board of Directors. He has been recognized for his community and business leadership by being named a Distinguished Business Alumni from the Washington University School of Business.

While Joe Glik still serves as Glik's Board Chairman, the company is actually now in its 4th generation of Glik family leadership and looking forward to passing the torch to the 5th generation, with the headquarters remaining in Granite City.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Joe Glik well and thanking him for a lifetime of community service.

IN RECOGNITION OF JENA IRENE
ASCIUTTO, MALAYA WATSON,
AND SAM WOOLF FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES
ON AMERICAN IDOL'S THIR-
TEENTH SEASON

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise with pride to recognize three outstanding students, with Michigan roots, whose vocal talent earned them spots in the coveted finals of American Idol for its thirteenth season.

For more than a decade, teens from across America have been using the stage of this great competition to share their musical gifts with people across our country. American Idol has been the proving ground for many young vocal artists who have gone on to make careers in the extremely competitive music industry. This year, Jena Irene Asciutto of Farmington Hills, Malaya Watson of Southfield and Sam Woolf, originally of West Bloomfield, have demonstrated the incredible talent that exists amongst the youth of Michigan's Fourteenth Congressional District and the Greater Detroit area.

Paying homage to the incredible vocal talent of Detroit's past, Malaya Watson began her journey on American Idol by singing Ain't No Way from Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul. As the daughter of a professional guitar player, an active member of Detroit's Mosaic Youth Theater, and a tuba player in her high school marching band, it is clear that Malaya's passion for music began at a young age and is a significant part of her life. Having made it to the final eight contestants, Malaya is one of the youngest finalists in American Idol history.

Sam Woolf, who spent his early years growing up in West Bloomfield, comes from a family with a long history of musical talent. Sam's great-grandfather, Sammy Woolf, was a well-known bandleader in Detroit, and his uncle, Randall Woolf, is a composer. Sam's great-uncle was a particularly prominent musician in Greater Detroit's Jewish community. With his top-five finish in this year's American Idol competition, Sam has undoubtedly made his family, the community of West Bloomfield and his current neighbors in Bradenton, Florida proud.

For Jena Irene Asciutto, this year's American Idol competition has been a magical ride—one that took her all the way to the finale. It is clear that Jena Irene's love and passion for music began long before her American Idol debut. From age 12 to 16, Jena Irene was an active member of the band Infinity Hour and has been an annual participant in her school's Coffee House talent show. As she prepares to graduate from North Farmington High School, Jena Irene's outstanding performances on American Idol have brought great pride to her family, her friends and to many across the State of Michigan and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, again, it is a pleasure to rise and recognize the outstanding talent of Jena Irene Asciutto, Malaya Watson and Sam Woolf, who have inspired aspiring young vocalists from across the country to hone their vocal talents and pursue their dreams. I join their family, friends, and many in the Greater Detroit community in expressing pride of their

accomplishments and wishing them ongoing success as they continue to pursue their dreams.

CONGRATULATING MR. PAUL W.
FERGUSON ON HIS SELECTION
AS PRESIDENT OF BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paul W. Ferguson on being selected as the 15th President of Ball State University.

Mr. Ferguson has had a long and distinguished career as an educator and college administrator. He was an Assistant Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Louisiana, Monroe (ULM), where he was instrumental in establishing the first undergraduate toxicology program in the South.

After working as Senior Toxicologist for Unocal Corporation in Los Angeles, he returned to Louisiana and served as an award winning Professor and Head of the Division of Pharmacology and Toxicology at ULM. Paul would go on to hold many leadership positions there, as well as at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the Edwardsville campus of Southern Illinois University (SIUE). During his time at SIUE, the university received national recognition for its academic innovation, culture of assessment and commitment to continuous quality improvement.

In 2011, Mr. Ferguson became the 19th President of the University of Maine. President Ferguson demonstrated an ability to accomplish high quality results with a student-centered approach to leading while at Maine. Their loss will be Ball State's gain.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in welcoming Paul and his wife, Grace, to Indiana, and congratulating him on being selected as Ball State's next President. We wish you the best of luck in this next adventure!

INTRODUCTION OF RESPONSIBLE
GSE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN-
VESTMENT ACT OF 2014

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Responsible GSE Affordable Housing Investment Act of 2014.

This bill would take away an incentive for the Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs)—Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac—to make investments that would lead to a decrease in affordable multifamily housing units. In particular, the bill would curtail Fannie and Freddie's ability to invest in future deals—like in the case of Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village in my district—that do not result in an increase in, or preservation of, affordable housing.

Since 1992, the GSEs have been required to meet certain affordable housing goals each year. "Housing goals credit" is awarded numerically based on the types of transactions