

Community Champions:
 Braddock District: David Curtis
 Dranesville District: Penny Halpern
 Hunter Mill District: Raul and Maria Garza-Chapa
 Lee District: Michel Margosis
 Mason District: Gail Coleman
 Mount Vernon District: Whitney Minnich
 Providence District: Friends of Oakton Library
 Springfield District: John Pellegrin
 Sully District: Karrie Delaney
 At-Large: John K. Wood
 Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over: Gary Pan
 Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under: Kate Walter
 Adult Volunteer Group: Friends of Huntley Meadows
 Corporate Volunteer Program: Deloitte LLP
 Fairfax County Volunteer: Karla Jamir
 Fairfax County Volunteer Program: CERT
 Family Volunteer: Young Family
 Integrate Individual: Carolina Calderon
 Lifetime Achievement: Marie Monsen
 Rising Star: Shannon Dart
 RSVP Northern Virginia: Denise Mackey-Smith
 Senior Volunteer: Bard Jackson
 Volunteer Program: Wolf Trap First Time Campers Program
 Youth Volunteer: Emma Houston
 Youth Volunteer Group: Stony Brook Jr. Volunteers

In addition, Benchmark Honors will be awarded in four different categories to commend those who have contributed 100, 250, 500, or 1,000 hours of volunteer time to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Volunteer Fairfax for its decades of outstanding community service. I congratulate the recipients of the 2017 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards and thank them and the thousands of other local volunteers for their incredible contributions to our community. Their selfless dedication is worthy of our highest praise and is one of the main reasons that our community is often ranked as one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.

AMY SANCHEZ: TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following:

Good morning Congresspersons Kuster, Speier, Meehan and Joyce. Thank you for inviting me to participate in this important roundtable before the Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence. My name is Amy Sanchez and I am the CEO of Break the Cycle, a national nonprofit that engages, educates and empowers youth to build lives and communities free from domestic and dating violence. Break the Cycle believes that everyone deserves a healthy relationship and since 1996 has worked to end dating abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and

stalking in the lives of young people ages 12 to 24 across the U.S. Thank you for holding this roundtable today to address the steps Congress can take to support the implementation of K through 12 healthy relationships and consent education, and to thank you each for being champions for ending sexual violence.

Dating abuse and sexual violence are public health epidemics with severe impacts for young victims:

One in three high school students experience either physical or sexual violence, or both, perpetrated by someone they are dating or going out with.

Nearly 30 percent of adult victims of interpersonal violence homicides from 2003 to 2014 were young women between the ages of 18 and 29. (Unfortunately this CDC study did not address girls younger than 18.)

In Texas alone, 8 young women 19 and younger were murdered by an intimate partner in 2016.

More than half of women (69.5 percent) and men (53.6 percent) who have been physically or sexually abused, or stalked by a dating partner, first experienced abuse between the ages of 11 and 24.

Among male high school students who have experienced sexual and physical abuse by a dating partner, more than 1 in 4 have seriously contemplated suicide, and almost as many have attempted suicide.

Among female high school students who have experienced sexual and physical abuse by a dating partner, nearly half have seriously contemplated suicide, and more than 1 in 4 have attempted suicide.

We also know that raising awareness early is essential to ending this epidemic because:

More than half (58 percent) of college students do not know how to help someone who is experiencing dating abuse; and

Nearly all college students (89 percent) are not confident in their ability to recognize the warning signs of dating violence.

Both intervention and prevention are keys to stopping dating abuse and sexual assault among young people. To that end, Break the Cycle's work focuses on three: 1) direct legal representation to young victims ages 12 to 24 in Washington, DC, in restraining order, Title IX, and victim witness advocacy cases; 2) supporting youth leadership on dating abuse issues in schools and communities; and 3) providing education programs to schools and other youth-serving entities on supporting young people to prevent dating abuse and sexual assault. My remaining remarks will address the third element of this work—prevention education—and how we can ensure that every K through 12 student in the U.S. has access to developmentally appropriate programming.

