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RECOGNIZING IGA NEPHROPATHY  
DAY

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize May 14th as IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day. IgA Nephropathy (IgAN) is a rare autoimmune disease that causes a person's immune system to attack the kidneys. Fewer than 200,000 people are diagnosed with this incurable condition per year in the United States, yet it is one of the most common diseases affecting the kidneys other than those caused by high blood pressure or diabetes.

IgA Nephropathy is a condition characterized by an abnormal build-up of a protein called immunoglobulin A (IgA), which causes the immune system to attack the kidneys, often leading to kidney damage or failure. The deposits of IgA cause a breakdown of the normal filtering mechanisms in the kidney, leading to hematuria, proteinuria, and a progressive loss of kidney function. The cause of abnormal IgA build-up in patients with this condition is unclear, although genetic factors likely play a role. While IgA Nephropathy impacts women and men of every ethnicity, it is most prevalent in those of Asian ancestry. In fact, kidney failure among Asian Americans is 5 times more likely to be the result of IgA Nephropathy than among Caucasians, and 15 times more likely compared to African Americans. It is fitting that IgAN Awareness Day occurs during Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Although IgA Nephropathy can develop at any age, the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) notes that it most often affects younger Americans, usually appearing between the teen years and the late 30s. Tragically, according to the IgAN Foundation, as many as half of those affected by IgAN will develop end-stage kidney disease and eventually require dialysis or a kidney transplant. Sadly, IgAN can recur in the transplanted kidney and, after a period, of increased quality of life families find themselves in yet another familiar battle.

As is often the case with rare diseases, the diagnostic journey to IgA Nephropathy tends to be long. There are usually little or no immediate signs and symptoms. The disease causes inflammation that can trigger complications, including high blood pressure and chronic kidney disease. In fact, many patients are not diagnosed until they show some of these complications and blood or protein in the urine.

IgA Nephropathy was first identified in 1968, and it is viewed as a condition without a cure. While some patients have been able to delay kidney decline and failure through lifestyle changes, supplements, and medication, many others have seen no effective treatments for almost four decades.

However, this is all beginning to change, and IgAN patients finally have the tangible

hope of new treatments here today. The number of clinical trials is growing, and the FDA approved the first-ever medication for IgA Nephropathy in late-2021. Earlier this year, the FDA approved another new drug therapy which proved to demonstrate rapid and sustained proteinuria reduction—a key to maintaining healthy functioning of the kidneys.

These advancements in IgA Nephropathy treatment and hope for more therapies on the horizon provide life-changing options for patients struggling with this chronic disease. It's important we raise awareness of this condition to counter the fear and uncertainty that can come with an IgA Nephropathy diagnosis. More must be done to develop the means for patients to manage their conditions and live normal lives, even while dealing with this cruel disease.

I also want to salute by name the IgA Nephropathy Foundation. On May 14, 2004, Bonnie Schneider and her husband established the IgA Nephropathy Foundation from their home. Eddie, their 13-year-old son, had been recently diagnosed with the condition, and they saw firsthand the unmet need for answers, resources, and a supportive community for individuals with IgAN.

In addition, I am proud to say that California's 36th Congressional District is fully engaged in this effort, as IgA Nephropathy Foundation Board Secretary Mary Schneider is from Venice in my district.

So on May 14th, the 19th anniversary of its founding, the IgA Nephropathy Foundation and the entire IgAN community and partners will come together to raise awareness about this disease, while also celebrating the strength of the patients and caregivers who battle the condition every day. Their hope is that this important day will drive people to assess their risks and recognize symptoms. With improved awareness among physicians, a strong network of support for patients, and further research to build on existing therapies, we can improve the lives of IgA Nephropathy patients—and one day find a cure.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the IgA Nephropathy Foundation for creating this important day of awareness. I am proud to stand with the brave Americans and their families who must battle this disease and who continue in their efforts to educate the public on IgA Nephropathy. On May 14th, we honor them and all their efforts as we once again recognize IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day.

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL JON  
A. HILL

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in tribute to Vice Admiral Jon A. Hill.

Whereas, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Navy, I wish to recognize Vice Admiral Jon A. Hill for nearly four decades of military service to this great nation. In his most recent assignment as the Director of the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Vice Admiral Hill made significant contributions to the successful development and fielding of a layered Missile Defense System in order to

protect the U.S. homeland, deployed U.S. forces, our allies, and international partners. The significance of his contributions to the Nation's defense is powerfully highlighted as we witness the ever more aggressive development of offensive ballistic missile capabilities by our adversaries and the spread of increasingly diverse missile threats, to include maneuvering and hypersonic threats.

Whereas, prior to coming to MDA, Vice Admiral Hill distinguished himself during his first Flag Officer tour as Program Executive Officer (PEO) for Integrated Warfare Systems. In this role, he was accountable for developing and certifying the deployment of all surface ship combat control systems, radars, missiles, launchers, electronic warfare, naval gunnery systems, and surface and subsurface anti-submarine warfare mission capabilities within the Fleet and joint force. He held several other high-profile leadership and acquisition engineering positions, including Aegis Shipbuilding (PMS 400), Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Dahlgren Division and Port Hueneme Division, and PEO Theater Surface Combatants. He also served on the Assistant Secretary of the Navy staff for Research, Development and Acquisition (ASN RD&A).

Whereas, I would like to make special note that, Vice Admiral Hill, having previously served as Deputy Director for nearly three years, came into the Director position recognizing the need for significant updates to the Agency's mission, organization, and processes in order to position the Department on a path to counter advanced ballistic, hypersonic and maneuvering missile threats. During his tour as MDA Director, the Department of Defense made significant progress in addressing current and emerging ballistic and hypersonic missile threats by fielding, upgrading, integrating, and improving missile defenses to provide U.S. Combatant Commands and the Services a highly effective missile defense capability to defend the United States and its deployed troops, allies, and international partners around the world. He implemented a clear strategy focusing on increasing capability and capacity of fielded missile defense systems and making measured investments in advanced technologies, balancing rapid development and fielding of capabilities with leap-ahead technologies for the future system.

Whereas, to meet the rising threats to national security, Vice Admiral Hill focused the urgency of the Agency on homeland defense, to include the defense of Guam, and countering hypersonic missiles. For four years, Vice Admiral Hill pursued a strategy to improve the reliability, enhance the discrimination capability, and expand the battlespace of U.S. homeland missile defenses. In response to the growing North Korean ICBM threat, in 2021, he oversaw the completion of Initial Fielding for the Long-Range Discrimination Radar (LRDR) at Clear Space Force Station in Alaska and planned delivery of the highly advanced homeland defense radar to the Space Force for operational acceptance in 2023. Once operational, LRDR will support the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMO) capability against Pacific theater long-range missile threats, improving homeland missile defenses against an increasingly dangerous North Korean threat.

Whereas, under Vice Admiral Hill's guidance and leadership, he oversaw improvements to homeland defense and delivered new interceptor capabilities. Vice Admiral Hill ensured

that the Ground Based Interceptor fleet underwent a much-needed Service Life Extension Program to improve reliability and availability, a critical activity that has been of great interest to this Congress. With these ongoing efforts and Vice Admiral Hill's persistent attention to this activity, the existing interceptor fleet will be extended beyond 2030. If these efforts were not enough, in 2021, the Agency also demonstrated an advanced booster that enables an earlier release of the kill vehicle to greatly expand the engagement area and time to counter the inbound threat. He also upgraded the homeland defense ground system infrastructure, communications network, fire control system, and missile fields at Fort Greely, Alaska to improve the reliability, capability, and cybersecurity resiliency of the GMD weapon system and support acceptance of the Next Generation Interceptor (NGI). With his eye on the missile challenges of the future, Vice Admiral Hill oversaw the award of two NGI contracts in March 2021 to rapidly advance the development process to deliver this new capability as soon as possible.

