A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF JOAN A. McKENNA, RSCJ

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Joan McKenna, a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart and a highly distinguished educator, who died in Atherton, California on September 12, 2013. She was born in San Francisco on January 19, 1932, to Henry and Agnes McGuire McKenna.

Sister McKenna leaves her only sister, Kathleen P. McKenna, and her beloved community of Sacred Heart Sisters. She also leaves generations of children who were blessed by her teaching and her love, as well as the hundreds of people whose lives she graced with her caring and genuine interest.

Sister McKenna was a remarkable woman who represented the gold standard in education in ways almost too numerous to recount. She was raised in San Francisco and educated in a parish school. As a high school student she was given a full scholarship to Sacred Heart Schools Broadway where she continued to excel and where she developed her deep respect for the Religious of the Sacred Heart and their dedication to educating the ''whole child.''

Sister McKenna received her B.A. and her M.A. in History from the San Francisco College for Women. She later received her M.A. in Theology and her J.D. from the University of San Francisco. From each of these institutions she received training that developed her inborn talents, and to each of them she returned what she received tenfold, or more.

After joining the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Sister McKenna taught history and religious studies at Sacred Heart Schools in El Cajon, San Francisco and Atherton. In addition to her teaching, she was Dean of Students and Assistant to the President at the San Francisco College for Women. After receiving her law degree she spent three years working as a legal assistant for the San Francisco City Attorney's Office in the Juvenile Court. She served as Principal at Sacred Heart Broadway and Director of Schools at Sacred Heart Atherton. Over the years she served on the Boards at each of these institutions, as well as the Oakwood retirement home for the Religious, and for Catholic Charities of San Francisco. Before her retirement she was a lecturer in theology and religious studies at the University of San Francisco, a volunteer mentor for teachers, and a tutor for students at St. Martin de Porres School in Oakland. She retired in 2011 Sister Joan McKenna's life was one of learning and helping others to learn in a tradition of values-based education that she treasured. She was a loving friend to me and my family, educating and mentoring my daughter, Karen Eshoo. As one colleague of hers recalled, ''she quoted Micah and told her students to 'act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with their God.' These simple words were made all the more powerful by the fact that they were delivered by one who lived them herself and one who consistently made her faith so accessible to others.''

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to the RSCJ community and all those who were privileged to know Sister Joan McKenna. She was a most extraordinary woman who blessed our country as a superb educator, inspired countless students to lead lives of value, and strengthened our nation immeasurably.

RECOGNIZING ANNIE QUICHOCHO ON HER RETIREMENT FROM MORE THAN 42 YEARS OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN SERVICE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Annie Quichocho on the occasion of her retirement from the U.S. Department of the Navy after more than 42 years of federal civilian service.

Ms. Quichocho was born and raised on Guam, and graduated from George Washington Senior High School in 1969. In 1971, she began working as a clerk at Naval Station Guam. Her career as a federal civilian employee took her from Guam to Millington, Tenn., Whidbey Island, Wash., Beeville, Texas, Norfolk, Va., and finally to Patuxent River, Md., where she has lived with her family for more than 30 years.

Most recently, Ms. Quichocho worked as financial management analyst at Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division in the Budget Formulation, Justification and Execution Department. During this time, she served as the Lead Financial Management Analyst for seven financial analysts and two administrative personnel. She provided advice, financial support, guidance, and services for the Funds Management Division, and trained brand new employees and interns on the overview and details of the funding process in the Budget Office. She also received, reviewed, processed, and established incoming funding documents from various customers.

Additionally, Ms. Quichocho is an active member and a former secretary of the Guam Society of America, an organization that brings together former residents of Guam living in Washington, D.C. and the suburbs of Virginia and Maryland. She also is a member of the Internal Communication Workgroup, Business Financial Management Community, the American Society of Military Comptrollers, and is a member, usher and teacher's aide at St. Nicholas Chapel in Patuxent River.

On behalf of the people of Guam and a grateful nation, I commend Ms. Annie Quichocho for her many years of dedicated service to our country. I wish the very best to Ms. Quichocho, her husband, Larry, their daughter, Lori, their son-in-law, David, and her three grandchildren.

NUTRITION REFORM AND WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, when the voting took place for H.R. 3102, the Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act of 2013, unfortunately, I was unable to be present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted no for the following reason:

The bill, H.R. 3102, would cut $40 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which will adversely affect poor people and lower benefits to households with children. Seventy-six percent of SNAP's recipients are households with children. SNAP is an anti-hunger program that is immensely effective in providing assistance to a minimum of 47 million individuals and families across America. In addition to food benefits, SNAP educates people on ways as to how one may use food dollars wisely and live a healthier lifestyle by promoting the importance of nutrition. A key component of SNAP is their ''No Kid Hungry'' campaign, which, aims at fighting against childhood hunger in America by partnering with communities to enroll eligible families with half of the program recipients being children. Reducing spending over the next few years by billions of dollars will affect the lives of Americans who depend on these programs to help put food on the table for their families.

The current legislation under consideration for today would deny food benefits to least 4 million low-income Americans and make certain working adults with an average income of about $2,500 per year and no guardianship of children ineligible to receive food benefits. This may include our veterans, Native Americans and many individuals that live in areas where there is chronically high unemployment. H.R. 3102 is a bill that is unreasonable and beneath the conduct of a Congressional body to impose such a policy initiative that will not help the poorest and neediest Americans among us.

Additionally, H.R. 3102 contains language that permanently bars formerly incarcerated individuals convicted of certain federal or state crimes and their families from receiving full SNAP benefits. As you may know, SNAP is about children and helping the poor and the needy. Why should anyone think that children should be denied adequate food and nutrition just because of the sins of the father or mother or caregiver, especially after they have paid their debt to society and reentered into normal community life? If this bill becomes law, it would restrict and deny the basic needs of children based on the parentage's criminal history of certain crimes and not on the essential eligibility requirement of income resulting from their financial status. As a result, H.R. 3102 would develop unintended consequences resulting in ancillary hardships to our neediest population. Given our nation's economic recovery, high unemployment rate, and the wide prevalence of food insecurity among children, all are directly problematic to the SNAP program. Every $1 in SNAP new benefits would generate up to $1.80 in economic activity. Every time a family uses SNAP benefits for healthy food on the table, it benefits the store and the employees where the purchase was made including the truck driver who delivered the food, the warehouses that stored it, the plant that processed it, and the farmer who produced the food. Each $1 billion increase in SNAP benefits is estimated to create and maintain 18,000 full time jobs including 3,000 farm jobs. SNAP benefits have a powerful anti-poverty effect that the Census Bureau reports would lift 3.9 million Americans—including 1.7 million children—out of poverty. SNAP

alleviates hunger and improves nutrition by increasing the food purchasing power of low-income households, enabling them to obtain a more nutritious diet that contributes to the prevention of obesity, diseases, and food insecurity.

Cutting funding is a threat to SNAP's mission to alleviate the health problems many children face in America. Studies indicate that children who are provided with healthier food are less likely to develop health problems and more likely to excel better in school. Sixty-two percent of teachers in a survey said that they have children in their classrooms that come to school hungry regularly because they are not getting enough food to eat at home.

HONORING ELOISE LUNDGREN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my longtime friend Eloise Lundgren. On October 1, 2013 Eloise will be named the John Garth Person of the Year by the Bell County Judge and Commissioners' Committee on People with Disabilities.

Eloise's life has been one of service to others. A consummate people person, she's worked in public and community relations at the Texas Department of Transportation, Fort Hood, and has been public affairs officer with the U.S. Army Operation Test Command since 2006.

Yet unbeknownst to many of her friends and colleagues, Eloise has been living with complications of Guillain-Barre syndrome since 1998. A disorder where the body's immune system attacks the nerves, Guillain-Barre syndrome begins with weakness and tingling in the extremities which eventually paralyzes the whole body. She's undergone years of treatment yet still suffers from the ravages of the disease.

Eloise's tenacity hasn't let her illness slow her down. She fulfilled a promise to visit her mother in Hungary over the summer. A vital member of the community, her commitments to Rotary, United Way, and her faith are as strong as ever. She remains an inspiration to all who know her.

Eloise is living proof of Sam Houston's maxim, "Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression, come from what source it may." I admire her perseverance and I'm proud to call her my friend. Both Erika and I wish her nothing but the best in the years ahead.