Break the Cycle's prevention programming takes many forms, including Healthy Relationships workshops, Resource Manuals for schoolteachers and administrators, and Real Talks. The goal is always to create a space for youth to engage in open and honest conversations about healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviors in order to:

decrease the isolation that young victims so often feel;

enable young people to lead conversations about the good, the bad, and the normal in dating and relationships today;

teach young people how best to provide support to each other since we know they often do not report dating/sexual abuse to an adult;

allow young people to talk without fear of being judged or influenced by adults;

educate young people about dating abuse, including its warning signs; and

build on the lived realities of young people to develop effective engagement strategies to end dating violence and create a culture without abuse.

To prevent dating abuse and sexual violence among young people, Congress must fund primary prevention in every school. The funded approaches should meet the best practices standards set by the CDC, including that the education be: comprehensive; offered in sufficient dosage; socio-culturally relevant; evidence-based; offered by well-trained implementers; include outcome evaluations; and employ varied teaching methods.

One cannot check social media or news outlets today without reading about another sexual assault case, including on our school campuses. School districts are waking up to the fact that primary prevention programs are needed to teach young people about healthy and unhealthy relationship patterns and what consent means. Many states, including Virginia, Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, and Rhode Island, are leading the way by requiring that schools include consent and healthy relationships education within their sexual education curricula.

Budget choices are policy choices, and Congress has the opportunity to support these state efforts through adequate funding. One such avenue is the \$5 million increase for Rape Prevention Education in the Senate Appropriations Bill—the Task Force should champion this increase in RPE in the House as a concrete step towards ending dating abuse and sexual assault.

I want to close with some words from the sister of a dating abuse survivor who Break the Cycle assisted. She wrote BTC: "I had not thought about the need for interventions for young people. But then when my sister needed help, you were there for her. I will never be able to thank you enough for what you did for her. She has since met an amazing man and will be getting married soon. I doubt she will tell you, but you will be there nonetheless—in the form of a safe and whole bride walking into the arms of a man who loves and respects her." Through adequate funding and mandates for healthy relationships and consent education in K through 12 schools, Congress can be instrumental in preventing dating violence and sexual assault and ensuring that love and respect are the touchstones of relationships that young people form throughout their lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, Wednesday, September 27, 2017, Thursday, September 28, 2017, Monday, October 2, 2017, Tuesday, October 3, 2017, and Wednesday, October 4, 2017, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures due to a foot injury. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

(Roll no. 532) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 2824—Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, and H.R. 2792—Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 533) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2824—Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, and H.R. 2792—Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 534) On approval of the journal, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 535) On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. PASCRELL of New Jersey Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 2824—Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 536) On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 2824—Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 537) On passage of H.R. 2824—Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 538) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 3823—Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 539) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3823—Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 540) On passage of H. Res. 311—Recognizing that for 50 years the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has worked toward stability, prosperity, and peace in Southeast Asia, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 541) On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 3823—Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 542) On passage of H.R. 3823—Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 543) On passage of H.R. 2792—Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons Act of 2017, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 544) On passage of H.R. 1547—Udall Park Land Exchange Completion Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 545) On passage of H.R. 965—Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park Redesignation Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 546) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.R. 36—Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 547) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 36—Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 548) On motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 36—Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 549) On passage of H.R. 36—Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 550) On passage of S. 782—PROTECT Our Children Act, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 551) On ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 71—FY2018 Budget Resolution, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 552) On adoption of the rule providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 71—FY2018 Budget Resolution, had I been present I would have voted yes.

(Roll no. 553) On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. GRIJALVA of Arizona Substitute Amendment No. 1 to H. Con. Res. 71—FY2018 Budget Resolution, had I been present I would have voted no.

