

are internal Commission documents and not themselves published as part of the final rule, I can assure you that, consistent with normal practice, any final rule will summarize the comments we receive, including those comments that refer to third party studies, just as was done for the proposed rule published in December 2013.

I appreciate the complexity of the issues surrounding the position limits rule, and the importance of thoroughly and fully considering public comments. I have made it a priority to finalize a position limits rule this calendar year and believe we are making good progress toward that goal.

If you have further questions, please contact me or Cory Claussen.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY G. MASSAD,
Chairman.

IN MEMORY OF MEMPHIS POLICE
K-9 OFFICER GUNNER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with the people of Memphis who are mourning the loss of a member of the Memphis Police Department's K-9 unit.

Gunner, a fearless German Shepherd, served with his partner and handler Sgt. Roosevelt Twilley for five years before retiring in 2010.

In 2009, Gunner risked his life to help apprehend a suspected thief and saved his handler's life in the process. Gunner was stabbed 10 times during the incident. After emergency surgery and a blood transfusion, he returned to duty just two months later.

Last week, Gunner was laid to rest by his brothers and sisters of the Memphis Police Department in recognition of his life-long service to the safety of Memphis.

As a State Senator I offered legislation to increase the penalty for shooting police dogs like Gunner because an attack on a member of the K-9 unit is an attack on all our police, and we need to protect those who protect us from harm.

We are grateful for their service and we mourn the loss of K-9 officer Gunner.

HONORING MR. FRANK OMATSU

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Omatsu, an outstanding citizen who has done so much for his country and his community in his 92 years.

A native Californian, Frank was born in 1924 in Los Angeles, where he lived until the outbreak of World War II. His family was then uprooted and forced across the country to the Jerome War Relocation Center, a Japanese imprisonment camp in Arkansas. Frank was only a high school student at the time, and yet despite the cruelty of his imprisonment, he never wavered in his dedication to his country. When the imprisonment camps were finally closed, instead of returning back to the life

from which he was uprooted, Frank chose to join the U.S. Army. He served in the Military Intelligence Service, 77th Division, where he served overseas in the Philippines and Japan. Even after his family was treated like prisoners, he chose to fight for his country.

When Frank returned home from the war, he immediately went back to school to complete his education, and attended Los Angeles City College and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). After graduating from UCLA, he became the first 'Nisei,' or second-generation Japanese American, to manage the Sumitomo Bank of California. As a manager, Mr. Omatsu provided loans and support to Japanese Americans returning from internment camps, helping them to get back on their feet financially. Always an active leader in his community, Frank was Finance Officer for Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion Veterans organization. In 1985, he served as chairperson of the Little Tokyo Centennial Time Capsule. This time capsule, buried beneath a tree at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, preserves the culture and history of the Japanese American community in Los Angeles at the time. The following year, Frank founded the 'Astronaut Ellison Onizuka Memorial Board' to honor the first Asian Pacific American to reach outer space who was tragically killed in the *Challenger* Space Shuttle in 1986. The board celebrates the life and upholds the legacy of Astronaut Onizuka as an inspiration to future generations of Asian Pacific Americans.

Building upon his legacy of serving others and improving his community, Frank was one of the "magnificent seven" original board members of Keiro Senior Healthcare, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of senior life for the Los Angeles Japanese-American community. Keiro has provided quality care, bilingual resources, and culturally sensitive programs to the elderly Japanese American community. The Keiro facilities themselves have become a cornerstone of the community, where families would gather to celebrate their rich cultural history.

As one of the original board members of Keiro, Frank used his finance and banking knowledge to ensure the success of the organization, which has been operating since 1961. He served on the board for 42 years, helping to make Keiro a cherished and valued institution in the Japanese American community in Los Angeles and across the state of California.

Along with his colleagues, friends, and all those whose lives he impacted through his work, I am so grateful to Frank Omatsu for his lifelong dedication to Keiro and the Japanese American community. I congratulate him on this milestone, and wish him many more!

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 300TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF
STRATHAM

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 300th anniversary of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire.

