

quantify the exact spending cuts they propose to pay for the large increase in defense spending.

With the uncertainty of the size and scope of potentially massive cuts to our non-defense discretionary spending such as to diplomacy, foreign aid, education, housing, basic research, job training, and infrastructure, I cannot in good conscience vote for the additional billions of dollars in defense spending. I support our troops and a strong military to keep the peace, but this bill's spending levels would weaken our country's efforts at home and abroad. Our diplomatic and foreign aid budgets are an integral part in keeping the peace abroad. An increase to defense in conjunction with a cut in diplomacy and aid is a choice I cannot support. This should not be an either-or issue. However, because of the BCA and the decisions made by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, this is the choice I had to make on behalf of my constituents in Silicon Valley and what is right and in the best interests of our troops and national security interests and objectives.

SOUND RELIEF HEARING CENTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sound Relief Hearing Center for receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

The Ethics in Business Award was established by the Golden Rotary to honor for-profit and non-profit businesses. The recipients of this award must maintain integrity, conviction and possess high ethical standards demonstrated by the treatment of customers, employees, community and the environment.

Sound Relief Hearing Center is a family-owned and operated business specializing in hearing solutions. They have built a foundation of exceptional service, showing compassion for the community and genuinely caring for the people they serve. Their code of ethics includes a commitment to charitable giving, educating the public and volunteering their time. Some examples of their philanthropy include earmarking 10 percent of their earnings for several charities and reimbursing employees for continuing education.

To all the employees of Sound Relief Hearing Center, congratulations on receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award, and thank you for your continued commitment to excellence.

LORI AIMEE SNEED

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Lori Aimee Sneed, beloved member of the Gulfport community, who was taken far too soon and went to be with the Lord on July 12, 2017.

Lori was a vivacious woman who battled many physical challenges throughout her life,

all the while spreading her contagious positivity and never-ending kindness to those around her. After suffering a spinal cord injury during her freshman year at the University of Mississippi in 1991, Lori was left a quadriplegic but continued to relentlessly pursue her educational and professional goals.

After completing a year at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Lori fearlessly returned to Ole Miss and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in 1997. A prominent figure on campus, Lori was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority, a member of the University of Mississippi Committee on Disabilities, and a two-time winner of the Most Beautiful Eyes on Campus contest.

Upon completion of her degree, her inspiring and persistent personality helped her land her dream job at CNN working in the public information division, a position she held from 1997 to 2006. She shared her marvelous sense of humor with others through "stand up" and improvisational comedy routines, and became an exceptional watercolor artist later in life.

Lori never let her limitations define her. She will always be remembered as a strong, caring, and determined woman by those who had the pleasure of knowing her and will be fondly missed by her parents, Patti and Shorty Sneed, and her brother, Johnny. She epitomized selflessness and was known for being "beautiful inside and out."

Mississippi lost a dear daughter with the death of Lori Aimee Sneed. On behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Mississippi, we recognize her beautiful life.

IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY HUBBARD FOR HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE DEARBORN COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Nancy Hubbard for her service and dedication to the City of Dearborn. As one of the city's longest serving City Council members, Ms. Hubbard was a tireless public servant who left a legacy of achievement and will be missed.

Ms. Hubbard began her career as a secretary with Ford Motor Company and later worked for the Dearborn Department of Public Works and Dearborn Department of Building and Safety. She was elected to the Dearborn City Council in 1990 and compiled a distinguished record of success during her 24 years on the council. Ms. Hubbard has spent 16 years serving as the Council President Pro Tem, where she used the leadership position to advocate on behalf of the city's residents. She played a key role in the establishment of the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center and in expanding the greenway trail system in the city. She was also involved in economic development initiatives, including the establishment of the Dearborn Town Center and the redevelopment of the Warren Avenue and Dix-Vernor business corridors. As a result of her work, Dearborn has been transformed into a thriving community that effectively serves the needs of the city's residents.

