

went above the normal call of duty in January 2019.

After responding to reports of a fire inside the home of a woman suffering from Alzheimer's disease, the four of them searched her 1,700 square foot home, extinguished the fire, moved the victim to safety, and provided her with medical assistance. Remarkably, they accomplished this in only 5 minutes and 25 seconds. As firefighters Mark Frye and Sean Gallagher initiated a rapid primary search to find the victim with zero visibility, Captain Christopher Bordon and Master Firefighter Eddie Jean Pullum coordinated a fire attack made in order to provide the best chance of survival for the victim.

This incredible display of teamwork and heroism is a credit to them, their families, and the Fayetteville Fire Department. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say we are truly grateful for their unwavering service and cannot thank them enough.

Captain Christopher Bordon, Master Firefighter Eddie Jean Pullum, and firefighters Mark Frye and Sean Gallagher are deserving of this honor and I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish them success as they continue to protect our communities.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Captain Christopher Bordon, Master Firefighter Eddie Jean Pullum, and firefighters Mark Frye and Sean Gallagher on receiving the Public Safety Valor Award.

HONORING JO EYBERG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jo Eyberg. Jo is a very special woman and leader who is being honored with the Lifetime Achievement in the Workplace Award as a part of the St. Joseph YWCA's prestigious Women of Excellence.

When you look at the number of organizations that Jo has volunteered, chaired or donated to, it's far easier to name the organizations she hasn't worked with in St. Joseph. It's humbling when you consider the multitude of lives she has touched over years and years of dedicated volunteerism. To say that Jo is a sterling example of unwavering service to her community and an example of what we should all hope to be is a great understatement.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Jo Eyberg for her lifetime of accomplishments serving St. Joseph, the state of Missouri and the Sixth Congressional District. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF THE IMMUNE DEFICIENCY FOUNDATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Immune Deficiency Foundation on the occasion of their biennial national conference. On the weekend of June 20–22 more

than 1,300 people gathered at National Harbor, Maryland. As part of this conference, over 200 individuals impacted by primary immunodeficiency (PI) met with legislators here on Capitol Hill to talk about important federal public policy issues.

The Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF), which is based in Towson, Maryland, was founded by Marcia Boyle in 1980 after her son, John, nearly died as an infant from a form of PI. Roughly 40 years later, John now serves as President & CEO of the Foundation as it moves into its fifth decade. IDF advocates for persons and families impacted by PI, which are a spectrum of more than 350 rare genetic disorders in which a person's immune system functions improperly or, in the most severe forms, is missing completely. Persons with PI face higher risk of infection, and even a relatively mild cold can cause severe complications. Some people go years or decades suffering from recurring illnesses before being properly diagnosed, though thankfully today the most dangerous form of PI—Severe Combined Immunodeficiency or SCID—can be diagnosed via newborn screening.

I have been fortunate to work with IDF throughout my tenure in Congress. I was introduced to the organization by my constituent Carol Ann Demaret, who is a longtime member of the IDF Board of Trustees. Carol Ann is the mother of David Vetter, the Houston boy who was affectionately known as the “boy in the bubble.” David battled with SCID during the 1970s until his untimely death in 1984.

Today, thanks to advances in science and medicine, as well as in public policy, people with SCID and other forms of PI can live healthier and fuller lives if properly diagnosed and treated. As of late last year, all 50 states are screening for SCID as part of their newborn screening program. This means children like David Vetter who are born with SCID will be diagnosed promptly after birth and be able to undergo a bone marrow transplant or even gene therapy to restore the immune system they lack. This is no small accomplishment—I know I speak for the Eighth District of Texas when I say thank you to IDF for their great work throughout the years.

For persons with less severe forms of PI, treatment involving immunoglobulin or Ig replacement therapy is vitally important. Ig can be administered intravenously (IVIG) or subcutaneously (SCIG), providing patients and their clinicians with treatment options.

Over the years, I have championed legislative efforts to ensure Medicare beneficiaries have access to immunoglobulin therapies in the comfort of their home. This includes the ongoing Medicare IVIG bundled payment demonstration that we are working to transition into a permanent benefit over the coming years as Medicare rolls out a larger home infusion services benefit.

IDF, a true leader of the PI community, continues to support these important access issues as well as other policies to advance care for persons with PI. These priorities include reauthorizing the successful Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act and supporting medical research and public health programs focused on PI. It is particularly exciting that a number of SCID gene therapy clinical trials are ongoing, and I am most hopeful for and optimistic about continued progress in the field.

Madam Speaker, while I could not be in attendance, I am proud to recognize the IDF

2019 National Conference and I look forward to continuing to support the needs of the PI community, I thank them for all they do and I look forward to working with IDF on many more issues in the future.

HONORING MARGARET “PEG” SEMINARIO

HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Margaret “Peg” Seminario, who has made the health and safety of American workers her life's work and is retiring after 42 years of tireless advocacy. Through her more than four decades of work at the AFL–CIO, Peg has been instrumental in securing the health and lives of millions of workers.

Peg began her work at the AFL–CIO in 1977 during the early years of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). She worked with many of the authors of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to develop the policies, win the court decisions, and build the infrastructure that have helped millions of American workers realize their right to safe workplaces.

She worked closely with the labor leaders who fought to pass the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act—George Taylor, Tony Mazzocchi, Jack Sheehan and many others.

She played a major role in assembling the evidence, preparing comments, testifying at hearings, and assisting allies in passing almost every OSHA safety and health standard over the past 42 years including: silica, beryllium, asbestos, lead, noise, ergonomics, machine guarding, methylene chloride, lockout-tagout, and workers' Right-to-Know. These standards prevented countless injuries, deaths and occupational diseases.

She led the effort to protect working people from occupational exposure to anthrax, bird flu, SARS, workplace violence, and tuberculosis.

She led the fight to win passage of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act that provided health care and compensation for the first responders who got sick after they responded to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Peg served on numerous National Academy of Sciences and federal advisory committees, providing her expertise on a wide range of workplace safety and health issues, including the extent and nature of work-related injuries, illnesses, and deaths occurring in the United States.

Peg was also one of the first professional women to work at the AFL–CIO, blazing the path for those who followed, and she served as a mentor for generations of women labor leaders.

She advised those inside and outside the labor movement on practical strategies to move forward on seemingly insoluble issues. As she kept workers' goals in mind, her feet were always planted in practical politics. She approached the toughest political challenges by asking a simple, familiar question: “What makes sense?”

Working with the business community and other traditional foes of labor were part of her strategic arsenal when that approach “made sense” to accomplish the goals of working people.

With an advanced degree in industrial hygiene from the Harvard School of Public Health, she served as a trusted advisor to almost every Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA—Democrat and Republican—over the last 40 years.

Finally, she understood the role that worker empowerment and labor unions play in ensuring the safety of working women and men.

“Let’s call Peg” was the first thing out of the mouth of generations of members of Congress and congressional staff. She testified before numerous congressional committees and provided valuable information and advice to lawmakers on every budget, every piece of legislation designed to strengthen worker protections, and every response to legislative efforts to weaken or dismantle OSHA, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) or the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Madam Speaker, there are men and women across the county who are alive today because of her work. They may not know who she is. She will not receive their gratitude. But they owe their health, their limbs and their lives to the work she has done over 42 year long career. I thank Peg for all that she has done for America’s workers.

HONORING KYLEE STROUGH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kylee Strough. Kylee is a very special woman and leader who is being honored with the Workplace Leadership Award as a part of the St. Joseph YWCA’s prestigious Women of Excellence.

Kylee is the President of St. Joseph’s United Way, which is an organization whose sole purpose is to improve the lives of those living in the St. Joseph community. Under Kylee’s leadership, the United Way of St. Joseph is ranked No. 27 out of 1100 United Ways nationwide in per capita giving. Kylee is a fixture in St. Joseph where she serves on boards, committees and throughout the community. For Kylee, it’s abundantly clear that “Live United” isn’t merely a slogan used for public relations for the United Way, but a maxim she truly lives and believes in.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Kylee Strough for being honored as the Workplace Leadership Award winner by the St. Joseph YWCA through serving St. Joseph, the state of Missouri and the Sixth Congressional District. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE CENTRAL
APPALACHIA HEALTH WAGON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Central Appalachia Health Wagon’s 20th annual Remote Area Medical Wise Expedition clinic, taking place from June 28 to June 30. Since 1980, the Health Wagon has provided a wide range of free mobile health services to medically underserved areas in Southwest Virginia.

