

Jonah has worked diligently to promote excellence in academics and character in her students and she has made a positive influence in the lives of all the students she has taught. I join the people of Guam in congratulating Jonah on this prestigious accomplishment being named the 2018 Guam Department of Education Teacher of the Year. I commend Jonah for her years of service and look forward to many more contributions to our island and nation.

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Stroke Awareness Month celebrated in May of each year.

Mr. Speaker, every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. has a stroke.

In fact, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, killing nearly 430,000 Americans every year.

Yet, by making simple lifestyle changes, according to the National Stroke Association 80 percent of all strokes are preventable.

Unfortunately, many wait until it is too late: I know, because I had a stroke when I was 49 years old.

Since that fateful day and a year of rehabilitation, I have worked hard to increase awareness alongside the American Heart Association, National Stroke Association, Women's Heart Alliance and many others.

However, we can and must do more.

That is why, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition, I urge my colleagues to join me in raising greater awareness of stroke by cosponsoring my resolution, H. Res. 337.

Together we can combat this devastating illness and help find long-term solutions to better prevent, treat, and improve the lives of Americans and their families affected by stroke.

I thank my colleagues for passing the FAST Act in the Omnibus, because it expands access to telehealth-eligible stroke services under the Medicare program.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of my amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2019, which would require the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy to define and track Procurement Administrative Lead Time (PALT).

PALT is the amount of time between when a solicitation or task order is issued and when a contract or task order is awarded.

A similar requirement for the Department of Defense was enacted as part of the FY2018 National Defense Authorization Act.

I commend the Department for acting quickly to establish a definition of PALT and a way to track it in the Federal Procurement Data System with minimal additional effort from contract officers.

This requirement should be expanded government-wide with relative ease.

Such tracking will help federal agencies ensure they are soliciting and acquiring goods and services in an efficient manner and help Congressional overseers identify agencies that are underperforming in this area.

I thank Chairman THORNBERRY and Ranking Member SMITH for working with me on this amendment.

SHARING STUDENTS' 'MARCH FOR OUR LIVES' REMARKS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, I came to the Floor and spoke about the March For Our Lives on March 24 and the nine extraordinarily poised students in Morristown, New Jersey, who spoke at the rally there, which I attended. I include in the RECORD remarks by Danilo Lopez. I hope my colleagues will read them and internalize the sense of fear in which our nation's students are living every day—and our responsibility as Members of Congress to do something to address this crisis of gun violence.

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES' REMARKS BY DANILLO LOPEZ

Hello, my name is Danilo Lopez, and I am a junior at Dover High School. I would now like to read a list of those who lost their lives in the terrible shooting in Parkland, Florida, February 14, 2018: Alyssa Alhadeff; Scott Beigel; Martin Duque Anguiano; Nicholas Dworet; Aaron Feis; Jaime Guttenberg; Chris Hixon; Luke Hoyer; Cara Loughran; Gina Montalto; Joaquin Oliver; Alaina Petty; Meadow Pollack; Helena Ramsay; Alex Schachter; Carmen Schentrup; and Peter Wang.

Let us hope and pray that they are in a better place, and we will always remember. To honor the victims, I would now like us to all have a moment of silence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I had an unavoidable family commitment and so I missed Roll Call vote number 207 regarding the "Servicemembers Improved Transition through Reforms for Ensuring Progress Act (H.R. 4830)." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call vote number 208 regarding the "Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of

2018 (H.R. 4451)." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call vote number 209 regarding the "Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act (H.R. 3832)." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF SISTER M. MAURICE WODARSKI, OSF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, on this Memorial Day weekend, I rise to remember the life of Sister M. Maurice Wodarski, a dedicated servant of the Franciscan Order of Sylvania, Ohio. Of proud Polish/American heritage, she left us for God's grace this past January. Throughout her blessed life, she tended souls so faithfully, generously, and jovially. The sparkle in her eyes revealed a loving heart. And her crisply ironed beige habit with veil alerted you: this was a woman of serious purpose. Sr. Maurice was on a mission and she had no time to waste.

