

Whether it is in his travels as a professional speaker, or found in one of the twenty books he has written, Dr. Zeiss' wisdom always captivates an audience and leaves a place better than he found it. That is exactly what he has done at CPCC.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the career of a truly remarkable individual, and my friend, Dr. Tony Zeiss, for his service to Central Piedmont Community College and wishing he and his wife Beth well as they begin the next chapter of their lives in retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RODOLFO AYALA-AYALA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, a resident of my district who lived in Kissimmee, Florida. Rodolfo lost his life during the tragic shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando, in the early morning hours of June 12, 2016.

Rodolfo was a biologics supervisor at a blood donation center in Orlando. He would have been working the morning of the shooting helping the victims after thousands of people throughout Central Florida turned out to donate blood that day. Instead, he was one of the victims.

Rodolfo, who was also known as Rodney, had recently been promoted to platelet supervisor. A native of Puerto Rico, he was a skilled salsa dancer and loved all kinds of Latin music. His family and friends remember him as a compassionate man dedicated to his work. He was a prankster and could rock a bow tie. Rodolfo was a well-loved human being and had a bright future ahead of him. He was enjoying Latin Night at Pulse nightclub the morning of the shooting. He was 33 years old.

Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala will never be forgotten in our pursuit of a more just and loving world. His memory and acts of kindness will live forever in the hearts and minds of those who knew him.

May his family, relatives and friends eventually find solace and comfort, and may he rest in eternal peace.

FAA EXTENSION, SAFETY, AND SECURITY ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, this bill provides needed stability for our nation's aviation programs, while giving lawmakers the time to come to a longer term FAA authorization.

The House has previously passed a number of needed aviation security bills that I have sponsored, and I'm pleased that three of those bills are included in this legislation.

These provisions include the TSA PreCheck Expansion Act, the Checkpoint Optimization and Efficiency Act, and my SAFE GATES legislation.

Together, these provisions will increase the number of travelers receiving expedited security screening, reduce airports wait times by making commonsense reforms to the way TSA operates, and enhance the security at overseas airports with direct flights to the United States.

The result will be greater efficiency, enhanced safety, and a reformed TSA that is better prepared to protect our transportation infrastructure.

In these trying times in which America faces a formidable threat from terrorists at home and abroad, it is critical that we act to secure our aviation sector from threats and mitigate attacks like those in Istanbul and Brussels.

Along with these attacks on airports, we have seen three—potentially four—passenger aircraft bombed by terrorists in recent months. Passing this legislation will help guard against such attacks against U.S.-bound aircraft.

I appreciate the tireless work of Chairman SHUSTER and Chairman THUNE in shepherding this critical extension of FAA's authority. I thank them and Chairman MCCAUL for advocating for my security provisions to be included.

RECOGNIZING CITI OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, taking place July 16–24, 2016, in Rock Creek Park, and to recognize these dates as "Tennis Week" in the District of Columbia. All are invited to attend the 48th installment of this Washington tennis tradition, a cultural, economic, and community staple in the region.

The tennis tournament, now known as the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, was founded in 1969 by tennis legend and Hall of Famer Donald Dell, along with business partner John Harris, with the support of Arthur Ashe. Mr. Ashe declared he would participate in the inaugural tournament under two conditions: the tournament would take place in a naturally integrated neighborhood, and it would be played on public land where all people could come together, enjoy the sport, and share the experience. Today, the tournament remains in its original location on 16th & Kennedy Streets NW, in Rock Creek Park.

In 1972, Mr. Dell gave the tournament sanction to the Washington Tennis & Education Foundation (then called the Washington Area Tennis Patrons Foundation), a nonprofit organization supporting local education causes for over 1,200 low-income and underserved children.

The Citi Open Tennis Tournament draws the best players in the world, making D.C. a global tennis destination. The tournament is also seen on television in 182 countries. A 2015 economic impact study found that the estimated total gross impact of the Citi Open on the regional economy is more than \$28.2 million. The tournament is the only Association of Tennis Professionals 500 level event in the United States, and it is one of only four pro-

fessional tennis tournaments combining men's and women's events. It is also recognized as an international level tournament by the Women's Tennis Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing "Tennis Week in the District of Columbia" for the Citi Open Tennis Tournament, celebrated July 16–24.

