

Many children have suffered harmful side effects from using psychotropic drugs. Some of the possible side effects include mania, violence, dependence, and weight gain. Yet, parents are already being threatened with child abuse charges if they resist efforts to drug their children. Imagine how much easier it will be to drug children against their parents' wishes if a federally-funded mental-health screener makes the recommendation.

Universal or mandatory mental-health screening could also provide a justification for stigmatizing children from families that support traditional values. Even the authors of mental-health diagnosis manuals admit that mental-health diagnoses are subjective and based on social constructions. Therefore, it is all too easy for a psychiatrist to label a person's disagreement with the psychiatrist's political beliefs a mental disorder. For example, a federally-funded school violence prevention program lists "intolerance" as a mental problem that may lead to school violence. Because "intolerance" is often a code word for believing in traditional values, children who share their parents' values could be labeled as having mental problems and a risk of causing violence. If the mandatory mental-health screening program applies to adults, everyone who believes in traditional values could have his or her beliefs stigmatized as a sign of a mental disorder. Taxpayer dollars should not support programs that may label those who adhere to traditional values as having a "mental disorder."

Mr. Speaker, universal or mandatory mental-health screening threatens to undermine parents' right to raise their children as the parents see fit. Forced mental-health screening could also endanger the health of children by leading to more children being improperly placed on psychotropic drugs, such as Ritalin, or stigmatized as "mentally ill" or a risk of causing violence because they adhere to traditional values. Congress has a responsibility to the nation's parents and children to stop this from happening. I, therefore, urge my colleagues to cosponsor the Parental Consent Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. BILL  
MCKEON

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 1, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bill McKeon, a member of the All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA) Hall of Fame's Class of 2011. Mr. McKeon has been an extraordinary player as well as a motivating coach with several minor and major league baseball organizations. On August 6, 2011 Mr. McKeon will be inducted into the AAABA Hall of Fame and I applaud his distinguished and outstanding career.

Bill McKeon played to the highest standards and held those around him to similar expectations. Mr. McKeon made his minor league debut in 1952 with the Welch Miners and continued to produce impressive offensive statistics for three consecutive years. He later signed with the Boston Braves and was voted the All-Star Catcher of the Appalachian League in 1952. He continued his professional

baseball career as a member of the Northern League of Wisconsin and Sooner State League of Oklahoma. In 1955, U.S. Army Private Bill McKeon was appointed coach of the 516th Divisional Baseball team. He guided his team to a win in the European Baseball Championship game. Mr. McKeon also participated in the 516th Division's basketball and football teams, demonstrating his athletic versatility. A devastating rotator cuff injury in 1956 ended Mr. McKeon's ability to perform on the field.

Mr. McKeon's baseball career also included roles as a scout for the Philadelphia Phillies, the Los Angeles Angels, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Kansas City A's, the Oakland A's, as well as Eastern Scouting Director for the Kansas City Royals, and a Major League Special Assignment Scout with the San Diego Padres. Mr. McKeon looks back on his time with the San Diego Padres fondly as he enjoyed watching the team win the 1984 National League Championship as a member of their ball club. Mr. McKeon was also the coach for the Kansas City Royal's minor league affiliate in Corning, New York and also coached in Elmira, New York as a member of the Eastern League. In 2006, Mr. McKeon coached the Evansville Otters Baseball Club to a Frontier League Championship, having been the league runners-up in the previous year. His collegiate coaching experience includes head coach for Ashland University as well as an assistant coaching position for the University of Evansville.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledging Mr. Bill McKeon's lifetime commitment to the game of baseball. His commitment to the sport is unparalleled and serves as an example of an influential, dedicated player and leader.

IN HONOR OF CORPORAL BRIAN  
AFT

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 1, 2011*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize United States Marine Corporal Brian Aft.

On April 18, 2011, Corporal Aft was heavily injured by an IED explosion while patrolling on duty in Afghanistan. Corporal Aft sustained life threatening injuries, losing his lower extremities. Like many of our brave and dedicated men and women in the United States armed forces, Corporal Aft demonstrates great courage in the midst of his rehabilitation and as he moves forward toward the next phase of his life.

Indeed, the families and loved ones of injured soldiers like Corporal Aft play a vital role in their journey to recovery. Their unwavering love and support provide these injured warriors great strength. These family members place their own lives on hold while focusing primarily on the injured warrior. Stories such as Corporal Aft's and his family remind us why we are proud to be Americans. May God bless them all in the midst of this difficult time. I ask that the following poem "Forever . . . Aft . . . Er" inspired from Corporal Aft's story be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

FOREVER . . . AFT . . . ER

(By Albert Caswell)

FOR.

FOR EVER . . .

FOREVER . . . AFT . . . ER!

All in the days of our lives . . .

All in the moments that we're alive . . .

That which so make the Angel's cry!

All in what we have so left behind?

All in our lifetimes, so to find . . . , that  
which so does shine . . .

That which so lives on, long Aft . . . er we  
are gone!

To march off to war, all for your Country Tis  
of Thee . . . to her freedom to so in-  
sure!

All in your most magnificent shades  
of green . . .

To wear that mantel, and hold that high  
honor of being The Best . . . A United  
States Marine!

As on each new day you so faced death, all  
but for this our Nation to so bless!

As out on point Brian, somehow you so bold-  
ly went . . . all out into such death!

As you Corporal Aft, so selflessness, so  
bravely moved forth in all they asked!

All with your Brothers In Arms, with that  
blood that binds you so yes!

Is that but not what heaven is for?

For such things as these Brian, live forever  
on!

Long Aft . . . er, we are gone!

And then on battlefields of honor bright,

As you so courageously lost your two strong  
fine legs . . . this dreadful sight!

As the tears came rolling down, lying there  
. . . halfway to heaven, as you had to  
so decide!

When, from somewhere so very deep down in-  
side . . . , you chose life, and began to  
try . . .

For such things Brian live on, Ever . . . Aft  
. . . er . . . Ever . . . Aft . . . er we are  
gone!

You see my son, some people like you are  
put upon this earth!

All by our Lord To So Teach Us, To So  
Reach, and So Beseech Us in all their  
worth!

Reminding us all in life, what so surely so  
comes first!

For you Brian will walk, and you will run  
. . . as your fine heart shines like the  
mid-day sun!

For you are a United States Marine, one of  
the greatest things our Nation has so  
seen!

And if ever I have a son, I but wish he could  
so walk as courageously all in those  
shades of green!

Ooo . . . Rah! Ooo . . . Rah, Jar Head . . . ,  
all for our country you have bled!

Arms and legs we all need, but we can live  
without . . . but without a heart we  
can so breathe!

As you Star of Texas, shine so brilliantly!  
Because, in Heaven with our Lord you need  
not arms or legs!

And that's where your going Brian  
one day . . .

Forever . . . Aft . . . er!

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF GULF BREEZE, FLOR-  
IDA

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, August 1, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Gulf Breeze,