

back to the community. Our churches play a vital role in our communities—providing people with a place to turn to for comfort when they are most in need. The Macedonia Baptist Church gives its members a place to find their spiritual center and to solidify and support their values. For one hundred thirty years, the Macedonia Baptist Church has been a fixture in our community. Through their ministry and outreach efforts, they have left an indelible mark on our community and continue to make a difference in the lives of others. I am proud to stand today and extend my very best wishes to them as they mark this milestone in their history. Happy 130th Anniversary.

HONORING COPPER HILLS HIGH
SCHOOL TEACHERS STRICKEN BY
CANCER

HON. BEN McADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two courageous teachers at a West Jordan, Utah high school and the students and faculty members who rallied around them when they were stricken by cancer.

Cancer is an insidious disease that doesn't discriminate. It occurs in Utahns of all ages, incomes, professions and ethnic backgrounds. But students and faculty at Copper Hills High School in West Jordan have shown us how a community stands up to this disease.

Recently, Megan Butler, a physical education teacher at the school, along with 17 other faculty members, students and community members, all shaved their heads—as part of a “Brave to Shave” event. It was part of the school's effort to raise money for children's cancer research. But the hair itself went towards making a wig for Megan Butler, who was diagnosed with breast cancer. The Copper Hills Grizzlies raised more than \$4,000.

Not only was the school dealing with Butler's illness, students also lost a beloved English teacher—Michelle Szetela—to the disease. She was diagnosed with Stage four adrenal cancer on March 11th and died just six days later. Tyler Carson, vice president of the school's National Honor society chapter, shaved his head in Szetela's honor.

All the participants said that events like this empower them in the fight against a remorseless opponent. Their hair will grow back and someday, the money they contributed to cancer research will help produce a cure.

Thank you to these heroic teachers, Megan Butler and Michelle Szetela, for their courage, strength and community leadership.

IN RECOGNITION OF VA-10 UNITED
STATES MARINE CORPS ENLIST-
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HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 16 high school seniors from Virginia's 10th Congressional District who plan to enlist in the United States Marine Corps

after graduation. These students have excelled over the course of their high school careers and I congratulate them on their graduation and their future plans.

I commend these student leaders for their courageous decision to pursue a path to serve their country as a member of the United States Marine Corps. I rise to recognize the following students: Parsa Bakhshandeh, Shamar Britton, Jessica Dally, Jamaal Ellsworth, Andre France, Dylan Gilfedder, Aiden Hall, Jason Hernandez, Riley Klug, Peter Komara, Jessica Molnar, Christopher Nesseltree, Erick Orellana Hernandez, Matthew Rivera, Olga Romanenko, and Kyle Winn.

The students were recognized at a ceremony conducted in Sterling, Virginia on May 16, 2019, by the Northern Virginia chapter of Our Community Salutes and the Blue Star Mothers of Northern Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and applauding these students and their families on their pursuits and wish them the best as they set forth to begin the process of learning to defend our great nation and remember that we owe those who serve a debt of gratitude.

SUPPORTING THE DISASTER
SUPPLEMENTAL BILL

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Madam Speaker, it is urgent to pass a Disaster Supplemental Bill.

Citizens across our nation—from California to the Carolinas, from Florida to the Northern Marianas and Puerto Rico, are counting on us to pass a bill that address the urgent needs caused by natural disasters.

The more that passage is delayed, the longer our communities will have to wait, because just passing the appropriation is the beginning of a drawn-out process.

I know my constituents are waiting, for the 600 million dollars for the Nutritional Assistance Program that I have long been advocating, which will cover a gap in funding under the supplemental appropriations made in the immediate aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. As of last month, these residents who have not fully recovered are already seeing a decrease in benefits because we have yet to pass a disaster bill.

They are also waiting, like those in many states and territories, for funds Congress already appropriated.

For example, after 20 months later, of some 42.3 Billion allocated to Puerto Rico, less than half has been obligated, and only 12.6 has been outlaid.

This funding is still being reviewed with great scrutiny by FEMA, by HUD, by the OMB Office of Regulatory Affairs.

The funds that have been disbursed are being used to pay for work already done or have strict definitions as to what these funds can be used for.

Conditions and requirements that slow the flow of funds has resulted in companies and nonprofits that did work and provided services are still waiting to get paid.

So I welcome the language included in the Disaster Supplemental passed by the House, that provides a firm deadline for OMB to publish the Federal Register guidance for use of funds so things can start moving.

I am also encouraged by the provision that extends the 100 percent federal cost share, which is essential for communities whose assets and sources of revenue were affected; and the language that FEMA “shall”, rather than just “may”, help rebuild to better standards. These provisions benefit all affected jurisdictions.

One thing we must still address is the definition of “critical services” eligible for Stafford Act support, which today does not include important elements such as first responders, nonemergency major medical services, solid waste and stormwater management, and emergency supply transportation.

That is why I presented H.R. 2242, which I proposed as an amendment to H.R. 2157 but was not made in order, to expand the definition of “critical services” for eligibility for FEMA disaster Public Assistance.

By allowing these important elements as critical services, we can ensure that communities will not need to deal with such a burden after having their own resources destroyed or exhausted in the initial response.

For example, not being able to get supplies out of the port to where they were needed, and loss of access to major medical services, worsened the impact on the population in Puerto Rico.

My proposal would amend the Stafford Act to include emergency supply transportation, nonemergency medical, first response and security services, and solid waste and stormwater management among the critical services for which Section 428 may be applied. I urge that my proposal receive the needed consideration.

Madam Speaker, it is up to Congress to continue the support for the recovery of all communities affected by these disasters. Let us do that.

CONGRATULATING LAKELAND
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I want to send my congratulations to the men and women of Lakeland Community Hospital in my hometown of Haleyville, Alabama as it marks 50 years of serving the people of Winston and Marion counties and the surrounding area.

Lakeland Community Hospital first opened its doors to patients on Monday, May 19, 1969. Known as Burdick-West Hospital for many years, it was originally owned by Winston County and governed by a nine-member hospital board. The original name came from Mr. Fred Burdick, then Chairman of the Winston County Commission during the establishment of the hospital, and from Haleyville businesswoman, Ms. Ila West, who donated the property to the county on which the hospital sits. The hospital was a two-story structure, with 32 beds served by 5 doctors. Later, a third floor was added to the hospital to accommodate more patients. Mr. Tillman Hill was the