

wealthiest counties in the entire United States, it can be easy to think such issues do not concern us or that our community does not have those kinds of problems. We must not allow our economic success and prosperity to blind us to the very real fact that the benefits of a truly just and equal society are not fully enjoyed by all members of our community. The work to build a fair society goes on and I will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with the NAACP in that work.

As we commemorate and celebrate Black History Month, let us remain vigilant in our efforts and uncompromising in our belief that as Dr. King once said, "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in continuing this march towards equality and justice. I congratulate the Fairfax County NAACP and the Tinner Hill Foundation on the occasion of their anniversaries and extend my deepest respect and appreciation for their efforts on behalf of all in our community.

HOW MANY MORE LIVES? GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to appeal to my colleagues once again to take a stand against gun violence in this country. We cannot continue to refuse to protect our children and our communities and seniors. It is time for the Members of this House to come together and simply do what is right.

I believe in the Constitution. I believe in the 2nd Amendment. I have taken an oath to protect and defend both. I believe Americans have a right to defend themselves.

But, the Constitution does not guarantee citizens the right to carry weapons of war. It doesn't guarantee any of us the right to have and use a magazine that will shoot 100 bullets in less than 30 seconds. Those who say the 2nd Amendment provides those guarantees are not only wrong, but they ignore the rights of our children and communities to be free of fear in school, at worship, at concerts and in restaurants.

The 2nd Amendment doesn't give anyone the right to make our children afraid to leave the house. I have the right to walk out of my house without fear that I might be shot. The 17 students, teachers and staff who lost their lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida had the right to go to school and work that fateful morning and not expect to be shot.

The parents and families of the 8 students and 2 teachers killed at Santa Fe High School had the right to expect their sons, daughters, and mothers to come home the night of May 18th. And, let me remind you of the Waffle House Shooting near Nashville last month, the Las Vegas shooting, Orlando Pulse Night Club shooting, and the Sutherland Springs church shooting, all within the last two years. We cannot keep offering people our thoughts and prayers without doing something. "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:17)

Let us show the White House, the National Rifle Association and anyone else who wants

to put guns before the safety of our people, especially our children, that we still have a backbone. Democrats and Republicans can still stand with the hundreds of thousands of students who took to the streets of America in March. They demanded accountability from legislators for the lives lost and gun reform policies to save lives in the future. Now let's stand for them.

This is not a mental health issue as the White House and NRA suggests. This is, without question, a safety issue. I stood before the House of Representatives in February of this year and I will repeat what I said then. Republicans cannot claim that mental illness is to blame, while simultaneously cutting funding for mental health treatment, undermining Americans' health insurance, and stripping schools of the resources needed to employ a guidance counselor, social worker or more teachers to reduce class sizes and give children more individual attention.

What will it take for us to get angry? How many more have to die before we act? Martin Luther King said, "There comes a time when silence is betrayal." Let us not turn our backs on our young people, families and communities across this nation looking to us to pass common sense legislation.

CONGRATULATING JOHN R. NIEMIEC ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend John Niemiec, and to congratulate him on his retirement from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. A 32-year veteran of the Department, John retired in February 2018, having earned the rank of Captain II.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, John is an avid fan of all Pittsburgh professional sports teams, but perhaps none more so than his beloved Steelers. In fact, John's entire recreation room in his home is a shrine-like tribute to the Black and Gold. He often travels back to Pittsburgh so that he can watch his favorite team play, perhaps with an icy Iron City in one hand and a Terrible Towel in the other.

John relocated to Northern Virginia and joined the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in 1986 after working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. In addition to his service with the Department, John was also a dedicated member of the Fairfax County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics, Local 2068. He served for 17 years on the local Executive Board, including 4 years as Vice-President and over 10 years as President. John also served his fellow firefighters as a Pension Trustee for 12 years. During this time, he was also a member of the Executive Board of the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems.

