

Brown, who was tragically killed on Easter Sunday, April 11, 2004, when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his Humvee in Samarra, Iraq, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Nathan was a lifelong resident of South Glens Falls, New York. He enlisted in the New York Army National Guard immediately after graduating from South Glens Falls High School in 2002, in the aftermath of 9/11. Nathan was posthumously awarded The Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and the New York Medal of Valor for his bravery.

Friends and family of Nathan remember him as a generous and positive person, a brave soldier, and a beloved member of the community.

Next week, he will be inducted into The South Glens Falls Bulldog Pride Hall of Fame, in recognition of his sacrifice and commitment. This honor is a testament to Nathan's selfless pride for his country. Nathan gave the ultimate sacrifice, and for that we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

I am proud to stand and honor Army Pfc. Nathan P. Brown, a beloved member of the South Glens Falls Community, and a shining example of those who give their lives to protect our country and its interests. Please join me in recognizing Nathan Brown for his service, and in honor of his legacy.

#### HONORING GREG M. CONGER

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of Greg M. Conger and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement. Mr. Conger has been a voice for working Californians by organizing and advocating for workers' rights. He has changed the relationship between employees and management forever. Greg M. Conger served as the President of UFCW Local 324, with 23,000 members in Orange County and the Long Beach area in Southern California.

Mr. Conger started as a meat cutting apprentice with Local 551 in 1976. This is where he started volunteering for various union committees and campaigns. In 1984, he was hired as a Union Representative. His efforts did not go unnoticed and one year later he was promoted to Executive Assistant to the President and worked on contract negotiations.

Mr. Conger was a senior strategist and top-level negotiator during the Southern California supermarket strike and lockouts that ran between October 2003 and February 2004. Over the course of the dispute, Mr. Conger worked to boost the morale of his members and even volunteered to be arrested twice in acts of civil disobedience. His leadership and commitment to the working community attracted the attention of the UFCW International Union, which elected him as an International Vice President in April 2004.

In September 2003, Mr. Conger became President of Local 324. After just five weeks in his new role, he led Local 324 during the 141-day strike and lock-out—the longest and costliest retail strike in American history. Mr. Conger and UFCW Local 324 changed the relationship between employees and management

forever by empowering workers to stand up for themselves in the face of intense pressure. He was at the forefront of the dynamic movement that sought to build successes of recent years.

Today, we celebrate not only his advocacy and success, but his future. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Greg M. Conger for his commitment to serving the community by being the greater voice for our workers.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2019*

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 24, 2019 during roll call no. 541, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 3190, BURMA Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

#### RECOGNIZING WESTERN REGION DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR KARRIE SCHINDLER

#### HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2019*

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karrie Schindler who has been selected as the Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disability's Western Region Direct Support Professional of the Year. Ms. Schindler has dedicated her life to lifting-up and improving the lives of individuals in our community with autism. She is a beacon of compassion and dedicates her time to providing in-home care to those with disabilities so they can lead self-directed lives in their communities.

Since 2013, Ms. Schindler has provided Home and Community Habilitation care to a special woman named Maryann. Throughout the years, Ms. Schindler has helped Maryann live a full and active life and engage with her community.

Sadly, in December 2018, Maryann's mother unexpectedly passed away. Following this tragedy, Maryann was forced to move to Florida, away from the community she loved and the support system she had fostered throughout her years with Ms. Schindler.

Late one January night, Ms. Schindler received a call from Maryann that she was at the airport and didn't know what to do. Without hesitation, Ms. Schindler sprang into action. She drove straight to the Pittsburgh airport to pick Maryann up. It wasn't long before Ms. Schindler and her family made the decision to become Life Sharing providers and welcome Maryann into their home permanently.

Madam Speaker, Karrie Schindler has demonstrated extraordinary selflessness and compassion in her work with Maryann. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Schindler on her selection as the Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disability's Western Region Direct Support Professional of the Year.

HONORING SIOBHAN McVAY AS A RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

#### HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2019*

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Siobhan McVay of Delran High School in Delran, New Jersey, as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Each year, the PAEMST recognizes outstanding K–12 teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science. Recipients of the award are widely respected by their peers, displaying strong expertise in STEM education, and having made a lasting positive impact on their students. Only 108 teachers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories receive this selective recognition each year.

I commend Mr. McVay for his fine work as an educator and mentor to his students, building important skills that will help them succeed in a rapidly developing world. STEM education is a building block to an increasingly complex economy that relies on a strong technological skill set. Today's students with strong STEM backgrounds will be those that discover a cure for cancer, help to bring an end to climate change, and gets an American on Mars. The important skills that Mr. McVay's students develop from his instruction will bring important individual achievements, and will aid our nation in the future.

I'm proud to say that we have excellent quality teachers in New Jersey like Mr. McVay, and I look forward to seeing his important work develop in the growth and success of his students.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF GRACE QUINN GOODPASTURE

#### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2019*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Grace Quinn Goodpasture for being selected as a recipient of a Student-Athlete-Scholarship from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Grace attends the Steward School in Ashland, Virginia, where she played 4 years of Varsity Soccer, lettering all four years. She was also a member of the Varsity Cross Country and Dive team, lettering in those as well. She says community service is a core value of her family and has always been a part of her life. She has earned her Gold Award in the Girl Scouts and was a Senate Page for the Virginia Senate. Her spirit of service should inspire all of us.

I commend her on receiving this recognition for her distinguished scholastic, leadership, and sportsmanship. This recognition of her work in the community, in the classroom, and

on the athletic field is a testament to her commitment to hard work and service to others. She is an example of the leaders that we will need to guide our nation and the Virginia Commonwealth in the future.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Grace Goodpasture for her achievements in her community. May God bless Grace and her family.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 8TH DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN'S FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE YEAR

#### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today during First Responders Appreciation Month to recognize ten first responders from Wisconsin's 8th District who received the Wisconsin State Assembly's First Responder of the Year award. The Assembly selected and recognized the nominees below for their heroic actions, professional achievement, body of work, and length of service within the field of public safety:

The late Mitchell Lundgaard, Appleton Fire Department; Joseph Wesoloski, Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety; Dan Rettler, Black Creek Fire Department; Lt. Jeff Engelbrecht, Green Bay Police Department; Sgt. William Tedlie, Greenville Police Department; Chief Al Tlachac, Luxemburg Community Fire Department; Chief Rick Badgley, Peshtigo Police Department; TJ Schrank, Riverview Volunteer Fire Department; Mary Beck, Shawano County Dispatch Center; and Sgt. Brandon Leschke, Weyauwega Police Department and Weyauwega Area Fire Department.

First responders represent the best and bravest in our communities. These heroes selflessly give their time and skills to protect and serve others. I am proud to represent men and women with such a commitment to their communities and who prioritize the welfare of others before their own. Their unwavering devotion to fostering safe and strong communities is truly inspiring.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in thanking these first responders for their service and dedication to protecting our communities.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 27, 2019 during roll call no. 553, On Passage, S.J. Res. 54, Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 554, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 3722, Joint Task Force to Combat Opioid Trafficking Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 555, On Motion to Table, H. Res. 603, Raising a question

of the privileges of the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### COST ESTIMATE TO H.R. 4617

#### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate for H.R. 4617 from the Congressional Budget Office. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the filing of the Committee report.

U.S. CONGRESS,

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,

Washington, DC, October 21, 2019.

Hon. ZOE LOFGREN,

Chairperson, Committee on House Administration, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM CHAIRPERSON: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4617, the SHIELD Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

MARK P. HADLEY

(For Phillip L. Swagel, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 4617, THE SHIELD ACT—OCTOBER 16, 2019

[By fiscal year, millions of dollars]

	2020	2020–2024	2020–2029
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	*	*	*
Revenues .....	*	*	*
Increase or Decrease (–) ..			
in the Deficit .....	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays) .....	*	2	**

\* = between –\$500,000 and \$500,000.

\*\* = not estimated.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? Yes.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? Yes, Under Threshold.

H.R. 4617 would amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. Most provisions in the bill are related to prohibiting the participation of foreign nationals in election-related activities, and making additional campaign expenditures and advertising purchases subject to public disclosure.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4617 would cost \$2 million over the 2020–2024 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Those amounts would cover additional administrative costs for the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to ensure compliance with the bill. In 2019, the FEC received an appropriation of \$71 million.

Violators of the bill's reporting requirements could be subject to civil and criminal penalties, so enacting H.R. 4617 could increase collections of fines. Civil fines are recorded in the budget as revenues. Criminal fines are recorded as revenues, deposited in the Crime Victims Fund, and subsequently spent without further appropriation. CBO estimates that any additional collections would not be significant in any year and over the 2020–2029 period because of the relatively small number of additional cases likely to be affected.

H.R. 4617 would impose private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) on candidates for federal office, campaign committees, political entities, and advertising platforms, among other entities. CBO expects that the aggregate cost of the mandates would be small because compliance with some of the mandates would not impose costs or because the affected entities already perform similar disclosure and reporting activities. For such entities, the new duties would impose only small incremental costs. Therefore, CBO estimates that the cost of the mandates would not exceed the private-sector threshold established in UMRA (\$164 million in 2019, adjusted annually for inflation).

Title I would:

Require political campaigns to report contacts by foreign entities offering contributions or election coordination to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the FEC and to establish a policy requiring staff to report such contacts and to notify staff of that policy.

Expand the types of communication subject to existing disclosure rules under the Federal Election Campaign Act and require disclaimers on internet and digital communications.

Require online platforms that sell political advertisements and meet minimum traffic thresholds to maintain a public database of qualified political advertisements.

Require television and radio broadcasters and online platforms to make reasonable efforts to ensure that campaign communications are not purchased by a foreign national.

Title II would prohibit foreign nationals from:

Participating in the decision making process of any election-related activity.

Contributing to super political action committees (PACs) or campaigns concerning a state or local ballot initiative or referendum.

Making campaign or advocacy expenditures for digital, broadcast, and internet communications.

Title II would impose additional private-sector mandates by requiring corporations and labor organizations that make campaign contributions to certify that no foreign nationals participated in the decision making process related to those contributions and by requiring corporate PACs to certify that they are not under foreign control.

H.R. 4617 would impose no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Matthew Pickford (for federal costs) and Andrew Laughlin (for mandates). The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 15, 2019 during roll call no. 556, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2385, To permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 557,