

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2740

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I support the need to increase federal investment for Quantum Information Science at the Department of Energy (DOE).

Within the Science Account, I strongly support an additional \$220 million above the fiscal year 2019 level for Quantum Information Science, as authorized in the National Quantum Initiative Act.

This emerging field of science promises to yield revolutionary new approaches to computing, sensing, and communication. Accordingly, I believe DOE should dedicate \$120 million toward activities authorized under section 401 of the National Quantum Initiative Act and \$100 million toward National Quantum Information Science Research Centers, authorized in Section 402 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (five centers funded at \$20 million each).

Quantum information science is critical to our nation's economy and national security. With increased federal investment, we can accelerate the development of real-world applications in areas such as infrastructure, climate change, cyber security, medicine, communications, financial services and transportation. The country most advanced in quantum science and technology will reap huge economic gains and enjoy a national security advantage. The University of Maryland College Park, where I proudly attended, is home to a thriving, unparalleled quantum hub. With more than 175 researchers on-site, connections to government and industry laboratories, and a vast global research network, Maryland scientists are leading the charge toward a quantum future. This funding is critical to the State of Maryland, to continued U.S. leadership in this important field, and to our future.

I would hope to work together to discuss a path forward to this increased investment in quantum information science.

TRIBUTE IN CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH REUNION OF THE 1959 CLASS OF BURKE HIGH SCHOOL**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 1959 class of Burke High School of Charleston, South Carolina as they celebrate their 60th class reunion. On June 29th and 30th, classmates and friends will travel to "the Holy City" from all around the world to take part in this significant celebration.

Burke High School, located on the west side of the Charleston peninsula, was the city's oldest and largest public high school serving African American students prior to the desegregation of public schools in Charleston. Founded in 1894 as the Charleston Industrial Institute, the original name and history of the school reflect the racial divisions and popular perceptions both students and teachers had to over-

come in pursuit of State supported public education.

I personally remember some of these struggles. My wife, Emily and I shared college experiences with many of them and were a part of the Charleston community during the 1960s and 1970s; she as a librarian at Simonton school and Burke and I as a social studies and history teacher at Simonton and Charles A. Brown High School on the east side of the Charleston peninsula.

During the Civil Rights activities of the 1960s, many students from Burke became local activists in pursuit of social justice in Charleston. The class of 1959, along with many of their schoolmates, took part in many local demonstrations and sit-ins. Many of them became active statewide as well.

The class of 1959 left a lasting impression and everlasting legacy on Burke High School students and citizens of the city of Charleston. They led by precept and example. They also gave back to the community by donating college scholarships to young graduates. Many of them are still actively providing leadership in communities throughout the country.

As they gather this year to celebrate their 60th reunion, I want to commend the class of 1959 for their continued dedication to their alma mater. The shared experiences amongst this class have served as an inspiration to residents of Charleston, their families, and the thousands of Burke students who have followed them. Having been a part of some of their activities, I know that all of their experiences have not been pleasant, but I think they would consider all of them to be blessings and they have been blessings to many.

Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to represent this fine institution and many of its graduates in this august body. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 1959 class of Burke High School on their 60th class reunion and wishing them continued good health and great prosperity in the days ahead.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020**SPEECH OF****HON. CHRIS STEWART**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2740) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes:

Mr. STEWART. Madam Chair, I rise in support of my amendment which is being considered in En Bloc 2. My amendment regards the important topic of Military Working Dogs (MWD), commonly known War Dogs.

War Dogs play an important role protecting our service men and women in combat and non-combat zones all over the world. Speaking on the importance of these working animals, General David Petraeus said that, "The

capability they bring to the fight cannot be replicated by man or machine. By all measures of performance, their yield outperforms any asset we have in our inventory."

War dogs are trained to detect bombs—with 98 percent accuracy, sniff out drugs, track people, and provide physical protection when necessary. Staff Sgt. Andrew Mier of the DoD Military Working Dog Program also said that these dogs "create a strong psychological deterrent". It's been shown that these animals can inflict fear on enemies in a way that not even armed soldiers can. Today, more than 2,300 War Dogs are deployed on active duty and I, for one, am incredibly grateful for their service.

In an effort to honor these heroes, my amendment, No. 6 to Division C of H.R. 2740, is a good government measure that will ensure War Dogs are returned to the United States after they complete their service by providing \$200,000 to the Secretary of Defense for travel purposes.

Previously, if a War Dog retired from service in a non-combat zone overseas, the handler was given the option to adopt the animal. If the handler declined to adopt, these animals would be put up for adoption to civilian families. If the dog was adopted, however, the new owner was required to pay for the dog's transportation back to the United States.

Congress attempted to make it easier to get these service dogs home by adding verbiage to the National Defense Authorization Acts of 2014, 2016 and 2018, requiring the Department of Defense to organize the return of retired and retiring military dogs stateside.

Despite these requirements, the Department of Defense has unfortunately still not adopted a formal organizational plan to implement this policy.

My amendment to Division C of H.R. 2740 restates Congress's strong opinion that the Department of Defense must formalize plans across the services to ensure that these dogs are able to return stateside after they retire from active service.

These dogs selflessly give everything to protect our service men and women. They deserve the same devotion from us. I strongly believe they should be brought home, so they can retire to a loving environment as a reward for their hard work and loyalty. They are American heroes and should be treated as such.