Having entered the convent from Nativity Parish in Toledo, OH in 1951, Sister Maurice lived her vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a dedicated woman of faith and service who ministered for over six decades indefatigably to the young, young at heart, the home bound, those in nursing homes, and veterans. For 35 years she taught the young minds of students in Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Maryland. She took great pride in teaching math, even helping other teachers decorate their bulletin boards, and instructing altar boys on Mass.

Sister Maurice had a gift for helping the elderly. After teaching, she began working on the ministry of care for Rosary Hall at St. Vincent Medical Center in Cleveland, OH for the elder Sisters, and then later at the new Franciscan Nursing Care Center in Sylvania, Ohio. She had trained as a home health aide, and went on to care for the elderly individually in their homes for over two decades. She brought joy and compassion. And she worked very hard.

A fierce and devoted advocate for veterans, Sister Maurice sought to honor her Korean War Veteran brothers who served in the Marines through her own service. She volunteered at the Toledo Community Veterans Outpatient Clinic, served as Chaplain for the Przybylski Post 642, and was a State Officer of the Ohio Chaplains. She received accolades for her veterans' work and was awarded the Volunteer of the Month in the VA's 2014 newsletter and the St. Agnes Medal from the National Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary. The St. Agnes Medal is the highest national honor a CWVA member can attain.

On June 1, 2018, I will attend a tree planting in honor of our late Sister at the Veterans Clinic in Toledo. I could not think of a more appropriate setting, as her memory will live on inspiring and comforting the veterans she cared for and appreciated. Please allow me to share a favorite memory recalling the sunny day when ground was first broken to build the new clinic. Photos were being arranged for those present and we soon realized Sister

Maurice was not to be found. Hurriedly, I rushed behind the stage and scaffolding to see if we could locate her and sure enough, I spotted Sister Maurice on her knees planting holy medals in the soil around the perimeter of what was to be the future new Veterans Clinic. That describes Sister Maurice. In her own words, "I've always had a big heart for the veterans, watching them come home crippled and with health problems. I am happy that we are able to help them at the VA Clinic." I hope the tree will also serve as a reminder of the sacrifices our veterans give that fosters the altruistic support of such remarkable individuals as Sister Maurice.

Sister Maurice's work and spirit will live on through her chosen Order—the Sisters of Saint Francis of Sylvania whom she loved. She will be fondly remembered and dearly missed for her dedication to God, service, and fellow men and women. Our country surely owes her a debt of gratitude.

The hallmark of a public servant is to leave the world a better place for humanity after you leave it. Sister Maurice Wodarski fulfilled her mission. May God bless her and keep her in celestial comfort and joy.

RECOGNIZING MARION COLEMAN

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marion Coleman in honor of her being named a National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellow for her work as a traditional African-American quilter.

Marion first learned to sew from her grandmother and her great aunts in her home state of Texas. The love of quilting she garnered from her family inspired her to pass the quilting tradition down to the next generation through teaching. She began making quilts professionally in 2002 with her piece York in the Corp of Discovery, a quilt about the only African-American in the Lewis and Clark expedition. She went on to receive awards for her pieces, Neighborhood Watch and Ruby Bridges. These pieces all evoked narratives of the African-American experience.

Her professional career has taken her throughout the United States and around the world. In 2012, she was a guest artist at Quilt Week in Yokohama, Japan, and in 2013, her work was exhibited in the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem through the Art in Embassies Program. In 2016, her work was added to the Nelson Mandela Gateway Museum in Cape Town, South Africa.

While Coleman's narrative quilt work has received national and international acclaim, she has been committed to helping her local community. Marion regularly spends time volunteering with local female detainees, and in 2008 she started the Minerva Project with the Alameda County Arts Commission. Through this project, Coleman taught female youth detainees how to quilt, and she led them in a creative exercise that emphasized the qualities of courage, strength and wisdom.