Whereas, recognizing the growth in the hypersonic missile threat, Vice Admiral Hill increased focus on new tracking sensor and interceptor programs. He oversaw development of the Hypersonic and Ballistic Tracking Space Sensor (HBTSS) program to deliver satellites to track hypersonic and ballistic missiles that will work together with other Space Force missile tracking satellites also under development in the Defense Department. He diligently ensured MDA continued to work closely with the Space Force to implement his vision of making the HBTSS a part of the overall satellite constellation for defeating the global maneuvering threat.

Whereas, Vice Admiral Hill also championed the development of an Aegis Glide Phase Interceptor (GPI) capability to leverage the existing and future space- and terrestrial-based sensors, Command and Control, Battle Management and Communications (C2BMC), and proven Aegis engage-on-remote technology. In his pursuit of a layered defense capability against the hypersonic threat, he saw the benefit of Aegis GPI working together with Sea Based Terminal (SBT) defenses. With SBT Increment 2 already deployed, he pushed for the SBT Increment 3 upgrade for delivery in 2024 to expand capability to defeat multiple advanced maneuvering threats.

Whereas, given the evolving regional threat to Guam from China and others, Vice Admiral Hill also moved quickly to address a requirement identified by U.S. Indo-Pacific Command for a persistent 360-degree layered missile defense capability on Guam, a strategically important forward base for the United States. He steered the Agency, with collaboration from the U.S. Army and Navy, in the development of a defensive architecture to improve the defense of Guam. He put the Agency on the road to developing the AN/TPY-6 radar to provide persistent long-range midcourse discrimination, precision tracking, missile engagements, and hit assessment to protect Guam and the Aegis Guam System from engaging missile threats.

Whereas, during his four years as Director, Vice Admiral Hill also continued improvements in the Command and Control, Battle Management and Communications (C2BMC) infrastructure, which provides persistent acquisition, tracking, cueing, discrimination, and fire-

control quality data to Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD), GMD, Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD), and Patriot, and for coalition partners to support homeland and regional missile defense. In response to a request by the Commander of U.S. Forces, Korea, he oversaw delivery of a THAAD Remote Launcher capability in FY 2020 to increase the THAAD defended area and improve defense against specific regional threat concerns. He also directed the development for a Patriot Launch-on-Remote capability with THAAD, which was fielded in October 2022. This increased Patriot-defended area and engagement opportunities by allowing the Army's Missile Segment Enhanced (MSE) Interceptor to leverage the THAAD AN/TPY-2 Radar.

Whereas, the fielding of the THAAD 4.0 Region Specific system build enabled the integration of the Army's MSE interceptor and M903 launcher with the THAAD Weapon System, and MDA personnel and equipment needed to execute this upgrade by moving it to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Theater in September 2022. This capability was so successful, the Army asked that it be deployed to other regions.

Whereas, Vice Admiral Hill guided program plans to strengthen regional defenses by continuing deliveries of Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IBs and SM-3 Block IIAs for use on Aegis BMD ships and at Aegis Ashore-Romania. He also continued advancement of the Aegis BMD system in collaboration with the Navy to counter growing and more complex threats, including improvements in system and missile reliability as well as increases in Aegis BMD engagement capacity and lethality, including work on the Aegis Weapon System, Aegis Ashore-Poland, the SM-3 Block IIA program, and Sea Based Terminal defense. He also accomplished a critical milestone for Aegis BMD by demonstrating in the November 2020 the capability of an Aegis BMD-equipped vessel to defeat an ICBM-class target using the advanced SM-3 Block IIA missile interceptor developed in partnership with Japan.

Whereas, Vice Admiral Hill oversaw the construction of the Aegis Ashore system in Poland to support European Phased Adaptive Approach (EPAA) Phase 3 and improve European NATO defenses against medium- and intermediate-range ballistic missiles. Vice Admiral Hill approved a Technical Capability Declaration in February 2023 in advance of acceptance by the Chief of Naval Operations of the site and US/NATO operational validation. He oversaw the retirement of Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) 3.6.x from the U.S. Navy fleet after decades of successful operational deployment and the upgrade of Aegis BMD ships to the latest software and level of capability. He pushed for collaboration with the Navy to give BMD-equipped ships the capability to simultaneously perform both operations against ballistic missiles and anti-air warfare operations against aircraft and anti-ship cruise missiles. Vice Admiral Hill also spearheaded the software upgrades to Aegis missile defense destroyers equipped with the SPY-1 radar to support the Space Force Space Domain Awareness mission.

