

The purpose of the legislation is to enable our institutions of higher education to more easily obtain the best information available on how to keep our campuses safe and how to respond in the event of a campus emergency. The bill creates a National Center for Campus Public Safety ("Center"), which will be administered through the Department of Justice. The Center is designed to train campus public safety agencies in state of the art practices to assure campus safety, encourage research to strengthen college safety and security, and serve as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of relevant campus public safety information. The Director of the Center will have authority to award grants to institutions of higher learning to help them meet their enhanced public safety goals.

Over the past few years we have seen numerous tragedies occur at colleges and universities, including the disastrous events that occurred at Virginia Tech, Northern Illinois University and more recently at Old Dominion University that took the life of Congressman ELIJAH CUMMINGS' nephew. Unfortunately, these events were the first of their kind at their schools and there was insufficient knowledge on how to prevent the tragedies or how to most effectively respond in their aftermath. While there is growing awareness that such threats are possible anywhere, many schools still have not developed safety protocols that would prepare them to maximize the prospects of preventing such tragedies or to effectively respond to them should they occur despite sound prevention efforts.

Our nation's colleges and universities play a large role in the development of our next generation of leaders and we should assist them in their efforts to keep our campuses and our students safe. The Clery Act already requires schools to have safety plans in order to participate in the Title IV deferral student aid programs; unfortunately there is no one place for schools to obtain reliable and useful information. It makes little sense to require the thousands of institutions of higher education to start from scratch and individually go through the cost and effort to develop comprehensive plans. Instead, they ought to be able to obtain guidance and assistance, including best practices, from a "one stop shop" like the Center.

The CAMPUS Safety Act will help institutions of higher learning understand how to prevent such tragedies from occurring, and how to respond immediately and effectively in case they do. Although this bill was originally drafted in direct response to the Virginia Tech shootings to specifically assist college and university campuses, I should note that in the wake of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, public elementary and secondary schools and their governing agencies will be able to access the informational and training benefits of the Center.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support this important legislation to ensure that our institutions of higher education have access to the information necessary to keep their schools safe.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF WILLIAM J. UGGIANO

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, January 26, marks the 115th anniversary of Council 302 of the Wilkes-Barre Knights of Columbus, and I rise today to congratulate the Knights of Columbus on this remarkable accomplishment and to recognize the leadership and community service of William J. Uggiano, the immediate past Grand Knight of the organization. Mr. Uggiano served the Council for the period July 2010–June 2012, and he is being honored by the Knights of Columbus as part of the 115th anniversary celebration.

William Uggiano previously served his country with distinction during a long career in the Navy, which included tours of duty on four different warships, the last of which was the USS *Guam*. He was even baptized at sea on the *Guam* off the coast of Liberia. He retired in 1999 and enrolled in Luzerne Community College where he received an Associates degree in computer information systems. While attending college to get the degree, he began working at the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration hospital as an IT specialist in the Office of Information and Technology, and he is still employed there today.

Mr. Uggiano is a past Commander of the Italian American Veterans of Luzerne County—Post No. 1, Treasurer of the American Federal of Government Employees (AFGE)—Local 1699, and Treasurer of the Diamond City chapter of the American Wine Society. He is married to the former Javette Winney of Portsmouth, Virginia, and he and Javette have six children and thirteen grandchildren.

William Uggiano exemplifies the Knights of Columbus founding core principles of charity toward others, unity for the good of us all, fraternity with one another, and patriotism marked by devotion to both God and country. Please accept my congratulations on this momentous occasion.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED LEASE OR EVENTUAL CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF FORT WAINWRIGHT MILITARY RESERVATION IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to continue the conversation on how to preserve and protect an important neighborhood in Fairbanks, Alaska from eventual destruction.

In 1987, the Army entered into a Section 801 build-to-lease housing contract for a 400-home community on 76 acres of land. These homes, consisting of 3, 4, and 5 bedroom units, a maintenance and leasing facility, associated roads and parking areas, landscaping, 18 playgrounds, and a central heating system

including 39 boiler houses, are an important source of housing for military families and the local area. This group of homes is more than just housing or a neighborhood, it is a community.

The housing lease for this Section 801 contract expired in 2007 and the ground lease is scheduled to expire on June 26, 2018. Without an extension of the ground lease, the 400 houses must be removed from their current location no later than 180 days following the expiration of the lease. The most likely outcome of this situation is a complete demolition of these properties.

Currently, these 400 houses are nearly 100% occupied (99% in August of 2012) which is an unbiased testament to the value of these houses. Additionally, the four and five bedroom units are a valuable but very limited resource for the large number of military families with multiple children stationed in the area. In fact, seeing the value of these homes to both the military community and the local tax base, several community leaders and interests have written to me over the past couple of years to express their support for extending the ground-lease under these homes.

While I understand that this is a sensitive issue, it simply does not make sense for 400 high-use and high-value homes to be torn down. There must be a better solution. This bill may not be that solution, but it is a critical step in the direction to finding one.

HONORING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOR 108 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Rotary International for selflessly working for 108 years to improve communities around the world and to recognize the Rotary Clubs of the State of Florida for the important work they do in our communities. The organization's motto of "Service Above Self" inspires its members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world.

Founded in 1905, Rotary International has become one of the world's largest non-profit service organizations. In my home State of Florida, there are nearly 400 Rotary clubs throughout 8 Rotary districts. These clubs represent thousands of Floridians who actively sponsor service projects throughout the State and internationally. Through their charitable spirit, these clubs provide solutions to problems impacting society, including poverty, hunger, illiteracy, and more. Since its founding, Rotary has contributed more than one billion dollars and countless volunteer hours in the fight to eradicate polio. Last year alone, the organization raised more than \$200 million for global polio eradication.

Rotary is also the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships. Annually, more than 7,000 secondary school students are able to study abroad through the organization's Youth Exchange Programs.

Mr. Speaker, for more than 100 years, Rotary International has represented the best of