

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us the importance of flexibility and teacher quality in ensuring that our students receive the best education. However, the current state-by-state inconsistencies regarding teacher licenses prevent many high-quality teachers from transferring their skills across state lines to serve in communities facing teacher shortages.

The Interstate Teaching Mobility Act will help address these issues by empowering teachers to transfer their skills across state lines and enabling school administrators to hire more high-quality teachers to fill teacher shortages, especially in disadvantaged communities, and lead to better student outcomes.

I urge the House to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING MARIA LOI

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Chef Maria Loi. Chef Loi is an internationally renowned entrepreneur, author, television personality and philanthropist. Often called the Julia Child of Greece, she melds the inspiration of ancient Greece with a modern approach to the Mediterranean diet.

The namesake of Loi Estiatorio in Manhattan, Chef Loi has cooked for celebrities and Presidents. But she most enjoys gathering with a roomful of diners over a good, healthy meal filled with laughter and stories and passing out smiles and homemade cookies to children who visit her restaurant.

Chef Loi is passionate about sharing the magic of all things Greek especially its culinary treasures and the recipes and practices passed down through the generations. Chef Loi is equally well known for her kindness, friendliness, and warmth, making a friend of everyone she meets and lighting up rooms with her bountiful energy, infectious smile and hearty laugh.

The founder of Loi Food Products, a specialty brand built on traditional ingredients from Greece; her pastas, beans, botanical herbs, refrigerated dips, honey and olive oil are sold on QVC, at Whole Foods Markets and in other stores.

The author of more than 36 cookbooks, she is also the host of a new show, *The Life of Loi*, for the Public Broadcasting Service, debuting on broadcast in December 2022. It aims to build an inspirational and educational movement around the Mediterranean diet and lifestyle—from ancient to modern, food to culture and everything in between.

Named an official Ambassador of Greek Gastronomy by the Chefs Club of Greece, Chef Loi is also a passionate and dedicated philanthropist who supports a wide variety of causes focused on children and the underserved.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the culinary, professional, and philanthropic accomplishments of Chef Maria Loi.

RECOGNIZING THE 2022 BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the annual Best of Braddock Awards. These awards are the result of collaborative work between the Braddock District Council and Braddock District Supervisor and are presented to individuals and organizations whose extraordinary efforts make our community a better place.

I have been proud to represent this community since my days as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The level of civic engagement celebrated by these awards is a testament to the community spirit of the Braddock District. I have often said that civic engagement is a key indicator of a healthy community, and tonight's event proves that Braddock District continues to be one of the healthiest communities in all of Northern Virginia. I extend my congratulations to all of tonight's honorees and commend them for their efforts to make our region one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following recipients of the 2022 Best of Braddock Awards:

ORGANIZATION OR CLUB MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Holy Spirit Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, for their work supporting some of the most vulnerable populations in our communities.

SevaTruck, for their tireless efforts to provide hundreds of children with nutritious food after school.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION, ENHANCEMENT, OR COMMUNITY-BUILDING EFFORT

Amy Gould, for her efforts to organize and host large-scale clean up events alongside Americana Drive, rain or shine.

Friends of Royal Lake (FORL), for their mission to preserve Royal Lake and its surrounding parks' ecosystems.

MOST "CAN-DO" PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

John Berlin, for his 24 years of service to Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Honorable Mention: Melissa Adams, for her exceptional dedication to her fourth-grade class at Canterbury Woods Elementary School.

YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR

Pedro Leonardo Herrera Santiago, for his commitment to learning and helping others.

Lucas Bickford, for his initiative in starting Villa Neighborhood Cleanup, an effort that has kept Braddock Beautiful.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Brian Bishop, for his leadership and activism as president of the Little Run Civic Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2022 Best of Braddock honorees for their tremendous contributions to Northern Virginia. We are a better place for them.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF RICHARD FELTS

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Madam Speaker, it is with profound gratitude that I rise today to celebrate the career of Mr. Richard Felts, who retired on December 5, 2022. Mr. Felts was the dedicated President of the Kansas Farm Bureau for eight years, where he served as a bold and committed advocate for Kansans. I will miss Mr. Felts' sincerity and passion for solving the problems facing Kansas.

Before committing eight years as President, Mr. Felts also served as Kansas Farm Bureau's vice president and on KFB's board of directors. Mr. Felts was also a committed servant leader in his community. He held leadership and volunteer positions on a wide range of organizations, such as church and township boards, and fought for causes dear to his heart, including conservation and rural fire prevention.

When I first entered public office, Mr. Felts was very generous with his time and advice. He was an invaluable mentor, friend, and link to the Kansas agriculture community. I will sincerely miss his insights and guidance.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the extraordinary career of Mr. Richard Felts. Mr. Felts saw people in his community who needed help and chose to dedicate his life to service and advocacy. I wish him a peaceful retirement with his wife Shirley on their farm.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BILL LEVY

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of William "Bill" Levy, a constituent of mine who recently passed away.

Bill grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. When he turned 18, he joined the Navy and saw the world. Upon completion of his tour of duty, he returned home to work for the family business, U.S. Tool & Manufacturing Company—a small automotive part company that had been in his family for over 100 years. He loved working at U.S. Tool and was always excited to go into work every day. He was co-owner and head salesman. It was through U.S. Tool that Bill became an active participant of the Production Engine Remanufacturers Association (PERA). He received the PERA Manufacturer of the Year Award at the 2003 PERA convention. He had also served on the PERA board of directors, was the chairman of the membership committee, and was the history committee chairman.

An avid golfer, Bill was known to travel with his golf clubs and play as much as he could. In fact, golf is what brought him to Florida, so he could play golf year-round. Bill was also the PERA golf tournament chairman for decades. Because of his dedication to the PERA golf tournament, the PERA board of directors elected to name the golf tournament the "Bill Levy Memorial Golf Tournament."

Bill was a fun-loving guy, who was frequently the life of the party. Bill's positive and playful outlook on life touched the lives of so many. I am saddened by the loss of such a valuable member of the community and extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

CONGRATULATING MS. ANN DUNNING FOR 50 YEARS OF OPHTHALMOLOGIC DIAGNOSTIC SERVICE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished career of my constituent, Ms. Ann Dunning, who has served the Town of Vienna, Virginia for 50 years.

For her decades of comforting and welcoming patients at Mitchell Eye Institute, a local ophthalmologist's office, Ms. Dunning received the inaugural Town of Vienna Outstanding Service Award from Mayor Linda Colbert in a ceremony on Monday, September 26, in a celebration that included generations of her patients.

This honor was initiated by the Mayor and the Town Business Liaison Committee to recognize the individuals in local businesses who have gone above and beyond to better their community. Ms. Dunning's dedication for five decades has earned her the respect, admiration, and trust of her patients and colleagues.

Dr. John Mitchell, the lead ophthalmologist who nominated Ms. Dunning for this award, noted that she has made her patients "feel secure with a continuity of care she has provided them throughout the years." It is no surprise that patients regularly request appointments on days when Ms. Dunning will be working.

Ann Dunning's lifelong dedication to her patients is not only the mark of a passionate individual, but of a community member who recognizes the profound impact we can have on one another in everyday interactions. In her capacity as a medical practitioner, she could have easily adopted a routine that did not account for the feelings of those seeking care.

Instead, Ms. Dunning puts people first. It is exactly this care and kindness that has made her an iconic fixture in the community. I hope that her lessons of gentleness and service will inspire further generations to find ways to make others feel welcome, wherever they may be.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ann Dunning for her 50 years providing ophthalmologic diagnostic service to the Town of Vienna. From her measured demeanor and kind words to her boundless perseverance and dedication to service, Ms. Dunning has illuminated herself as an example to all of us of the comfort we can provide by the smallest actions. I am proud to represent such an upstanding and compassionate citizen in Congress, and I wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

BRAD KARBOWSKY: THE UNION LIFE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of my union brother Brad Karbowsky. Brad is a longtime labor leader, who got his start installing fire protection systems as a member of UA Local 669.

In his career that's spanned nearly three decades, he oversaw apprenticeship programs to train the next generation of workers. He secured pension and health care funds, and established worker protection initiatives to stand up for those being treated unfairly. This is critical work that upholds a core belief of the American Dream: that if you work hard and play by the rules, you should earn a living for you and your family and retire with dignity.

So today, I want to honor Brad's work and wish him the best in retirement. He's earned it.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RARE DISEASE ADVANCEMENT, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION (RARE) ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to reintroduce the Rare Disease Advancement, Research, and Education (RARE) Act. This important legislation will address many of the issues facing rare disease patients and families. This legislation will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those struggling with rare diseases by using increased research to help provide more accurate diagnoses and increased treatment options.

During my service in Congress, I have been honored to represent and meet with many brave Hoosier families that are struggling with rare diseases. I have been moved by their courage. Their strength in midst of trying conditions is not only inspiring, but also instructive. They have educated me and my colleagues about the necessity of increased research and rare disease surveillance in order to provide more treatment options and better diagnoses.

Nearly one in ten Americans live with one or more of the roughly 7,000 known rare diseases. These largely inherited diseases—defined as affecting 200,000 or fewer people—often lack substantive research investments and treatment options. In particular, African-Americans are especially vulnerable to certain rare diseases, including Sickle cell disease and beta-thalassemia. Specifically, the blood disorder Sickle cell disease affects 73 out of every 1,000 African American babies versus only three out of every 1,000 Caucasian babies.

While rare diseases cross the medical spectrum, individuals with rare diseases face some

common challenges. Largely due to their limited patient population size, these individuals may have difficulty obtaining an accurate diagnosis, finding physicians or treatment centers with expertise in their disease, and ultimately finding appropriate treatment options and cures. Frighteningly, roughly 90 percent of rare diseases still lack a treatment approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). While over 450 drugs have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases, millions of Americans who are suffering from a rare disease have no approved treatment options.

Past Congressional action has helped support research at NIH and CDC, supported in part by the bipartisan appropriations letter I lead each year—signed by over 220 House members—in support of increased NIH funding. However, much more work needs to be done to help these agencies improve rare disease awareness, education, research, surveillance, diagnosis, and treatment. This is why the RARE Act is so important. It will expand the ability of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) to study rare diseases by improving treatment, research, and diagnostics of rare diseases through new and existing programs. I am proud to introduce the RARE Act to help address the many unique challenges facing the rare disease patient community.

The RARE Act would provide an important step forward by addressing some of the common challenges faced by rare disease patients and improving rare disease treatment, research, and diagnostics. The RARE Act would expand an existing and successful program at NIH: the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN). The RDCRN's 21 research "centers of excellence" support the research and clinical trials of over 190 rare diseases and increase the availability of rare disease information to doctors and patients.

The RARE Act would also fill critical gaps in our healthcare system by improving coordination, surveillance, and awareness of rare diseases. For example, the RARE Act would require the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to create a National Rare Disease or Condition Surveillance System. This formalized infrastructure would track rare disease data and help researchers to understand commonalities between diseases and possible treatments, ultimately helping patients like Derrian to find better treatments. The RARE Act would also require the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to expand and intensify its work to ensure that health professionals are aware of rare disease diagnoses and treatments, leading to fewer misdiagnoses like Jocelyn experienced. The RARE Act would also mandate an updated report on rare disease efforts from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to ensure that Congress has the best tools possible to address these issues.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill to help combat rare diseases. I urge the House to support this bill.