Ms. Hubbard's commitment to public service and the City of Dearborn helped improve the quality of life for the community while driving economic development in the area. As a life-long resident of Dearborn, Ms. Hubbard's deep ties to the area allowed her to effectively engage with her constituents and address pressing issues facing the city at large. She was a tireless advocate during her career with the City Council who remained personally engaged with city's residents throughout her life, and her passion for public service will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Nancy Hubbard for her public service with the Dearborn City Council. Ms. Hubbard lived a life dedicated to public service and well-being of others.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE AND HEATHER WINFREE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, heroes come into lives in different ways through the challenges people face during their lives.

A very special hero from my district came up with a heartwarming way to share her choice to be an organ donor for her husband who has been suffering from kidney disease for 14 years.

Heather Winfree took her husband's love for baseball and used it as a way to share the good news that she was a donor match.

Because of his diagnosis as a teen, Steve Winfree was never able to achieve his dream of playing college baseball.

Steve collects baseball cards on a regular basis, but the most rare card he has ever received is a custom Topps card that Heather designed for him.

It included Steve's picture and text on the back that read "Steve will be a rookie recipient at Vanderbilt Transplant Center where his wife, Heather, will be pitching a new kidney to him."

Because of Heather's heroic efforts to save the life of her husband, he could receive the transplant as soon as the end of July this year.

I am proud to see people from my district like Heather show us the true meaning of love while people like Steve show us what perseverance looks like.

Please join me in wishing them the best as they both undergo surgery in the near future.

I would like to include in the RECORD the following story about the Winfree's from CBS News.

[From CBS News, July 11, 2017]

MAN LEARNS WIFE IS KIDNEY TRANSPLANT MATCH FROM A CUSTOM-MADE BASEBALL CARD
(By Jennifer Earl)

Steve Winfree was excited to rip open up a brand new pack of Topps baseball cards. It has become a family tradition over the years. But this time, as he shuffled through the deck, he spotted something unusual—his very own playing card.

As he read the stats on the back, Winfree, who has been suffering from kidney disease for the past 14 years, broke down in tears.

"What the heck?" he asked, as his wife, Heather, sat beside him.

“What is it?” Heather asked, grinning.

Winfree began to read out loud: “Steve has had a lot on his plate. With his health issues, he’s been striking out a lot. He was not sure how he was going to wind up,” the card’s bio said. “His wife, Heather, thinks he’s a great catch so she’s just dying to go to bat for him. Now Steve will be a rookie recipient.”

It was at that moment, Winfree realized his wife was giving him the best gift of all—a new kidney, and a whole new life.

Heather Winfree surprised her husband, Steve, with his very own Topps playing card.

Heather had been tested to see if she could be a match a week earlier. Before she even received the results, she came up with the creative way to share the good news.

“I had already started planning how I was going to tell him before I knew I was a match,” Heather told CBS News. “I never considered I wouldn’t be a match. I guess I had to have faith I was going to be a match—that was keeping my hope alive.”

Steve Winfree was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease at the age of 18. He was getting ready to play college basketball when doctors discovered he had high blood pressure during a pre-season physical.

After running more tests, Winfree was told he only had 50 percent kidney function. His dreams of playing college ball were over.

“He’s been through a lot,” Heather said. “Kidney disease is really hard. It’s been really hard.”

Since the couple met seven years ago, he’s developed severe gout, arthritis, undergone several surgeries and had to have a toe amputated. He’s been on dialysis for over a year.

“A year ago, they put a port in his chest and he ended up going into septic shock,” Heather added. “He spent seven days in the intensive care unit. I can’t tell you what that grief felt like, feeling like I was going to lose my husband.”

Steve Winfree is told his wife is a perfect match for a kidney transplant, and he could have surgery as early as the end of July.

So when doctors at Vanderbilt University Medical Center told Winfree he was eligible to get onto the transplant list in late June, Heather jumped at the opportunity to offer herself up as a living kidney donor.

“I said, ‘I want to expedite this. I want to help my husband get better,’” she explained.

Her wish came true when doctors confirmed the match. If everything goes well, Winfree could have surgery by the end of the month.

“Here I am, I have two kidneys and he needs one—why wouldn’t I improve his quality of life?” Heather said. “For 14 years of his life he’s been battling this disease and finally we have the relief of knowing the end is on the horizon. We’ve got hope.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed Roll Call vote numbers 379, 380, and 381. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on all three votes.

