

DCFS believes every child wants a loving home and the Family First Prevention Service Act will assist DCFS' ability to fulfill that expectation. Thank you for your commitment to Louisiana's families and your service to our country.

Sincerely,

MARKETA GARNER WALTERS,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH,
June 17, 2016.

Hon. KEVIN BRADY,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
Washington, DC.

Hon. SANDY LEVIN,
Ranking Member, Committee on Ways and Means,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BRADY AND RANKING MEMBER LEVIN: On behalf of the National Association for Children's Behavioral Health (NACBH), we would like to take this opportunity to offer our support for the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016. We would like to thank you for your leadership in bringing about much needed reform to the very complex and dysfunctional system of care for some of our nation's most vulnerable children and families. As an organization representing mental health and child welfare providers across the country, we understand the challenges faced by our child welfare systems.

Specifically, we applaud the Act for enabling federal IV-E and IV-B funds to be used, for the first time, to offer prevention-based services in hopes that fewer at-risk children will be removed from their families and instead offered supportive services in their homes and communities. The Act's focus on providing increased access to mental health services is a tremendous step forward in addressing the underlying issues that often lead families to enter the child welfare system.

Upon passage of this bill, we look forward to the opportunity to work with Congress and the Administration to address some of the additional complexities of the bill. The ambiguity regarding the payment structures involved in ensuring the necessary treatment services specified in the bill require needed clarity. Our concerns specifically relate to the payment for the required assessments and ensuing mental health and health care services determined to be needed for children and adolescents in qualified residential treatment programs (QRTP).

We appreciate the time and attention to the issues addressed in this bill. We look forward to working with you for continued improvement and system development.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA JOHNSTON,
Executive Director.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
COLONEL MICHELLE M. WILLIAMS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Michelle M. Williams for her exemplary dedication to duty and service to the United States Army and to the United States of America. Lieutenant Colonel Williams has served for the last two years as a Congressional Budget Liaison for the Secretary of the Army.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Lieutenant Colonel Williams was commissioned from the ROTC program at the Florida Institute of Technology, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. While there, Michelle received her airborne wings. She was commissioned as a Finance Officer in 1999. As a junior officer, she deployed to Bosnia where she served as a cash control officer, responsible for the distribution of over \$1 million in cash, cash documents and equipment to Multinational Division-North in support of Operation Joint Forge. She also served as a Finance Detachment Commander in Iraq, where she led her troops through hundreds of missions across Baghdad and through the risky Sunni-Triangle area of operations. Her unit disbursed over \$1 billion dollars. Michelle also served in several other organizations, as a resource manager in the Joint Chiefs of Staff J8, and as a budget officer in the Pentagon before being promoted to Major.

As a Field-Grade Officer, Michelle served as a Deputy Comptroller for United States Southern Command where she established herself as the lead and technical expert when deploying the Army's new Financial Management system, GFEBS at SOUTHCOM. She deployed again as the Budget Officer for United States Army Central Command in Arifjan, Kuwait where she was responsible for obligations exceeding \$1 billion and eliminated inefficient processes while improving audit readiness and preventing duplicate payments.

In 2014, Michelle returned to the Pentagon as an Army Budget Liaison, where she was of great assistance to many Members of Congress and their staffs. Lieutenant Colonel Williams facilitated many briefings from Army officials here on Capitol Hill. In addition, Michelle managed a portfolio that included the Army's Operations and Maintenance account, the Working Capital Fund, and activity at the Depots that support the Army, a significant portion of Alabama's contribution to our Nation's defense.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending Lieutenant Colonel Williams for her service to our great Nation. Michelle's leadership throughout her career has positively impacted her soldiers, peers, and superiors. We wish Michelle and her husband Jeff Pashai all the best as they continue to serve the nation in her next assignment as the Division G8 at Fort Carson, Colorado.

CONGRATULATING MAGGIE SMITH,
ILLINOIS CHAMPION OF THE
HEALTHY LUNCHTIME CHALLENGE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maggie Smith, the Illinois Champion of First Lady Michelle Obama's Healthy Lunchtime Challenge. The First Lady invited children from across the nation to submit their original ideas for healthy, affordable recipes, and selected one winner from every state to visit the White House for the Kid's State Dinner.