AGA KHAN'S 59TH YEAR AS IMAM OF THE ISMAILI MUSLIMS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent one of the most diverse districts in all of America. Our diversity is part of what makes the greater Houston area a strong example of the melting pot that comprises this great nation.

I appreciate the Ismaili community's engagement with the broader community—in culture, business, education, and civic affairs. The Ismaili community provides important contributions to our community and we appreciate all that you do to embrace Texas and America as your home.

Today, I would like to acknowledge a special anniversary for the Ismaili community. On July 11th, the Aga Khan will celebrate 59 years as Imam of the Ismaili Muslims. The role of the Imam is both to interpret the faith to the community, and also to do all he can to improve the quality and security of their daily lives.

The Aga Khan emphasizes the view of the religion of Islam as a thinking, spiritual faith: one that teaches compassion and tolerance, promotes the role of the intellect and upholds the dignity of man, God's noblest creation.

I congratulate the Aga Khan on his 59th year as Imam and wish him and the Ismaili Muslim community in the United States every success in their continued efforts to improve the lives of people around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 401, 402, 403, I was unable to cast my vote in person due to a previously scheduled engagement.

Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF GEORGE ROSENKRANZ, PH.D.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and work of George Rosenkranz, Ph.D., who celebrates his 100th birthday on August 20, 2016.

Dr. George Rosenkranz has made significant contributions to the vitality of scientific research in our nation, helping build the foundation of many important life sciences companies, including Syntex, Alza, Dynax, Affymax, Affymetrix and Zeecon.

George Rosenkranz was born in Hungary on August 20, 1916. He earned his Ph.D. in 1940 and in 1941 left Europe for Cuba. He married Edith Rosenkranz in 1945 and together they moved to Mexico City where he founded Syntex. The U.S. headquarters were opened in Palo Alto, California, in the early 1960s. Dr. Rosenkranz served as President, Chairman and CEO of Syntex until his retirement in 1981, and served as Founding Chairman of the Board until Syntex was acquired by Roche in 1995. In addition to the birth control pill, Syntex made many scientific discoveries including Lidex, Naprosyn, Toradol, Cellcept, Cytovene, and others.

Dr. Rosenkranz holds multiple patents and has authored more than 200 scientific publications. He has been honored with the Biotechnology Heritage Award, the Winthrop-Sears Medal, the Condecoracion Eduardo Liceaga, and many others.

He has given generously of his time, resources and considerable talents through philanthropy in the fields of scientific research at Stanford University, in Mexico and Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in wishing Dr. George Rosenkranz a joyous centennial celebration, surrounded by the love of his family. He is a national treasure and because of Dr. Rosenkranz and his great work we are a stronger, better nation, and a healthier world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SIMON ADRIAN CARRILLO FERNANDEZ

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez of Kissimmee, Florida, a resident of my district who lost his life on June 12, 2016, during the tragic shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

Simon Fernandez came to the United States from Venezuela a decade ago. He was an accounting student and worked as a manager at a local McDonalds. His colleagues admired his attention to detail and leadership style. He never forgot a co-worker's birthday and would always bring a cake to celebrate the occasion. He took great pride in his career.

Simon and his partner, Oscar Aracena, purchased a home last year where they lived together with their three lovely Chihuahuas. They enjoyed traveling together, dancing, riding their bikes and going water skiing.

Simon and Oscar had been vacationing in Canada and New York earlier the week before the tragedy. Friends enjoyed seeing their photos posted online from their stop in Niagara Falls. The couple had just returned to Orlando earlier in the day before heading out with friends to Latin Night at the Pulse club on the night of the attack.

The two died alongside one another at the club. Simon was 31 years old.

Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez will never be forgotten in our pursuit of a more just and

loving world. His memory and acts of kindness will live forever in the hearts and minds of those who knew him.

May his family, relatives and friends eventually find solace and comfort, and may he rest in eternal peace.