JOHN ZABAWA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud John Zabawa who is retiring as Chief Executive Officer and President of Seniors’ Resource Center (SRC) after years of service to the senior community in Colorado.

The Seniors’ Resource Center is a person-focused non-profit dedicated to enhancing the independence and quality of life for seniors in the Denver Metro community through coordinated services such as transportation, in-home care, and many other life-enriching programs. Under Mr. Zabawa’s leadership, the Center has served over 24,500 people each year, developing strong community relations and raising awareness of senior issues. With his guidance, the Center has expanded its programs and services to reach ten Denver Metro and mountain rural counties across Colorado.

Mr. Zabawa started his career as a recreational therapy assistant in Indiana, coordinating activities for psychiatric patients before serving as a youth counselor for troubled youths in Adams County. His accomplishments include President of LeadingAge Colorado, the Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors for the Jefferson Center for Mental Health, and the President of the Jefferson County Council on Aging. In 2005, Mr. Zabawa was appointed by the President of the Colorado State Senate to represent Colorado at the White House Conference on Aging, and he was recently appointed by Governor Hickenlooper to serve on the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging to create an action plan for Colorado’s shifting demographic. John has continuously demonstrated passion, dedication, and leadership in advocating and serving the senior communities, and we will forever be grateful for his commitment.

I extend my deepest thanks to John Zabawa for his service to our community and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JOSH BAGGETT’S YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Josh Baggett for his years of service to the people of Illinois’ 16th Congressional District. After ten years of working on the Hill, moving from intern to Legislative Director, Josh is now moving on to new endeavors.

Josh Baggett has worked in my office for over six years. He is a valued member of my office, a mentor to staff and interns, and of course, an important part of the intramural softball team.

While my staff and I are sad to see him leave, as well as his beloved dogs Maggie and Rooster, we know he’ll always be a member of Team Kinzinger, and we look forward to seeing him excel as he takes this next step in his career.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District, I would like to share my heartfelt thanks to Josh for his hard work, and wish him all the very best.

DE’VONDRE CAMPBELL

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of NFL player De’Vondre Campbell. A native of Fort Myers, Campbell is returning to his home town to host a summer football camp for our community’s youth. As a rookie with the Atlanta Falcons, Campbell forced a fumble, recorded forty-eight tackles, and had one interception.

Campbell is the epitome of hard work and determination as he paid his way to Hutchinson Community College, then earned a scholarship to the University of Minnesota. He did not let this nor his necessary Lasik surgery deter him from achieving his dream of playing in the NFL. At his camp, he will teach young boys not only the fundamentals of the game, but also the value of teamwork, perseverance, and self-discipline. I commend Campbell for giving back to our community and look forward to seeing his accomplishments in the years to come.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMAINE DROUHIN WINERY IN OREGON

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Drouhin Family, who this month celebrates the 30th Anniversary of Domaine Drouhin Oregon, their esteemed winery in the Willamette Valley’s Dundee Hills. The Oregon wine industry, now so acclaimed, was still in nascent form back in 1987 when the Drouhins purchased land in Dayton, Oregon. Their bold leap to Oregon from Burgundy, France, brought great recognition to our region, and international confirmation of our enormous potential. It is rightly considered a historic moment for Oregon wine.

In 1989, the Drouhins built their landmark winery, a building that will continue to inspire guests from all over the world while facilitating the production of exceptional wines for decades to come.

The Drouhins embraced the character and soul of Oregon. Through hard work, and in collaboration with their fellow Oregon wine producers, the Drouhins have helped Oregon wines take their place on the world stage in the finest restaurants, in the most respected shops, and in the best cellars. Oregon wine country is a destination, and Oregon wines are sought around the world.

The Drouhin Family’s Oregon adventure vividly shows the cooperation—in knowledge, experience, and passion—between France and America, between Burgundy and Oregon, in the service of excellence.

I am proud to acknowledge that, over the years, the Drouhins have contributed their extraordinary energy and resources to a substantial range of charitable pursuits in Oregon,