Though formally incorporated as a town in New Hampshire on March 20, 1716, Stratham saw settlers on its lands formally known as Squamscott Patent going back to the 1600's. I know that these early settlers must have felt the way its current residents feel today, that it is a beautiful part of our historic state, with a great deal to offer families and businesses starting out there.

Stratham has been the home to many influential leaders for the State of New Hampshire including former Members of the U.S. House of Representatives David Barker Jr. and Josiah Bartlett Jr., former Members of the U.S. Senate Daniel Clark and Maurice Murphy Jr., and Paine Wingate who served in both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Thomas Wiggin also hailed from Stratham and served as the first governor of what was then called the Upper Plantations of New Hampshire. Many of these influential figures from Stratham went on to make great contributions to the Granite State, and their family names still remain strong in the residents here today who proudly carry on in the name of their forefathers.

For the past 300 years, this town has been a landmark of independence and success, and the residents of Stratham should be proud of all that they've accomplished throughout its storied history. I am pleased to join with the citizens of Stratham as they mark this great milestone for their town and community, and it is truly an honor to represent them in Congress.

HONORING THE CAREER OF
DETECTIVE JOSEPH SMOLA

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the esteemed career of Detective Joseph Smola, who served over 28 years with the City of Syracuse Police Department.

Detective Smola was appointed to the Syracuse Police Department on September 16, 1985, and served commendably in various units within the Department until his retirement in March of 2014. As a result of his excellent service throughout his 28 years of service, he received two Divisional Commendations, twelve Bureau Commendations, twelve Departmental Commendations, The Meritorious Service Award in 2004, as well as several letters of appreciation.

During my time as a federal prosecutor I had the opportunity to serve with Detective Smola as part of the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force. Detective Smola was an integral part of this effort for more than a decade and his work helped to drastically reduce the gang presence in some of our community's most violent neighborhoods.

For over 28 years, Detective Smola served with great dignity, loyalty and devotion to our community. He has truly helped to make the City of Syracuse a better, safer place for its citizens.

RECOGNIZING ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as we close out the month of June, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, it is critical to note that the effort to enhance treatment and find a cure for Alzheimer's must be prioritized year round. Yet, there is no better time to reflect upon the progress that has been made in this effort, the long road ahead and opportunities just around the corner.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, 5.4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's or related dementia and as the baby boom population ages, that number is expected to skyrocket. This devastating disease impacts patients and families alike. Over 15 million family members and friends provide over 18 billion hours of unpaid care to their loved ones annually, at tremendous emotional and often financial sacrifice.

Alzheimer's is a progressive disease that affects an individual's cognitive abilities. While Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death for Americans, it is the only disease among the ten leading causes of death in America that cannot be prevented cured or even slowed.

Alzheimer's is also the most expensive disease in America and incurs catastrophic costs to Medicare and Medicaid—approximately \$236 billion in 2016. On average, Medicare spends three times more on seniors with Alzheimer's than without.

To ensure that optimum care is provided to every Alzheimer's patient, we need to find innovative ways to improve quality of care. To this end, I have introduced legislation—the Health Outcomes, Planning, and Education (HOPE) for Alzheimer's Act—which will amend the Social Security Act to add an additional one-time benefit for care planning services for Medicare beneficiaries newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This one time comprehensive care planning session will arm patients and caregivers with the facts, prognosis, and most efficacious treatment plan.

It is our moral imperative to support individuals with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. We have an obligation to care for our citizens as they age and we must support them as they struggle to face the challenges of this disease.

HOPE fulfills this obligation by ensuring quality of life for Alzheimer's patients. These patients are often hospitalized because comorbidities, such as diabetes, become uncontrolled when patients are no longer able to manage their own care. In other instances, medicines prescribed to control the symptoms of Alzheimer's can be rendered ineffective when patients, unequipped with sufficient information, use them in conjunction with other prescriptions. Care planning can ensure this does not happen, ensuring that symptoms are controlled to the extent possible, so patients can have the best quality of life.