H.R. 5456

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following extraneous materials on H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016:

GENERATIONS UNITED,
Washington, DC, June 13, 2016.

GENERATIONS UNITED'S STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

Generations United commends House and Senate leaders on the proposed bipartisan, bicameral Family First Prevention Services Act. This groundbreaking legislation takes the bold step to redirect federal funding to support evidence-based, upfront prevention services, making them available to the approximately 2.5 million children whose grandparents or other relatives step in to care for them, keeping them out of foster care and with family.

Children raised by relatives experience increased stability, and greater safety and permanency and better behavioral and mental health outcomes than children living with non-relatives. Yet, grandparents or other relatives often take on the care of children with little or no warning. These relatives face unique challenges finding information about resources, policies and services to help them navigate their new role providing full time care for children.

Supports offered through the Family First Prevention Services Act such as individual and family therapy, home visiting and kinship navigator programs can offer relatives the support they need to keep children out of foster care and help them thrive.

The proposed legislation will benefit children in grandfamilies by:

Providing a partial federal match to states offering evidence-based Kinship Navigator programs.

Allowing states to use federal funds to support 12 months of prevention services to keep children from needing to enter foster care, including families where a relative is caring for a child.

Addressing barriers to licensure for relatives through the promotion of model family foster care licensing standards with a focus on ensuring states promote placements with family members.

Reducing the amount of time foster children wait to be adopted or placed with relatives across state lines by encouraging states to replace their outdated child placement systems with a more efficient electronic system.

Ensuring more foster children are placed with families by ending federal reimbursement when states inappropriately place children in non-family settings.

Promoting permanency for children by extending adoption and legal guardianship incentive payments.

The proposed bill also reauthorizes the Regional Partnership Grant Program, which provides funding to state and local evidence-based services aimed at preventing child abuse and child neglect due to parental sub-

stance abuse, and it extends existing child welfare services for five years through the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program.

This trailblazing child welfare legislation stops short of providing important short-term financial assistance to relatives, as included in previous proposals. Relative caregivers are often retired, living on fixed incomes and unprepared to take on the expense of children who come into their care with no chance to plan in advance. Research shows that caregivers in grandfamilies are experienced and savvy financial managers who forgo their own financial needs and dreams to care for children. They often simply lack the needed resources. Generations United looks forward to working with Members of Congress who are championing federal and state solutions to address these ongoing financial challenges.

STATE OF UTAH,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
Salt Lake City, UT, June 13, 2016.

Hon. ORRIN HATCH,
U.S. Senator,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR HATCH: I write to express my support for the Family First Prevention Service Act of 2016. It is encouraging when Congress recognizes and reinforces the value of safe, strong, and thriving families. This state-federal partnership for children at risk of abuse or neglect requires our most concerted efforts at delivering real solutions.

The act reinforces the positive outcomes of Utah's experience with evidence-based prevention. Since receiving a federal demonstration waiver in 2014, we have been able to put into practice the very elements of in-home family support services, featured in the Family First Prevention Service Act.

You know of my strong belief that states are the laboratories of democracy, and Utah's child welfare work reflects this. Today, we have the experience to know that when children are brought to our child welfare system, their complex circumstances often involve mental health needs, unaddressed substance use disorders, and a lack of positive parenting role models for the parents themselves.

As Utah has responded with services that address these challenges, we see the positive outcomes of keeping children safe with their families. Every child wants a loving home, and the Family First Prevention Service Act will strengthen states' ability to fulfill that expectation.

Thank you for your commitment to our families and for your service to our country.

Sincerely,

GARY R. HERBERT,
Governor.

DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES,
Baton Rouge, LA, June 14, 2016.

Re Family First Prevention Service Act 2016

Hon. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR. MD,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN BOUSTANY: As Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), I would like to express my support for the Family First Prevention Service Act of 2016. This legislation is critical for the families of Louisiana and our most vulnerable population of children at risk of abuse or neglect. Your support for this bill will assist DCFS in safely strengthening families by keeping children out of foster care and reduce the costs of ineffective group home settings. The Family First Prevention Service Act reinforces positive outcomes with evidence-based prevention.