

historic snow storm in Connecticut and so I missed rollcall vote No. 817 regarding S. 1280, the "Kate Puze Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WAYNE  
DIBOFSKY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding efforts of Mr. Wayne Dibofsky, Associate Director of Government Relations at the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). On November 13, 2011, members of the NJEA will honor Mr. Dibofsky at his retirement ceremony in Princeton, New Jersey. His commitment to serve the members of the community is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mr. Dibofsky has made a significant impact on the quality of education in New Jersey public schools and has continued to advocate for members rights and labor initiatives for employees in the New Jersey public school system. Mr. Dibofsky joined NJEA in 1982 as a lobbyist. During his tenure he has assisted in drafting many legislative initiatives relating to increased school safety, health care, labor rights, school funding, higher education funding and various regulatory measures. He remained a key advocate in the drafting and passage of over 1,000 pieces of legislation. Most recently he has been a catalyst in the passage of legislation protecting confidentiality of employees who seek support through various employee assistance programs. Mr. Dibofsky was also a key political operative in the passage of school budgets and school bond referendums in Old Bridge, Teaneck, Edison and East Brunswick, New Jersey. Today he continues to ensure that both Federal and State legislation protect NJEA members and assure that public school employees continue to retain their rights and benefits. His impeccable quality of work is continuously reflected in his high success record and flawless ability to inspire and motivate others.

In conjunction with his professional responsibilities, Mr. Dibofsky serves on countless boards and foundations. His generous actions continue to impress and serve the members of the community. Mr. Dibofsky is an alumnus of Monmouth University and has also completed a Masters program at Rutgers University. He currently resides in Franklin Park, New Jersey with his wife Ricky.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking Mr. Wayne Dibofsky for his numerous years of service to the New Jersey Education Association. His outstanding efforts and dedication continue to resonate with the constituents throughout Monmouth County and New Jersey.

HONORING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS  
OF ENGINEERS BALTIMORE DISTRICT

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, on the successful completion of a record military construction and Base Realignment and Closure mission. The Baltimore District worked on this complex mission for six years in the State of Maryland and throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

In 2005, the U.S. Department of Defense was given the difficult task to reorganize itself to more efficiently and effectively support our forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business. The Baltimore District was tasked with managing more than \$4.2 billion in construction projects—more than any other in the Nation.

Their work has provided our service members, their families and our civilian workforce with cutting-edge facilities that will allow the Department of Defense to continue its mission of protecting our Nation for years to come. These include the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Defense Information Systems Agency Headquarters at Fort Meade, among others. I am proud to welcome these distinguished agencies to the State of Maryland.

The Baltimore District's work extends beyond Maryland's boundaries. In Pennsylvania, the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Letterkenny Army Depot and Tobyhanna Army Depot are now better prepared to meet the needs of our service members. Fort Belvoir in Virginia has expanded exponentially and is now home to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency and the Northern Regional Medical Command. Their new proximity to Washington, D.C. is critical for the continued security of our Nation.

The Baltimore District also contributed significantly to the economic stability of the region when we needed it most. The mission was executed with the help of many small businesses, including some owned by veterans, and created thousands of new jobs.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Defense set high expectations and aggressive schedules for this round of BRAC and expected them to be met. I applaud the Baltimore District, the North Atlantic Division and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for their hard work, dedication, and persistence. I ask that you join me in thanking them for their excellent construction, design and engineering services.

COMMEMORATING WORLD STROKE  
DAY

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate World Stroke Day and to help increase awareness of stroke, stroke preven-

tion and the challenges faced by stroke survivors and their families. Although I was unable to mark this day when it occurred last month, it is an important cause that is worth recognizing.

A stroke is a brain attack. It occurs when a blood clot blocks an artery, or a blood vessel breaks, interrupting blood flow to an area of the brain. While most strokes occur in older adults, it's a myth that strokes only occur in this population—anyone can have a stroke. Risk factors include high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, smoking, high cholesterol, diabetes, lack of regular exercise and poor diet. Family history of stroke is also a risk factor.

The state of North Carolina is part of the "Stroke Belt" where death rates due to stroke are consistently more than 10 percent higher than in other parts of the country. The higher mortality rate may be linked to a higher than average population of African Americans and elderly residents, who are more likely to have a stroke than other ethnicities and age groups, as well as dietary factors.

In the United States, about 795,000 people will have a stroke this year, averaging one every 40 seconds. While stroke kills 137,000 people and is the fourth leading cause of death, there are seven million adult stroke survivors in the United States. Stroke is also a leading cause of serious, long-term disability. Although between 50 and 70 percent of stroke survivors regain functional independence, many survivors require the support of a caregiver or have difficulties returning to work.

The estimated direct and indirect cost of stroke was \$73.7 billion in 2010. While these statistics by themselves are startling, the impact of stroke goes beyond my district/State or even our Nation. Stroke is a global health crisis that kills one person worldwide every six seconds—that's six million people annually. If nothing is done, the predicted number of people who will die from stroke will increase to almost seven million each year by 2015.

The goal of World Stroke Day is to bring attention to the risk factors and warning signs of stroke as well as to honor those living with the impacts of stroke around the world. I urge my colleagues and constituents to know their stroke risk and learn the warning signs. Stand with me today in support of the seven million stroke survivors, their caregivers and families and the rest of the stroke community around the globe to do our part to reduce the impact of stroke in the future.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR JEFFREY  
SLAVIN, 2011 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
FOR MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY'S PHILANTHROPIST OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2011*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mayor Jeffrey Slavin on being named the Community Foundation for Montgomery County's Philanthropist of the Year.

Mayor Slavin is among the most generous people I have ever met. He donates his time, his money, and his tremendous wisdom to others on a daily basis. Mayor Slavin's persistent dedication to the needs of the underserved in his community, in addition to his invaluable role supporting dozens of non-profit