

not exhibiting a pulse. For 3–4 minutes I worked with a woman on hand to perform CPR until emergency services could arrive on the scene with a portable defibrillator.

September is Children's Cardiomyopathy Awareness Month. Cardiomyopathy is a chronic disease of the heart muscle that can present in a variety of forms and may, in severe cases, lead to heart failure or sudden death. It is the leading causes of sudden death in young people, and the primary cause of heart transplants in children over the age of one. Knowing your family's history and heart health, and discussing it with your doctor, can help determine whether you or a family member is at risk.

Once again, I applaud events like AED Hunt on the Hill, and all efforts to raise awareness during Children's Cardiomyopathy Awareness Month.

RECOGNIZING MR. JEFFREY C. GREENFIELD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Jeffrey C. "Jeff" Greenfield and to congratulate him on his recent retirement following 29 years of dedicated public service, including 24 years as an elected representative on the Fairfax City Council.

Jeff grew up in Fairfax City. He graduated from Fairfax High School, and earned both his Bachelor of Arts in political science and Master of Public Administration degrees at our very own George Mason University. He began his career in public service in 1989 when he was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Five years later, Jeff was elected to the City Council, a position that he was re-elected to twelve times. By his own estimates, he has attended more than 850 City Council meetings and countless committee, neighborhood, and regional meetings.

My own start in public service came as President of my local citizens association followed by 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the last 5 as Chair. My term taught me many things, but one of the enduring lessons I learned is that local government is truly where the rubber meets the road. It is the local governments that are often tasked with rolling up their sleeves and getting the problem solved. Partisan identification is irrelevant. One of the uniquely rewarding aspects of local government is the ability to leave a physical legacy in your community. Whether it be a crosswalk that you had installed, a traffic calming measure or perhaps even a new building, you can truly say that you made a difference in your community.

In addition to serving on the Fairfax City Council, Jeff has also served as a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments as well as its Policy and Human Service and Public Safety Committees. In each of these roles, he has worked to improve the lives of the residents of Fairfax City and Northern Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, this region is blessed to have a tremendous well of civic engagement and

community spirit present. That spirit is reflected in the service of citizens and elected representatives like Jeff Greenfield. Although he may be retired from the City Council, I am confident that he will continue to be involved in those issues that are important to him and his family. I thank him for his service to our community and thank his wife Lisa and daughter Alexandra for the sacrifices they have made. I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Jeff and his family and in wishing them continued success.

REMEMBERING THE DESEGREGATION OF STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Stratford High School and the Nashville community on the 55th anniversary of the school's desegregation. On that remarkable day, four twelve-year-old girls courageously walked into Stratford High School prepared to change history and open the doors of opportunity for all.

The lessons of Nashville's involvement in the Civil Rights Movement are still teaching us how to build a more perfect union. In a 1960 speech in Nashville, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I came to Nashville not to bring inspiration, but to gain inspiration from the great movement that has taken place in this community." Equal access to quality education, like that provided at Stratford, is vital to growing leaders who will inspire generations to come.

In 1963, just a few days after Dr. King spoke of a dream from the Lincoln Memorial, Bernadine Price [Rabathaly], Beverly Page [Ward], Brenda Harris [Haywood], and Pamela Franklin walked into school and trusted the content of their character. With the help, encouragement, and protection of the school's Assistant Principal, Ronald Webb, the students overcame obstacles that no students should face and helped change our nation forever.

As we reflect on the past, let us remember and thank these heroic individuals for their relentless efforts in making our community a stronger place, and realize we still have a lot of work to do.

HONORING FORMER CONGRESSMAN LEONARD BOSWELL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Congressman Leonard Boswell. I was good friends with Mr. Boswell, he was a fellow Blue Dog and we attended many events together over the years. I had the opportunity to visit his district and saw his passion for serving his constituents.

