

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?”