I was proud to partner with John to ensure that our public safety personnel and first responders received the highest level of support possible from our county government during my time as a Member and Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. One of the projects of which I am proudest is the creation of the Public Safety Occupational Health

Center, which we dedicated at the Fairfax County Public Safety Headquarters last month. John was instrumental in this project and was pivotal in its successful completion.

However, out of all the positions he has held, including Captain, President, and Trustee, the title that gives him the most joy is "Dad." As a single parent, John raised two wonderful daughters, and has taught them by example how to embrace the values of honesty, integrity, respect, and dedication to serving others. John truly represents these values, many of which are shared by his professional colleagues and make our Fairfax County first responders the standard against which all others are judged.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking my friend John Niemiec for his dedication and service to our community and in congratulating him on his retirement. While he may be retiring from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, he will continue to advocate on behalf of firefighters and paramedics in his new role of State Policy and Legislative Representative for the International Association of Firefighters. I am sure that he will bring the same passion and determination to this new position that he has brought to all of his previous endeavors. It has been my distinct honor and privilege to work with him throughout our shared career in public service, and I wish him all the best and continued success.

TRICKETT WENDLER, FRANK MONGIELLO, JORDAN MCLINN, AND MATTHEW BELLINA RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I once again rise in opposition to the Senate version of the Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act of 2017.

The third time is not the charm. The House version of this bill was defeated when it was brought up under suspension and a week later it was forced through on a party line vote.

This bill is dangerous. It will put the most vulnerable patients' lives at risk by using products that have not been tested for efficacy. It also takes unprecedented steps to undermine the role of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the authorization of investigational use, or right-to-try drugs. It's worse than the House version and FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb expressed his concerns about this bill during a Health Subcommittee hearing in October, 2017.

This bill once again does not address the true barrier to investigational use drugs—the manufacturer. It does not compel manufacturers to provide investigational use products to patients or physicians. The manufacturer often is justified in not providing investigational use drugs to patients due to production and manufacturing limitations, or because the manufacturer determines that a patient is not an appropriate candidate for their drug. Nothing in this bill corrects the barriers of the current system or makes it more feasible for manufacturers to

provide investigational use drugs to patients or physicians. It simply creates a new system without the any oversight or approval of the FDA that plays an important role in authorizing the use of right-to-try-products.

Patients trust that the products they receive will not cause more harm than good and that they offer some promise of relief and hope. This bill creates an alternative pathway for the most vulnerable patients in our country to access drugs that have not been approved for safety or efficacy outside the FDA's existing protocols.

In this bill the definition of patient is so broad that it allows for a large patient population to access unapproved products, putting a greater number of patients at risk of harm of using products that have not been tested for efficacy.

This bill allows any physician to come up with their own informed consent form which does not have to meet legal standards. Our sickest patients should not have to worry about what they're signing when they're desperate to access a treatment they hope can save their lives.

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I regret that my Committee was not given the opportunity to improve this bill. We did not consider this bill under regular order where my concerns and those of others could have been addressed and the legislation could have been strengthened.

This legislation should be rejected for the risks it poses to patient safety, the false hope it gives patients, and the poor process it underwent.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MANTECH INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize ManTech International Corporation on its 50th anniversary. This incredible milestone is a testament to the spirit of the leadership and employees of this great company. In 1968, what was then called Management Technologies received a contract from the U.S. Navy to develop sophisticated wargaming simulations to assist in developing plans for containing and defeating the Soviet fleet should the Cold War turn hot. Thankfully, these simulations never became reality. However, this contract was the beginning of a journey of growth that would lead this company from its humble beginnings of one office and sixteen employees to dozens of offices across the United States and 7,600 employees around the world.

ManTech's motto continues to be "Securing the Future", and over the years they have developed numerous ways to accomplish this goal. Since that original wargaming simulation contract 50 years ago, ManTech has expanded its digital portfolio to become a leading provider of Cybersecurity, Enterprise IT, Data Collection and Analytics, and Systems and

Software Engineering. Today, ManTech provides services to almost every sector of the federal government, including the Departments of Defense, State, Energy, Justice, Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs, as well as the Intelligence Community, and all branches of the Armed Forces and the space community, to name a few.

