

IN RECOGNITION OF CHAMBERSBURG AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JUNIOR ROTC CADETS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Chambersburg Area Senior High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program.

Under the leadership of Cadet Lieutenant Commander Ethan Baker, and under the guidance of Commander Bruce Apgar and Master Sergeant Louise Montney, the Chambersburg Area Senior High School Trojan Cadets won multiple portions of the Academic, Fitness and Drill Competition held at Sterling High School in Camden, New Jersey this February.

The Varsity Cadets finished first overall in the competition after winning the Academics, Personnel Inspection, Color Guard and Armed Regulation Drill portions of the competition.

I am confident that the determination, attention to detail, and discipline that served these students so well in competition will continue to lead them to success in their academic and future endeavors.

It is inspiring to see our community's youth commit themselves to developing as leaders, and regardless of whether they find themselves serving our nation in uniform one day, I am incredibly proud of the work that the Chambersburg Area Senior High School NJROTC cadets done this past year, and I wish them every continued success.

HONORING LEFLORE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable team, Leflore County High School (LCHS) football team.

LCHS football team has had a tremendous football season. They ended their 2021 season with an 10–4 record.

On November 26, 2021, LCHS defeated Charleston High School. 24–22, in the North State 2A championship game in Charleston to advance to the state title game. On December 4, 2021, the Tigers lost to Scott Central, 72–24, in Hattiesburg.

Despite their loss, Leflore County celebrated them. LCHS is the district's only high school to reach the state championship in football since the Greenwood and Leflore County districts merged in 2019.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the remarkable Leflore County High School Team for their commitment and hard work.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH SAVAGE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Elizabeth 'Liz' Savage, a career attorney in the Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division (CRD) at the U.S. Department of Justice, who received the Maceo W. Hubbard Award in December. The Division's highest award, it recognizes her exceptional work as an expert in disability rights law and her commitment to educating Americans with disabilities on how to access reasonable accommodations guaranteed under law. The law referenced, of course, is the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which I was proud to sponsor and helps shepherd to enactment in 1990.

I've known Liz Savage for many years, and during the time that I was leading efforts to pass the ADA, she was working at the Epilepsy Foundation. Liz had been working with our former Majority Whip Tony Coelho, long a champion for disability rights, who served on the Epilepsy Foundation's board at the time. Tony, of course, was the original author of the ADA, and I was honored that he asked me to take charge of it after he left the House. When I did, I was grateful for Liz's support and assistance, as she helped lead grassroots organizing and outreach to Members of Congress to educate the public and policymakers about what the ADA would achieve and how important it would be to promoting equality, access, independence, and opportunity for those living with disabilities. She worked hard to build a coalition among national disability, civil rights, religious, and civic organizations in support of the ADA's enactment.

In addition to the ADA, Liz had a profound impact on a number of pieces of federal legislation during her time at the Epilepsy Foundation. These included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Civil Rights Restoration Act, and Fair Housing Act amendments. Liz served as a tireless advocate in all of those efforts to ensure that the voices of people whose lived experience included dealing with a disability were included when policies were developed and adopted.

For more than three decades, Liz has continued to fight for the rights and equality of people with disabilities. Over the past ten years, she has been working in the Justice Department's Disability Rights Section, and the Maceo W. Hubbard Award she received in December is testament to her success and achievement in that role. I join in congratulating her and thanking her for the service and many contributions she has made and continues to make for her country and for Americans with disabilities. I hope my colleagues will join in congratulating Liz Savage as well.

ENSURING WE ARE PREPARED

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, as climate change accelerates, it is more important than ever that we put our infrastructure in good working order, hardened against the powerful typhoons and other natural disasters that are associated with a warming planet.

Today, I am introducing legislation that will ensure we have an adequate workforce in the Northern Mariana Islands to finish repairs from the typhoons that struck our islands in recent years and to build new infrastructure able to withstand future storms.

Congress made the decision that additional foreign workers would be needed for this purpose, when we passed the FY20 omnibus appropriation, U.S. Public Law 116–94. Title IX provided up to 3,000 permits for Commonwealth-only Transitional Workers (CW–1s) specifically for disaster-related construction projects during fiscal 2020, 2021, and 2022.

In the succeeding years, however, more funding has become available—for the Marianas public water in the American Rescue Plan Act, for better roads in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, for solid waste systems on the islands of Rota and Tinian in the 2019 Disaster Relief Act—and those projects will all require skilled labor.

Those projects will also occur in a timeframe beyond 2022. Not only do large-scale infrastructure projects take time to design, bid, and build, but the money is scheduled over a five-year period in many cases. Add to that the impact of the pandemic on business capacity and the supply chain and the need for workers stretches for years ahead.

How many workers will be necessary and when projects will be ready to proceed is not easily predicted. So, the legislation I have introduced today simply authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Governor of the Marianas to make the determination when construction workers are needed. The Governor will request the foreign workers to augment the Marianas labor force. The Secretary will then decide whether the request is justified, whether qualified U.S. workers are truly not available, and whether adding foreign workers would in any way reduce the wage-setting power of local, U.S. workers in our islands.

