

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORT FOR THE GABRIELLA MILLER KIDS FIRST RESEARCH ACT 2.0

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0, a bipartisan bill that I introduced on Friday, April 17th. If enacted, this bill would make great strides to fund the fight against childhood cancer, birth defects, and other rare pediatric diseases.

Cancer is the single leading cause of death among American children of any disease. The U.S. is rapidly approaching 16,000 children diagnosed with cancer annually, and the incidence of childhood cancer has been steadily increasing over time. Additionally, one in 33 babies born in the U.S. are affected by a birth defect, and birth defects are the leading cause of death among infants. These pediatric diseases are still poorly understood, and additional funding is greatly needed to augment existing research to promote new discoveries for children affected by them.

In an effort to uncover new insights into the biology of pediatric disease, Congress passed the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act in 2014, which established a Ten-Year Pediatric Research Initiative Fund within the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Common Fund. The law authorized \$12.6 million in funds annually for pediatric disease research through the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program, commonly known as Kids First. Since the original law was enacted, Kids First has sequenced more than 20,000 samples from childhood cancer and structural birth defect cohorts. Most recently the program initiated the Gabriella Miller Kids First Data Resource Center—a comprehensive integrated data resource for research and patient communities meant to advance discoveries.

The Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0 builds off the important progress made by the 2014 Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act by providing a new source of funding for the Kids First Research Fund. Specifically, the bill would redirect civil monetary sanctions levied against pharmaceutical manufacturers by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. By diverting penalties from pharmaceutical companies that break the law, the bill would sustain Kids First's critical childhood disease research for generations to come.

The 2014 law and the bill I introduced Friday is named to honor 10-year-old Gabriella Miller who passed away from an inoperable brain tumor. She was a fierce advocate for childhood cancer research, and her efforts to boost awareness of pediatric cancer helped raise funds for children's cancer charities. I would like to thank Gabriella's mother and my constituent, Elyn Miller, for her tireless advocacy on behalf of children with cancer through

Smashing Walnuts. I am honored to have worked closely with Elyn on the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0.

I introduced this bill to find treatments and cures so that our nation's children will have a fighting chance to survive cancer and other rare disease. The Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0 will reaffirm our strong commitment to finding cures for pediatric diseases.

RECOGNIZING BOBBY ZAREM

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bobby Zarem of Georgia's First District for his decades of influence as a legendary publicist.

Mr. Zarem is known for helping launch the careers of well-known celebrities like Arnold Schwarzenegger and John Travolta, and spearheading publicity for movies such as Saturday Night Fever and Dances with Wolves to root them in American cinematic history.

He eventually created Zarem Incorporated in New York, which is now one of the most successful public relations and publicity businesses in the country.

Notably, he was the creative genius behind the "I Love New York" campaign, which is now advertised on t-shirts and hats throughout the world.

Although much of his success was on Broadway and Hollywood, Mr. Zarem has been a pillar in making his hometown of Savannah the artistic and cinematic success it is today.

He was given the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Savannah Film Festival to recognize his outstanding accomplishments throughout his life.

I want to congratulate Mr. Zarem on making Savannah proud, and I wish him the best of luck in all his endeavors to come.

SHAQUAN GRIFFIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Shaquan Griffin for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Shaquan Griffin is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Shaquan Griffin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and

develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Shaquan Griffin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF AMIL PADEZANIN

HON. CONOR LAMB

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Mr. LAMB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Amil Padezanin, a fellow Marine and a pillar in the community in Beaver County.

Mr. Padezanin served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was a retired brakeman and conductor working for 42 years out of the Conway Yards for Conrail, formerly known as Penn Central and the Pennsylvania Railroad.

During his 85 years in Freedom, PA, Mr. Padezanin played varsity football at Freedom High School, served on the town council, led the town's holiday festivities, was a member of the Freedom Serbian Club, and was an avid Freedom Bulldogs sports fan. He was also a member of the St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church in Aliquippa, and a member of the Serb National Federation, the oldest and largest Serbian fraternal organization in the country.

I want to express my deepest condolences to Mr. Padezanin's wife Martha and the entire Padezanin family.

We will all miss Amil, but it may help to remember that there is no such thing as a former Marine, and that his duties are much needed in the next world. As it says in our hymn, "if the Army and the Navy ever look on heaven's scenes, they will find the streets are guarded by United States Marines."

REMEMBERING JIM SHINN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mr. James William "Jim" Shinn Jr. of Pooler, Georgia, who passed away on April 10th.

Jim was a man of honor and humility who served others in all areas of his life.

Through his service in the U.S. Army, being an active member and faithful leader in his church, and coaching his youngest daughters' various sports teams, his life was a blessing to countless individuals.

Jim worked for Delta Metals and was a co-owner of the successful family business, Steel

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