

been a significant contribution to the success of countless staff members and students. For all these reasons and more, she has been selected as the 2018 Okaloosa County School District Educational Support Professional of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Mrs. Karen Carroll for her accomplishments and her continued commitment to excellence at the Okaloosa County School District. I thank her for her service and wish her all the best for continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, I was unable to vote due to my absence. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on Roll Call no. 61, YEA; on Roll Call no. 62, YEA; and on Roll Call no. 63, YEA.

HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Bipartisan Budget Act, H.R. 1892, which will provide much needed federal funding to help Houston and Harris County rebuild from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, reauthorize several critical health programs, and keeps the federal government open through March 23.

Hurricane Harvey's destruction was beyond anything witnessed in living memory in Texas. A record 52 inches of rain fell on Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast, causing catastrophic flooding in our nation's fourth largest city.

Harvey damaged over 300,000 homes and apartments in the City of Houston alone. Statewide, nearly 600,000 homes have been inspected by FEMA for flood or wind damage. Most tragically, 88 Texans lost their lives to Harvey's wrath.

This bipartisan agreement will provide \$89 billion towards disaster recovery and relief for Texas and the other states and territories impacted by hurricanes and wildfires last year.

This includes \$15 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to repair and construction new flood control projects in federal disaster areas. These funds are critical to protect Houston and Harris County from the next major storm event. Our region has been impacted by flooding for three straight years: the 2015 Memorial Day Floods, the 2016 Tax Day Floods, and Hurricane Harvey last August.

Last November, the State of Texas released a report requesting \$36 billion in flood control projects for the Gulf Coast region. This request included critical projects that are necessary to protect our district and Greater Houston from future flooding, including a new

reservoir along Cypress Creek and a coastal barrier to protect Galveston Bay from a catastrophic storm surge.

It is my hope that Congress will provide additional federal funding for flood control projects for Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast when Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) needs to be reauthorized later this year.

One of the greatest accomplishments in the Bipartisan Budget Act is the additional years of funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In January, CHIP received funding for six years. With the enactment of this legislation, an additional 4 years of funding will be added, extending the program on which nearly 400,000 children from my home state of Texas rely on for access to stable and affordable care.

In addition to extending CHIP for a total of 10 years, this legislation also provides 2 years' worth of funding for federally qualified health centers (FQHCs). The Bipartisan Budget Act provided FQHCs with \$3.8 billion for the current year and \$4 billion in FY2019.

Both FQHCs and CHIP have enjoyed bipartisan support for many years. FQHCs have had bipartisan support since the 1960s and CHIP since it was created by Congress in 1997 with my vocal support. Both programs work because they provide individuals with access to needed healthcare services at affordable rates. Funding for both programs ended in September and we came perilously close to losing both programs when the Republicans failed to include funding for either program in previous Continuing Resolution (CRs).

It was not until January that CHIP received funding, but only for a period of 6 years whereas this bipartisan budget agreement extends to a total of 10 years, through FY2027. CHIP is a vital program that many children rely for access to healthcare providers, preventive services and ongoing care which helps to ultimately keep health care costs low as well as keep a greater number of children healthy because they are able to access care before their conditions worsen.

Many of my constituents have written to me expressing concern about the annual Medicare payment limits for outpatient services, also known as therapy caps. I am happy to say that the spending limits were permanently repealed making it easier for individuals receiving therapy services in our community to continue getting the services they need in order to heal, and in many instances remain independent and in the community. Medicare recipients will continue to enjoy the benefits of therapy services whether physical, speech or occupational without fear that such services will end prematurely because they have met or exceeded a certain financial threshold.

Last year, the Senate passed the Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act. This bill made it possible to extend the Independence at Home Demonstration that allows the chronically ill to receive care while in the home without having to move to a long-term care facility. This legislation also expands telehealth beyond current geographical limitations as well as permanently authorizing Special Needs Plans for chronically ill individuals.

The Bipartisan Budget Act will increase Medicare payment for home health providers by 1.5 percent for 2020 and for skilled nursing facilities by 2.4 percent for FY2019.

Today's legislation, unfortunately, does not include provisions to protect beneficiaries of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program and young persons brought into our country without authorization, commonly known as "Dreamers." Our district is home to one of the largest populations of Dreamers in the United States and Texas has the second largest number of DACA beneficiaries in the country. It is critical that Congress act immediately and pass legislation that will protect our young people from losing their work authorization and from possible deportation. I am a proud cosponsor of the DREAM Act, which would codify the protections provided under the DACA Program and deserving Dreamers a pathway to legalization and earned citizenship.

I ask that my colleague join me in support of the thousands of disaster victims across the United States and the millions of children and low income Americans who benefit from affordable health coverage and services provided through CHIP and FQHCs, and vote in support of this important legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of Wednesday, February 7, 2018, I had the honor and privilege of addressing the Southeast Regional Welcome Dinner in connection with this year's National Prayer Breakfast. My arrival at that event was prior to the issuance of notice that votes were about to be held, and I was unfortunately unable to return to the House Chamber before they concluded.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call votes 61, 62, and 63.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MS. CAROLYN MORROW CHENEY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Carolyn Morrow Cheney. Carolyn was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She passed away peacefully on February 8, 2018, surrounded by her family and friends, after a hard fought battle with cancer.

I was so grateful to be able to speak with Carolyn before her passing. In the final moments of her life, she was both generous and kind, and I am extremely thankful for her many years of friendship.