However, ManTech's client base is not limited solely to the federal government. Through its emerging Commercial Services business unit, ManTech looks to leverage the same connections and expertise which have allowed it to deliver so much success to its federal clients to deliver the same success to the private and commercial sectors as well.

ManTech's efforts have borne significant results and accolades. In FY2017, ManTech posted an annual revenue of \$1.72 billion, and received contract awards in excess of \$4.2 billion, almost half consisting of new business. Thompson-Reuters named ManTech one of the Top 100 Global Technology Companies. Perhaps most impressively Monster.com rated ManTech as the "Number 1 Company for Veterans". This should perhaps come as no surprise since 47 percent of ManTech employees are veterans.

In Northern Virginia, we have a strong ethos of giving back to our community and in making the investments in our population necessary to provide a great quality of life. ManTech fits in well with this tradition by their own commitment to workforce development. From creating college-accredited certification programs to partnering with universities to provide additional paths for career advancement, ManTech recognizes, as we do in Northern Virginia, that its greatest resource is its employees. I am proud to represent ManTech and its employees in Congress and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on this momentous anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EVA SCHLOSS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eva Geiringer Schloss, who lives such an inspiring life as a Holocaust survivor of Auschwitz. Ms. Schloss is the stepsister and good friend of Anne Frank, who perished in the Holocaust.

Ms. Eva Geiringer Schloss was born in 1929. She studied art history at the University of Amsterdam and went on to become an accomplished author detailing the experiences of her family. Mrs. Schloss is also the co-founder of the Anne Frank Trust UK, and recorded virtual reality answers to numerous questions for museums everywhere in the world ensuring we never forget those tragic events. Mrs. Schloss is an inspiration to all of us in remembering the Holocaust and honoring the lives of those lost.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Eva Schloss that I am especially proud to serve in Congress. Mr. Speaker, I would like

to again formally honor Ms. Eva Schloss today as an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 STARS OVER DULLES AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce for its ongoing dedication to local businesses and our community and to congratulate the 2017 "Stars Over Dulles" Award recipients.

This year, at the 22nd Annual Stars Over Dulles Awards Luncheon, the Chamber will honor those extraordinary businesses, non-profit organizations, and citizens who have dedicated their talents and activities to enhancing our economy and our community.

As the former Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and now as a Member of Congress representing this community, I have been proud to partner with the Chamber on promoting the region's pro-business climate, and celebrating the service so many individuals and businesses provide to our community.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following recipients of the 2017 Stars Over Dulles Awards.

Transportation Leader: Paul J. Wiedefeld, WMATA General Manager and CEO

Workforce Leader: Madhu Garlanka, CEO, Software Products, Allyn Corporation

Bank Leader: MainStreet Bank

Hospitality Leader: Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles

Small Business Leader: Jay Johnson, CEO, Five Minute Productions

Business Leader: Geoffrey Lawson, VP & GM, National Conference Center

Innovation Leader: Praduman Jain, CEO, Vibrant Health

Arts Leader: Laura Readyoff, Owner, The Music Loft LLC

Distinguished Veteran: Jim Kuiken, K9s for Warriors

Nonprofit Leader: Children's Science Center Corporate Social Responsibility: John Sekas, Sekas Homes LLC

New Chamber Member: Mustang Sally Brewing Company

First Responder of the Year: Loudoun County Sheriff's Office

Chairman's Lifetime Achievement Award: Art Anselene, Town of Herndon (Retired)

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2017 Stars Over Dulles Award recipients and in thanking these businesses and individuals for their many contributions to our region's economic success and quality of life. Their efforts are among the many reasons why Northern Virginia remains one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, raise a family, and start a business. I commend them on receiving these awards and wish them continued success.