Central Appalachia Health Wagon has partnered extensively with the Remote Area Medical since 1998, which was founded by the late Stan Brock. Today, it continues to serve as the largest health outreach of its kind in the United States and has been providing care to Southwest Virginia and the surrounding region for over 19 years.

In 2017 alone, the Remote Area Medical Wise Expedition provided free dental, medical, and eye care to over 3,000 patients, administering \$1.4 million in value of medical care to uninsured and underinsured Southwest Virginians. The poverty rate among the population served by the Health Wagon is 70 percent to 140 percent higher than in the rest of Virginia; by delivering health care services to those most in need; the Health Wagon has played a vital role in addressing the substantial health care disparities in the region.

I am proud to honor the Central Appalachia Health Wagon and its Remote Area Medical Wise Expedition clinic in its 20th year of service, and to recognize the doctors, nurses, dentists, and volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to serving the people of Southwest Virginia.

JOB CORPS CIVILIAN
CONSERVATION CENTERS

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, there were a number of concerns raised about Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers (CCC) during debate over my amendment to the LHHS Appropriations bill, and I would like to respond to those directly.

Contrary to the assertion that the transfer of operations of all U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Job Corps CCCs to the Department of Labor (DOL) will “allow more students to engage with the program,” this move would have forced the immediate closure of nine centers across eight states, quite literally closing off DOL’s ability to serve thousands of at-risk youth across the country, while also negatively impacting the rural communities these CCCs are built around and reducing the Forest Service’s capacity as both wildfire and hurricane seasons get underway.

During debate, it was also asserted that CCCs produce “phenomenally bad results.” Of the nine centers that were slated for closure, seven of them were in top half of Job Corps centers for Performance Year 2017, the most

recent program year data is available for. In the state of North Carolina, where at least two CCCs were slated for closure, the Lyndon B. Johnson Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, the Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, and the Schenck Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center rank 76th, 18th, and 4th respectively out of all 126 Job Corps sites. Schenck finished Program Year 2017 as the country’s top performing Job Corps center. While not a CCC, the Kittrell Job Corps Center currently ranks sixth overall, meaning North Carolina has three of the top 20 Job Corps centers.

Concerns over the safety and security of Job Corps sites were also consistently mentioned. In highlighting these concerns, no distinction was made between CCCs and regular Job Corps sites. In Program Year 2017, CCCs served more than 14 percent of Job Corps’ total residential students and accounted for 13.5 percent of total reported incidents of violence at Job Corps centers across the country. This clearly shows that CCCs are not disproportionately violent compared to other Job Corps centers. It is important to note that the high-profile crimes that occurred several years ago did not occur on a Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center site.

As was testified at a hearing last Congress, the reality is that the mortality rate for Job Corps center students in recent program years was about 4.7 per 100,000. The national mortality rate for individuals ages 16 to 24 during that same time period was 70.88 per 100,000, more than 15 times higher. Students at Job Corps centers are also 19 times less likely to die of a drug overdose than youth their age outside of the program.

That being said, I agree that we must do everything we can to minimize violence at Job Corps centers. In the wake of tragic events in 2015, the National Job Corps Association (NJCA) submitted policy recommendations to DOL in order to improve safety and security. Some of these recommendations have been implemented while others have not. I believe Congress can work together to ensure that CCCs maximize safety while recruiting and retaining a high number of students.

Thankfully, the Trump Administration reversed its decision to end the CCC program. CCCs are an important part of the Forest Service’s mission, they play an essential role in the health and safety of Oregon’s forests, and they provide critical opportunities for at-risk youth. I will continue to push back against any future attacks and look forward to working with those who want to further strengthen this successful program.

HONORING CAROL MEYERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Carol Meyers. Carol is a very special woman and leader who is being honored with the Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism Award as a part of the St. Joseph YWCA’s prestigious Women of Excellence.

Carol is a sterling example of dedication to not only St. Joseph, but to the state of Missouri as well. The lives she has touched, the