Mr. Boswell was one of the most highly decorated combat veterans in Congress. He

was in the United States Army for twenty years and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. While in Congress, he was highly regarded for his service to veterans and leaves behind a legacy of commitment to those who have served in uniform. I succeeded him on the Eisenhower Commission, where I was well informed of his great work and dedication.

Mr. Boswell was committed to the principles of fiscal responsibility and good governance. He considered it his duty to ensure that future generations would not be burdened with enormous debt and underfunded social programs.

Not only was Mr. Boswell an outstanding representative for his district, he was also one of the nicest and most unassuming Members with whom I have had the pleasure of serving.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6157, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1071, RECOGNIZING THAT ALLOWING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS THE RIGHT TO VOTE DIMINISHES THE VOTING POWER OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the rule governing debate for H.R. 6157, the "DOD and Labor HHS Appropriations Act for FY 2019."

I must oppose this rule and urge the defeat the previous question, not because we do not support the troops or our children, but because defeating the previous question will enable this House to consider and pass H.R. 6545, the "Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018."

This is an opportunity we do not want to squander.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is a landmark piece of legislation passed in 1994 following the Anita Hill moment that opened our eyes to the then overwhelming problems faced by victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

By passing the VAWA, we can stop the re-victimizing, re-traumatizing and stigmatizing of sexual assault survivors.

Enough is Enough.

Science tells us that trauma severely impacts recall. So let us do our jobs and help them.

Women deserve to be respected, protected and NEVER neglected.

As we all know very clearly, VAWA is set to expire this week and millions of innocent lives are counting on us to get this right and reauthorize VAWA now.

Help women, men and children everywhere throughout our great country that have, are and will suffer at the hands of perpetrators that commit these violent and abusive crimes.

Clearly these victims deserve more than a mere 3 month expedient extension or piecemeal product to combat these challenges of monumental proportion.

What will we say to them?

The current climate of the MeToo movement is a wakeup call to the Nation. Let's not make this a partisan issue, because crimes of violence against anyone must be addressed.

Therefore, when we ignore an extraordinary movement such as the MeToo movement by not reauthorizing a strengthened and improved VAWA that meets today's challenges, then we have failed women.

If we do not defeat this previous question we are telling all of our constituents that rely heavily on VAWA and all of those that care about protecting women, men and children's rights against violence that we do not care.

On July 26, 2018, I introduced H.R. 6545, VAWA 2018, which is a compromise version with modest improvements, because I am committed to passing a bipartisan Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act that is tailored to appeal to Members of Congress across the political spectrum.

We should all be committed to do the same in order to respond to the desperate pleas of our sisters and brothers in dire need of our help.

Colleagues, this is your moment to do the right thing for the right reasons and help bring H.R. 6545 to the floor for a vote.

This has always been a bipartisan effort. Let's not let the current times and background noise sway us away from our pivotal duties. Let's show the American people that we care about victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault and sexual harassment, which I have added in VAWA 2018.

H.R. 6545 has received the support of the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, which is a national collaboration comprising a large and diverse group of national, tribal, state, territorial and local organizations, advocates, and individuals that focuses on the development, passage and implementation of effective public policy to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking ("the four crimes").

These modest, yet vital updates we have made to the existing Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA") are based on the needs identified by direct service providers who work daily with victims and survivors of the four crimes.

H.R. 6545 makes the following improvements and more:

It makes important investments in prevention, a key priority identified not only by people who work with victims and survivors daily, but also by our very own bipartisan Women's Caucus.

It provides resources to implement evidence-based prevention programming, which will make our communities safer and, ultimately, saves taxpayers money.

It also safeguards important protections that ensure all victims and survivors have access to safety and justice and provides a mechanism to hold predators who prey on Native women accountable.

Moreover, it provides law enforcement with new tools to protect their communities.

It offers protections for survivors in federal public, subsidized, and assisted housing.

It supports victims and survivors who need assistance rebuilding financially.

