

dental cleanings, fillings and crowns, root canals, refractive eye exams, and exams for hearing aids.

It provides coverage of items such as dentures, eyeglasses, contact lenses, low vision devices, and hearing aids as durable medical equipment, prosthetics, and orthotic supplies.

And to control costs and facilitate implementation of these major reforms, benefits will be subject to reasonable limitations and will be phased in gradually in the years following enactment.

All too often, policy discussions about Medicare focus on how much of the program to cut and how to further shift costs onto beneficiaries. This is the wrong approach. It's time for Congress to recognize that Medicare must be strengthened, not cut, and that benefits must be expanded, not scaled back.

The Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act will make Medicare a stronger, fairer, and more comprehensive program for the 55 million beneficiaries it serves.

I urge my colleagues to join me in working to enact this and other important expansions of Medicare now and in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINES ON ITS 118TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of Philippines on the 118th Anniversary of its independence. I also join the people of Guam and the Filipino Community of Guam in declaring the month of June as Philippine Month in Guam.

On May 1, 1898, the Battle of Manila Bay signaled the United States' entry into the war with Spain that the Philippines had been fighting for since 1896. On June 12, 1898 the Filipino revolutionary forces under General Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed the sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from Spanish colonial rule. Filipinos are very proud of these leaders who had the dream of an independent and free country. This act of determining their political future remains a much celebrated event 118 years later, especially by Filipinos who call the United States and Guam home.

Since earning their independence, the Philippine people have suffered through years of dictatorship, martial law, and Japanese occupation. We on Guam are particularly sympathetic to this last event, having ourselves been taken over by the Japanese.

Today, the Philippines is an important ally of the United States in Southeast Asia. President Aquino has taken positive steps to combat terrorism in the Philippines, and his government continues to be cooperative with our own efforts in the region. In addition, the friendship of the Filipino people has forged a bond between our two nations that has grown stronger over time. Filipino-Americans have contributed immensely to our nation. In my home district of Guam, Filipino-Americans represent over one-third of the general population. They play a key role in the economic, social, and political fabric of our island and the nation as a whole. Guam and the Philippines share linguistic, so-

cial, and cultural roots which have made Filipinos on Guam able to be active in celebrating their culture in harmony with the local community. Many Filipinos and members of the Filipino Community of Guam have contributed their time, talents and expertise by serving as medical, educational, and government professionals and religious leaders, among others, to improve the quality of life on Guam. The Filipino Community of Guam has also been passionately dedicated to helping those in need by supporting numerous charitable non-profit organizations on our island and they have organized fundraising drives for disaster victims in the Micronesia region and the Philippines.

Our two nations and indeed our people are intimately linked to one another. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate the Philippines and the Filipino Community of Guam on the 118th anniversary of independence of the Philippines and look forward to the continued service and contributions of the Filipino Community of Guam.

RECOGNIZING LILY SHEN

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lily Shen, a resident of the 6th district, for being awarded the Asian American Hero of Colorado Award.

Mrs. Shen emigrated from Taiwan to the United States with her family 35 years ago. Since then, she has been a pillar of her community; fervently engaging in countless community programs. To name just a few of her current engagements, Mrs. Shen is currently the President of Colorado Chinese Language School and Colorado Chinese Club, the President of Colorado Chinese Evergreen Society, the Vice Chair of the Asian Pacific Development Center, and as the Treasurer of the Asian Roundtable of Colorado. Mrs. Shen has also served as the chair of the Chinese/Taiwanese Advisor Council to my office since 2012-present.

Her storied career of community service to the Colorado Asian community, and to the Colorado community as a whole, has been punctuated by numerous awards recognizing her achievement. To name a few of her many awards, Mrs. Shen is a recipient of a lifetime achievement award from the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council, a Woman of Distinction award from the Girl Scouts Mile High Council, an Outstanding Performance and Lasting Contributions Award from Senator Wayne Allard and she is a recipient of the Ambassadors for Peace Excellence in Leadership Award from Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace; American Leadership Initiative in Washington DC.