Whereas, Vice Admiral Hill demonstrated a commitment to expand work with U.S. international partners, to include conducting joint analyses to support partner missile defense acquisition decisions, cooperative research and development projects, deploying BMD as-

sets, Foreign Military Sales, and co-production efforts. He pushed for investments by U.S. allies and partners in their own missile defense capabilities to enable them to build more effective regional security architectures that complement U.S. regional missile defense capabilities.

Whereas, Vice Admiral Hill consistently advocated for investments in technology today to defeat tomorrow's threat, and he encouraged pursuit of several efforts in the Agency's Advanced Technology program by adopting an integrated, strategic Science and Technology (ST) approach to identify, develop, and transition key enabling technologies to the Missile Defense System and the Warfighter. Vice Admiral Hill sought to enhance current kinetic kill capabilities with directed energy and other non-kinetic solutions to keep pace with the volume and complexity of threats, and to work with OSD and the Services to develop the technologies to support the development and integration of lasers and high-power microwave systems.

Whereas, we are grateful that Vice Admiral Hill guided the Agency through the COVID-19 pandemic by encouraging flexible telework policies and continuing the push for superior information technology equipment needed to support the maximum telework posture. He brought the Agency out of the pandemic by shifting the workforce posture to what he called "Workplace Next," which is designed to provide flexibilities with work options and improved quality of life for MDA personnel. His "Stellar Team, Noble Mission" motto energized a geographically dispersed MDA workforce.

Whereas, Vice Admiral Hill demonstrated superior leadership, extraordinary dedication, and exceptional professionalism as the key interface between the Agency and OSD, Joint Staff, Combatant Commands, Services and Military Departments, the Department of State, and international partners. He was also instrumental in developing a very successful Congressional engagement strategy to support the Agency's on-going programs and plans. Vice Admiral Hill's vision, persistence in pursuit of excellence, and leadership greatly enhanced the Missile Defense Agency's ability to develop and expand a truly global missile defense capability.

Whereas, during Vice Admiral Hill's tenure as the Director of the Missile Defense Agency, the Department of Defense made significant progress in fielding missile defense capabilities to defend the nation, its armed forces, and our international partners. Vice Admiral Hill reorganized, reformed, and reinvigorated MDA in the execution of its core mission developing missile defenses to counter advanced threats to our Nation, our deployed forces, and our international partners. He established a new leadership team to improve development, delivery, and support to the warfighter. He also resolved systemic cultural and process issues between programs and functional support organizations enabling the workforce to function adeptly as one MDA team.

Proclaimed, that I, Congressman Lamborn and the 5th Congressional District of Colorado shall commemorate Vice Admiral Hill as he prepares to retire from a highly commendable career of military service and wish him Fair Winds and Following Seas.

REMEMBERING CRAIG R. MILLER

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Craig R. Miller, of Foley, Minnesota, who recently passed away after a battle with cancer.

Craig was born in Litchfield, Minnesota in 1968 and graduated from Litchfield High School in 1986. After high school he continued his education at St. Cloud State University, graduating with a degree in Aviation and Business Management. For the next two decades, Craig built a successful career at Ben's Structural Fabrication in Waite Park where he became a Vice President.

Outside of his day job, Craig also volunteered at the Clear Lake Fire & Rescue Department for 18 years. During his years in service to the department, he became Assistant Chief and received the Clear Lake Firefighter of the Year Award.

He was an avid hockey fan; Craig played, coached, refereed and was lucky enough to be a Wild season ticket holder for many years. In the spring and summer, Craig loved playing golf, taking care of his yard and smoking meat at his barbeque and sharing with friends and neighbors.

From the fire department to his job at Ben's, Craig took pride in everything he did. To his children Kylie and Steven, and the rest of the Miller family, we offer our sincerest condolences and pray that Craig's memory will comfort them all during this challenging time.

