

To Cathey's family and friends, her quick action was not a surprise, because it wasn't the first time she comforted a stranger in distress.

I thank Cathey for her willingness to help others around her everywhere she goes. Please join me in recognizing Cathey Anderson for receiving this prestigious award.

PERIPHERAL ARTERY DISEASE PATIENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PAULSEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, thousands of unnecessary amputations are conducted each and every year as a treatment for those who have peripheral artery disease.

PAD patients suffer from poor blood circulation, which often results in amputation, higher mortality rates, and the other complications that come with it. It doesn't have to be this way.

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Minnesota is the epicenter for groundbreaking innovation in new PAD treatments. Dr. Osama Ibrahim of Minneapolis' North Memorial Hospital is helping spread the word about revascularizations instead of amputations. The University of Minnesota and the Mayo Clinic are also at the forefront of these new procedures.

I am working now with Congressman DONALD PAYNE to raise PAD awareness, increase screening for at-risk patients, and improve access to care to different therapies so patients don't have to undergo unnecessary amputations. This means better healthcare outcomes, as well as a higher quality of life for thousands of Americans coping with PAD every year.

SUPPORT THE AMERICAN INNOVATION ACT

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I speak in favor of H.R. 6756, the American Innovation Act, which will spur innovation by helping startups survive the first few years of their existence and access the capital they need to grow and expand.

This bill also includes a key provision that I authored to help entrepreneurs not only survive, but thrive. Entrepreneurs and startups are a key source of innovation and job creation, particularly in Minnesota.

But the tax code today puts them at a disadvantage. It makes it harder for them to access new capital, and it disadvantages them as they struggle through the hardest part of their existence, which is the very first few years of profitability. This bill changes that. It brings tax regulations for governing startups now into the 21st century so that entrepreneurs and capital intensive sectors, like medical devices, can make the necessary investments in research, development, and manufacturing to grow and hire more people.

Ultimately, this means more jobs and more flexibility for Minnesota entre-

preneurs to not just come up with the next big idea, but to actually make it a reality. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation.

SUPPORT THE FAMILY SAVINGS ACT

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6757, the Family Savings Act, which includes a provision that I authored that improves 529 college savings plans.

Now, we all know that 529 college savings plans are a popular saving tool to help families save for college costs tax free. But today, student loan payments are not a qualified expense. Withdrawing any funds from the 529 for any other reason results in those funds being taxed as ordinary income, as well as a 10 percent penalty.

That is why I authored legislation to solve and address this problem, and it was included in the Family Savings Act. By expanding the list of 529 qualified expenses to also include student loan payments, this will allow a 529 savings plan to be used to pay up to \$10,000 in student loans. It will certainly help make it easier now to pay off loans and mitigate the anxiety that comes for a new graduate who is starting a career.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ADOLF "WES" WESSELHOEFT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. ABRAHAM) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible life of Lieutenant Colonel Adolf "Wes" Wesselhoeft, who, as a child, was one of 11,000 German-Americans placed in internment camps during World War II. You see his picture to my left.

Wes was born to German immigrants in Chicago in 1936. When he was seven, his family packed what few things they could and were taken to Crystal City, Texas, to a detainment camp built there for German, Japanese, and Italian immigrants.

Just a year later, in 1944, his family packed up once again and was sent to New York City to board the M.S. *Gripsholm*. The M.S. *Gripsholm* headed to Portugal where the Wesselhoeft family and 633 other German expatriates and repatriates were exchanged for American prisoners of war and then sent back to Germany.

Once back in Germany, Wes and his family lived in the town of Hamburg with his grandparents. Unfortunately, Hamburg was the center of Allied bombings during World War II. Wes has vivid memories from the bombings, seeking shelter in bunkers with his family. Despite those experiences, Wes remained a true American patriot, and he was committed to coming back home to the United States of America.

After the war ended, Wes and his family moved to Konstanz where he finished school and worked manual labor jobs to save money for a return

to America. He stayed in touch with the American consulate in Stuttgart, riding his bike 2 days each way to meet with them until finally in 1958 the consulate informed him he could return home. He bought the cheapest passage to the United States.

Upon arriving in New York, he went straight to a recruiting office to enlist in the United States Air Force. Wes served 22 years in the Air Force and flew EC-121Rs and B-52s during the Vietnam war. During his service, he was exposed to Agent Orange. He is now legally blind.

Wes and his wife, Shirley, now live in Ruston, Louisiana, where I proudly represent them in Congress. Wes represents the best of America, a patriot who never gave up on his country. His service to his country, as well as the horrors he and his family suffered in Germany, will never be forgotten. America is better because of people like Wes, those willing to give up everything to serve the American cause.

THERE IS A CRISIS BREWING IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, there is a crisis brewing in America. Two-and-a-half million workers face the challenge of losing their pension through no fault of their own. These are the folks who get up every single day, they work hard, they play by the rules, and all they want is a fair shake, some decent healthcare, and the retirement that they earned and that they paid for.

One of these people is Ed Barker, III, from Youngstown, Ohio. He worked for 45 years driving a truck. He worked 60 to 70 hours a week, 6 to 7 days a week. He now faces a 50 percent cut in his pension. He missed baseball games, he missed birthdays, and he missed family events because he was driving a truck with the promise that at the end of his career there would be a solid pension.

Now he and his wife are taking care of their 96-year-old father, they try to baby-sit for their kids when they get deployed and try to help out with the grandkids, and they try to help their kid through grad school to make a better life, all based on the promises they were given. But now they face the horrendous situation where they may lose half of their pension, cuts to healthcare, and all the rest that come with that. They did nothing wrong.

Yes, this is going to cost money. But let me share with the American people, and remind some of my colleagues, that we had no problem in this Congress giving a \$142 billion bailout to Bank of America, \$280 billion to Citigroup, \$25 billion to the auto industry, \$180 billion to AIG, \$400 billion to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, \$30 billion to Bear Stearns, \$18 billion to the airline industry, and \$300 billion to the savings and loans.

Mr. Speaker, if we can bail out corporations that have done everything wrong, we can bail out the workers who have done everything right.

RECOGNIZING R.J. LEONARD FOUNDATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a nonprofit organization in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that actively seeks to improve the lives of disadvantaged youth in our community.

The R.J. Leonard Foundation, based in Doylestown, was founded in 2008 to assist adolescents who transition out of the foster care system once they turn 18. Oftentimes, many of these young people lack the resources they need to live self-sufficient lives once they have aged out of the system.

That is where the R.J. Leonard Foundation comes in, awarding young adults fellowships that provide individualized grants to further their education or career. These grants assist not only with books and tuition costs, but also provide transportation support and social and cultural enrichment opportunities. To provide stability and encouragement, each fellow is matched with a mentor who provides support and guidance.

I am proud of the work that the R.J. Leonard Foundation does for our community, and thank them for their 10 years of service to our community. I also commend founder Jo Leonard and executive director Caitlin Deppeler for their outstanding leadership.

RECOGNIZING TOM BUZBY

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, whose decades of service to our community were recently honored with a meaningful tribute.

Tom Buzby, who served the people of Hilltown Township for 46½ years, most recently as director of public works, retired earlier this year. Whether plowing the roads in winter or mowing the grass in the summer, Tom spent his career improving and beautifying our community's infrastructure and recreational facilities.

Tom's over four decades on the job touched countless families in Bucks County. To show their appreciation, township officials recently named the baseball field at Civil Park the Thomas A. Buzby Baseball Field. This worthy dedication was officially unveiled on September 12.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Tom for his years of service to Hilltown Township and our entire community. I also want to recognize township supervisor Ken Bennington and township manager Lorraine Leslie for their work as well. I wish Tom all the best in his retirement and his successor, Thomas Hess, success in his new role.

RECOGNIZING JEANNE LAKAWITZ

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who has dedicated her career to the safety and well-being of our community's children.

Pennsbury School District Transportation Director Charlie Williams recently named Jeanne Lakawitz as the Pennsbury 2018 School Bus Driver of the Year. For the past 14 years, Jeanne has transported students to area schools, including Pennsbury High School, Penn Wood Middle School, William Penn Middle School, and Quarry Hill Elementary School. During this time, she cultivated strong and inspirational relationships with her students and their families. Jeanne says she treats all children on her bus as if they are her own, a statement that I think puts into context her dedication to the job.

Her job driving does not stop with Pennsbury. In the summer, she also transports summer campers who participate in programs at the Lower Bucks Family YMCA, assisting our community's families.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Jeanne on this much deserved recognition. I also thank Charlie Williams for his dedication to transportation safety in our community in Bucks County.

CHILDHOOD CANCER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. KUSTOFF) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of families and children everywhere who have been affected by childhood cancer.

This month, September, is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. As I think about the meaning behind this month, I realize that childhood cancer has had a significant impact on my district in west Tennessee.

According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization, more than 15,000 children under the age of 21 are diagnosed with cancer each year. It is heartbreaking that any family must endure the pain caused by childhood cancer.

Thanks to the countless efforts by doctors, nurses, and researchers, the childhood cancer survival rate has now reached over 80 percent.

Back home, we are fortunate to have state-of-the-art facilities dedicated to childhood cancer research with personnel working each and every day to see that our children are receiving the best possible care.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis provides top-notch cancer treatment to nearly 7,500 patients from all over the world each year.

From medical personnel to volunteers to families sharing their testimonies, my area is filled with many who have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of an end to childhood cancer.

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Now, here in Congress, I have supported numerous initiatives to fight so that all children have a chance of survival. Most recently, I cosponsored and voted for the Childhood Cancer STAR Act, which was signed into law by President Trump this past summer.

The great Danny Thomas, the founder of St. Jude, believed that no child should die in the dawn of life. We have come so far to increase the odds of survival and recovery. But we won't stop there. I feel fortunate knowing that each day we are one step closer to finding cures and ensuring that every child has the chance to live.

RECOGNIZING 2018 ANGELS IN ADOPTION HONOREE KRISTIN HILL TAYLOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kristin Hill Taylor, who recently received recognition as a 2018 Angels in Adoption Honoree and whom I am honored to have with me in the gallery today. This is the second time I have had the privilege of nominating a deserving individual for their outstanding work in the adoption community.

Kristin is a resident of Murray, Kentucky, along with her husband, Greg, and their three children they adopted as newborns—Cate in 2007, Ben in 2009, and Rachel in 2015.

A compassionate adoptive mother, Kristin is an advocate for the adoption community and has created a great platform for sharing stories about adoption, family, and faith on her blog, kristinhilltaylor.com. She also self-published her family's story in a book entitled: "Peace in the Process: How Adoption Built My Faith & My Family."

Kristin's advocacy and platform for story sharing have helped grow and empower many members of the adoption community both near and far. We have an active adoption and foster community in the district of Kentucky which I represent, and I am proud to recognize adoptive families and individuals like Kristin who pave the way for countless folks in the adoption community.

On behalf of the First District of Kentucky, I congratulate Kristin on all she does for children in need of loving homes and for families who want to grow through the adoption process.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from references to occupants of the gallery.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring one of our rich