I commend Mrs. Shen for her dutiful and tireless service to her community. She is truly deserving of being awarded the Asian American Hero of Colorado Award; an award which is yet another testament to her lifetime of community service.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AND BILL LORENZEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Helen and Bill Lorenzen of Truro, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 26, 1956.

Bill and Helen's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more memories. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

NATASHA THIES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Natasha Thies for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Natasha Thies is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Natasha Thies is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Natasha Thies for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

MARVIN CHARLES—CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY TO REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT'S LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following testimony:

Thank you for inviting me to speak with you today. I'm honored to be here. I first met with Congressman Reichert at his District Office last year, just before I drove my 18-year-old daughter to Oklahoma to start her freshman year in college.

This is the daughter who started my journey. She was the baby girl I was about to

abandon on the steps of a hospital 18 years ago. But as I held her that day, my heart changed. I looked into her little brown eyes and I started to cry. I realized that's not what a father is supposed to do. A father is supposed to protect and take care of his child. But I had no idea whatsoever of how to do that. Because of her, I have the opportunity to come before you today and tell you the story of DADS (www.aboutdads.org).

DADS stands for Divine Alternatives for Dads Services. We are based in Seattle but serve fathers and families in the Puget Sound region and throughout Western Washington. Our vision is "Stronger Fathers, Healthier Communities." Our mission is "To give fathers hope by walking together in supportive community, helping them navigate relational and legal barriers that separate them from their children and families."

I believe—from personal experience—that the biggest problem facing our nation today is not crime, drugs and alcohol, or gang violence. These are just the results of a larger problem, which is fatherlessness. So many of the problems in our communities today are direct results of fatherlessness.

Far too many of our young people have not had strong, responsible fathers engaged in their lives. As a result, too many go off the rails. They begin committing crimes, abusing drugs and alcohol, dropping out of school, and running away from home. Another common side effect is teenage pregnancies and out-of-wedlock births.

The National Fatherhood Initiative has identified fatherlessness as the root cause of \$100 billion a year in taxpayer costs. A few statistics:

90 percent of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes.

85 percent of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes.

85 percent of all youths in prisons grew up in a fatherless home.

80 percent of rapists motivated by displaced anger come from fatherless homes.

75 percent of all adolescents in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes.

71 percent of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.

70 percent of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes.

63 percent of youth suicides are individuals from fatherless homes.

I sometimes compare fatherlessness to AIDS. The AIDS virus doesn't kill you, but it breaks down your immune system, so the infection that you catch is what kills you. Fatherlessness works the same way. If you remove a father from the home, the family doesn't die, but it is opened up for infection—which comes in the form of teenage pregnancy, crime, gang violence, drugs and alcohol and other negative impacts. So what can be done about the nationwide problem of fatherlessness? DADS is a faith-based organization that addresses this problem in our Washington state. I founded this organization in the year 2000 along with my wife, Jeanett. I had spent many years of my life on the wrong side of the tracks, but when faced with the decision to leave our daughter on the steps of a hospital, I knew then that I needed to turn my life around and become a responsible father. It wasn't easy—in fact, it was the hardest thing I had ever done. But the rewards of being a real father to my children made it the best thing I have ever done. And it made me want to help other men do the same thing.

Over the last 16 years, DADS has helped over 3,000 men reunite with over 6,000 children. Our client population is predominantly

minority, with 66 percent African American. The rest are Hispanic, Asian and Caucasian. Of those clients, approximately 90 percent have a history of incarceration. Of the thousands of men who have received services from DADS, their main motivation is the desire to reenter the lives of their children.

With the help they get through our program, many of these men are able to regain visitation rights, pay child support, share or get custody, find and keep jobs, provide stable housing, become taxpaying citizens, and even reunite with their families. As a result, their children stay in school, keep off drugs and out of gangs, avoid teenage pregnancies, graduate from high school and even go on to college.

