

very rigorous nursing program you were well prepared for the challenges ahead.

Dr. Taylor started her nursing career at Baptist Memorial Hospital (BMH) in Oxford, MS and worked at this facility for 7 years as the Charge Nurse. While working at BMH full-time, she traveled once a week to Alcorn State University (ASU) nursing campus for the next 2 years. She earned her Master of Science as a Nurse Educator graduating with highest distinction and inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society of Nursing. She accepted an Assistant Professor position in their Associate Degree Nursing at ASU. Dr. Taylor possessed not only a passion for learning but immensely enjoyed teaching and sharing her knowledge and clinical experience. While teaching full-time at ASU, Dr. Taylor earned her Post Master's as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). This was a very difficult time in her life because her sister and best friend, Renetha, was diagnosed with a terminal cancer and lost her battle on October 6, 2002.

In January of 2004 a unique opportunity arose and Dr. Taylor was invited to join a team of dynamic African American women with a diverse background in the nursing profession to start the first Associate Degree Nursing Program at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, MS. Dr. Taylor and other faculty referred to themselves as the "Dream Team" and was determined to create one of the best nursing programs for those aspiring to become registered nurses in the state of MS. Although this dream was short-lived, her dynamic team laid the groundwork and this RN program is thriving today. Dr. Taylor has dedicated years of service into almost all areas of nursing from the hospital setting to academia to correctional setting just to name a few.

On March of 2009, Dr. Taylor accepted a position in the MS Delta at a private Cardiology practice. This in many ways for her was surreal because now she would be providing care to patients with heart disease, a disease that abruptly ended her own father's life at the age of forty-six. She was eager to accept this challenge because this would give her the opportunity to help others combat heart disease and save lives, something she was not able to do for her very own father. Dr. Taylor knew this had to be fate, a higher power orchestrating this only-for-her opportunity.

On January 2010, Dr. Taylor pursued her highest level of education in her profession. While working full-time as a Cardiology Nurse Practitioner, she began her doctoral degree at the University of Alabama Capstone College of Graduate Nursing. Her scholarly project explored the precursors of coronary heart disease among women of color in the MS Delta. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA and again inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society for Nursing, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and the Golden Key International Honor Society. Dr. Taylor earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and her Hooding Ceremony was on the former President Barack Obama's birthday August 4, the year 2012.

Dr. Taylor still practices in the MS Delta specializing in heart disease and managing other chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, etc. She is an advocate for change and currently serves as the Lead Volunteer in the state of MS for the Na-

tional Patient Advocate Foundation (NPAF) out of Washington, DC. Dr. Taylor has attended the last three Patient Congress in DC to be the change agent and voice for her patients. Dr. Taylor was selected by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and National Institute of Health (NIH) to serve as a stakeholder reviewer for new funding opportunity: Testing Multi-Level Interventions to Improve Blood Pressure Control in Minority Racial/Ethnic, Low Socioeconomic Status, and/or Rural Populations.

Dr. Taylor is an entrepreneur and recently started on own business Day by Day Health and Wellness to be the change she wishes to see in the world. Her passion for healthcare runs deep but she sees the bigger picture and that is focusing more on preventive care versus sick care. Dr. Taylor currently serves as a Community Advisory Board member for Panola County for the Risk Underlying Rural Areas Longitudinal Study (RURAL). She is an active member of the Mississippi Nurses Association. She is an active member of the distinguished ladies of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Upsilon Iota Omega Chapter. She is also an active member of the NAACP Panola County Branch. And lastly and more importantly, she is the doting aunt to her nieces and nephews and the loving wife to her soulmate, Mr. Whittington Bufford, Jr.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Tammy Terel Taylor for her dedication to serving her community and this great state.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 28, 2020, I missed votes due to my oldest son's high school graduation.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 113; YEA on Roll Call No. 114; and NAY on Roll Call No. 115.

MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER EDUCATION ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Military Spouse Career Education Act to help military spouses access the education they need to enter and excel in careers that require government-recognized credentials.

My bill would help military spouses achieve their career goals by covering the costs of exams awarding college credit and continuing education units needed to maintain professional licenses and certifications.

Military spouses participating in the My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship Program would be able to finish their degrees faster by earning credit through exams such as the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DANTES Subject Standard-

ized Tests (DSST). CLEP and DSST award credit recognized by thousands of schools for a wide range of courses needed for degrees in health care, education, business, technology and other in-demand fields. Access to these alternatives to traditional classes provides spouses the ability to achieve their educational goals at their own pace while saving limited MyCAA funds for other expenses.

Maintaining licenses and certifications would also be easier for MyCAA participants and spouses moving with their service member under permanent change of station orders. The Defense Department currently covers the cost of spouses' relicensing fees when relocating with their families. States and territories that do not recognize credentials from other jurisdictions may also require additional training. The Military Spouse Career Education Act reimburses spouses for the costs of continuing education units needed to keep their credentials and continue careers in their new place of residence.

The gentleman from Indiana, Mr. BANKS, is an original cosponsor of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

A FRESH START

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today, to recognize the 20th anniversary of a local small business in Lakewood, Colorado—A Fresh Start.

A Fresh Start is a prime example of the American Dream—owned and operated by Tom Bogeljic, a Bosnian refugee who came to the U.S. in 1997, and shortly after settling into the Denver suburbs, opened his own small business. A Fresh Start has grown substantially in the last 20 years, and Tom has been at the forefront of its growth.

A Fresh Start opened its doors in Lakewood, Colorado on December 1, 1999 and has provided commercial and residential cleaning to places across the 7th Congressional District and Denver Metro area. It has survived quite a few challenges over the last 20 years, surviving the Great Recession as well as being designated an essential service during the current COVID-19 public health crisis.

During Small Business Month, I want to recognize Tom and his business as examples of a true entrepreneurial spirit and his contribution to our community by using eco-friendly materials and putting his employees first.

I extend my congratulations to Tom and A Fresh Start on its achievement of 20 successful years in our community. Keep up the good work.

HONORING THE CAREER OF ARMOND "SKIP" SCIPIONE

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Armond "Skip"