

Now, they had donated some of her sister's tissue to science, and two significant companies, Columbia University, and Dr. Neil Shneider began doing DNA work on that preparing a treatment for Jaci. This treatment wasn't available for Jaci soon enough in her view, her family's view, or in my view. The FDA had to work through their regulations. As we worked through that, it looked like Jaci couldn't get this potentially miraculous treatment before perhaps September or October. At the rate of the digression of her condition, it didn't look like she was going to be with us long enough to receive the treatment.

Some of us went to work to step up and help Jaci. I got involved on April 13 of this year when my wonderful district staff person, Andrea Easter, who had been working with the family all along, brought me up and we did a fundraiser there at the Spencer AG Center on April 13, a Saturday.

It was a cold and chilly day when we arrived there. There were pickups parked on either side of the road to the Spencer AG Center. It looked like we were going to a farm sale there were so many vehicles there.

They had only expected maybe 100 people, and the Clay County Cattlemen were there to flip maybe 100 burgers and put out a basket for people to put a check in. They thought they could raise \$3,000 to \$5,000 just as a token, as a way to help.

The story about that day is, it turned out that there were over 1,000 people who came. And they raised in the end, the last report I got, was over \$200,000.

I sat with Jaci that day and talked about her dreams to build a riding arena and train horses for therapy for others and to be able to help people.

She is a cowgirl, Mr. Speaker. I committed that I will come up and grade that arena on the house, and I will be on the machine to do it. I look forward to that day.

But we had more work to do. So that story that day got us all energized. We kept her in our prayers every day. By May 2 we had a meeting with Dr. Woodcock and the FDA.

We moved along even further. By May 20 I introduced a private bill. I tried to convince my Senators to do the same. They thought there would be an objection to a UC in the Senate.

I brought this to Speaker PELOSI. She was terrific to work with. We had several meetings all together, with STENY HOYER and with her staff. Before that bill could come to the floor for a unanimous consent request, the FDA opened the door and Jaci went wheels up January 5 to go to Columbia.

She received her first treatment on June 11, and today, starting 5 minutes from now, Mr. Speaker, she will receive her second treatment. There has been no noticeable digression in her condition. I am hopeful and prayerful that it will improve. We have a chance here at a miracle.

So many people worked so well together to get this done, including the

press people around the Spencer, Iowa, area. I want to especially mention Stella "With the Good Heart" Daskalakis. I always call her Stella "With the Good Heart." She has done so much, along with KICD Radio, KTIV, KUOO, and KSFY in Sioux Falls.

Mr. Speaker, I am so grateful for everyone who has formed a link in this chain of miracles. We are on our way to an extraordinary miracle. We will keep Jaci in our prayers this day as she receives her second treatment for ALS.

#### PEACE CORPS

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

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Peace Corps Reauthorization Act of 2019.

I want to thank my returned Peace Corps volunteers; JOE KENNEDY and DONNA SHALALA, the co-chairs of the Peace Corps Caucus; as well as Mr. GRAVES, Mr. SIRES, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Ms. SHALALA for their support as original cosponsors.

Like successive generations of young Americans, my wife, Patti, and I answered President John F. Kennedy's call and served in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia from 1966 to 1968. This foundational experience inspired our lifetime of service that continued into State government in California, the Clinton administration, and now the United States Congress.

Since the establishment of the Peace Corps in 1961, more than 230,000 Americans have volunteered and have served in 141 countries around the world. When the Africans fought for their independence, the Peace Corps volunteers came, and they were there to assist in the transition in countries throughout that continent. They were there as teachers, community development, and agriculture, and so that tradition carried on in countries all around the world. Today there are some 8,000 Peace Corps volunteers in 65 countries.

Now more than ever, Congress should and must support the Peace Corps mission and realize President Kennedy's vision of generations of young Americans, ready to serve their Nation and make the world a better place and return home to America and continue to educate all Americans about what is going on around the world.

Our Peace Corps Reauthorization Act of 2019 would do just this by providing additional Federal resources to better support current, returning, and former Peace Corps volunteers by doing the following: First, since 2002 the Peace Corps has not been reauthorized. So we would pick up that and make the Peace Corps reauthorization good for the next 5 years. We would authorize \$450 million per fiscal year for the Peace Corps, an increase over the flat \$410 million that has been provided in the current year.