AMERICORPS AND THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service on celebrating its 20th anniversary on September 21, 2013.

In communities across America, committed AmeriCorps members are making an impact and a powerful difference on some of the most critical issues facing our nation: poverty, hunger, education and much more. Since its inception, more than 820,000 men and women have taken the AmeriCorps pledge, serving more than one billion hours and improving the lives of their neighbors and our communities.

In the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, AnneriCorps members are serving with long standing community organizations including the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, City Year, the Cleveland Foodbank, The Literacy Cooperative and others. Sequestration has severely impacted the program's budget in 2013 and curtailed hiring of AmeriCorps associates. This is a loss for both the community and the AmeriCorps members who leave the program with valuable skills, tested leadership abilities, experience to help jumpstart their careers and a deeper understanding of community problems and how they might work to address them.

I support efforts to ensure continuation of this much needed program and urge everyone to join me in celebrating the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of September 16, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following.

Tuesday, September 17, 2013: rollcall No. 460: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3092, "yea"; rollcall No. 461: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2449, "yea"; rollcall No. 462: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 793, "yea".

Wednesday, September 18, 2013: rollcall No. 463: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question providing for consideration of H.R. 761, "nay"; rollcall No. 464: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 761, "no"; rollcall No. 465: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 301, "yea"; rollcall No. 466: Lowenthal of California Amendment No. 1, "aye"; rollcall No. 467: Veasey of Texas Amendment No. 2, "aye"; of rollcall No. 468: Connolly of Virginia Amendment No. 3, "aye"; rollcall No. 469: Hastings of Florida Amendment No. 4, "aye"; rollcall No. 470: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 761, "aye"; rollcall No. 471: Final Passage of H.R. 761, "no".

Thursday, September 19, 2013: rollcall No. 472: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.J. Res. 59, "nay"; rollcall No. 473: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.J.Res. 59, "nay"; rollcall No. 474: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 687, "nay"; rollcall No. 475: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 3102, "yea"; rollcall No. 476: On Passage of H.R. 3102, "nay".

Friday, September 20, 2013: rollcall No. 477: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.J. Res. 59, "yea"; rollcall No. 478: On Passage of H.J. Res. 59, "no"; rollcall No. 479: Daines of Montana Part C Amendment No. 1, "no"; rollcall No. 480: McClintock of California Part C Amendment No. 3, "no"; rollcall No. 481: McClintock of California Part C Amendment No. 5, "no"; rollcall No. 482: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 1526, "aye"; rollcall No. 483: On Passage of H.R. 1526, "no".

RECOGNIZING JOE JANNAZO AS THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OVERALL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2013

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe Jannazo as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 Middle School and Overall Teacher of the Year for 2013. For the last four years, Mr. Jannazo has been an inspiration to his students, his colleagues, and the Northwest Florida community. I am honored to recognize his success and achievements.

After graduating from Florida State University in 2007, Mr. Jannazo became a teacher at WC Pryor Middle School in Fort Walton Beach, Florida where he was initially hired to teach aviation. The school quickly capitalized not only on Mr. Jannazo's passion for aviation, but also his leadership, energy, and dedication to his students, by dramatically expanding the subjects he taught to also include engineering, meteorology, and robotics oriented courses. In this capacity, Mr. Jannazo has enhanced his students learning opportunities and spurred their interests in the world of science and engineering with the support of the outside community, including the local AFA Chapter, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, the Civil Air Patrol, and the "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" (FIRST) Lego Robotics Program.

Mr. Jannazo has helped create programs that excite his students with hands-on learning where his coursework creatively integrates numerous science and mathematics concepts like the skills required to develop flight plans, access weather conditions, fly aircraft simulators, and design, build, and program robots. His efforts have taught his students important leadership, team building, and problem solving skills.

Northwest Florida has been blessed with an abundance of exemplary educators like Mr. Jannazo. He has demonstrated his commitment to the success of each of his students through his leadership and passion, Mr. Jannazo's efforts have helped to ensure a strong educational foundation for his young students, our Nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Joe Jannazo as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Middle School and Overall Teacher of the Year for 2013 and thank him for his commitment to service in Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mr. Jannazo, and we wish him all the best for continued success.