

CONDEMNING PROFITMAKING
FROM CHILD MUTILATION

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the health care industry's obscene profitmaking derived from mutilating little children.

The grotesque fad of chemically castrating boys or performing breast removal surgery on girls is not healthcare. This is a shameful time for those doctors and hospitals that enjoy mutilating children—for sky-high profits (surgery costs about \$150,000).

As a society, we have decided that children and young adults have not developed the mental capacity to make wise decisions in certain areas. For example, if you are under 21 you can't rent a car, buy tobacco, buy a shot of whiskey, and you have to be 18 to vote or buy a gun. You are, after all, still maturing.

However, today, a 5-year-old or 10-year-old child can "decide" they are really the opposite gender, and once a doctor at a children's hospital gets a whiff of that, they smell profits and want to start the process of chemically, surgically, and often permanently castrating boys and maiming girls. It is horribly disfiguring of our children.

In my view this is not healthcare. This is abuse. It is parental-abuse for any parent to subject their child to this. It is unethical and unprofessional for any hospital or doctor to participate in this mutilation.

Victims of this abuse are starting to speak up, but for many it is too late.

If a person is 18 or older, and they want to castrate themselves, I would recommend counseling for mental illness, but at least they have reached the age of majority where they can make decisions, even dumb decisions, on their own behalf.

There is no excuse for any doctor who does this mutilation on anyone under 18. I would vote to criminalize this practice and revoke the medical license of any quack that does these surgeries and hormone treatments.

History will prove us right. The leftists agitating for child mutilation are fundamentally demonic and harming children.

This story is about a hospital in Minnesota claiming that "gender dysphoria" is just like asthma and diabetes. It is not. It is about big money for this hospital—a hospital that cares nothing about the long term impacts its actions will have on these children.

HONORING MS. DIANN BALL

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Diann Ball, a devoted public servant, as she celebrates her retirement after 50 years of service to the Marianna Black Library in Bryson City, North Carolina. For more than half a century, Ms. Ball has served the

Marianna Black Library and the Fontana Regional Library system with unwavering commitment and passion.

Ms. Ball began her journey at the Marianna Black Library on February 3, 1973, marking the inception of her career within the library system. Starting at the age of 18, like many others, Ms. Ball began with recording and cataloging books, diligently placing them on shelves and assisting patrons in finding their desired titles. As time progressed, she took on additional responsibilities, including organizing and conducting library programs, eventually taking on the role of program coordinator. Through these endeavors, Ms. Ball played a pivotal role in expanding access to learning and fostering a love for reading among individuals of all backgrounds throughout the rural and historically underprivileged mountains of Western North Carolina.

Ms. Ball's involvement in the Marianna Black Library's mobile library program, called "Rover the Bookmobile," demonstrated her enduring dedication to promoting literacy. Through this program, books were brought directly to patrons who would otherwise be unable to visit the library themselves. Ms. Ball contributed to educational advancement by supporting persons of all ages in their research and educational endeavors, facilitating an environment conducive to teaching and learning. Her dedication to empowering individuals to grow intellectually is truly commendable.

Ms. Ball's contributions have elevated the Marianna Black Library and the Fontana Regional Library system, making them better, more accessible and inclusive places for all. Her extensive knowledge of both the library and her community has made her the go-to person for information, particularly for visitors seeking information regarding their family history. Ms. Ball's warm and familial approach to assisting individuals has left a lasting impact on countless citizens in Swain County.

As we celebrate Diann's 50 years of service to the people of Swain County and the town of Bryson City, we extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude for her invaluable contributions. She has truly exemplified the spirit of public service throughout her distinguished career, and represents the best that Western North Carolina has to offer.

HONORING PEACHY LEE FOR HER
SUCCESS IN POETRY OUT LOUD

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peachy Lee of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for her commemorable achievements at the Poetry Out Loud competitions. Poetry Out Loud is an annual event which encourages students to study poetry by performing live recitations. The program is organized by the National Endowment of the Arts, The Poetry Foundation as well as various state and local agencies. The event is hosted local, regional, state and national levels.

