

# 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, Ellyn Miller, for her tireless advocacy on behalf of children with cancer through

Smashing Walnuts. I am honored to have worked closely with Ellyn 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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Erectors Incorporated, where he worked alongside his lovely wife, Leslie.

His servant heart and faithfulness allowed him to not only thrive in all that he did, but leave behind a legacy that will never be forgotten.

Jim loved and cherished his family above all else and was a remarkable father and husband.

Pooler, Georgia, is truly better off because of Jim's devotion and intentionality, and I am so grateful for all that he did for his community.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all who knew and loved him during this difficult time.

TERA DAVIS

### 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 Tera Davis for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Tera Davis is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tera Davis 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 Tera Davis for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CLARIFICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL INTENT REGARDING SECTION 6412 OF PUBLIC LAW 116-92

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2020*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, last year I introduced H.R. 3494, the Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020. The IAA was included in the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act, which became Public Law 116-92.

Section 6412, a provision that I authored and that first passed the House as part of the IAA, authorizes the Director of the CIA to provide enhanced injury benefits to a covered employee and/or qualifying dependents who suffer an injury overseas due to war, insurgency, hostile act, or terrorist activities.

I rise today to clarify the intent of Congress on one point: due to the unique and limited circumstances under which these benefits are authorized, and for the purposes of Section 104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, all amounts paid pursuant to Section 6412 should be treated as amount paid under chapter 81 of

title 5, United States Code, regardless of whether the recipient would otherwise qualify for workmen's compensation.

ROWAN HARTMAN

### 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 Rowan Hartman for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Rowan Hartman is a student at Sobesky Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rowan Hartman 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 Rowan Hartman 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 HONOR OF JAMES BELMONT

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 21, 2020*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James "Jim" Belmont. Mr. Belmont has served our country well for 41 years and is retiring on May 31st.

Mr. Belmont is a veteran of the United States Army. In 1983, he began a career with the Department of Veterans Affairs. He served as a biomedical engineering technician at the VA Medical Center in Togus, Maine. He moved on to serve in various positions of increasing responsibility in the VA system. He served in the acting capacity as Director of the Louisville VA Medical Center and as Interim Director of the Memphis VA Medical Center. In 2013, he was chosen to serve as the Associate Director of the Lexington VA Health Care System.

Mr. Belmont holds a bachelor's degree in Health Care Administration and an MBA in Healthcare Management. He is a graduate of Leadership VA and the Senior Executive Fellows program at Harvard University. His credentials include Fellow American College of Health Care Executives and Credentialed Member American Academy of Medical Administrators.

Mr. Belmont resides in Lexington, Kentucky with his wife, Zonda. She also served in our veterans and retired from the Lexington VA as a nurse in 2019.

Mr. Belmont is a dedicated public servant and a patriot. He has served our nation for 41 years, first in the United States Army and then as a leader in the VA Health Care System. Our nation's veterans deserve the finest health care available and Mr. Belmont has dedicated his career to providing them excellent care.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Belmont and thank him for his years of service to our veterans before the United States Congress.

SAGE ROBERTS

### 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 Sage Roberts for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Sage Roberts is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sage Roberts 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 Sage Roberts for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING BISHOP GREGORY HARTMAYER

### 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 congratulate Bishop Gregory Hartmayer for being named the seventh Archbishop of Atlanta by Holy Father Pope Francis.

Bishop Hartmayer has remarkably served several roles in the church for over 40 years, including a guidance counselor, teacher, and eventually a school principal for Catholic high schools.

After spending many years in New York and Massachusetts, Bishop Hartmayer moved to Georgia to serve as a pastor and then bishop.

He has been recognized by his community, family, and friends as a kind, faithful, and humble servant of the Lord.

Bishop Hartmayer was appointed the fourteenth bishop of the Diocese of Savannah by Pope Benedict the 16th in 2011.

I was honored to have him as my guest at Pope Francis' speech to a joint session of Congress in 2015.

His life has been marked by graciously sharing wisdom, peace, and clarity with everyone he encounters, and freely giving his resources for the good of others.

Thank you, Bishop Hartmayer, for your service to the people of the Diocese of Savannah, and to Georgia's First District.

I know God will continue to use you in amazing ways as you serve as the seventh Archbishop of Atlanta, and I wish you all the best.