

During this beautiful month of spiritual improvement, our neighboring Muslims across the nation come together to build stronger relationships with each one of us and worship as a community.

As the festivities of Eid are celebrated, I hope each one of us will continue to remember those less fortunate and continue on the path of strengthening communities and building bridges.

I extend my warmest wishes to my Muslim constituents in Texas and here in Washington, and thank each and every one of them for their continued efforts to serve our community.

This dedication is a testament to the beautiful faith of Islam.

Eid Mubarak, or Happy Eid; I wish to you peace and prosperity in the years to come.

H.R. 5388, THE "SUPPORT FOR RAPID INNOVATION ACT OF 2016"

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office regarding H.R. 5388.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 30, 2016.

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,
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. 5388, the Support for Rapid Innovation Act of 2016.

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

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5388—*Support for Rapid Innovation Act of 2016*

Current law permits the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to waive the requirements of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (procedures that guide federal procurement actions) for certain research and development projects. That authority (known as "other transaction authority") enables the department to increase its use of small contractors for research and development activities and is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2016. H.R. 5388 would extend it for four years.

Based on information from DHS about the department's research and development plans, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5388 would not significantly affect DHS spending for those activities. In recent years DHS has spent around \$0.7 billion annually on research and development activities. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5388 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 5388 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

IN HONOR OF THE CHANTILLY BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the boys' baseball team from Chantilly High School in my District who recently won the 2016 6A Virginia State Championship. They practiced long hours as a team, and this achievement shows how far dedication, hard work, and commitment to teamwork can take a group as they played against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Chantilly boys' baseball team has made Virginia's 10th Congressional District proud and they have represented us well. Winning a state championship attests to their impressive athletic ability, unselfish mentality, and determination to succeed. I commend them for their tireless dedication to both their school and their teammates, without neither of which this could have been possible. It takes a delicate combination of superior skill and many hours of practice to win a state title. The Chantilly boys' baseball team has certainly earned this honor and the lessons learned over the years will valuably serve them as they continue on in their lives.

This team unfortunately had come up short the previous two years, and came into this year's final determined to be victorious. Seven innings into the state championship final, they found themselves down two scores to their zero. Thinking back to the previous two years of disappointment, they dug deep and rallied to score three quick runs to win the state title by just one run in an exhilarating fashion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Chantilly boys' baseball team for their achievement and representing Virginia's 10th Congressional District with such distinction. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. EILEEN MARIE COLLINS, TRAILBLAZING FIRST WOMAN NASA SPACE SHUTTLE FLIGHT COMMANDER

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as the representative of the 18th Congressional District of Texas, and on behalf of its constituents within the City of Houston, which is home to the Johnson Space Center, I rise to pay tribute to Lt. Colonel Eileen Marie Collins, the first woman to command a Space Shuttle mission in the long and storied history of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Lt. Colonel Eileen Marie Collins was born in Elmira, New York on November 19, 1956.

As a child, Eileen Collins dreamed about space and of becoming an astronaut.

The Collins family wanted the young Eileen to attend college but did not have the money to send her.

So after graduating from high school, Eileen Collins attended Corning Community College

where her hard work and superior academic performance enabled her to win a scholarship to Syracuse University, from which she graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and economics.

Not stopping there, Eileen Collins went on to earn a Master of Science degree in operations research from Stanford University and a Master of Arts degree in space systems management from Webster University.

In 1979, Eileen Collins graduated from Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base and was commissioned as an officer, where her excellent performance earned her several promotions, up to and including her current rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1990, while attending the Air Force Test Pilot School, Eileen Collins was selected for the astronaut program and realized her childhood dream of becoming an astronaut when she completed her training and earned her appointment as a NASA astronaut.

Just four short years later, Eileen Collins made history when she became the first woman to pilot a Space Shuttle mission (STS-9) on February 2, 1995.

Lt. Col. Collins made history once again on July 23, 1999, when she became the first woman to command a Space Shuttle mission.

Lt. Colonel Collins is also a wife and mother, but on top of all these titles and distinctions she is an inspiration for many women throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, the extraordinary achievements of Lt. Colonel Eileen Marie Collins are a tribute to her hard work and perseverance, but they also reflect favorably upon the nation that made it possible for her to take advantage of opportunities that enabled her to realize her dreams.

In the end, this is what really makes America great.

From Sally Ride to Mae Jemison, women pioneers in the space program have made great strides in opening doors and opportunities for women and because of them no dream is impossible for American women, whether it is commanding a NASA space shuttle or becoming President of the United States.

H.R. 5456

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 1, 2016

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following on H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016:

VOICE FOR ADOPTION,
Washington, DC, June 13, 2016.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BRADY AND RANKING MEMBER LEVIN:

DEAR CHAIRMAN HATCH AND RANKING MEMBER WYDEN:

DEAR CHAIRMAN BUCHANAN AND RANKING MEMBER DOGGETT:

Today I offer Voice for Adoption's full support of the proposed Family First Prevention Services Act (H.R. 5456). It takes historic and long overdue steps to direct federal child welfare dollars to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families. I urge you to move toward a timely mark up in both the House and the Senate so these vulnerable