

Jonah has worked diligently to promote excellence in academics and character in her students and she has made a positive influence in the lives of all the students she has taught. I join the people of Guam in congratulating Jonah on this prestigious accomplishment being named the 2018 Guam Department of Education Teacher of the Year. I commend Jonah for her years of service and look forward to many more contributions to our island and nation.

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Stroke Awareness Month celebrated in May of each year.

Mr. Speaker, every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. has a stroke.

In fact, stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, killing nearly 430,000 Americans every year.

Yet, by making simple lifestyle changes, according to the National Stroke Association 80 percent of all strokes are preventable.

Unfortunately, many wait until it is too late: I know, because I had a stroke when I was 49 years old.

Since that fateful day and a year of rehabilitation, I have worked hard to increase awareness alongside the American Heart Association, National Stroke Association, Women's Heart Alliance and many others.

However, we can and must do more.

That is why, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition, I urge my colleagues to join me in raising greater awareness of stroke by cosponsoring my resolution, H. Res. 337.

Together we can combat this devastating illness and help find long-term solutions to better prevent, treat, and improve the lives of Americans and their families affected by stroke.

I thank my colleagues for passing the FAST Act in the Omnibus, because it expands access to telehealth-eligible stroke services under the Medicare program.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of my amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2019, which would require the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy to define and track Procurement Administrative Lead Time (PALT).

PALT is the amount of time between when a solicitation or task order is issued and when a contract or task order is awarded.

A similar requirement for the Department of Defense was enacted as part of the FY2018 National Defense Authorization Act.

I commend the Department for acting quickly to establish a definition of PALT and a way to track it in the Federal Procurement Data System with minimal additional effort from contract officers.

This requirement should be expanded government-wide with relative ease.

Such tracking will help federal agencies ensure they are soliciting and acquiring goods and services in an efficient manner and help Congressional overseers identify agencies that are underperforming in this area.

I thank Chairman THORNBERRY and Ranking Member SMITH for working with me on this amendment.

SHARING STUDENTS' 'MARCH FOR OUR LIVES' REMARKS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, I came to the Floor and spoke about the March For Our Lives on March 24 and the nine extraordinarily poised students in Morristown, New Jersey, who spoke at the rally there, which I attended. I include in the RECORD remarks by Danilo Lopez. I hope my colleagues will read them and internalize the sense of fear in which our nation's students are living every day—and our responsibility as Members of Congress to do something to address this crisis of gun violence.

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES' REMARKS BY DANILLO LOPEZ

Hello, my name is Danilo Lopez, and I am a junior at Dover High School. I would now like to read a list of those who lost their lives in the terrible shooting in Parkland, Florida, February 14, 2018: Alyssa Alhadeff; Scott Beigel; Martin Duque Anguiano; Nicholas Dworet; Aaron Feis; Jaime Guttenberg; Chris Hixon; Luke Hoyer; Cara Loughran; Gina Montalto; Joaquin Oliver; Alaina Petty; Meadow Pollack; Helena Ramsay; Alex Schachter; Carmen Schentrup; and Peter Wang.

Let us hope and pray that they are in a better place, and we will always remember. To honor the victims, I would now like us to all have a moment of silence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I had an unavoidable family commitment and so I missed Roll Call vote number 207 regarding the "Servicemembers Improved Transition through Reforms for Ensuring Progress Act (H.R. 4830)." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call vote number 208 regarding the "Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of

2018 (H.R. 4451)." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call vote number 209 regarding the "Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act (H.R. 3832)." Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF SISTER M. MAURICE WODARSKI, OSF

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, on this Memorial Day weekend, I rise to remember the life of Sister M. Maurice Wodarski, a dedicated servant of the Franciscan Order of Sylvania, Ohio. Of proud Polish/American heritage, she left us for God's grace this past January. Throughout her blessed life, she tended souls so faithfully, generously, and jovially. The sparkle in her eyes revealed a loving heart. And her crisply ironed beige habit with veil alerted you: this was a woman of serious purpose. Sr. Maurice was on a mission and she had no time to waste.

Having entered the convent from Nativity Parish in Toledo, OH in 1951, Sister Maurice lived her vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a dedicated woman of faith and service who ministered for over six decades indefatigably to the young, young at heart, the home bound, those in nursing homes, and veterans. For 35 years she taught the young minds of students in Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Maryland. She took great pride in teaching math, even helping other teachers decorate their bulletin boards, and instructing altar boys on Mass.

Sister Maurice had a gift for helping the elderly. After teaching, she began working on the ministry of care for Rosary Hall at St. Vincent Medical Center in Cleveland, OH for the elder Sisters, and then later at the new Franciscan Nursing Care Center in Sylvania, Ohio. She had trained as a home health aide, and went on to care for the elderly individually in their homes for over two decades. She brought joy and compassion. And she worked very hard.

A fierce and devoted advocate for veterans, Sister Maurice sought to honor her Korean War Veteran brothers who served in the Marines through her own service. She volunteered at the Toledo Community Veterans Outpatient Clinic, served as Chaplain for the Przybylski Post 642, and was a State Officer of the Ohio Chaplains. She received accolades for her veterans' work and was awarded the Volunteer of the Month in the VA's 2014 newsletter and the St. Agnes Medal from the National Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary. The St. Agnes Medal is the highest national honor a CWVA member can attain.

On June 1, 2018, I will attend a tree planting in honor of our late Sister at the Veterans Clinic in Toledo. I could not think of a more appropriate setting, as her memory will live on inspiring and comforting the veterans she cared for and appreciated. Please allow me to share a favorite memory recalling the sunny day when ground was first broken to build the new clinic. Photos were being arranged for those present and we soon realized Sister