HONORING LINDA JUDAH**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Linda Judah. Linda is a very special woman and leader who is being honored with the Woman of Merit Award as a part of the St Joseph YWCA's prestigious Women of Excellence.

Linda Judah began her career with the Social Welfare Board of Buchanan County as its Executive Director in July 2006. She has over 35 years of experience working with the community in various leadership and outreach capacities. Through Linda's leadership, the Social Welfare Board received recognition as a patient-centered medical home through the

National Committee for Quality Assurance for three consecutive three year terms; implemented an electronic medical record system; collaborated with the local FQHC to create an integrated medical unit for the homeless and created “The Friends of the Free Clinic” a foundation to help support the financial needs of the Social Welfare Board.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Linda Judah for being honored as the Woman of Merit Award winner by the St. Joseph YWCA through serving St. Joseph, the state of Missouri and the Sixth Congressional District. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

AMENDMENT INSTRUCTING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRIORITIZE RESOURCES FOR STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN HEALTH AND TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS AND ADDRESSING TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS IN HEALTH CARE

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, my amendment instructs the Secretary to submit to Congress an analysis on what resources are needed to strengthen partnerships between health and transportation providers.

According to the American Hospital Association, 3.6 million Americans miss or delay medical appointments because they lack a ride. And another report tells us that missed healthcare appointments cost the U.S. health system \$150 billion each year.

Many private healthcare organizations currently partner with ridesharing services. From the recent expansion of supplemental benefits under the Medicare Advantage program to the Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation benefit, the Federal Government also invests in programs aimed at addressing transportation barriers to care.

As we continue our focus on reducing health care costs, we must make sure medical transportation programs are reliable, cost-efficient and available to all Americans. I encourage adoption of my amendment.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
JOCELYN VILLALOBOS

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of social justice advocate and student, Jocelyn Villalobos.

Jocelyn is a first-generation student at Los Medanos College and plans to pursue a Master's Degree in public health or nursing. In addition to her work on student government on issues such as education equity and improving graduation rates for minority students, Jocelyn also works with groups to prevent sexual violence and to promote safe educational environments for undocumented youth.

Jocelyn is involved in many clubs and organizations including La Raza Unida, Outreach Ambassador, Puente, Interfaith Space Committee, and Public Safety Committee. She recently completed her one-year term as the Student Trustee on the Contra Costa Community College Board, which allowed her to weigh in on important decisions for the District.

She has served on the Associated Students at Los Medanos College for two years and just completed her term as Commissioner of Campus Events. In 2017, Jocelyn's commitment to the community and advocacy for underrepresented students were recognized when she received the Jefferson Award twice for her public service as well as the Antioch Youth of the Year award alongside her twin sister, Jacqueline.

Please join me in wishing Jocelyn Villalobos good luck with her endeavors in college and beyond, and thanking her for her commitment to the students of our district.

COMMEMORATING THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL IN NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The Apprentice School in Newport News, Virginia, which was founded in 1919 at Newport News Shipbuilding.

The Apprentice School has been continually recognized locally, regionally, nationally, and globally as an extraordinary apprentice program. It is a leading example of how apprentice programs have been redesigned to teach a wide array of skilled trades, while also offering an educational program rich in academic instruction, craft training, leadership, and extracurricular activities.

In its 100 year history, the Apprentice School has graduated more than 10,800 apprentices, with approximately 800 young men and women currently enrolled in 28 different, four-, five-, and eight-year apprenticeship programs. The Apprentice School provides an academic curriculum that includes studies in Mathematics, Physics, Strength of Materials, Drafting, Marine Engineering, Shipbuilding Operations, and Technical Communications, among other disciplines, leading to a strong technical education foundation.

The Apprentice School has contributed significantly to Newport News Shipbuilding's reputation, tradition and success, producing complex sea-faring vessels and passenger ships to nuclear submarines and aircraft carriers with the craftsmanship of highly skilled graduates.

Representing 13 percent of Newport News Shipbuilding's total current workforce, graduates of The Apprentice School comprise 60 percent of today's general foremen and 45 percent of the production management team. More than 70 percent of graduates are still with the company 15 years after graduation, and graduates are found at all levels of the organization, and all levels of management with more than 3,000 graduates currently employed in more than 230 different occupations.

To ensure that apprentices have many education and employment opportunities, The Apprentice School partners with local community colleges and universities to deliver the related academic component of these apprenticeships, which culminates in associate and bachelor's degrees. In addition, the school has established articulation agreements with 10 colleges and universities, providing a seamless transfer of credits and continuing education opportunities for graduates.

The Apprentice School is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education. Their apprenticeship programs are also recognized by and registered with the Virginia Apprenticeship Council, allowing apprentices the opportunity to earn college credit, receive competitive pay and benefits, learn a trade, and foster the development of craftsmanship, scholarship and leadership.

Over its 100-year history, The Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding has proven its commitment to establishing robust training and development programs intended to develop and leverage the full potential of the future workforce, and provide high-quality opportunities for its students and the community.

Madam Speaker, The Apprentice School and Newport News Shipbuilding will gather for a celebration this weekend to commemorate this important milestone for the school. So as they look back on the last 100 years, I know that The Apprentice School and its graduates will continue to make important contributions to our nation's shipbuilding industry over the next 100 years.

HONORING JUSTIN GERVY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Justin Gervy. Justin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 362, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Justin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Justin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Justin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Justin refurbished donated bicycles and provided them to local families who have been impacted by violent crime.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Justin for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference.