

alleviates hunger and improves nutrition by increasing the food purchasing power of low-income households, enabling them to obtain a more nutritious diet that contributes to the prevention of obesity, diseases, and food insecurity.

Cutting funding is a threat to SNAP's mission to alleviate the health problems many children face in America. Studies indicate that children who are provided with healthier food are less likely to develop health problems and more likely to excel better in school. Sixty-two percent of teachers in a survey said that they have children in their classrooms that come to school hungry regularly because they are not getting enough food to eat at home.

HONORING ELOISE LUNDGREN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my longtime friend Eloise Lundgren. On October 1, 2013 Eloise will be named the John Garth Person of the Year by the Bell County Judge and Commissioners' Committee on People with Disabilities.

Eloise's life has been one of service to others. A consummate people person, she's worked in public and community relations at the Texas Department of Transportation, Fort Hood, and has been public affairs officer with the U.S. Army Operation Test Command since 2006.

Yet unbeknownst to many of her friends and colleagues, Eloise has been living with complications of Guillain-Barre syndrome since 1998. A disorder where the body's immune system attacks the nerves, Guillain-Barre syndrome begins with weakness and tingling in the extremities which eventually paralyzes the whole body. She's undergone years of treatment yet still suffers from the ravages of the disease.

Eloise's tenacity hasn't let her illness slow her down. She fulfilled a promise to visit her mother in Hungary over the summer. A vital member of the community, her commitments to Rotary, United Way, and her faith are as strong as ever. She remains an inspiration to all who know her.

Eloise is living proof of Sam Houston's maxim, "Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression, come from what source it may." I admire her perseverance and I'm proud to call her my friend. Both Erika and I wish her nothing but the best in the years ahead.

AMERICORPS AND THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service on celebrating its 20th anniversary on September 21, 2013.

In communities across America, committed AmeriCorps members are making an impact and a powerful difference on some of the most critical issues facing our nation: poverty, hunger, education and much more. Since its inception, more than 820,000 men and women have taken the AmeriCorps pledge, serving more than one billion hours and improving the lives of their neighbors and our communities.

In the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, AnneriCorps members are serving with long standing community organizations including the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, City Year, the Cleveland Foodbank, The Literacy Cooperative and others. Sequestration has severely impacted the program's budget in 2013 and curtailed hiring of AmeriCorps associates. This is a loss for both the community and the AmeriCorps members who leave the program with valuable skills, tested leadership abilities, experience to help jumpstart their careers and a deeper understanding of community problems and how they might work to address them.

I support efforts to ensure continuation of this much needed program and urge everyone to join me in celebrating the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of September 16, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following.

Tuesday, September 17, 2013: rollcall No. 460: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3092, "yea"; rollcall No. 461: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2449, "yea"; rollcall No. 462: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 793, "yea".

Wednesday, September 18, 2013: rollcall No. 463: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question providing for consideration of H.R. 761, "nay"; rollcall No. 464: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 761, "no"; rollcall No. 465: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 301, "yea"; rollcall No. 466: Lowenthal of California Amendment No. 1, "aye"; rollcall No. 467: Veasey of Texas Amendment No. 2, "aye"; of rollcall No. 468: Connolly of Virginia Amendment No. 3, "aye"; rollcall No. 469: Hastings of Florida Amendment No. 4, "aye"; rollcall No. 470: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 761, "aye"; rollcall No. 471: Final Passage of H.R. 761, "no".

Thursday, September 19, 2013: rollcall No. 472: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.J. Res. 59, "nay"; rollcall No. 473: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 59, "nay"; rollcall No. 474: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 687, "nay"; rollcall No. 475: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 3102, "yea"; rollcall No. 476: On Passage of H.R. 3102, "nay".

Friday, September 20, 2013: rollcall No. 477: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.J. Res. 59, "yea"; rollcall No. 478: On Passage of H.J. Res. 59, "no"; rollcall No. 479: Daines of Montana Part C Amendment No. 1,

"no"; rollcall No. 480: McClintock of California Part C Amendment No. 3, "no"; rollcall No. 481: McClintock of California Part C Amendment No. 5, "no"; rollcall No. 482: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 1526, "aye"; rollcall No. 483: On Passage of H.R. 1526, "no".

RECOGNIZING JOE JANNAZO AS THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OVERALL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2013

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe Jannazo as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 Middle School and Overall Teacher of the Year for 2013. For the last four years, Mr. Jannazo has been an inspiration to his students, his colleagues, and the Northwest Florida community. I am honored to recognize his success and achievements.

After graduating from Florida State University in 2007, Mr. Jannazo became a teacher at WC Pryor Middle School in Fort Walton Beach, Florida where he was initially hired to teach aviation. The school quickly capitalized not only on Mr. Jannazo's passion for aviation, but also his leadership, energy, and dedication to his students, by dramatically expanding the subjects he taught to also include engineering, meteorology, and robotics oriented courses. In this capacity, Mr. Jannazo has enhanced his students learning opportunities and spurred their interests in the world of science and engineering with the support of the outside community, including the local AFA Chapter, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, the Civil Air Patrol, and the "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" (FIRST) Lego Robotics Program.

Mr. Jannazo has helped create programs that excite his students with hands-on learning where his coursework creatively integrates numerous science and mathematics concepts like the skills required to develop flight plans, access weather conditions, fly aircraft simulators, and design, build, and program robots. His efforts have taught his students important leadership, team building, and problem solving skills.

Northwest Florida has been blessed with an abundance of exemplary educators like Mr. Jannazo. He has demonstrated his commitment to the success of each of his students through his leadership and passion. Mr. Jannazo's efforts have helped to ensure a strong educational foundation for his young students, our Nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Joe Jannazo as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Middle School and Overall Teacher of the Year for 2013 and thank him for his commitment to service in Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mr. Jannazo, and we wish him all the best for continued success.