

I rise today to urge this House to continue advocating for victims of domestic violence and to continue the fight against domestic violence.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a non-profit organization working tirelessly and cooperatively against the scourge of domestic violence, an estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year. One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and, at this point, one in six have already experienced an attempted or completed rape. I spent 33 years of my life in law enforcement, often on the front lines combating acts of domestic violence. During that time, I saw many horrific things. I have seen lives end, communities shattered and families torn apart due to domestic violence. The human cost of domestic violence in this country is astronomical. It touches lives in big cities, small towns and everywhere in between. Domestic violence knows no boundaries.

Violence is often a destructive cycle. A boy who witnesses acts of violence between parents or caretakers is twice as likely to become a perpetrator of domestic violence as an adult. Even worse, children who witness abuse and are themselves abused are even more prone to acts of domestic violence in adulthood. Generations of Americans have failed to break this terrible cycle of violence and even more alarmingly, many of those same Americans refuse to properly identify acts of domestic violence and seek help or protection. I ask the members of this House to remember these facts throughout this month and to please do everything in their power to combat domestic violence in congressional districts across the country. Support the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and other like minded organizations. Support local law enforcement. Support community organizations like the Boys & Girls Club and churches. Urge your constituents to be mindful of the devastating effects of domestic violence.

Domestic violence is debilitating to families, communities and the United States as a whole and is entirely preventable. Every day, we have the opportunity to remind our constituents and our families to work together to rid our communities of domestic violence. As we make progress and fight against this injustice within, we must stay vigilant.

A TRIBUTE TO ED McBRIDE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend, Ed McBride. After I was appointed to the Chair of the House Administration Committee, our colleagues nicknamed me the "Mayor of Capitol Hill." Since he became a manager in the Government Relations Department in 1991, Ed has been known as Mayor of PECO.

Ed McBride started working at PECO on September 15, 1969 as a Transportation Mechanic. For those of us in government, and for the people we serve, Ed is PECO. He acts as

a voice for the customers within the company and as a voice for the company and its employees in the community.

Madam Speaker, Ed McBride is the consummate professional. He is also a gentleman in every sense of the word. I'm proud to say that Ed is my colleague, my constituent and my friend. I ask every Member of Congress to join me in honoring his 40 years of service today.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1793 the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. This important bipartisan bill reauthorizes a program that has provided some of the most critical services to our country's most vulnerable populations for nearly two decades.

As you know, according to the CDC, approximately 1.1 million Americans are currently living with HIV/AIDS. While we have made tremendous strides in the treatment of HIV, prolonging and improving the lives of those with the disease, the need for funding to provide treatment to all those living with HIV/AIDS has, accordingly, greatly increased.

Furthermore, this epidemic has had an alarmingly disproportionate impact on communities of color. African Americans account for roughly 50% of HIV/AIDS diagnoses and Hispanics/Latinos 18 percent. We must properly address this troubling disparity and continue to work for improved access and treatment for racial and ethnic minorities living with HIV/AIDS.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program offers a comprehensive, cost-effective solution to these challenges. Ryan White has been a monumental success and has most certainly contributed to the decline in the number of AIDS cases and deaths due to HIV/AIDS. S. 1793 is an important piece of legislation and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING HEATHER CHRISTENSEN

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, Utah has lost a local treasure with the passing of Ms. Heather Christensen of American Fork, Utah.

Heather Christensen is remembered by her joyfulness. Her friends and family said she was always smiling, laughing, and positive. As the woodwind section instructor for the American Fork High School band, she was known to work 18 hours a day. Heather was known to arrive at school early in order to help individual students and make sure they had a

good experience. Her close friends said she believed in positive reinforcement as a way to motivate students.

Heather died trying to save 46 American Fork high school band students on October 12, 2009. A bus carrying the band crashed on Interstate 15 as they were returning after winning a competition at Idaho State University in Pocatello. After witnessing the bus driver pass out, she reached for the wheel and tried to steer the bus back to the road but fell out a window as the vehicle rolled. About 30 students sustained minor injuries, but thanks to Heather's fast action, none had life-threatening injuries.

Heather was a very talented young woman, who played multiple instruments and sang. Her family said she could play any instrument by ear and had perfect pitch. She was said to have been living her dream by working with the nationally recognized American Fork High band.

Heather grew up in American Fork and was the third of six children. She was the drum major at American Fork High School, and was also the student conductor for the school's a cappella choir. She went on to become a drum director at the University of Utah, where she earned both a bachelor's and masters in music education.

People have called Heather's actions heroic and I want to take a moment to honor this Utahn for her courage.

IN TRIBUTE TO INSPECTOR JEFFREY MADDREY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jeffrey Maddrey, Inspector of the 75th Precinct and an honorable public servant.

Inspector Maddrey is a graduate of John Jay College, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology, and is also a graduate of Columbia University's Police Management Institute. Inspector Maddrey is presently pursuing a Master's Degree in Human Services Management and Leadership at St. Joseph's College.

Inspector Maddrey became a member of the New York City Police Department in 1991 at the age of 20. Upon graduation from the Police Academy, Inspector Maddrey was assigned to the 110th Precinct in Queens, New York. He was promoted Sergeant in 1998.

Upon his promotion to Lieutenant in 2001, he served in the 67th Precinct, then successfully in various capacities as Captain in the 72nd, 60th, and 70th Precincts, and Commander of the Brooklyn South Task Force. On January 1, 2006, Captain Maddrey was assigned to the 73rd Precinct as Commanding Officer. He was then promoted to Deputy Inspector in December of 2006 and Inspector in November of 2008. Inspector Maddrey is currently the Commanding Officer of the 75th Precinct and also a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. His service to the residents of East New York, Brooklyn is exemplary.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jeffrey Maddrey.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, last week I missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted the following: rollcall No. 790—"yes"; rollcall No. 791—"yes"; and rollcall No. 792—"yes."

BECKY FAST HONORED AS "SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR" BY KANSAS CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, since I took office in January, 1999, Becky Fast has worked as my constituent services director. My office has prided itself on a high level of constituent services, and for that Becky deserves much of the credit. I am proud and happy to announce that last Thursday, Becky was honored as "Social Worker of the Year" by the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Vicki Arnett, LSCSW and the Chair of the Chapter LINC committee presented the award at the 62nd MoKan Clinical Institute in Overland Park (Ritz Charles) on Thursday, October 8, 2009. The Kansas Chapter, National Association of Social Workers represents the practice and profession of social work in Kansas. The event was a two day intensive training on familial sexual abuse with Michael Boniello, LSCSW and difficult ethical problems in social work with Frederic Reamer, Ph.D., of Rhode Island.

Although I was in Washington for scheduled votes, I was pleased to learn that Becky's father drove from Minnesota to Kansas to see her receive the award. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Becky, and am honored to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the remarks made by Vicki Arnett when she introduced Becky as the recipient of the 2009 Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Work "Social Worker of the Year":

Becky Fast originally was trained as a teacher. Through that work she found that many students and their families needed individual assistance through difficult circumstances. Becky went back to school and became a social worker. Since then, she has been working in different capacities to help improve services to many individuals. Her early work has included authoring several chapters in a book on serving the aged population as well as service manuals to implement such programs. She taught social policy for many years and helped bring attention to the importance of everyday advocacy in the political arena.

Becky practices Political Social Work. She has been the Director of Constituent Services for Congressman Dennis Moore since his victory in 1998. She is one of just a few social workers across the country to hold such a position. She has built the constituents program with a focus on applying social work values and skills to assisting people calling for help with federal programs. Her program

serves as a model for other congressional offices and Becky willingly shares her knowledge. Over the years, Becky has mentored many social work interns and taught them the importance of listening to caller concerns and responding in a helpful way. She is constantly making connections to individuals and the community by establishing access to the Congressman and helping to suggest ways to solve problems.

