

I ask my colleagues to join me in recommitting ourselves to the U.S.-Taiwan relationship, and in wishing Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day.

IN MEMORY OF KYLE ALAN
ZIEGLER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the following thoughtful obituary was published on September 26, 2018:

Kyle Alan Ziegler, age 59, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sept. 26th 2018 after a recent diagnosis of brain cancer. He was born in Oberlin on Sept. 18, 1959 to Lyle and Dorothy (Upton) Ziegler and was a life-long resident of Wellington.

Kyle graduated from Wellington High School in 1978 and attended Geneva College in Pennsylvania. He was a self-employed businessman, operating Ziegler Lawn Care, which he began as a teenager until his diagnosis. He also had other business ventures including a partnership in Wellington Self Storage and remodeling houses with his son Josh.

On Dec. 4 1982 Kyle married Jean Liles at Church of the Open Door in Elyria, Ohio. Together they raised their children. He was a faithful and loving husband, father, grandfather, and a good friend to many. Kyle enjoyed traveling, especially hiking and exploring in the western United States. He served God in many area churches over the years, and spent his last days sharing Jesus out on the porch with every visitor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Jean; son Daniel Ziegler (Rae-Lynn); son Joshua Ziegler; daughter Kylee Bogner (Kenneth); grandson Emmerich Bogner; granddaughter due in November; brother Mark Ziegler (Joyce); sister Marlene Hamilton (David) and several nieces & nephews.

Preceded in death by his father Lyle Ziegler, mother Dorothy Upton Ziegler Tegmeyer, and grandson Daniel Alan Ziegler Jr.

RECOGNIZING THE PASADENA
LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO
VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Veteran's Committee in celebration of Military Appreciation Night.

The Pasadena Livestock show and rodeo, located in Pasadena, Texas has been entertaining the citizens of Pasadena and surrounding cities since 1949 with Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeo action; livestock and home economics competitions; and concerts. One of the main goals of the Rodeo is awarding scholarships to students from Pasadena, Deer Park, La Porte, and Clear Creek school districts.

Since its inception in 2012, the Veteran's Committee has continually recognized local veterans and provided veterans and their families an opportunity to become more involved in

the Rodeo. Thanks to the work of the Veteran's Committee, veterans are picked up from the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston and provided a police escort to the rodeo grounds. At the rodeo veterans receive: a barbeque dinner, special tour of the agricultural barn, recognition during the rodeo performance, and VIP seating. Active Duty military personnel are also recognized on Military Appreciation Night.

In 2014, the Rodeo and Veteran's Committee started a new tradition when Army recruits received their Oath of Enlistment on the arena floor in front of the rodeo audience. This event has grown into a joint branch swearing in ceremony. Members of the Veteran's Committee and Active Duty military personnel join the recruits on the floor establishing a past, present, and future military presence during the ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, as a former guardsman and Air Force officer, and as the father of a highly-decorated Navy SEAL, it is a tremendous honor and privilege to be asked to administer the Oath of Enlistment to these young men and women on Saturday, September 29th.

This year the Rodeo is honoring heroes who were declared Missing in Action (M.I.A.). America must never forget these service members and their families.

May God richly bless our Nation's veterans for their sacrifice. May He continue to protect those who are serving and those who will be serving. My prayers are also with the families of those who lost love ones and those who are Missing in Action.

INNOVATIONS IN MENTORING,
TRAINING, AND APPRENTICESHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ROGER W. MARSHALL

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5509, Innovations in Mentoring, Training and Apprenticeships Act, sponsored by my friend, Leader KEVIN MCCARTHY. With the creation of three competitive STEM grants under the National Science Foundation, this bipartisan bill will help meet the future workforce demands in STEM occupations and encourage innovative partnerships between academic institutions and local STEM employers.

In February, Dr. John Bardo, President of Wichita State University, testified at a Science, Space and Technology hearing on STEM education and careers. His testimony and examples of Wichita State's applied learning opportunities helped develop the grant program for undergraduate STEM students at 4-year universities. These opportunities provide students a chance to work for employers in their areas of interest and allow students to gain skills that better prepare them to make substantial contributions to their employers when they graduate.