RECOGNIZING THE 7TH UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as co-chair of the Global Road Safety Caucus to mark the 7th United Nations Global Road Safety Week (May 15–21, 2023).

The number of deaths on the world's roads remains unacceptably high. Road traffic injuries are a leading cause of death worldwide, with around 1.35 million people killed each year. For people aged 5–29 years, there is no greater threat to their lives.

But this is not just an issue in other countries. The National Safety Council (NSC) says deaths from motor vehicles have risen 9% since 2020 in the United States, with as many as 46,270 Americans dying in vehicle crashes last year. Also, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, road crash deaths are the single greatest cause of death for U.S. citizens residing or traveling abroad.

By recognizing Global Road Safety Week, we can make a difference in stemming the tide of the road crash epidemic in the United States and around the world. Ultimately, we should do everything in our power to protect the lives of all road users, and I hope to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do that.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the 7th United Nations Global Road Safety Week

RECOGNIZING NUECES COUNTY 2023 REGIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY

**HON. MICHAEL CLOUD**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound respect, humility, and gratitude that I join all of Nueces County today in remembering our fallen heroes—and recognize the Nueces County 2023 Regional Police Memorial Ceremony in honoring our heroes service to our community.

Throughout the years, we have lost 28 Nueces County law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. These officers dedicated their lives to protecting us, our families, and their community. They leave behind a legacy of duty and sacrifice as a challenge to us who remain in the shadow of their sacrifice. Their service will never be forgotten.

Christ tells us that there is no greater love than for one to lay down their life for a friend—calling those who chose a life of service to others as the greatest in His kingdom.

My prayers are with the families, friends and those who served alongside during this time of both grieving and reflection.

Thank you to all of our law enforcement officers who continue in service of our communities.

I hope my colleagues will also join me in thanking these brave individuals and honoring their legacy.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ANSEL HOLT ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Ansel Holt of Bowling Green, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Ansel's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2027. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Ansel brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2027. While attending Bowling Green High School, Ansel participated in ice hockey all four years of high school and received his varsity letter. I am confident that Ansel will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ansel Holt on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available, and I am positive that Ansel will excel during his career at the Military Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

HONORING THE AUGUSTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ORISKANY FALLS, NY ON ITS 225TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BRANDON WILLIAMS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. WILLIAMS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Augusta Presbyterian Church in Oriskany Falls, NY, which is celebrating its 225th Anniversary this year.

Augusta Presbyterian Church was first formed on September 7, 1797, when Reverends Asabell North and Joel Bradley formed a Congregational society in Augusta's log schoolhouse with nine charter members.

For the first 8 years, services were held everywhere from private homes to schoolhouses, in barns and in the open air. From 1805–1816, the congregation worshipped in the Town Hall. In 1816, the present Augusta Presbyterian Church building was completed, and the congregation has met there ever since.

For 225 years, this church has been a symbol of the community, bringing generations together and helping others in any way they can. I commend the Augusta Presbyterian Church for their 225 years in the community and know that they will continue to serve for many years to come.

HONORING REV. ANTHONY AZZARTO, S.J.

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 15, 2023*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am paying tribute today to Reverend Anthony Azzarto, S.J., from Jersey City, New Jersey, and extending my condolences to his family. Rev. Azzarto's passing has profoundly impacted the Saint Peter's Preparatory School and the Jersey City community. He was associated with the school for more than six decades, leaving a lasting mark on generations of graduates, their families, and his colleagues. He taught the value of community and recognized the good in others. He genuinely cared for every school community member; we will never forget his legacy. I am including in the RECORD Rev. Anthony Azzarto's obituary.

Rev. Anthony Azzarto, S.J., an iconic Jesuit priest who had an extraordinarily impactful six-decade association with Saint Peter's Preparatory, died on April 15, 2023, in the Jesuit infirmary at Murray-Weigel Hall on the campus of Fordham University. He was 84.

Michael Gomez, Ed.D., Preparatory's president, said, "Whether he was preaching to 950