It addresses the needs of underserved communities, and improves the healthcare response to the four crimes.

It closes many of the loopholes found in dating violence.

And in response to the overwhelming victims in the MeToo movement, it adds sexual harassment as part of the applicable crimes of violence.

In short, the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act of 2018 is a narrow bill with a wide impact.

Let's not play politics with people's lives. Let's not short-change them by slashing funding in half. Let's not kick the can down the road while omitting funding. Let's not dismiss their cries and pleas. And certainly, let's not punish them mercifully because #THEY DID NOT REPORT.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018 LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA—PRINCE WILLIAM, INC. AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2018 Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William Inc. awards. Literacy Volunteers of America—Prince William Inc. (LVA—PW) is a local nonprofit organization that has served Prince William County for more than 25 years. Its mission is to improve lives through adult literacy. It trains local volunteers to become tutors then pairs them with adults seeking to improve their literacy or English language skills. LVA—PW offers a range of literacy services including GED classes, computer literacy, citizenship preparedness, English as a second language classes, and more.

Every year LVA—PW hosts an annual meeting and award presentation to honor and share in the achievements of its adult learners and volunteers. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of the following LVA—PW award recipients:

Student of the Year: Bismark Osei. Bismark came to the U.S. from Ghana two years ago. He is a devoted and hardworking family man who came to LVA—PW seeking to better his life and further his education through earning a GED certificate. He joined LVA—PW's GED program one year ago and started taking three classes a week while also working full-time as a security guard. By August 7, 2018, through hard work and perseverance, he earned his GED certificate after only 10 months in the program. He plans to continue furthering his education and career goals by enrolling in college.

Tutor of the Year: Eduardo Lopez. Eduardo has been a volunteer with LVA—PW for more than two years. He serves as both a GED math tutor and basic computer literacy tutor. Since beginning at LVA—PW, he has provided over 350 volunteer hours while also working full-time. His passion, patience and encouragement inspires his students. This year alone, he has helped two students prepare for and pass the GED test. Eduardo is a living example of the impact that a single individual can have on a community.

Patti J. Beattie Volunteer of the Year: Martha Kobliska. Martha has been a volunteer with LVA—PW for more than 11 years. She serves as a tutor, fundraiser, and tutor trainer. As part of the tutor training team, she provides professional level training and certifications to all new tutors. This year alone, she has volunteered in excess of 325 hours to LVA—PW. Martha demonstrates her compassion and commitment to helping others through her positive spirit and willingness to serve whenever called upon.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating each of the LVA—PW award recipients and to thank them for their contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION BLACK CAUCUS OF HEALTH WORKERS

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the American Public Health Association (APHA) Black Caucus of Health Workers on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. This organization, which is the first and oldest caucus of the APHA, was founded during the Association's 1968 annual meeting held in my hometown of Detroit, Michigan.

For 50 years, the APHA Black Caucus of Health Workers has worked diligently to eliminate and reduce gaps in health and health outcomes by improving the quality of life of people of African American descent through advocacy, knowledge, practice and research. They perform valuable work in a field that has an immeasurable impact on the lives of all Americans.

In addition to raising the standard of care across our nation, the Black Caucus of Health Workers works to eliminate institutional racism in their industry, to ensure that minorities in the healthcare industry are receiving equal treatment and a proper quality of life. They also support the future of our workforce by helping African American students complete their studies in public health programs. This essential work has developed a strong community of African American employees in the healthcare industry.

The Caucus continues to move our nation forward every day by improving healthcare delivery and fostering innovation. The Caucus closely monitors developments in the field and provides a crucial forum for communication among African American healthcare workers, so that they can share ideas to improve their work and their entire industry.

On this momentous occasion, I want to congratulate the visionary founders and members of the APHA Black Caucus of Health Workers, as well as APHA's current Executive Director, Dr. Georges Benjamin, and all the leaders of the APHA for their important work. I look forward to their continued work for the health of our nation.