Becky has taken advantage of her ability to connect to people to promote social workers and the profession. For example, she had several conversations with then Governor Sebelius and they spoke about social work and delivering care to people. She was able to mention social work to President Clinton, and she facilitated a meeting with the Attorney General on social work safety. Many of the current Kansas State legislators keep social work on their mind because of Becky talking to them.

Most recently, after physical threats to the congressional office, and the town hall meetings had to be canceled for safety reasons, she was still preparing materials and was generous in giving time and attention to people expressing anger and frustration. She does not lose her cool in such situations. Becky was instrumental in securing federal funding to support the Teri Mathis Zenner Safety First conference in October. Becky was one of the original presenters for Dr. Nancy Humphreys Campaign School in Connecticut.

Becky has served as the Kansas Chapter, PACE Chair for several election cycles, served as the Treasurer on the Chapter Board of Directors and now serves as the Region Ten Representative on the National Board of Directors of NASW. She serves on a variety of committees and work groups and in the Kansas City area. Becky is well known across Kansas and everyone knows she is a social worker because she proudly states, "I am a social worker" as she does her work. Congratulations Becky for a well-earned and well-deserved recognition of the excellence you bring to the social work profession.

HONORING DR. JOHN WATERS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. John Waters as he steps down as the President of the Genesee County Medical Society. Dr. Waters will be honored at the annual Presidents' Ball on November 7th in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Dr. Waters became interested in a medical career at the age of 7. He was injured in an automobile accident and was hospitalized for a long time. Because of the care and compassion of his hometown physician, Dr. Waters decided to become a doctor. He earned a B.A. in psychology and a B.S. in biology from Quincy College. After graduating from Northwestern University Medical School he completed his residency at the University of Louisville, Department of Ophthalmology.

In addition to his medical practice at Complete Eye Care, he is a principal in the Surgery Center. Active in the community, Dr. Waters treats patients through the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic and works with the Greater Flint Health Coalition. He has provided free glaucoma and diabetic eye screenings in conjunction with FACED's Dia-

betic Sunday at area churches. He participated in Cover the Uninsured Week and Complete Eye Care received the "Community Caring Award" from Health Access.

Involved with the Genesee County Medical Society, he has served on the Board since 2000 and is a member of the Finance Committee. He also serves as part of the Genesee County delegation to the Michigan State Medical Society House of Delegates. His philosophy about being a doctor is: "I went into medicine because of what someone did for me. We who are physicians should do the same for our patients. If we do what is right for them everything will fall into place for us." Dr. Waters and his wife, Meg, have two children, JT and Elizabeth.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Dr. John Waters. I commend him for his dedication to treating and healing his patients and I wish him many, many more years working for better health in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, October 22, I was unfortunately delayed reaching the floor and unable to cast my vote on the first two recorded votes of the day.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote 798, and "yes" on rollcall vote 799.

INTRODUCTION OF THE OSTEOPOROSIS EARLY DETECTION AND PREVENTION ACT OF 2009

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing bipartisan legislation, the Osteoporosis Early Detection and Prevention Act of 2009, along with my friend and colleague from West Virginia, Congresswoman SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO.

The Osteoporosis Early Detection and Prevention Act of 2009 will require private insurance plans to cover bone density testing for individuals most likely to develop osteoporosis. This bill will ensure that the individuals most likely to develop the disease will have access to screening tests, which could both improve health outcomes and save significant amounts of money.

Forty-four million Americans either suffer from osteoporosis or are at risk of developing it. One of every two American women and one of four American men, aged 50 or older, will suffer a bone fracture because of osteoporosis. This means that osteoporosis causes 1.5 million broken bones every year.

Osteoporosis has no symptoms and cannot be detected by an ordinary X-ray until 25 to 40 percent of bone mass has already been lost. As bone mass decreases, the risk of fractures increases exponentially. The disease is usually not diagnosed until a fracture occurs—but