Maggie, an 11 year old from Peoria, Illinois, became interested in cooking when she was

just 9 years old. Since then, she's been cooking her family dinner once a week, inspired by her parent's emphasis on the need for healthy eating. After spending a lot of time crafting and perfecting her dish, Maggie's winning recipe is "West Wing Chicken with Secret Service Noodles." The dish features breaded chicken with homemade marinara sauce, served with zucchini and squash noodles.

I am so proud of Maggie for her hard work and dedication to promoting healthy eating, and I wish her success in her future culinary endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OSCAR
ARACENA-MONTERO

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 Oscar Aracena-Montero who was a resident of my district and lived in Kissimmee, Florida. Oscar's life was cut short in the early hours of June 12, 2016, during the tragic shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

Oscar was a business management student and worked as an assistant restaurant manager. He moved from the Dominican Republic with his father as a child and grew up in Central Florida. His friends describe him as a sweet guy who was the type of person who gets along with anybody. They remember him as a charismatic person who always looked on the bright side of things.

Oscar was excited about the prospects of a career after completing his college degree. He and his partner, Simon Fernandez, 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.

Oscar and Simon had been vacationing in Canada and New York the week before the tragedy. Friends enjoyed seeing their photos posted online from their stop in Niagra 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. Oscar was 26 years old.

Oscar Aracena-Montero 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.

COMMENDING NOEL "CHRISTY"
NOLTA FOR HER SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY

HON. GWEN GRAHAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Noel "Christy" Nolta on the occasion of her recent selection as Deputy Director of Staff for the Chief of Staff of the Air

Force. Ms. Nolta has excelled in both civilian service and as a colonel in the Air Force Reserve. Most recently, Ms. Nolta served as Deputy Director of Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. She also excelled in her reserve duty as Mobilization Assistant to the Chief of Public Affairs for the Secretary of the Air Force.

Ms. Nolta has given much to this Nation through her dedicated and selfless service. After graduation from her dream school—Virginia Tech—she answered the calling to join the Air Force and departed for Hahn Air Base in Germany. She started her career as an adjutant in a fighter squadron, was quickly recognized for her talent, and selected to serve as the 50th Tactical Wing Executive Officer. Her dedication and skills landed her in the 513th Airborne Command and Control Wing at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England as a Command Post Controller and then Tactical Deception Plans Officer.

Identified as an excellent officer, Christy was handpicked to train new accessions as an instructor at the Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. It was during this assignment that Christy decided to continue to serve her country by transitioning into the Air Force Reserve. Her husband, Mike, was serving on active duty and Christy accompanied him on his assignments, continuing to balance motherhood, home, civilian, and reserve careers. After completing a five year extended active duty tour working for the Secretary of the Air Force, she decided to serve as an Air Force civilian as well as in the Air Force Reserve. She moved up the ranks within the Air Force Office of Communication, then later in Public Affairs.

In 2014, her incredible communications skills were put to good use when Christy became the Deputy Director in the Legislative Liaison Office and we all got to benefit from her hard work. Happily, on the military side, she kept one foot in the Public Affairs Office as a colonel serving as the mobilization assistant to the director. That combination served her brilliantly.

As Deputy Director of Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Christy supported Air Force leadership by engaging Congress on programs and weapon systems authorizations, constituent inquiries, and other congressional interests. Among some of her more notable accomplishments during her tenure as Deputy Director, Christy prepared the Air Force team for confirmation hearing for the Air Force Under Secretary and currently is working the confirmation hearing for the proposed next Chief of Staff of the Air Force. She also supported more than 1,000 Air Force senior leader visits to the Hill as well as over 400 wing commander Hill visits, more than 253 congressional delegation and congressional staff trips, over 200 congressional hearings, answering 7,474 constituent inquiries, and countless other Air Force Hill engagements.

Not only is Christy admired and respected within the Air Force, she is a role model to young women of all ages. Recently the Girl Scouts honored her with these sentiments, "For caring, guiding, and helping Girls Scouts through the years and for being a good role model for girls around the world—May 2015."

Christy's family service runs deep. Her father was career Army, her husband is retired Air Force, and two of their three children have

graduated from the United States Air Force Academy. Their third child became a Hokie like her mother and father, graduating from Virginia Tech.