(Roll no. 554) On agreeing to the amendment of Mr. SCOTT of Virginia Substitute Amendment No. 2 to H. Con. Res. 71—FY2018 Budget Resolution, had I been present I would have voted no.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
GARY S. CHAHIL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated service and achievements of Mr. Gary Singh Chahil; outgoing District Director for my Fresno and Merced District offices. In the nearly two years since Gary has assumed this role, he has served as an advocate for the people of the 16th Congressional District. My staff and I will greatly miss his presence, generosity and sense of humor.

Gurjinder “Gary” Singh Chahil was born in the great state of Michigan, son of Jaswant Singh Chahil and Bhagwant Kaur Chahil. He is a proud Detroit native.

Gary attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, completing his Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering, a Masters of Business Administration and a PhD in Business Administration. He is a fiercely proud Wolverine and frequently enjoys watching Michigan football on Saturday afternoons.

Gary married the love of his life Kamaldeep “Kim” Kaur Deol, daughter of Sarbjit Singh Deol and Surinderpal Kaur Deol in 2004. They are blessed with two boys Kanvar “Kamran” and Bashan.

Gary started his career with Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. He spent five years at Ford before job opportunities brought him and his family west to California. He initially settled in San Jose, before moving to the San Joaquin Valley.

I first met Gary in 2012 at an event I hosted for the Indian community. Throughout the next few years, I would frequently seek Gary’s council on matters relating to the Indian, and specifically Sikh American, communities. An interest in politics and desire to serve the Valley led Gary to accept the District Director position in my office in February 2016.

Throughout his tenure as District Director, Gary has cultivated relationships in Fresno, Madera and Merced counties and worked hard to serve the people of the district. Gary has worked on a number of high profile policy issues, including immigration, international relations, water and agriculture. One project he is particularly proud of is the creation of the exchange partnership between California State University, Fresno and the Punjab Agriculture University in India.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to note that Gary is the first Sikh District Director in the United States Congress, an achievement that speaks to the great diversity we have in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mr. Gary Singh Chahil on his successful tenure as District Director for the

16th Congressional District. My staff and I are proud to have had the opportunity to work with him over the past two years. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing his achievements and ask that you join me in wishing Gary, his wife Kim and their two boys continued success and happiness.

HONORING BILL TAUBNER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a pillar of Pelham Manor, Bill Taubner, who this year is being honored by the Pelham Civic Association at their annual Dinner Dance Gala for his dedication to the community.

A lifelong resident of Pelham Manor and a member of the Pelham Civic Association, Bill is an exemplary member of the community. He is extremely altruistic and benevolent to charities, individuals, and families in need. Bill has a reputation for being very dependable, especially when it matters most.

An Executive Vice President of Ball Chain Manufacturing, he has been a member of the Pelham Manor Planning Board, has served as Chair of the board, Director and Coach of Pelham Little League, Director and Coach of Pelham Ice Hockey, and as a Pelham Soccer Coach. Bill has also been integral in the Fundraising Committees of Siwanoy Elementary School, Pelham Middle School, and Pelham High School, demonstrating his commitment to education and improving the lives of students in the neighborhood.

The Pelham Civic Association has made a fine choice this year in honoring Bill at their annual Dinner Dance Gala. I too would like to honor, and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition, and thank him for all of his contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 LORDS AND
LADIES FAIRFAX

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a truly exceptional group of men and women who are being recognized as the 2017 Lords and Ladies Fairfax. Every year, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from his or her district who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service, heroism, or other exceptional contributions to our community. Since the program’s inception in 1984, approximately 600 individuals have earned the honor of being named a Lord or Lady Fairfax by his or her representative on the Board of Supervisors.

This year, the recipients of the Lord and Lady Fairfax awards will be recognized at the celebration of the 275th anniversary of Fairfax County. We are especially honored to welcome Lord Nicholas Fairfax, 14th Lord Fairfax of Cameron and his wife Lady Annabel Fairfax who have traveled from the United Kingdom to join in this celebration. Lord Nicholas shares a common lineage with Lord Thomas Fairfax,