We have an opportunity to pave a path to success and meet the needs of our growing technical workforce in order to stay globally competitive. This bill is a great step in that direction. I'm proud to support this legislation and urge my colleagues to do the same.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6157,
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I will vote in support of the Conference Report for H.R. 6157, the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act of 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2019.

The legislation includes several provisions that I strongly support, including giving servicemen and women a well-deserved raise of 2.6 percent. Those who serve in uniform have made extraordinary sacrifices for our country and have earned and deserve a pay raise. The legislation also prohibits the use of funds in Syria and Iraq in contravention of the War Powers Resolution. As a co-equal branch of the federal government, the president must come to Congress to seek authorization for the use of military force. It also includes funding for Ukraine and Eastern Europe security initiatives to counter Russia's heightened military provocations and annexation of Crimea.

Despite these vital provisions, I have concerns with a number of provisions included in the Conference Report. This legislation authorizes more than \$606.5 billion for the Department of Defense, including \$67.8 billion to the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) fund, an account which is not counted in the budget and is not paid for. It adds to the deficit and is used as a slush fund by the Pentagon.

Unlike every other federal agency, the Department of Defense (DOD) has yet to complete a financial audit; taxpayers deserve to know how the biggest bureaucracy in the federal government spends their money.

Additionally, the bill prohibits the closing of Guantanamo Bay, which costs more than \$100 million each year to house 41 prisoners and has been used as a top recruiting tool by terrorists. The bottom line is that the prison has been a black eye for the United States, has eroded relationships with our allies, undermined U.S. missions abroad, and put U.S. citizens and our troops at risk of retaliation.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHERN VIR-
GINIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 3rd Annual Distinguished Service Awards and to commend the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce for continuing to sponsor these awards. Celebrating the achievements of our veterans is important because our veterans in Northern Virginia and throughout our country have sacrificed so much for our community and our nation. It is our duty to support those who have served in uniform and to honor and uphold the

sacred agreement between our society and our veterans. I am honored to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2018 Distinguished Service award recipients:

Veteran Business Mentorship Award: Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture: Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture demonstrates the importance of creating more equitable and sustainable local food systems for our community. Since 2010, Arcadia has provided underserved communities with access to healthy, affordable food regardless of where they live or how much they earn. In particular I would like to commend the Veteran's Farmer Program which gives our nation's heroes the opportunity to seek meaningful careers after they complete their service. With their Veteran Farmer Reserve Program, the Fellowship Program, and Veteran Farmer Land Access, Arcadia not only supports our nation's veterans but also reinvigorates the farm sector with skilled new growers, eager to begin their next phase in life.

Meritorious Veteran Owned Business (Emerging): Honor Brewing Company: Honor Brewing Company commits itself to honoring our nation's heroes accompanied with the simple enjoyment of fine craft beer. Along with their wonderful selection such as Honor Warrior IPA, Cherry Wheat, and the Maple Porter, Honor Brewing Company is committed to giving back to our veterans, those who have been wounded, and their families not only financially but with their personal time as well. Their belief of listening and honoring the stories of our nation's heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice stands as evidence of their commitment to America's finest.

Meritorious Veteran Owned Business (Established): ThunderCat Technology: ThunderCat Technology provides federal and commercial customers with strategies for data storage, networking and security applications. With their vision of being a premier trusted provider of Information Technology products, along with their special approach of evaluating consumers specific and unique needs, ThunderCat Technology is a confirmation that veteran owned businesses are trusted sources of quality service. ThunderCat Technology's steadfast involvement in philanthropic organizations that support both wounded warriors and other veteran owned small businesses speaks volumes of their commitment to our community's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible organizations and in congratulating them on being honored as a 2018 Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award recipient. Civic engagement is the foundation of a healthy community, and Fairfax County residents enjoy an exceptional quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

RISING DRUG PRICES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding the alarm-

ing rise in prescription drug costs in this country.

