

approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). While over 450 drugs have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases, millions of Americans who are suffering from a rare disease have no approved treatment options.

Past Congressional action has helped support research at NIH and CDC, supported in part by the bipartisan appropriations letter I lead each year—signed by over 220 House members—in support of increased NIH funding. However, much more work needs to be done to help these agencies improve rare disease awareness, education, research, surveillance, diagnosis, and treatment. This is why the RARE Act is so important. It will expand the ability of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to study rare diseases by improving treatment, research, and diagnostics of rare diseases through new and existing programs. I am proud to introduce the RARE Act to help address the many unique challenges facing the rare disease patient community, including patients like Jocelyn and Derrian.

The RARE Act would provide an important step forward by addressing some of the common challenges faced by rare disease patients and improving rare disease treatment, research, and diagnostics. The RARE Act would expand an existing and successful program at NIH: the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN). The RDCRN's 21 research "centers of excellence" support the research and clinical trials of over 190 rare diseases and increase the availability of rare disease information to doctors and patients. Expanding these centers, which are similar to the center that helped find an accurate diagnosis for Jocelyn, would help many more struggling patients to receive more accurate early diagnoses and treatments.

The RARE Act would also fill critical gaps in our healthcare system by improving coordination, surveillance, and awareness of rare diseases. For example, the RARE Act would require the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to create a National Rare Disease or Condition Surveillance System. This formalized infrastructure would track rare disease data and help researchers to understand commonalities between diseases and possible treatments, ultimately helping patients like Derrian to find better treatments. The RARE Act would also require the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to expand and intensify its work to ensure that health professionals are aware of rare disease diagnoses and treatments, leading to fewer misdiagnoses like Jocelyn experienced. The RARE Act would also mandate an updated report on rare disease efforts from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to ensure that Congress has the best tools possible to address these issues.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this bill to help combat rare diseases. The stories of Jocelyn and Derrian remind us that we need further research and disease surveillance to improve rare disease patients' lives in Indiana and across the nation. I urge the House to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL KRAUKLIS
AND HAZEL SHELTON KRAUKLIS

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two World War II veterans who just happen to be married to each other: Daniel Krauklis and Hazel Shelton Krauklis.

Daniel was born in 1922 and grew up on the South Side of Chicago. He graduated from Calumet High School. After the Pearl Harbor attacks, Daniel enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he served as a technical staff sergeant in the China-Burma-India (CBI) unit. He worked with one of the first IBM computing systems to send reports of personnel to the Pentagon. After the war, he worked in the burgeoning IBM department at the Old Rose Liquor Distributors in Chicago.

Hazel was born in 1924 and grew up in a small Oklahoma town. After she graduated from high school, Hazel worked at a Douglas Aircraft facility in Tulsa, constructing war planes. When she turned 20, Hazel enlisted in the Women's Army Corps. There, Hazel was a sheet metal mechanic—building and flying in B-17s and B-29s. After the war, Hazel moved to Chicago where she was hired as a key-punch operator by none other than Daniel.

The two eventually married on February 20, 1951. They moved to Park Forest, Illinois, a community developed for returning GIs where they raised five children together. Daniel eventually worked at an Office Electronics Inc. facility, ultimately becoming President of the company before taking another job selling office supplies prior to his retirement.

The couple finally moved to Spring Meadows Assisted Living in Libertyville where Daniel just celebrated his 97th birthday and Hazel her 95th.

Three years ago, B-17s were featured at the Waukegan Air Show where visitors, including Hazel, were able to fly on the planes. I am honored to recognize their combined service to our country as they celebrate over 67 years of marriage.

HONORING DR. LEW BAUMAN

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retiring Monterey County Administrative Officer, Dr. Lew Bauman, after twenty years of public service. As the County Administrative Officer, Dr. Bauman is the manager of county government and represents the County and Board. His leadership has impacted my district and the communities within it, and I am honored to acknowledge his legacy today in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Dr. Bauman has served in the position of County Administrative Officer since January of 2005. Over the past seventeen and a half years, he has made significant contributions to the health, infrastructure, and economy of Monterey County. A few of the many accomplishments during his career include the financial turnaround of Navidad Medical Center, the

financing of the county's Road Fund, local infrastructure renewal projects, and the reorganization of departments for maximized efficiency. Dr. Bauman is highly regarded by his peers as a patient, forward thinking and compassionate leader. These attributes that have greatly benefited the lives and careers of the over 5,300 employees of Monterey County.

Dr. Bauman has also been an active member of numerous nonprofit boards and commissions. These include the United Way, Community Health Innovations, the Monterey Rotary, and Navidad Medical Center, where he serves as a Trustee. He also serves on the board for the American Public Works Association and served as Director of the County Engineers' Association of California. Further, he has served on the American Society of Civil Engineers board, where he is able to lend the knowledge he obtained from his experience as a city engineer in Foster City, a senior engineer in San Jose, and his M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Civil Engineering at UCLA.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Lew Bauman for his successful career as a public servant. We are very fortunate to have had an individual that has shown such devotion to improving communities on the central coast of California. Dr. Bauman plans on remaining in Monterey County and continuing his service to the community while enjoying life alongside his wife, Jennifer Stone, and two daughters, Avalon and Madeline. I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Dr. Lew Bauman on his retirement, successful career, and unwavering dedication to the 20th District of California.

MAJOR GENERAL JEFF
BROADWATER RELINQUISHES
COMMAND OF THE NATIONAL
TRAINING CENTER

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of U.S. Army Major General Jeff Broadwater, who will relinquish command of the National Training Center on September 9, 2019. MG Broadwater is leaving for his next duty assignment as Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood.

Despite unexpectedly assuming command outside a normal schedule, MG Broadwater stepped into the post with the grit, determination, and intelligence that characterizes his entire career. During his command, MG Broadwater worked to ensure training rotations at the National Training Center received the best possible scenarios and experiences for a realistic training experience. The hard work he and his staff undertook every day ensured every unit that passed through the National Training Center was prepared for combat in defense of our nation. During his two and a half years at the National Training Center, MG Broadwater exemplified its motto "Lead, Train, Win."

In addition to thanking Major General Broadwater for his service at the National Training Center, I would also like to recognize his outstanding military career. MG Broadwater is a combat veteran with numerous deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan.