

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S 12-YEAR-OLD SABINE RIVERA ADVOCATES FOR MORE DIABETES RESEARCH FUNDING

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sabine Rivera, a 12-year-old from Southwest Florida who is doing important work to advocate for more diabetes research funding. She and more than 100 other children have traveled to Washington with the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation to ask that members of Congress renew the special diabetes program.

Sabine has type 1 diabetes and relies on insulin in her day-to-day life. As the price of insulin continues to rise drastically, some Americans are being forced to ration their doses, which is dangerous and potentially deadly. Last summer, Sabine's family was paying \$450 a month for insulin.

This is why Sabine advocates for herself and other diabetes patients. She is working hard to convince legislators to fund more diabetes research and to hopefully find a cure. In 30 years, more than 5 million Americans are expected to have type 1 diabetes, so decreasing the cost of insulin and working to find a cure is an important issue for a growing portion of America's citizens.

I am grateful for Sabine and her passion to fight for diabetes patients across the nation. I am proud to have her as a member of our Southwest Florida community and look forward to her bright future.

MEDICAL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

HON. KIM SCHRIER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHRIER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Medical Women's International Association (MWIA), one of the oldest international professional organizations, representing women doctors worldwide.

In 1919 New York City, American physician, Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy, along with international colleagues from 16 nations, founded MWIA and became its first President. Over the century, MWIA has grown to encompass over 80 countries as either national associations, like the American Medical Women's Association, or as individual members.

One hundred years ago, there were very few women in the medical field. Organizations like MWIA provided support for women in medicine and more importantly provided a community for them to share medical knowledge as well as promote collegiality around the world. At the time of MWIA's founding, a major challenge for women was the accessibility of medical education. Fortunately, this obstacle has been overcome in many nations. The sacrifice of these earlier trailblazing doctors helped pave the way for future ones like me.

Yet the number of women in senior leadership positions shows that the work of MWIA is

far from over. By investing in women physicians, MWIA provides the network and support system to mentor and advocate for future leaders in the medical field. In addition, MWIA works to improve the health of women worldwide, advocating for gender specific healthcare, promoting equity, and addressing social determinants of health.

Congratulations again to the MWIA for their 100 years of important work. Their tireless work to open doors for women in medicine has improved the health of generations of women, men and children around the world, and for that, we all are grateful.

IN HONOR OF GARRY BRYDGES

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Garry Brydges, PhD, DNP, MBA, ACNP-BC, CRNA, FAAN. Dr. Brydges will soon complete his year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). I am proud that Dr. Brydges was elected as the 2018-2019 president of this prestigious national organization.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who administer approximately 43 million anesthetics to patients each year. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered including hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and specialty surgeons. They also provide acute and chronic pain management services to patients in need of such care. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesia providers in many rural hospitals.

As a CRNA for over 15 years, Dr. Brydges has contributed greatly to the healthcare community in the Houston area and nationwide. Having served in many capacities on professional associations, including on boards of directors at the state and national levels, Dr. Brydges has long been active in nurse anesthesia. He is a former president of the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists and has had extensive success in leading large organizations through healthcare policy development, strategic planning, evidence-based practice, outcome research, and education. In addition, Dr. Brydges has mentored students across all nursing disciplines through professional development and clinical nursing excellence.

Dr. Brydges earned his executive Master of Business Administration degree from Texas Women's University in Houston. He earned his Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Texas Christian College in Fort Worth, Texas. In addition, he graduated with a Master of Nursing in nurse anesthesia, and a Master of Nursing in Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from the University of Texas at Houston.

During his AANA presidency, Dr. Brydges has been a prominent advocate for the patients and practice of nurse anesthesia before federal agencies and members of Congress. He has worked tirelessly to promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of CRNAs to our healthcare system, especially when it

comes to dealing with chronic pain and the opioid crisis. Dr. Brydges has worked to have CRNAs recognized as Full Practice Providers in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), to maintain provider non-discrimination, and to achieve full scope of practice for CRNAs, including chronic pain management and related services in the Medicare system.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Brydges today on a job well done. His service to the AANA and to his patients, and his commitment to safe, quality anesthesia care nationwide, are highly commendable. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Brydges' notable career and outstanding achievements.

COMMEMORATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON, ILLINOIS

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the sesquicentennial celebration of the founding of the Village of Brighton, Illinois.

In 1826, Brighton's first settlers came to the area and built a cabin, with the first post office opening up nine years later. One hundred and fifty years ago, in 1869, the Village of Brighton was incorporated.

Today, Brighton boasts a population of more than 2,300 residents and spans both Macoupin and Jersey Counties.

I am proud to represent Brighton and the many people who make it a wonderful place to live.

Congratulations to Mayor Roberts and the people of Brighton on celebrating 150 years.

HONORING MS. BJ WHITE-OLSON

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Ms. BJ White-Olson, who is retiring from the Department of the Navy after more than 46 years of faithful civilian service to our nation, culminating as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Management and Budget (DASN (M&B)) for the past 10 years.

As a senior advisor, she reported to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research Development and Acquisition) (ASN (RD&A)), whose significant responsibilities include development and acquisition of Navy & Marine Corps platforms and weapon systems. ASN (RD&A) is the Service Acquisition Executive for Navy and Marine Corps, which includes responsibility of procuring all Ships, Submarines, Aircraft and Weapon Systems, exceeding \$100B in contracts annually and necessitating testimony before our Defense Authorization and Appropriation Oversight Committees, and maintaining close relationships with fellow Members of Congress and Professional Staff Members.