Earlier this year, the President claimed that drug companies would be announcing "massive" voluntary drug price cuts.

In fact, an Associated Press analysis of brand-name prescription drug prices shows it's been business as usual for drugmakers, with far more price hikes than cuts. The AP found that over the first seven months of the year, there were 96 price hikes for every price cut.

As the AP said in its story, drug pricing is far from transparent. Manufacturers typically set high list prices but then negotiate rebates and discounts with prescription benefit managers, to get preferential insurance coverage for their products.

Many consumers never see the list price, though rising drug prices generally put pressure on insurers to raise rates. Patients with high deductible or no insurance often get stuck being charged the full list price.

In addition, the Republican tax bill is being used by the big pharmaceutical companies to buy back shares in its companies to increase its stock prices. The tax bill is increasing our government debt, taking money from all Americans in order to enrich hedge funds, other Wall Street investors and top drug company executives, but not helping the patients that depend on those drugs.

We need to implement changes that will bring down drug prices.

One way is that prescription drugs that meet a test for an unconscionable price increase will be subject to new investigative and enforcement action by a new "price gouging" enforcer.

National spending on prescription drugs is on the rise. Prescription drug prices increased an average of 12.6 percent in 2014 and 10 percent in 2015. In 2015, 16.7 percent of health care spending in the U.S. went to prescription drugs.

The government needs to be given the authority to negotiate drug prices. Medicare is not allowed to negotiate with drug companies about their product. The government is the largest buyer of most products and the General Services Administration currently negotiates whenever the government is buying a product and puts it on the schedule for all government procurement officers to use. But not prescription drugs. This is a huge giveaway for the drug industry and that needs to end.

Now is not the time to line the pockets of pharmaceutical CEOs while Americans are suffering from high prescription drug costs. It is time to be innovative with our health care and support the working men and women who need the help to live a healthy life.

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK RECOGNITION

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of this week as Malnutrition Awareness Week.

Malnutrition Awareness Week is a multi-organizational, multi-pronged campaign created by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. This campaign seeks to edu-

cate healthcare professionals to identify and treat for malnutrition earlier. It seeks to educate consumers and patients to discuss their nutrition status with health care professionals and increase awareness of nutrition's role on patient recovery.

Every 60 seconds, 10 hospitalized patients with malnutrition go undiagnosed, and many of these patients are older adults. Yet, there are common-sense solutions that can close this care gap.

We cannot solve what we do not first measure. Unfortunately, we do not truly know the full extent of the malnutrition problem plaguing our senior population. This is because screening measures for malnutrition are not a part of our national health surveys and malnutrition is not included in the national health indicators and goals for older Americans that help shape public health programs and guide healthcare professionals. I therefore call on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to routinely include malnutrition screening measures in national health surveys of older adults and include malnutrition among national key health indicators and Healthy People 2030 goals for older adults.

We cannot expect older adults and their families to take steps to address malnutrition if we do not give guidance on identification of and interventions for the problem. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of Agriculture develop new national dietary guidelines every five years, but the guidelines have never addressed the issue of older adult malnutrition. I therefore urge HHS and USDA to include dietary guidance for the prevention and treatment of older adult malnutrition and the closely aligned problem of age-related sarcopenia, the loss of strength and muscle, in the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

We cannot advance malnutrition care and promote improved patient recovery if we do not align the identification of and interventions for malnutrition with health care quality incentive programs. Malnutrition can lead to greater risk of chronic disease, frailty, disability, and increases in healthcare costs, yet nutrition status is rarely evaluated and managed as individuals transition across care settings. I therefore call on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include malnutrition related quality measures in Traditional Medicare quality programs as well as include measures related to malnutrition in care transition programs.

COMMEMORATING ROBERT MARTINEZ, 14TH PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINIST AND AEROSPACE WORKERS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Martinez, 14th President of the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers.

Robert Martinez is a fighter for the working man. His current role as President of the IAM is just one of many titles he has carried over 36 years of fighting for union workers.