

Under current BOP rules, inmates are required to “pay a fee for health services of \$2.00 per health care visit.” While \$2.00 may seem insignificant, when inmates earn only twelve to forty cents per hour on their work assignments, \$2.00 is substantial. That money could better be used to pay for the cost of necessities. Moreover, while copays can discourage unnecessary appointments, we should be encouraging inmates to seek medical care before conditions become worse and more expensive for taxpayers. Preventative care is much less expensive for the federal government than costly treatment that could have been avoided by a simple doctor’s visit earlier in the process. That is what medical science advises for Americans as a health practice.

Under current BOP rules, if an inmate is found responsible through the Disciplinary Hearing Process of having caused another inmate’s injury that required a medical visit, the offending inmate is required to pay the \$2.00 copay for the injured inmate’s visit. That rule would not change under my bill.

Removing this unnecessary copay would allow inmates to see a doctor and receive the medical treatment they need, and would likely save the federal government money in the long run.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN SCHOOL OF SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Korean School of Southern New Jersey.

Since its founding in 1979, the Korean School of Southern New Jersey (KSSNJ) has been central to developing and strengthening ties in the Korean American community in New Jersey. The school focuses on teaching Korean cultural heritage and sharing it with the local community.

KSSNJ provides various performing arts and culture classes, organizes community events, facilitates student competitions and offers exciting summer camp programs for their students. Over the years, the school has received numerous accolades for their outstanding work supporting Korean American youth, cultural heritage and classroom achievement.

I am honored to be the first Asian American Member of Congress to serve the state of New Jersey, and the only Korean American to be currently serving in Congress. I am proud of the work that KSSNJ has done to bring the Korean American community together in Southern New Jersey, and to help develop the next generation of Korean American leaders. I wish them continued success in the many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, April 8, and Tuesday, April 9. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Vote Number 157 (Passage of H. Con. Res. 19): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 158 (Passage of H.R. 1331, the Local Water Protection Act): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 159 (Approval of the Journal): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 160 (Ordering the Previous Question): YES; Roll Call Vote Number 161 (Passage of H. Res. 294): YES; and Roll Call Vote Number 162 (Passage of H.R. 1759, the Building on Reemployment Improvements to Deliver Good Employment for Workers Act or BRIDGE for Workers Act): YES.

HONORING THE SCIENCE ACADEMY OF SOUTH TEXAS

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miles Cua, Satya Holla, Mohammad Khalil, Kunaal Jha, Chris Conway, and Coach Scott Wiley from the Science Academy of South Texas. These fine young men and women are competing in the 2019 National Science Bowl Finals in Washington, D.C. Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Created by the Department of Energy’s Office of Science in 1991, the National Science Bowl is one of the largest and most prestigious academic competitions in the United States. Over the course of the National Science Bowl’s history, more than 290,000 students have participated. Each year, this competition encourages thousands of students to expand their understanding of mathematics and science and pursue careers in such fields.

Our Science Academy of South Texas team have put in the grit, sweat equity, and hard work to get here, and I wish them all the best as they face some of the best high school teams in the nation. I am confident that they will continue on to pursue even greater feats and that this competition will teach them a great deal about themselves and their abilities to persevere regardless of the obstacles ahead.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent these students and their families in the United States Congress, and I know all my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating the Science Academy of South Texas on competing in this year’s National Science Bowl Finals.

REINTRODUCTION OF 21ST CENTURY CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS ACT OF 2019

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, in honor of the recent celebration of Arbor Day, I rise to reintroduce my bill, the 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps Act of 2019.

In drafting this bill, I was inspired by the original Civilian Conservation Corps, first established by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1933 as part of his New Deal. This effort put 3 million young people between the ages of 18 to 28 to work. They planted 3.5 billion trees, established more than 800 new parks, improved or constructed over 90,000 acres of campgrounds; blazed hiking trails, assembled bridges, built rustic cabins and hiking shelters, and mitigated the devastating impact of the Dust Bowl across the Great Plains.

America is facing significant environmental crisis from deforestation, soil, air, and water pollution, loss of biodiversity, waste disposal, climate change, and a depleted ozone. Luckily, Americans are once again connecting the dots between clean water, clean land, clean air, and thriving regional ecosystems and economies.

With recent attacks on programs that help our environment, we must remember we don’t have to choose between protecting our environment and natural treasures and creating jobs. We can do both at the same time.

Just Ohio and Michigan, alone, need 20 million new trees planted to make up for the devastation that the emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle have done to our forest populations.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and its goal of putting Americans to work across our country. Its efforts will once again revive America’s natural landscape and enrich the lives of millions of enrollees in the stewardship of our natural resources forward.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF BOB SCHRODER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Bob Schroder, a longtime resident and public servant in Walnut Creek, California for over 30 years.

Bob began his career in local politics in 1960, when he was elected to the Walnut Creek City Council. He served on the Council for 16 years, including three stints as mayor. Throughout his tenure on the City Council, Walnut Creek went through a transformation, including increased development in the area.

Following his time on the Council, Bob was elected to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, where he continued his legacy of facilitating and shaping development. He also served as a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and was the founding chairperson of the Central Contra

Costa Transit Authority, now County Connection, earning him the nickname “Mr. Transportation.”

Throughout his time in local government, Bob exhibited an unwavering commitment to serving and improving his community. As a public servant, he was always willing to put aside political differences for the sake of the community.

Bob will be sincerely missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him and will be remembered for contributions to Walnut Creek and Contra Costa County.

COMMEMORATING THE 500 YEARS OF THE FIRST VOYAGE AROUND THE WORLD

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Madam Speaker, as the Co-Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Friends of Spain Caucus, I'd like to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the globe. On April 26, 2019, the Spanish tall ship *Juan Sebastián de Elcano* will arrive in Boston, Massachusetts after stops in the U.S. ports including in my district of San Juan, Puerto Rico, as it continues its voyage to commemorate Commissioned in 1928, *Elcano* is a training ship for the Spanish Royal Navy. This Quincentennial presents an opportunity to reflect on the beginnings of our current era of globalization. This first circumnavigation took place between 1519 and 1522 under the orders of Emperor Charles I of Spain. Started by the distinguished Portuguese captain, Ferdinand Magellan, this periplus was completed after his death mid-way through the trip by the Spaniard Juan Sebastián Elcano, the ship's name sake.

The first circumnavigation is a milestone that transformed and connected the world. This sea voyage had profound and lasting scientific repercussions by proving that the earth was in fact not only round but spherical. It not

only enhanced the total sum of human knowledge but also promoted transnational interconnectivity, thereby laying the foundation for today's world, defined by economic, political, and cultural globalization.

The visit by *Elcano* to the United States as part of the commemoration of this transcendental event in the history of mankind, provides a great opportunity, not only to reflect on this feat, but for strengthening the already robust ties that bind Spain and the United States.

Therefore, as we salute the arrival of the tall ship *Juan Sebastián de Elcano*, let's take a moment to commemorate the beginning of the current era of globalization, the legacy and great achievements of expeditionary trailblazers like Magellan and Elcano, and the longstanding relationship between the United States and Spain.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VFIS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize VFIS, a division of Glatfelter Insurance Group, as it celebrates 50 years of dedicated service to our Nation's fire and emergency services.

Formerly known as Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, VFIS was established by the late Arthur J. Glatfelter of York, Pennsylvania. A Veteran of World War II, Mr. Glatfelter was a U.S. Marine who served in the Pacific. The values the Corps instilled in him to serve our Country guided Mr. Glatfelter throughout his professional career in supporting the men and women of our Nation's fire and emergency service.

In 1969, Mr. Glatfelter, a well-established insurance agent, recognized a need for specialized insurance coverage for firefighters—a coverage based on their motivations, their aspirations, their needs and the risks they were willing to assume to protect others. He de-

signed a portfolio of comprehensive insurance coverages that took all of these factors into account. Fifty years later, these specialized coverages remain the cornerstone on which VFIS has based its insurance program for the fire service.

VFIS is now the leading insurance provider for emergency services organizations in the Nation. These organizations include fire departments, ambulance services, rescue squads, 911 dispatch centers and more. VFIS also provides an array of consulting services and training programs focused on the operations of these organizations. Aligned with the VFIS insurance program, they are designed to safeguard our firefighters in their duties.

The values that defined Mr. Glatfelter remain embedded in the VFIS culture. Current VFIS staff and key agents have over 1,000 years of emergency services experiences, representing a significant level of giving back to their communities. Many VFIS senior executives are involved in organizations that support first responders—organizations such as the Congressional Fire Services Institute, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, National Volunteer Fire Council, the National EMS Management Foundation and the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Foundation.

On April 27, 2019, VFIS will conduct a 50th Anniversary gathering to celebrate this significant milestone. The high standard of protection and service that VFIS has provided in supporting our Nation's fire and emergency services for 50 years is a milestone worthy of national recognition. In 1969, Mr. Glatfelter pursued an idea to develop the best insurance program possible to protect our nation's fire and emergency service providers. Fifty years later, VFIS is the number one provider of insurance and risk management services to fire and emergency service organizations in the U.S. I hereby recognize VFIS for its 50 years of dedication and commitment to serving those who serve and protect our communities and thank Arthur J. Glatfelter for his vision and leadership in developing the VFIS Program.

Congratulations to VFIS on celebrating 50 years of dedicated service.