In July, Colonel Nolta will retire from the Air Force Reserve with 30 years of faithful service in uniform. She will continue serving the Air Force in her civilian capacity. Today, I would like to wish Ms. Noel "Christy" Nolta good luck and Godspeed in her next assignment as the Deputy Director of Staff for the Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Congress and the United States of America, I thank Christy and her family for their unwavering service to the nation, and look forward to their continued success.

FAA EXTENSION, SAFETY, AND SECURITY ACT OF 2016

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, five years ago we were in a similar situation with an FAA authorization coming to an end in the middle of the summer. That time we failed to act, causing the shutdown of the FAA. So while I wish we were doing more than this extension bill today, I am happy that we are not going to let a shutdown happen again.

Considering that this is only a short-term extension, this bill contains a number of good policy changes. The enhanced consumer protection measures, improvements in aviation security, and protections for general aviation pilots that are included are all the result of bipartisan cooperation. Third class medical reform is a long overdue victory for pilots. It is commonsense policy that will protect pilots' rights and promote the general aviation industry.

I have worked over the past year to ensure airline passengers are treated with fairness and respect. Simply put, if you pay for a service, you should get that service promptly or get your money back. During consideration of the House's FAA bill, I was a strong advocate for requiring that fees be refunded for baggage that was lost and delayed. While this bill does not go as far as I would have liked, it does require that passengers who don't get their luggage on time get their fee returned.

In addition, this bill works to minimize travelers' frustrations while simultaneously enhancing aviation security by expanding access to TSA PreCheck and optimizing the TSA workforce to improve long lines at security checkpoints. The bill will also make air travel more accessible for persons with disabilities, and will create a set of accessibility best practices for air carriers.

My main disappointment in this extension comes from the fact that a number of important, bipartisan priorities were not included even though they had been worked out in the bill that came through our committee earlier this year. Since work began to reauthorize the 2012 FAA bill, I have worked continuously to reform the aircraft certification process and was the lead Democratic cosponsor of the Small Airplane Revitalization Act in 2013. Streamlining the certification process will ac-

celerate getting products to market, ultimately strengthening job growth and stimulating economic activity. Aviation is an increasingly global marketplace. To compete in this arena, domestic manufacturers must certify their product with the FAA which often takes longer than is necessary. Then they have to work to facilitate acceptance of the equipment by the buyer's respective aviation authority. In recent years, American manufacturers have encountered significant delays during this process. These delays have serious economic consequences for the small and medium sized businesses that make up the multi-billion-dollar aviation supply chain.

The certification titles in the House and Senate FAA reauthorization bills are the product of bipartisan work of the committees and outreach to stakeholders. They address the current inefficiencies by driving certification and regulatory changes, requiring that the FAA be more closely involved in foreign markets, helping to gain expedited acceptance and validation of U.S. products and safety standards, and ultimately better utilizing scarce resources at the FAA and within the industry to enhance productivity. They not only advance safety, but also benefit our economy. We must ensure that the high tech U.S. manufacturing industry, and the skilled workforce it employs, are able to compete in the face of growing global competition.

So I was frustrated to learn that these bipartisan provisions, which directly translate to tangible economic benefits across the entire industry, were not included in this extension. The aviation industry needs stability to confidently allocate resources, make investments, and plan for the future. They rely on Congress to consistently provide that authority to the FAA. While I'm disappointed that these key priorities were not included, I hope that we can work quickly to find a way to pass the aircraft certification provisions in the near term.

Finally, there is a provision that was included that I have concerns about. This bill expands the look-back period for background checks and the list of offenses that would disqualify an individual from eligibility to work at an airport. We need to do all we can to increase security at airports. But I am deeply concerned that this provision was added into the extension outside the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee seemingly at the last minute and without explanation or consultation with House Members.

Mr. Speaker, on the whole, this is a good bill. But much remains to be done. I hope that in the coming months we can continue working to pass a comprehensive long term FAA reauthorization to maintain America's leadership in the global aviation industry.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT EDWARD ANDERSON

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor Staff Sergeant Edward Anderson, an Army veteran of World War II who survived four months as a prisoner of war.

Staff Sergeant Anderson entered his service in the Army and served in the 28th Division of