Carolyn started her career in Washington in 1972 as a staffer for Congressman James R. Jones (D-OK), and quickly moved through the ranks, while also juggling the responsibility of being a single mom. From 1976 until 1983, she served on the Commission on Administrative Review, as Chief of Staff to Congressman Fred Richmond (D-NY), and as Staff Director of the Agriculture Subcommittee on Domestic Marketing and Nutrition. Throughout her time

on Capitol Hill, Carolyn made positive contributions to House ethics, food stamp programs, and the 1981 Farm Bill. She was known for her ability to gracefully work “across the aisle.”

After her stint on the Hill, Carolyn was charged with opening Staley Continental’s first Washington office, where she was promoted to VP for Government Affairs, the first female executive in Staley’s 75-year history. Starting in 1991, Carolyn represented the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida and the Domino and C & H refineries. While tirelessly advocating on behalf of the sugar industry and Florida producers, she helped pass five Farms Bills, as well as assisted U.S. officials while they negotiated trade deals.

Carolyn was a founding member of the American Sugar Alliance, where she served as its valued Chair five times. Throughout her tenure representing the sugar industry, she generously gave her time and advice, leaving a lasting impact on numerous careers. Her professional accomplishments led the Sand Springs (OK) Education Foundation to induct her in the Hall of Fame in 2010.

Throughout her lifetime, Carolyn served on the board of the Center for National Policy, the American Sugar Alliance, the Friends of the National Arboretum, and the Board of the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery. Beginning in the 1990s, Carolyn started worshipping at the Christ Church, where she served on the Vestry from 1992 to 2002 as Senior Warden. She also served on and chaired the Finance Committee, volunteered to arrange flowers for the altar, read lessons, and lead prayers of the people.

Carolyn will be remembered for her deep personal friendships, generosity, humor, love of politics, current events, books, fine dining, the Nationals, theater, gardening, music, and her church. Fond memories of her will forever remain with her son, Lance Stephen Cheney, sisters, Mary Morris, Manes, Marty Morrow Morris, and Vicki Morrow Sisney, as well as her grandsons Dale Hay Baker, Tre Conterez and great grandchildren Gunnar and Gabriel Baker.

Mr. Speaker, I was so honored to have known Carolyn and to call her my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and colleagues during this most difficult time. She will be dearly missed.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING LEWIS MANILOW

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I remember and honor the life of Lewis Manilow, who passed away on December 12 of last year.

Lew was born in 1927 to immigrant parents, and adopted from an orphanage as an infant by Chicago real estate developer Nathan Manilow and his wife, Minette. He attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for one year before earning his bachelor’s degree from the University of Chicago and graduating from Harvard Law School in 1951.

A gifted lawyer, Lew began his career as an assistant state’s attorney in Cook County, Illi-

nois. Lew eventually went into private practice, where he assisted in his father’s development of south suburban Park Forest, and ultimately served as president of his father’s company, continuing his legacy of reinvigorating neighborhoods on the south side and south suburbs of Chicago.

From an early age, Lew displayed a passion for the arts, and he devoted much of his adult life to nurturing institutions that made Chicago an international center of culture. In 1956, Lew was part of a group that launched a theater company in the Fine Arts Building, and was the visionary behind the creation of “theater row” in Chicago’s north loop, now home to the Goodman Theater. Lew supported his vision with his generosity, co-chairing the campaign that funded the relocation of the Goodman Theater and personally donating \$1,000,000 to help finance the move.

Lew’s drive to make Chicago one of the world’s cultural capitals did not end with the theater. As one of its founding sponsors, he was a powerhouse supporting the creation of Chicago’s Museum of Contemporary Art, and served as its board president for five years. Lew also donated a number of pieces from his personal collection to the museum, and endowed a curatorship to ensure future generations would continue to enjoy the best of contemporary art at the MCA.

In 2000, Lew’s service to the arts was recognized when he was awarded the prestigious National Medal of Arts by President Bill Clinton.

In addition to his work supporting the cultural institutions of Chicago, Lew somehow found time to be an active participant in the civic life of our state and nation. He devoted his time and energy to organizing committees in three presidential campaigns, and was a regular advisor to the mayors of Chicago and other civic leaders.

Lew’s greatest legacy, however, may be his family. Survived by his very beloved wife Susan, Lew also leaves a loving family of two sons and a daughter, two stepsons, 15 grandchildren and his biological brother (who he met for the first time in 2008 after tracing his roots from orphanage and birth records).

On behalf of all of Lew’s countless friends and associates, I want to say thank you for all that Lew did for the people of Illinois and our country.

Mr. Speaker, I hope we might all keep in our thoughts and prayers the Manilow family and friends as they mourn their loss. In that spirit, I celebrate Lew’s life and the impact he made on the city of Chicago, our country and all he touched with his generosity and care.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for Roll Call No. 51 (H.R. 4547, Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act), Roll Call No. 56 (H.R. 772, Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act), Roll Call No. 61 (H.R. 3851, War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act), and Roll Call No. 62 (H.R. 1997, Ukraine Cybersecurity Cooperation Act). Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on each of these bills.

HONORING MEGHAN VIZZARD

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Meghan Vizzard of Mount Laurel has just been named one of the top honorees in New Jersey by The 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Vizzard is being recognized for founding “Cozies 4 Chemo,” a nonprofit that has led volunteers in creating more than 6,500 blankets for people undergoing cancer treatment.

It’s vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. Vizzard are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 23 years, the program has become the nation’s largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, and has honored more than 120,000 young volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Ms. Vizzard should be extremely proud to have been singled out from the thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year’s program. I heartily applaud Ms. Vizzard for her initiative in seeking to make her community a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today’s world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America’s community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI MARINE FIRST LIEUTENANT (1STLT) WILLIAM JAMES DONNELLY, IV

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of fallen Mississippi Marine First Lieutenant (1stLt) William James Donnelly, IV who gave his life while in service to our nation on November 25, 2010, during Operation Enduring Freedom. 1stLt Donnelly