Not only would HOPE improve health outcomes for Alzheimer's patients, it would also mitigate the huge, unnecessary costs associated with preventable trips to hospitals and emergency rooms. This is especially impor-

tant, as Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in America and presents a unique cost to Medicare and Medicaid.

A cost estimate commissioned by the Alzheimer's Association and conducted by Healthspiren, a DC based health care consulting firm, indicated that as a result of this legislation, net federal health spending would decrease by \$692 million over the 10-year period.

The cost estimate is based on a study tracking 1,756 patients newly diagnosed with dementia, depression or mild cognitive impairment, broken into two cohorts, one cohort receiving comprehensive care planning and chronic care management through a collaborative care model and the other cohort not.

The study showed a significant savings for those patients enrolled in the collaborative care model as opposed to their peers and based on the study, the HOPE benefit is estimated to have a per person savings of \$600 and per person cost \$200 for a 3:1 return on investment.

Passage of my legislation, which has 291 bipartisan cosponsors, will empower individuals with much-needed information to outline their future treatments and care—giving patients HOPE, and a plan for their future.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support my bill and hope that the momentum brought to this issue during Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month carries forward.

TRIBUTE TO RANDY LANOIX

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Randy Lanoix of Donaldsonville, Louisiana, as he nears the end of his term as the 111th Chairman of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, also known as the Big "I." Randy was installed as Chairman of the Big "I" in September 2015, and he has been a strong, thoughtful and charismatic leader for independent insurance agents across the country.

Randy has a strong track record in the independent agency system, serving as president of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of Louisiana (IIABL) in 2001 and as the Louisiana representative on the Big "I" national Board of Directors from January 2005 to September 2010. He received the Lou Daniel award, which is the highest honor bestowed by the IIABL, in 2010. Randy is also a past recipient of the "Mr. Chairman" award for his work as Louisiana's legislative chairman and his work with the Louisiana state legislature.

On the national level, Lanoix has served on the Professional Liability Committee, the Trusted Choice® Board of Directors, numerous task forces, and two terms on the Government Affairs Committee, where he was chairman of State Government Affairs. In these leadership positions, Randy has always sought to promote an environment where independent agents, in both Louisiana and across the country, can continue to thrive in their business and represent their customers.

Randy is the owner of the Lanoix Insurance Agency in Port Allen, Louisiana which is lo-

cated in my congressional district. He has been married to his wife Nell for more than 36 years, and they have two sons, Bryan and David, who work in the family agency alongside their father. Their family also includes daughters-in-law Leslie and Michelle along with their grandson Brooks and their granddaughter Riley.

I am pleased to join Randy's colleagues from across Louisiana and the nation in congratulating him as he finishes his term as Chairman of the Big "I."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 21, 2016, I was unavoidably detained due to a flight delay caused by inclement weather in the Washington, DC area.

Had I been present and voting on Roll Call No. 334, I would have voted NO (On H.R. 5525, End Taxpayer Funded Cell Phones Act of 2016).

Had I been present and voting on Roll Call No. 335, I would have voted AYE (On H.R. 5388, Support for Rapid Innovation Act of 2016).

Had I been present and voting on Roll Call No. 336, I would have voted AYE (H.R. 5389, Leveraging Emerging Technologies Act of 2016).

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHARTERING OF ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 70th anniversary of the chartering of the U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory, located in my district in Illinois.

Argonne traces its beginnings to experiments by the renowned physicist Enrico Fermi, who led researchers in creating the world's first self-sustaining nuclear reaction. From its initial mission to fulfill the promise of the atom as a new energy source, Argonne has grown into a multidimensional laboratory addressing a range of major scientific and societal needs, still however, with the primary mission to invent, innovate, and protect energy technologies for the nation.

The lab's work now spans the spectrum from basic research to applied science in areas including physics, materials and chemistry, math and computer science, life sciences, renewable energy, nuclear energy, energy storage, transportation, establishing energy surety and securing critical infrastructure. And Argonne remains on the cutting edge as it extends its expertise into new scientific endeavors including protein characterization, nanomaterials, molecular engineering and urban sciences.

I am pleased to have in my district a national laboratory that is a longstanding global