We would also direct the Peace Corps to establish new volunteer opportunities that promote internet adoption and development in countries and engage tech savvy American volunteers.

We would increase the monthly allowance for Peace Corps volunteers and leaders to \$417 per month of service completed to reflect the increase in the cost of living and provide \$10,000 for the 2-year full term of service.

We would reform the Peace Corps National Advisory Council that has been in abeyance since 1980 by providing that donated funds from a qualified nonprofit organization would cover all administrative costs for the advisory council with no cost to the taxpayers.

We would include Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act, H.R. 1411, sponsored by Congressman SIRES of New Jersey since 2013, allowing use of the Peace Corps logo in headstones and other funeral materials, in recognition of the meaning the deceased's Peace Corps service had for their lives.

We would codify President Kennedy's 1963 executive order affording returned Peace Corps volunteers a 12-month hiring preference for most Federal job openings and also deal with the shutdowns that occasionally occur.

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We would require the Peace Corps and the U.S. State Department Bureau of Diplomatic Security to routinely update existing memorandums of agreement for Peace Corps volunteer security and consular protection in foreign countries.

We would clarify that American Samoans and other U.S. nationals have an opportunity to serve in the Peace Corps as volunteers as well as in leadership positions.

We would also increase the workers' compensation rate for Peace Corps volunteers.

This bipartisan bill builds upon the success of the Sam Farr and Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of 2018, public law 115-256, sponsored by former Congressman Ted Poe of Texas.

Our bill also builds upon legislation sponsored by my California colleague Sam Farr, who served in the Peace Corps from 1964 to 1966.

As co-chairman of the Peace Corps Caucus, I am proud to continue the work in support of the Peace Corps mission, its volunteers, and the indelible impact of their service.

I ask all Members of Congress to cosponsor this legislation and support it. It is important, and I look forward to working with the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman ENGEL, and Ranking Member MCCAUL to advance the Peace Corps Reauthorization Act.

#### RECOGNIZING RABBI DR. STEVEN MOSS OF B'NAI ISRAEL REFORM TEMPLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. ZELDIN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today recognizing Rabbi Dr. Steven Moss of B'nai Israel Reform Temple, who is retiring after serving his community for over 47 years.

Rabbi Moss became the first ordained rabbi for B'nai Israel in June of 1974 and has honorably served his community ever since.

Rabbi Moss' service to his community and his accomplishments are nothing less than extraordinary. He has been the chair of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission since 1992 and has served as the chaplain to the Suffolk County Police Department, with the rank of deputy chief of chaplains, since 1986.

Additionally, Rabbi Moss is the co-chair of the Suffolk County Anti-Bias Task Force; chair of the Islip Town Anti-Bias Task Force in the battle against anti-Semitism and other bias crimes; director and founder of STOP/BIAS, an educational program for people who have committed hate and bias crimes; former president of the Suffolk County Board of Rabbis; board member on the New York Board of Rabbis and the Center for the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding at the Selden campus of Suffolk Community College; founder of the Jewish Hospital Referral Service; pastoral care coordinator of the Suffolk Partners in Dignity; hospital chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, and Southside Hospital; and is the longest sitting member of the Islip Town Board of Ethics.

I have known Rabbi Moss since I was a little kid. Nearly 27 years ago, he was the rabbi who presided over the bar mitzvah service for me and, this November, will be the rabbi for my daughter's b'nai mitzvah. He has left a lasting impact on so many lives, including my own.

One of the things I love the most about Rabbi Moss is how he visits people in hospitals, nursing homes, and elsewhere all the time, every day. If you think you have lost touch with Rabbi Moss and it has been 20 years since you have last spoken to him, even if you weren't really that close with him back in the day, if he finds out that you are at a local hospital, he will come and visit you and pray for you.

His family services during the High Holy Days are amazing for the kids. He involves everyone. It is not easy to get every single kid in a temple totally engaged, all in, without much effort, but Rabbi Moss has charisma that is second to none.

Most importantly, he is simply a very kind, warm, and decent human being who loves everyone.

Rabbi Moss is now en route to Poland, where he will bike 60 miles from the gates of Auschwitz to the Jewish Community Center in Krakow, which is also known as the "Ride for the Living," in honor of the millions of people who were murdered during the Holocaust.

Rabbi Moss and about 300 other bikers will be biking the entire 60 miles in one day to raise money for the Jewish Community Center in Krakow, which supports the growing Jewish population there and in the surrounding areas.

When asked about his upcoming experience, Rabbi Moss stated he believes the experience will be overwhelming but that he is excited to witness the growth of the Jewish diaspora.

On Sunday, B'nai Israel held a going-away party for Rabbi Moss, where they gifted him with a bronze plaque signifying that the sanctuary within the synagogue will be named after him. Rabbi Moss deserves nothing less after having served over 47 years at the synagogue.

He has been an incredible role model and mentor to both my family and me, and he has continued to be a remarkable role model for thousands of others.

I look to him as a community leader, an inspiration, and a teacher, one with an amazing ability to connect with anyone. I would like to thank Rabbi Moss for all he has done for our community, and I wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.

#### HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today the House will vote on legislation to provide our immigration agencies the humanitarian resources they need for children, women, and families. However, that is not enough when this administration has argued in court that children in CBP custody do not need soap, toothbrushes, or blankets as basic necessities for hygiene.

This bill funds items and resources for a dysfunctional system that treats children and families inhumanely. It does not create humanitarian standards that will change behavior, and it will not meet the humanitarian needs of children and families.

We need to pass my legislation, the Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in CBP Custody Act, a comprehensive, public health approach to address the basic humanitarian needs of children and families under CBP's custody and responsibility.

Why? Why are these humanitarian standards needed? Because, when I visited the border, I saw open toilets and crowded cells without privacy. I saw one latrine for 200 individuals. I saw babies who were dirty and didn't have diapers and didn't have free access to water and formula. Because six children have now died while in the custody and responsibility of CBP, under their supposed TEDS standards.

Why? Because my bill will define what a health screening is. It will say that a health screening is an interview, a questionnaire, and it will have vital signs, an actual physical examination, and consultation with an emergency

care provider. The appropriations bill doesn't.

My bill will say that high-priority individuals, upon detention, within 3 hours, must have a health screening. The appropriations bill doesn't.

My bill says that there needs to be emergency care backup for every individual who has a healthcare screening. The appropriations bill doesn't.

In terms of water, my bill will say that every adult will, at least, have free access to 1 gallon of water. The appropriations bill doesn't give those metrics.

It says that there should be one closed, private, functioning toilet per 12 men or 8 women. The appropriations bill doesn't.

It says that individuals should have the ability to bathe once a day. The appropriations bill does not.

In terms of shelter, an individual should have 2 meters squared of space. Right now, they are piled on top of each other. The appropriations bill will not change that practice.

It says that temperatures should be kept within a humane range. Currently, they are keeping them in very, very cold rooms, interrupting their sleep, which decreases their immune system and makes them prone to more illnesses and mental health disorders.

The appropriations bill does not require them to allow the children to sleep 8 hours.

The appropriations bill does not say that they need to keep temperatures in a humane range.

In terms of food, my bill says that an adult should have, at least, a minimum of 2,000 calories a day. The appropriations bill doesn't. We are just funding a lot of food, and we already know that children are given frozen burritos.

My bill will say that a pregnant woman or a child under 12 years old or the elderly should have age-appropriate food and age-appropriate calories per day. This appropriations bill does not enforce those behavioral changes.

So, today's vote is a desperate bill for a desperate situation. But, don't be fooled that this bill is going to meet the humanitarian needs of women and children at the border. Don't be fooled into thinking that we should pat ourselves on the back and walk away thinking that this problem is over or that children and families will be treated humanely—not when an administration is arguing that toothbrushes and soap are not needed for basic hygiene for children.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a vote on my bill, and I urge my fellow Representatives to support my bill, the Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in CBP Custody Act, to bring humanity back to our treatment of women, children, and families seeking asylum and prevent the needless loss of life.

CONGRATULATING KEITH AND  
EMMA SWARTZ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from