Congress has made an historic investment in the Mariana Islands in the form of disaster recovery assistance and in funding infrastructure that can withstand future disasters. But that funding will need labor. The legislation I am introducing today will help ensure that labor needs are met, that projects are built, and that the Marianas is in a stronger position to withstand the coming climate change.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 5683, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BORDER SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACTS REVIEW ACT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 5683, the Department of Homeland Security Border Support Services Contracts Review Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 1, 2022.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5683, the Department of Homeland Security Border Support Services Contracts Review Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Lindsay Wylie.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5683, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BORDER SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACTS REVIEW ACT—JANUARY 21, 2022

[By fiscal year, millions of dollars]

	2022	2022–2026	2022–2031
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) ..			
in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	6	**

* = between zero and \$500,000.
** = not estimated.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? No.

No Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.
Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 5683 would require the Under Secretary for Management at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to report to the Congress within 180 days of enactment on the department's active contracts that relate to U.S.-Mexico border security and that are above \$50 million. The report would need to include an assessment of whether contract personnel are necessary to fulfill the department's mission on the U.S.-Mexico land border and a strategy to improve the effectiveness of such contracts. The bill also would require DHS to submit a plan to implement the strategy and brief the Congress every six months until the plan has been implemented.

Using information from DHS, CBO expects that the department would need about \$2 million in contractor support and seven employees to produce the report and about twice as many employees to implement the strategy for two to three years after it is finalized. On that basis, and assuming the bill is enacted near the end of fiscal year 2022, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5683 would cost approximately \$6 million over the

2022–2026 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Lindsay Wylie. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

HONORING MICHAEL VOGEL

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Vogel, who recently retired after coaching volleyball for thirty-one years at Hempfield High School in Landisville, Pennsylvania. Mike's time as coach was nothing short of incredible, with a list of records and championship wins to prove it. Just to name a few, he led Hempfield's girls' volleyball team to win five District 3 Class 3A titles and two state championships while also leading the boys' volleyball team to take seven PIAA–3A state titles and fifteen District 3 Class 3A crowns. As coach of Hempfield's boys' volleyball team for twenty-four years, the team had a record of 1,106–94, an astounding feat. These accomplishments demonstrate the immense dedication that Mike showed to Hempfield High School and the many players he coached over the years. He taught them the value of sportsmanship and hard work, lessons that will last a lifetime. And for that, everyone across our community should be thankful for Mike.

I wish Mike a restful and well-deserved retirement and hope that the next volleyball coach at Hempfield High School will be able to meet the high bar that Mike set.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, in the first session of the 117th Congress, I missed votes on Roll Call numbers 262, 324, and 386. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 262, YEA on Roll Call 324, and NAY on Roll Call 386.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REVEREND DAVE WASHINGTON, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Reverend Dave Washington, Jr.

Reverend Washington began his formal education at Druid High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He accepted a football scholarship to attend Alcorn State University, where he graduated with a degree in Chemistry. He later received a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Jackson State University.

Reverend Washington spent 11 years as a NFL Pro Football Player for the Denver Broncos, Buffalo Bills, and San Francisco 49ers. At the age of 25, and while still playing in the NFL, Dave became a real estate developer. He designed and built a middle-class residential subdivision in Port Gibson, MS, which he named Trace Hills. Upon his retirement from the NFL in 1981, he served under the administration of Governor William Winters before taking on the Directorship of the Farish Street YMCA, where he developed the city's largest little league football program.

For all the lives Reverend Washington has touched, his legacy will continue in our hearts and in our interactions with colleagues, friends, and family. He was truly a dedicated man, husband, father, friend, and educator. Reverend Washington, Jr. will forever be remembered for his business acumen and passion for education, sports, mentoring, and entrepreneurship was a catalyst to many of the worthy endeavors for which he was involved. He was one who truly used his platform to leverage opportunities for others. He conceived and produced youth programs such as the HIS Ranch Youth Summer Program, the 12+2 Men's Youth Program, the annual Scholarship 3-Point Slam Dunk Contest, the Canton Peace Rally and Golf Classic, and his crowning charitable achievement, "Super Bowl Super Kids Super Sunday", which was a precursor program to the modern-day NFL Experience. His exceptional life of unyielding faith, devotion to family and the greater good will be cherished by his high school sweetheart of 51 years, Dianne Williams and his four children.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Dave Washington, Jr. for his dedication and tenacity to serving his community and desire to be an example for all.

HONORING BENJAMIN M. PULEX

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an extraordinary young man, Benjamin M. Pulex, who was taken too soon. I include in the RECORD his family's loving tribute.

Benjamin M. Pulex died at the age of 18 on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at his Skokie home with family at his side. Benjamin was born June 9, 2003, in Evanston, IL to devoted parents Magnolia Rivera-Pulex and Cesar Pulex. Benjamin grew up in a home filled with deep love and encouragement alongside his sister, Camila Pulex. Together the family prioritized values like love, respect, and gratitude. These values were often cultivated by regular family trips that fostered a sense of curiosity and stewardship for the environment and ocean life, while also turning Benjamin into a well-seasoned traveler. His annual trips to visit his family in Long Beach, California led to some of his greatest experiences and memories, especially alongside his cousin Angelo Pulex.

Benjamin graduated from Niles North High School (Class of 2021) with a group of amazing, long-time friends. Benjamin and his friends enjoyed soccer scrimmaging, playing video games, and eating out at local restaurants. Together (with support from Benjamin's father) they also founded a local soccer team, the Skokie United Futbol Team HS21.