Peachy Lee is a senior at the Lancaster Country Day School in Pennsylvania's 11th

Congressional District. In March, Peachy competed at the Pennsylvania Poetry Out Loud Competition and placed first to move on to the national competition. Her poetry selections were "Cartoon Physics, part 1" and "England in 1819." On May 9th and 10th, Peachy competed here in Washington, D.C. at the national competition and received an honorable mention for her performance. I am so proud to have students such as Peachy Lee representing my district and state here in the Nation's Capital. Again, congratulations to Peachy Lee on her accomplishments and best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

CELEBRATING CLERMONT COUNTY
DEPUTY BOBBY HAU PHAM,
MEDAL OF VALOR

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Clermont County Deputy Bobby Hau Pham, who was awarded the Medal of Valor by President Biden for his heroic efforts while on duty, rescuing the life of a woman trapped in a car sinking underwater.

On November 23, 2021, Deputy Pham sprang into action after a woman drove her car into East Fork Lake, submerging it under water. Fighting through dark, frigid conditions, Deputy Pham sprang into action, jumped in the water, and fearlessly worked to rescue the driver from the sinking car.

Through his bravery, Deputy Pham saved her life, and he said he would do it all over again wherever needed. Deputy Pham is an example of the extraordinary actions our law enforcement officers make each and every day to protect our citizens and communities. I want to thank all who put on the uniform and risk their lives to protect us every day.

I thank Deputy Pham for his service and courage. I congratulate him on being recognized with the Medal of Valor, our Nation's highest honor for bravery by a public safety officer, for his actions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, due to a family funeral, I was not able to be present to cast my vote for the following roll call votes on May 17, 2023 and May 18, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 217; NAY on Roll Call No. 218; YEA on Roll Call No. 219; YEA on Roll Call No. 220; YEA on Roll Call No. 221; YEA on Roll Call No. 222; YEA on Roll Call No. 223; NAY on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; and YEA on Roll Call No. 227.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE ACT OF 2023

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Police Week, along with our Oklahoma colleague, Congresswoman STEPHANIE BICE. I am honored to introduce the bipartisan Law Enforcement Training for Mental Health Crisis Response Act of 2023.

Congress must support and stand with the brave men and women in law enforcement who work every day to keep our communities safe.

Our bipartisan bill provides greater Federal support grants to law enforcement departments at the state, local, territorial, and tribal level to obtain vital behavioral health crisis response training. More safely and effectively resolving behavioral health crisis situations can save lives.

We all know that post pandemic, too many in our country have experienced mental health crises. Our law enforcement and corrections officers are often on the front lines, responding to crisis calls related to these situations. The opioid epidemic complicates this situation in far too many stances.

As America's prisons and jails are filled with individuals with mental health challenges, Congress must do more to address mental health across the board. Our law enforcement officers need to be equipped with the proper tools, regimen, and training to adequately address mental health crises.

I urge my colleagues to support this vital legislation to do just that.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BICYCLE COMMUTER ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, during Bike to Work Week and in advance of Bike to Work Day, today I am introducing the Bicycle Commuter Act of 2023.

The bicycle's value on one's physical and mental health, to say nothing of the health of our communities, is more apparent than ever since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. For years, I've said that the bicycle is the most efficient form of urban transportation ever devised. Communities across the country are getting on board with this sentiment and substantially investing in building better, safer bike networks and improving facilities for biking to work. While rates of biking to work have increased by more than two-thirds since 2000, only 0.4 percent of workers biked to work in 2021. Congress has the opportunity to increase mode share and, critically, not penalize one mode of transportation over another.

