

first women elected to serve as a Wayne County Commissioner. Isaac looked to his mother's example and pursued a career in public service. After earning his Juris Doctorate degree from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Isaac went on to work for the United Automobile Workers as well as Michigan Teamsters Joint Council No. 43 before founding his own law firm.

Isaac's work on behalf of laborers only galvanized his resolve to work on behalf of the public. In 2018, he was elected to serve as State Representative to Michigan's Fourth District. Isaac was a ferocious advocate for the people he served, championing environmental justice issues, disability rights, and housing rights. Isaac Robinson was a big-hearted and passionate advocate for the people he served, and he will be sorely missed.

I therefore ask you to please join me in honoring the memory of State Representative Isaac Robinson.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
STARBASE PROGRAM

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce legislation to include the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa in the Department of Defense STARBASE Program.

STARBASE is a grant program aimed at improving math and science skills through partnerships between military installations and schools with high proportions of economically and educationally disadvantaged students. STARBASE students participate in hands-on activities and real-world applications of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) led by military personnel in these career fields. The program primarily focuses on fifth graders including those historically underrepresented in STEM fields to attract and prepare them at an early age to pursue and succeed in related coursework and careers. STARBASE 2.0 focuses on middle school students in an after-school, mentor program format.

Such a beneficial educational experience should be available to all students in our country including the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa. The law establishing the STARBASE program currently defines "state" to include the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam. My legislation would ensure all U.S. territories are included in this definition.

The gentlewoman from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, is an original cosponsor of the bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

HONORING IOWA'S BLOOD BANKS
AND VOLUNTEERS AS IOWANS
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the men and women working and volunteering across Iowa to maintain a critical component of our health care system: blood donation. Whether they're blood center employees or volunteer blood donors, these individuals are quite literally rolling up their sleeves to make a difference in their communities during the coronavirus outbreak. For that commitment, it is my honor to celebrate each and every one of them as Iowan of the Week.

The Surgeon General of the United States, Jerome Adams, recently called upon the public, especially Millennials and Gen Z, to consider donating blood during this crisis. He and the FDA reiterated that blood donation is safe and blood centers have been taking extra precautions to adhere to new CDC guidelines by spacing beds at least six feet apart, disinfecting surfaces between patient visits, temperature checking the staff, conducting additional screening of donors, and encouraging advance scheduling of appointments.

I join the Surgeon General and FDA in calling on healthy, eligible Iowans to continue donating blood to maintain a safe, stable, and adequate community blood supply. Since COVID-19 began to spread in our country, thousands of blood drives have been cancelled and blood center donations have slowed significantly, resulting in several hundred thousand fewer blood donations nationwide. Without increased donor turnout, the United States will soon face a serious blood shortage.

When disaster strikes or we find ourselves in the midst of a public health crisis like the coronavirus outbreak, it is the blood on the shelves that saves lives. It's part of our nation's readiness to face this challenge head on. Not only are health care professionals caring for those affected by COVID-19, but they're also still working 24/7 caring for cancer patients, trauma victims, and those in need of surgery. The need for blood is constant. One standard donation—an act that takes a few minutes—can save up to three lives and helps maintain the community blood supply.

Donated blood is an essential part of caring for patients, and every blood center in the country is affected by this pandemic. I encourage every healthy, eligible Iowan to make an appointment to donate blood at their local blood center in the coming weeks. Remember: it is safe to donate blood; blood centers are taking every precaution to protect workers and donors; there have been no reported or suspected cases of transfusion-transmitted COVID-19; and donating blood will not lower your immune system. It's normal to feel fear during this time of uncertainty, but Iowans can be sure their blood donation will make a positive impact in our fight against this disease.

I applaud our local blood center employees at places like LifeServe who are putting their community first by still going into work each day; their dedication and bravery in the face of coronavirus is inspiring. I also applaud local

blood donors who, by no exaggeration, are saving the lives of their neighbors in need. Both are nothing short of heroic, and it is my honor to recognize them as Iowans of the Week.

CORONAVIRUS FRONTLINE WORKERS FAIR PAY ACT OF 2020, H.R. 6709

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 8, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, during the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis, essential workers are confronting significant risks to their health and the safety of their families in order to provide our communities with life-sustaining services. Health care workers, grocery store personnel, first responders, and other brave workers deserve hazard pay for the risks they are taking to provide critical services during this unprecedented national crisis.

On May 5, 2020 I was proud to introduce H.R. 6709, the Coronavirus Frontline Workers Fair Pay Act of 2020, which would establish a dedicated fund in the U.S. Treasury to provide employers with coronavirus hazard pay funds to be passed on to high-risk health care workers and other essential workers on the frontlines of the fight against this virus. This hazard pay would be an important step in recognizing the sacrifices and contributions of countless Americans, including those health care workers that are in high risk positions.

H.R. 6709 would guarantee hazard pay for individuals working in high-risk health care roles between January 27, 2020 and December 31, 2020. For the purposes of H.R. 6709, the definition of "high-risk health care worker" is intended to include, at minimum, individuals in the following occupations, as specified under major group 29 or 31 in the 2018 Standard Occupational Classification System:

Pharmacists; Physician Assistants; Podiatrists; Respiratory Therapists; Registered Nurses; Nurse Anesthetists; Nurse Midwives; Nurse Practitioners; Anesthesiologists; Cardiologists; Dermatologists; Emergency Medicine Physicians; Family Medicine Physicians; General Internal Medicine Physicians; Neurologists.

Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Pediatricians, General; Physicians, Pathologists; Psychiatrists; Radiologists; Physicians, All Other; Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric; Orthopedic Surgeons, Except Pediatric; Pediatric Surgeons; Surgeons, All Other; Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists; Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians; Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians; Diagnostic Medical Sonographers; Nuclear Medicine Technologists.

Radiologic Technologists and Technicians; Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists; Medical Dosimetrists; Emergency Medical Technicians; Paramedics; Pharmacy Technicians; Psychiatric Technicians; Surgical Technologists; Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses; Surgical Assistants; Home Health Aides; Personal Care Aides; Nursing Assistants; Orderlies; Psychiatric Aides.

This list is not exhaustive; but is illustrative of the many health care workers that are facing extraordinary risks to keep Americans safe