Ms. White-Olson's broad and diverse portfolio included policy and oversight responsibilities for matters pertaining to the Planning Programming Budgeting and Execution System, Strategic Acquisition Planning, Acquisition Governance, Analysis of Contractor Performance, and a responsive Congressional Liaison Division. She covered dynamic issues across all organizational domains and additionally was the Navy Secretariat representative for the Federally Funded Research Development Centers oversight.

Prior to her current assignment, Ms. White-Olson served in the Department of the Air Force. From January 2006 to December 2009, she was the Director for Budget Management and Execution, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Budget. During her assignment, she was responsible for the management, budget formulation, and execution of \$130B in Air Force appropriations, establishing and enforcing budget policy Air Force wide, as well as formulation, justification and execution of the Air Force Working Capital Funds and for Air Force Security Assistance budgets.

From July 2002 to January 2006, Ms. White-Olson was the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cost and Economics, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, where she assisted the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Cost and Economics in supervising Air Force cost, economic and business case analysis.

Prior to becoming a member of the Senior Executive Service, her assignments included Special Assistant for Financial Management Transformation, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller; Technical Director, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cost and Economics, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller; and assignments at major command and base levels.

Ms. White-Olson is a Certified Defense Financial Manager, Level III Acquisition Professional in Financial Management and a recognized innovative leader. I am proud to represent Ms. White-Olson in Congress, and I thank her and her family for her honorable service to our nation within both the United States Navy and Air Force. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. BJ White-Olson 'fair winds and following seas' as she concludes a distinguished career of public service.

HONORING FRANK WILLS

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Wills, who in 1972, at the age of 24 years old, worked as a security guard at the Watergate Complex in Washington, DC.

June 17, 1972, Mr. Wills was on-duty and making his routine rounds of surveilling the property he was hired to secure. During his rounds, he discovered duct tape placed over a latch bolt on the basement door of the building adjacent to a stairwell near the parking garage.

It is now known that the tape was placed by burglars who entered the building to steal confidential documents from the office of the Democratic National Committee headquarters, which was located on the sixth floor of the building. Mr. Wills explained to federal investigators that he checked the basement door 45 minutes ahead of his scheduled time because he had a sense that something was amiss. He was correct.

President Richard Nixon had hired five men, including a former CIA official to commit the burglary. Thanks to Mr. Wills keen and observant eye, a trail of related break-ins, corruption, wiretapping, slush funds and connected crimes were revealed. It led to the eventual resignation of a president.

By most accounts, Mr. Wills should have been a decorated member of the law enforcement community as, he played a pivotal role in exposing what would later become one of America's most notorious scandals. He wasn't. He resigned from his position due to racist treatment at work and had difficulty finding suitable employment due to prospective employers being afraid of associating with him. Employers were fearful of hiring him due to the threat of losing federal funding. He moved to Georgia with his mother and lived off her monthly Social Security payment.

Frank Wills passed away on September 27, 2000 at the age of 52. He should be remembered as a hidden figure in our nation as his actions created a catalyst for one of our nation's greatest political scandals.

On behalf of the 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania and the city of Philadelphia I extend gratitude to the late Frank Wills for his bravery and service to our country.

HONORING MARY RUTH PARDUE

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable woman named Mary Ruth Pardue. Mary's life serves as an example of what it means to be a true American patriot, public servant, and caregiver.

Mary became a registered nurse after receiving a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Virginia Nursing College. Shortly after the United States entered World War II, Mary joined the United States Army Nurse Corps and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

She served our country courageously in the North African and Italian campaigns as a trauma and surgical nurse. When a soldier re-

ceived a terrible injury, Mary was often the first person on the scene, ready to provide first-rate care.

Mary's bravery and compassion did not go unnoticed. She was awarded a Bronze Star for her actions in protecting her patients while under fire from hostile forces in northern Italy.

Madam Speaker, Mary recently passed away in Duluth, Minnesota shortly after her 100th birthday. Her devotion to her country and to the health of our citizens will never be forgotten. My prayers and condolences go out to her family and loved ones.

RECOGNIZING THE VETS 4 VETS PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and outstanding service of the Vets 4 Vets program at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Vets 4 Vets has been a student organization at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay since the Vietnam War. Following the Vietnam War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom, the club has seen incredible membership and activity as veterans support their peers who return home and attend school at UW-Green Bay.

Vets 4 Vets is a key resource on the UW-Green Bay campus, focusing on volunteering and fundraising for veteran causes in the area. They play a critical role in connecting student-veterans with peers, the campus, and the greater Green Bay community. Staff Advisor Elaina Koltz, along with current student club officers Ryan Leurquin, Shauna Rafferty, Eric Mattos, Hannah Roskopf, and Zachary Flores are pivotal in creating a campus where veterans feel connected and supported by both the staff and fellow students.

Recently, members of Vets 4 Vets worked hard with the community and administrators of UW-Green Bay to open "At Ease" Veteran & Service Member Student Lounge. This space allows veterans to relax, share stories, and study around other veterans. This is just one example of the numerous initiatives that Vets 4 Vets assists with.

I am proud to have a veteran-run organization in my district whose dedication to supporting fellow veterans goes beyond their time on active duty. This student organization truly demonstrates what it means to engage in selfless service.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding Vets 4 Vets, its club officers, and its staff advisor for their service to veterans at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.