

DCFS believes every child wants a loving home and the Family First Prevention Service Act will assist DCFS' ability to fulfill that expectation. Thank you for your commitment to Louisiana's families and your service to our country.

Sincerely,

MARKETA GARNER WALTERS,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH,
June 17, 2016.

Hon. KEVIN BRADY,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
Washington, DC.

Hon. SANDY LEVIN,
Ranking Member, Committee on Ways and Means,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BRADY AND RANKING MEMBER LEVIN: On behalf of the National Association for Children's Behavioral Health (NACBH), we would like to take this opportunity to offer our support for the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016. We would like to thank you for your leadership in bringing about much needed reform to the very complex and dysfunctional system of care for some of our nation's most vulnerable children and families. As an organization representing mental health and child welfare providers across the country, we understand the challenges faced by our child welfare systems.

Specifically, we applaud the Act for enabling federal IV-E and IV-B funds to be used, for the first time, to offer prevention-based services in hopes that fewer at-risk children will be removed from their families and instead offered supportive services in their homes and communities. The Act's focus on providing increased access to mental health services is a tremendous step forward in addressing the underlying issues that often lead families to enter the child welfare system.

Upon passage of this bill, we look forward to the opportunity to work with Congress and the Administration to address some of the additional complexities of the bill. The ambiguity regarding the payment structures involved in ensuring the necessary treatment services specified in the bill require needed clarity. Our concerns specifically relate to the payment for the required assessments and ensuing mental health and health care services determined to be needed for children and adolescents in qualified residential treatment programs (QRTP).

We appreciate the time and attention to the issues addressed in this bill. We look forward to working with you for continued improvement and system development.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA JOHNSTON,
Executive Director.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
COLONEL MICHELLE M. WILLIAMS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Michelle M. Williams for her exemplary dedication to duty and service to the United States Army and to the United States of America. Lieutenant Colonel Williams has served for the last two years as a Congressional Budget Liaison for the Secretary of the Army.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Lieutenant Colonel Williams was commissioned from the ROTC program at the Florida Institute of Technology, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. While there, Michelle received her airborne wings. She was commissioned as a Finance Officer in 1999. As a junior officer, she deployed to Bosnia where she served as a cash control officer, responsible for the distribution of over \$1 million in cash, cash documents and equipment to Multinational Division-North in support of Operation Joint Forge. She also served as a Finance Detachment Commander in Iraq, where she led her troops through hundreds of missions across Baghdad and through the risky Sunni-Triangle area of operations. Her unit disbursed over \$1 billion dollars. Michelle also served in several other organizations, as a resource manager in the Joint Chiefs of Staff J8, and as a budget officer in the Pentagon before being promoted to Major.

As a Field-Grade Officer, Michelle served as a Deputy Comptroller for United States Southern Command where she established herself as the lead and technical expert when deploying the Army's new Financial Management system, GFEBS at SOUTHCOM. She deployed again as the Budget Officer for United States Army Central Command in Arifjan, Kuwait where she was responsible for obligations exceeding \$1 billion and eliminated inefficient processes while improving audit readiness and preventing duplicate payments.

In 2014, Michelle returned to the Pentagon as an Army Budget Liaison, where she was of great assistance to many Members of Congress and their staffs. Lieutenant Colonel Williams facilitated many briefings from Army officials here on Capitol Hill. In addition, Michelle managed a portfolio that included the Army's Operations and Maintenance account, the Working Capital Fund, and activity at the Depots that support the Army, a significant portion of Alabama's contribution to our Nation's defense.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending Lieutenant Colonel Williams for her service to our great Nation. Michelle's leadership throughout her career has positively impacted her soldiers, peers, and superiors. We wish Michelle and her husband Jeff Pashai all the best as they continue to serve the nation in her next assignment as the Division G8 at Fort Carson, Colorado.

CONGRATULATING MAGGIE SMITH,
ILLINOIS CHAMPION OF THE
HEALTHY LUNCHTIME CHALLENGE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maggie Smith, the Illinois Champion of First Lady Michelle Obama's Healthy Lunchtime Challenge. The First Lady invited children from across the nation to submit their original ideas for healthy, affordable recipes, and selected one winner from every state to visit the White House for the Kid's State Dinner.

Maggie, an 11 year old from Peoria, Illinois, became interested in cooking when she was

just 9 years old. Since then, she's been cooking her family dinner once a week, inspired by her parent's emphasis on the need for healthy eating. After spending a lot of time crafting and perfecting her dish, Maggie's winning recipe is "West Wing Chicken with Secret Service Noodles." The dish features breaded chicken with homemade marinara sauce, served with zucchini and squash noodles.

I am so proud of Maggie for her hard work and dedication to promoting healthy eating, and I wish her success in her future culinary endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF OSCAR
ARACENA-MONTERO

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Oscar Aracena-Montero who was a resident of my district and lived in Kissimmee, Florida. Oscar's life was cut short in the early hours of June 12, 2016, during the tragic shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

Oscar was a business management student and worked as an assistant restaurant manager. He moved from the Dominican Republic with his father as a child and grew up in Central Florida. His friends describe him as a sweet guy who was the type of person who gets along with anybody. They remember him as a charismatic person who always looked on the bright side of things.

Oscar was excited about the prospects of a career after completing his college degree. He and his partner, Simon Fernandez, purchased a home last year where they lived together with their three lovely Chihuahuas. They enjoyed traveling together, dancing, riding their bikes and going water skiing.

Oscar and Simon had been vacationing in Canada and New York the week before the tragedy. Friends enjoyed seeing their photos posted online from their stop in Niagra Falls. The couple had just returned to Orlando earlier in the day before heading out with friends to Latin Night at the Pulse club on the night of the attack.

The two died alongside one another at the club. Oscar was 26 years old.

Oscar Aracena-Montero will never be forgotten in our pursuit of a more just and loving world. His memory and acts of kindness will live forever in the hearts and minds of those who knew him.

May his family, relatives and friends eventually find solace and comfort, and may he rest in eternal peace.

COMMENDING NOEL "CHRISTY"
NOLTA FOR HER SERVICE TO
OUR COUNTRY

HON. GWEN GRAHAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Noel "Christy" Nolta on the occasion of her recent selection as Deputy Director of Staff for the Chief of Staff of the Air