

healthy development, school success, and productive contribution to society and the workforce. In addition, treatment of diseases and disorders caused by exposure raises health care costs.

This Act takes an important step towards decreasing early exposure to environmental toxins by establishing a federal grant program to fund Pregnancy Risk Information Services (PRIS) throughout the country. PRIS provide pregnant and breastfeeding women and their physicians with evidence-based information about exposure to medications, chemicals, illicit drugs, alcohol, infections, and illnesses that may pose a risk to the healthy development of a fetus or breastfeeding baby. They also fill critical knowledge gaps by recruiting women for surveillance and research projects that study the effects of toxins on babies' development. Mothers are hungry for medically-grounded advice to guide their actions while pregnant and breastfeeding. This bill would provide them with access to the information they need to make healthy, responsible choices for their children.

On behalf of ZERO TO THREE and the four million babies born each year in the United States, thank you for your steadfast work to defend children's health and development. We are pleased to support the Birth Defects Prevention, Risk Reduction, and Awareness Act and look forward to continuing to work together to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.

Sincerely,
 MATTHEW E. MELMED, JD,
Executive Director.

A TRIBUTE TO BRANDON
 SCHRAUTH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special teacher from Waukegan, IA. His name is Brandon Schrauth and he was recently selected to receive the 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

This program recognizes our nation's most outstanding teachers for their contribution to the teaching and learning of math and science. For his exemplary achievement, Brandon has received both a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation as well as a signed certificate from President Obama.

President Obama named only 85 teachers across the country to be worthy of this prestigious award saying that its recipients "demonstrate uncommon skill and devotion in the classroom, nurturing the young minds of tomorrow's science and math leaders."

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to represent Brandon and his students in the United States Congress. Brandon is a true testament to Iowa's reputation of a strong work ethic and world class education. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating Brandon and I wish him the best of luck in the future.

HONORING THE CHILDREN OF THE
 TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PRO-
 GRAM FOR SURVIVORS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor America's greatest resource—our children and in particular those of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, our Gold Star children, who are the loved ones of our fallen heroes. This Memorial Day and every day, I ask all Americans to keep a special place in their hearts for these wonderful and brave children. As with each coming year, we see in each child's face the image of their parents and we are continually reminded of their heroism and selflessness and that freedom certainly does not come without a price. May these children of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our great nation always know that while their loved ones are up guarding Heaven's gates, their spirit will continue to live on inside of each of them. I ask that the poem Albert Caswell penned in their honor, The Best Part of Them, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

THE BEST PART OF THEM

My child, I know you heard the news today. . . .
 I'm going so far away. . . .
 I'm so sorry I can't be here to stay. . . .
 But, heaven for me could not wait. . . .
 But, remember you carry, Me In You in your heart each day. . . .
 My Little boys and little girls, it's for you I now so pray. . . .
 Teenagers and new born's who have so lost your best friends have they. . . .
 Your Daddy and Mommy, aren't coming home. . . as it's up to heaven they have flown. . . .
 And you will never see them again. . . .
 As you have all just lost your best friends!
 As up towards Heaven they have flown . . . to Heaven sent. . . .
 As Angels in The Army of Our Lord, to defend. . . .
 And as you lay your precious heads down to sleep. . . .
 I pray to the Lord, the strength that he will give to you to keep. . . .
 But remember this, so very deep. . . .
 Inside of you, Is The Best Part of Me, your Mothers and Fathers hearts to so keep!
 For The Best Part of Them, Is Part of You. . . . as inside of your fine hearts, they so beat. . . .
 And I know that you will never hear them say your name again. . . .
 All in their most special ways, as you have but all but lost your best friends. . . .
 I'm so sorry that in such pain you must now so live. . . .
 And I know it's so unfair, that little soldiers you became. . . .
 My little girls and boys, as when all of the tears began. . . .
 Oh children, I know how bad that you so wish to hear that voice. . . .
 I know it's so unfair, and for you had no choice. . . .
 As you but wish for just that one last long hug. . . .
 All from your greatest Heroes, your greatest of all loves. . . .
 Take heart now my child, for they are but with our Lord high up above. . . .

The ones who all so taught you the very meaning of love. . . .
 Who in the middle of the night, when you were scared. . . . would hold you tight!
 Yea, I know it makes you cry. . . . it makes me cry too. . . .
 Whenever, I think of them. . . . and I think of you. . . .
 But, they died. . . . but, for The Greater Good. . . .
 All for what is right and what is true. . . .
 All for Freedom, they so gave That Last Full Measure all for us and you!
 Moments, are all we have upon this earth. . . .
 Just seconds, to but show our Lord God all in our worth. . . .
 And though they will not be here on Christmas or Hanukkah mourns. . . .
 With all of their smiles and hugs, so very warm.
 And they will not be able to tuck you in at night. . . .
 And watch you all grow up to be their hearts delight!
 And walk you down that aisle, with smiles so very bright. . . .
 But, remember this my child each morning as you awake. . . .
 I pray to you. . . . that this to all of your souls to so take. . . .
 That the greatest day of their short lives, was but that one when you arrived!
 And The Greatest Wish, all in their hearts. . . . that they so prayed for and so cried. . . .
 Was that you would all so grow up to have but the greatest of all lives. . . .
 So when you wake in the middle of the night, all in your tears of fright. . . .
 Missing all of your loved ones, that which you now so wish to hold onto tight. . . .
 Remember this, your Mothers. . . . your Fathers, are but Angels now in flight. . . .
 And this morning when you awoke, could you but not feel their arms around you so close. . . .
 As now they watch over you every moment, and hour. . . .
 Listen for them on the wind, for you will hear them now. . . .
 And yes they will be with you as you walk down that aisle. . . .
 And see you graduate, as up in Heaven they wear their smiles. . . .
 Take heart, because part of them is now part of you!
 For The Best Part of Them, all in your fine hearts beats inside of you. . . .
 So now you must find the same such courage, as once they had so too!
 To march on, as we watch you all grow up. . . . as we see your parents faces all in you. . . .
 So, ever remember this my child. . . .
 The Best Part of Them, is now part of you. . . .
 As their fine hearts so beat so all inside of you so true!
 So now you know what you must do!
 Lift up your heads, and make all of their wishes so come true!
 Find The Strength, all with what their fine hearts so meant that which beat so all inside of you!
 And one day up in Heaven, you'll will once again all be together so too!
 Because, The Best Part of Them. . . . Is what is inside of You!
 Amen. . . .