The National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship is the nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts, it is

only fitting, then, that Marion Coleman is one of nine fellows selected this year, joining the ranks of former honorees such as B.B. King and Mavis Staples.

Marion Coleman has made an indelible mark on the quilting and fiber folk arts community. Her extensive body of work, and her commitment to education throughout the community is well deserving of the National Heritage Fellowship Award. I am honored to represent Marion Coleman, and I am grateful for her numerous contributions to the East Bay.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5515, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019. This bipartisan bill gives our troops a well-deserved pay raise and makes important investments in our national defense that will keep our country safe and strong.

I thank Chairman THORNBERRY and Ranking Member SMITH for their leadership on this important legislation, and for their support in including all four of my amendments, as part of the en bloc amendments, in this bipartisan bill.

Terrorists like Islamic State present a clear threat to our country and to our allies. As ISIS loses territory in Iraq and Syria, its strategies to obtain funding and spread violence evolve. My first amendment ensures we develop strategies to counter ISIS financing as the terrorist group, its affiliates, and their sources of revenue change. It requires the Secretaries of Defense, State, and Treasury to provide a joint report to Congress on the current and future funding mechanisms of the Islamic State and its affiliates, and what the U.S. is doing to stop them. I thank Congressman FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania and Congressman BUDD of North Carolina for working across the aisle with me on this commonsense solution. The safety and security of Arizona families continues to be my top priority.

My second amendment is the latest in a series of actions I've taken to ensure Arizona has the resources it needs for wildfire season. My amendment formally acknowledges the dangers that wildfires pose to our security and requires the Department of Defense to consider how their assets—including air support—could complement the efforts of federal fire-fighting agencies in tackling the toughest, most dangerous fires. Arizonans know that when a wildfire is out of control, it's all hands on deck. My amendment directs government to do the same.

We owe a great debt to the men and woman who serve in our military, and it is critical that we support their transitions from military to civilian life. My third amendment helps

servicemembers transition successfully to civilian life by ensuring they receive quality financial literacy training prior to separation. When servicemembers go through the Transition Assistance Program, they learn about their earned benefits and ways to obtain jobs, healthcare, education, and housing. Financial literacy training will enable servicemembers to better utilize these benefits and the educational and career training available to them now and into the future. I thank Congressman HOLLINGSWORTH of Indiana for working with me to ensure our troops are prepared to succeed in civilian life and achieve the American Dream.

My fourth amendment helps address a technological vulnerability for both the public and private sectors. Government-owned mobile devices, including those owned by the Department of Defense, are targets for data breaches and hacking. It is important that we develop technologies that secure these types of devices and protect our information. My amendment requires the Department of Defense to brief Congress on certain threats to mobile devices and what actions the Department will take to prevent mobile device data breaches and hacks. I thank my fellow Arizonans, Congressmen BIGGS and GALLEGO for working with me to safeguard our national security.

RECOGNIZING LEVY COUNTY SCHOOL EDUCATORS ON THEIR RETIREMENT

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brad and Sue Penney, and congratulate them on retiring after 30 years of service to the Levy County School system. Brad and Sue both began their careers at Cedar Key School in 1988, the very school that they are retiring from on May 31st. They have led a life of service to Levy County and represent the best of America.

Sue spent her career instilling a love of books and reading in students in the library and media center. She also served as a substitute teacher, assisting teachers and students of all ages. She went above and beyond for her students over the years, serving as a class and club sponsor, track coach, and cheerleading coach. She received ESP of the Year for the second time this year.

Brad began his career as the janitor, moving into the roles of physical education teacher, and computer lab specialist. He then went back to school to earn his teaching degree; going on to teach history, social sciences, and Spanish. Throughout his time in education, he also served as the track and basketball coach, as well as Athletic Director and Assistant Principal. He was awarded Teacher of the Year, as well as Teacher of the District in 2006–2007.

Brad and Sue have 4 daughters, all of whom graduated from the same school where they teach.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Sue and Brad Penney on their retirement and thanking them for their dedication to enriching the lives of students across the Second District of Florida.