The effectiveness of our program depends on the trust that each individual develops in our staff as we help them navigate systems. For this reason, DADS does not charge for our services. We focus on building a vision for healthy fatherhood and then finding the resources that each individual needs to achieve success.

Law-enforcement officers see firsthand the legacies of fatherlessness. Children from fatherless homes often become casualties, victims or offenders themselves. Then they are challenges for our school systems, social-service programs, drug and alcohol recovery services, law-enforcement agencies, legal and court systems—and ultimately our jails and prisons.

With Father's Day just around the corner, it is my hope that all of us would recommit to the goal of helping create stronger fathers and healthier communities.

TUESDAY'S IN TEXAS: "BIG FOOT" WALLACE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the year was 1840 when one of the most faithful Texans joined the Texas Rangers and began a decade's-long service to the great state of Texas. William A.A. Wallace, more often known as "Big Foot" Wallace, was born in Virginia in 1817. He moved to Texas in 1837 after hearing that a brother and a cousin were killed by the Mexican Army during the Texas Revolution. Not long after, he would join the Texas Rangers and spend the better part of his life defending Texas.

Though there are many legends about the emergence of his nickname, Wallace contended that the nickname derived from an incident with a Comanche. During the time he lived in Austin before he joined the Texas Rangers, a Comanche with large feet stole property in the area and was tracked by Wallace. When the Comanche raided the kitchen of a man in town, the man followed the Comanche's tracks to Wallace's house and thus accused Wallace of the raid. But a quick thinking Wallace pointed out that the tracks were much larger than his. It was this case of mistaken identity that led Wallace to assume the name "Big Foot."

Wallace is a descendant of the Scottish legend William Wallace, immortalized in the film *Braveheart*, who led a rebellion against King Edward I of England during the Wars of Scottish Independence. Like his ancestor who

fought courageously and for a cause he wholeheartedly believed in, "Big Foot" Wallace spent decades fighting faithfully for a cause he believed in, the defense of Texas. As a side note, Mr. Speaker, I too have a connection to William Wallace. My family are descendants of the Weems Clan (Wemyss) of Scotland. The Wemysses fought on the side of Robert Bruce and Wallace during the Scottish war of Independence. When the war was over and their side lost, the English crown confiscated much of their inherited land. The Weems Castle still sits on the coast of Scotland.

In 1840, Wallace joined the Texas Rangers and subsequently fought various skirmishes with Texas Indians and Mexicans. Two years later when fighting an invading Mexican Army during the Somervell and Mier expeditions, Wallace was among 150 men captured by Mexican forces. During this time in a Mexican prison 1 in 10 men was to be executed. Their fate was determined by drawing either a white or black bean from a jar. Those who drew the black bean were executed. Luckily, Wallace drew a white bean and was spared, and eventually released. The executions would later become known to all those who study Texas history as the "Black Bean Episode".

His time in the Mexican prison must have furthered his resolve because he once again volunteered to serve with the Texas Rangers and during the Mexican War he served in a company of Mounted Volunteers in the United States Army. Following the Mexican War and through the Civil War, this Loyal Texan once again served with the Texas Rangers fighting to protect the Texas frontier from bandits, Indians, deserters and Union soldiers.

As a testament to his loyal service to Texas, Wallace was given a tract of land in Frio County, in South Texas, where he lived until his death in 1899. He was ultimately buried at the Texas State Cemetery at the feet of Stephen F. Austin. He has become a folk legend for those in Texas and beyond. The words at his final resting place say it all, "Here lies he who spent his manhood defending the homes of Texas. Brave, honest, and faithful."

And that's just the way it is.

SERGEANT OLAN MIKE MANNING

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Olan Mike Manning, an American patriot who exhibits the truest values of selflessness and dedication.

Sergeant Mike Manning of Laurel, Mississippi has devoted 40 years of service to his country in the United States Army and has led the 184th Brigade in both Iraq and Afghanistan. His outstanding service includes retrieval missions in the heat of battle which have been recognized through his NCO leadership positions. His efforts should be revered and are highly recognized with numerous medals and service awards.