Unfortunately, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (P.L. 115-97), suspended the previously available bicycle commuting reimbursement benefit through 2025, taking away a valuable financial incentive for people who choose to bike to

work. The Bicycle Commuter Act reverses the bicycle commuter benefit's suspension in Public Law 115-97 and changes the structure of the benefit by making the benefit a pre-tax benefit, allowing employees to receive a bicycle benefit of up to 30 percent of the parking benefit, allowing the bicycle benefit to be used in concert with the transit and parking benefits, and adding bikeshare and scootershare as eligible for the benefit and clarifying that electric bikes are eligible.

I thank Senator BROWN for his leadership on this legislation in the Senate. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to advance this critical effort for the health and wellbeing of the American public, our communities, and our planet.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CORPORAL CLARK E. WORLINE

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the life and service of a dedicated American, Corporal Clark E. Worline. Corporal Worline was born on May 19, 1930. He enlisted in the Army in June 1947 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Chemical Center in Maryland until his unit was sent to the Republic of Korea during the Korean War.

Corporal Worline served with Charlie Company, 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, Eighth U.S. Army. His unit was part of the Second Infantry Division which came under heavy attack on November 24, 1950, during the Battle of Chongchon against the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces in the vicinity of Sinjang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Corporal Worline's unit was surrounded the next day, and six soldiers from his unit were reported missing in action on November 26, 1950. While no witness accounts or other historical records exist, the Army believes he may have been captured and marched to a temporary holding camp known as Death Valley in December 1950. In March 1951, a group of POWs were marched to POW Camp 5, located at Pyoktong, along the Yalu River in North Korea. Corporal Worline was likely in a group of 109 prisoners that made the march. Corporal Worline was never returned, and the U.S. Army declared him dead on December 31, 1953. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal and also received the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

During Operation GLORY, the exchange of dead between combatant countries of the Korean War in Autumn 1954, remains that were recovered from POW Camp 5, Pyoktong, North Korea, were returned to the U.S. Army. One set of Camp 5 remains was designated Unknown X-14326 and interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as The Punchbowl, in Hawaii.

In August 2019, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency analyzed those remains for possible identification through match with any soldier known to have been buried at Camp 5.

Although Corporal Worline was not reported as having been at Camp 5, the presence of two other soldiers from his unit at that camp and historical precedence that POWs often remained at such camps without the knowledge of others around them established the possibility that Corporal Worline died there without his presence or death being noted by either the North Korean People's Army or other American POWs.

His remains were identified on September 9, 2022, by The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Their review made positive identification and allowed Corporal Worline to begin his final journey home. As part of his repatriation, the Honorable Transfer of Remains from Dayton International Airport took place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. After Corporal Worline's memorial service on Friday, May 19, he will finally be laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery in his hometown of Dupont, Ohio with full military honors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the life and service of Corporal Clark E. Worline. On behalf of the people of Northwest Ohio, we recognize the sacrifice that Corporal Worline made for his country, and we thank his family for his service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING MS. JAN CANTWELL AND HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. KEVIN KILEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize one of my constituents, Jan Cantwell, for her exceptional service and dedication to our community. Jan has devoted her life to serving others. Starting at a young age, she was an active participant in her community as a Girl Scout and a camp counselor for the YMCA. As a former small business owner, she volunteers full time in order to help her friends and neighbors. Since 2018, she has managed the Lake of the Pines Facebook group "The Voice," known as the lifeblood of information for her community. At all hours of the day and night, Jan tirelessly keeps thousands of residents apprised of any potential threats to the community in real time, whether from floods, fires, crimes, or other potentially dangerous situations. She stays up long into the night monitoring scanners for danger, usually not going to sleep until the early morning hours around 4 am. Jan spent over a decade serving on the Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team, specifically working with the ManTracker and Crisis Team sections before transitioning into the Command and Evidence Collection section. To this day, she maintains her first aid certification and emergency first responder training. Her commitment to public safety and community service is admirable, and California's Third Congressional District is fortunate for Jan Cantwell's leadership and involvement. Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am honored to recognize Jan Cantwell for her extraordinary efforts to serve her community in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada.