

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, including as co-chair. He was appointed to the Mayor's Committee on the 15th Anniversary of the March on Washington. He earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago and his undergraduate degree from Princeton. He is a health benefits consultant.

Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr., President and CEO of the Center for Black Equity, Inc. (originally known as the International Federation of Black Prides), the only Black LGBT international organization in the world. He founded IFBP in 1999 as a coalition of Black Pride organizers in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and South Africa to promote a multinational network of LGBT Pride and community-based organizations. There are over 30 Black Pride events with over 450,000 attendees each year. IFBP became the Center for Black Equity in 2012 with an expanded mission "to promote a multinational LGBT network dedicated to improving health and wellness opportunities, economic empowerment, and equal rights while promoting individual and collective work, responsibility, and self-determination." He previously served as executive director of the DC Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Education Consortium (formerly known as the DC CARE Consortium) and Damien Ministries. He was licensed as a Social Worker in New Jersey, and has worked on HIV/AIDS and LGBT issues for 25 years. He serves on seven non-profit boards, and is chair of Mayor Vincent Gray's LGBT Advisory Committee. He attended Rutgers University with degrees in history and business.

Alison Gill, Government Affairs Director at The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender queer (LGBTQ) youth, where she coordinates advocacy for LGBTQ youth mental health and well-being through policy initiatives at the federal, state, and local level. Prior to joining The Trevor Project, Alison was Public Policy Manager at the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, where she focused on state and local safe schools policy issues. Alison also engages in local transgender advocacy in Washington, DC, through Trans Legal Advocates of Washington. Alison is a graduate of Rutgers University, and received her J.D. from The George Washington University Law School.

I ask the House to join me in honoring the recipients of GLAA's 2014 Distinguished Service Award and in celebrating GLAA's 43 years of contributions to the LGBT community in the District of Columbia.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOHN WENDT ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that John Wendt of Sylvania, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air

Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

John's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2018. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

John brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2018. While attending Sylvania Northview High School in Sylvania, Ohio, John served on the Principle Advisory Committee, as a member of Sylvania's chapter of the National Honor Society and served as an office aid.

Throughout high school, John was a member of his school's soccer and basketball teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. John also participated with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization and the Big Serve Mission Trip his freshman year of high school, Latin Club as well as played club soccer. I am confident that John will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating John Wendt on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that John will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

PREVENT ALL SORING TACTICS (PAST) ACT

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, this Wednesday is National Animal Advocacy Day. On this day, citizens are invited to help enact meaningful protections for animals at the federal, state and local level by being an effective voice for animals.

On National Animal Advocacy Day, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to renew my call for the House of Representatives to pass the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act, or PAST Act. This important measure will stop the soring of horses, an abusive practice used by horse trainers in the Tennessee Walking, Racking, and Spotted Saddle Horse industries. Congress passed the Horse Protection Act more than 40 years ago in order to protect horses from soring. Unfortunately, a failed self-policing enforcement system and inadequate penalties in the statute have allowed this cruelty to continue.

This bipartisan legislation is already cosponsored by well over half of the House and is supported by many organizations in the equine industry, veterinary medicine, and animal protection communities. I am pleased to provide a copy of the list of support for the record to the full House. I urge my colleagues to take swift action to bring this important bill to the floor. Below is a current list of supporters of the PAST Act, H.R. 1518:

ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE PREVENT ALL SORING TACTICS (PAST) ACT

HORSE ORGANIZATIONS

1. American Horse Council
2. American Quarter Horse Association
3. American Morgan Horse Association
4. American Paint Horse Association
5. American Saddlebred Horse Association
6. Appaloosa Horse Club
7. Arizona Coalition for Equines
8. Carolina Walkers, Inc. (South Carolina)
9. Delaware Equine Council
10. Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary (Arizona)
11. European Tennessee Walking Horse Association
12. Fenway Foundation for Friesian Horses
13. For The Tennessee Walking Horse
14. Friends of Sound Horses
15. Friesian Horse Association of North America
16. Gaitway Walking Horse Association (Missouri)
17. Idaho Horse Council
18. International Friesian Show Horse Association
19. International Walking Horse Association
20. Maryland Horse Council
21. Michigan Horse Council
22. Minnesota Horse Council
23. Mountain Pleasure Horse Association (Kentucky)
24. National Plantation Walking Horse Association
25. National Walking Horse Association
26. Natural Walking Horses (Europe)
27. New York State Horse Breeders Association
28. New York State Horse Council
29. New York State Plantation Walking Horse Club
30. Northern California Walking Horse Association
31. One Horse at a Time, Inc. (Kentucky)
32. Pennsylvania Equine Council
33. Pennsylvania Pleasure Walking Horse Association
34. Pinto Horse Association of America
35. Plantation Walking Horse Association of California
36. Plantation Walking Horses of Maryland
37. Professional Horsemen's Association of America
38. Pure Pleasure Gaited Horse Association (Oklahoma)
39. Rocky Mountain Horse Association (Kentucky)
40. Sound Trails and Rails Society (Georgia)
41. South Carolina Horse Council
42. South Dakota Quarter Horse Association
43. Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club (Idaho)
44. Speak Up for Horses, Inc. (Kentucky)
45. Tennessee Walking Horse Exhibitors Association of Montana
46. Tennessee Walking Horse Association of New Jersey, Inc.
47. Tennessee Walking Horse Association of Oklahoma
48. Tennessee Walking Horse Exhibitors Association of Oregon
49. Tennessee Walking Horse Heritage Society
50. Texas State Horse Council
51. United Pleasure Walking Horse Association (Missouri)
52. United Professional Horsemen's Association
53. United States Equestrian Federation
54. Walking Horse Association of Michigan
55. World Walking Horse Association
56. Yankee Walkers/Gaited Horses of New England (Maine/New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island/Connecticut, and Vermont)

VETERINARY AND ANIMAL HEALTH

1. American Veterinary Medical Association
2. American Association of Equine Practitioners
3. National Association of Federal Veterinarians
4. U.S. Animal Health Association
5. Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association
6. Veterinarians for Equine Welfare
7. Alabama Veterinary Medical Association
8. Alaska Veterinary Medical Association
9. Arizona Veterinary Medical Association
10. Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association
11. California Veterinary Medical Association
12. Colorado Veterinary Medical Association
13. Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association
14. Delaware Veterinary Medical Association
15. District of Columbia Veterinary Medical Association
16. Florida Association of Equine Practitioners
17. Florida Veterinary Medical Association
18. Georgia Veterinary Medical Association
19. Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association
20. Idaho Veterinary Medical Association
21. Illinois Veterinary Medical Association
22. Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
23. Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
24. Kansas Veterinary Medical Association
25. Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association
26. Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association
27. Maine Veterinary Medical Association
28. Maryland Veterinary Medical Association
29. Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association
30. Michigan Veterinary Medical Association
31. Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association
32. Missouri Veterinary Medical Association
33. Montana Veterinary Medical Association
34. Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
35. Nevada Veterinary Medical Association
36. New Hampshire Veterinary Medical Association
37. New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association
38. New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association
39. New York State Veterinary Medical Association
40. North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association
41. North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association
42. Ohio Veterinary Medical Association
43. Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association
44. Oregon Veterinary Medical Association
45. Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association
46. Puerto Rico Veterinary Medical Association
47. Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association
48. South Carolina Association of Veterinarians
49. South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association
50. Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association
51. Texas Veterinary Medical Association
52. Utah Veterinary Medical Association
53. Vermont Veterinary Medical Association
54. Virginia Veterinary Medical Association
55. Washington State Veterinary Medical Association
56. West Virginia Veterinary Medical Association
57. Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
58. Wyoming Veterinary Medical Association
59. Donna Preston Moore, DVM, former head of USDA's Horse Protection Program
60. Tracy A. Turner, DVM, MS
61. Michelle Abraham, Resident, New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
62. John C. Haffner, DVM, ABVP(Eq)
63. Susan Botts, DVM
64. Angela M. Dion, DVM
65. Michelle Abraham, Resident, New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
66. Hanna Galantino-Homer, VMD, PHD
67. Alicia Grossman, DVM
68. Sue Lindborg, CVT Research Specialist New Bolton Center, University of PA School Of Veterinary Medicine
69. Midge Leitch, VMD, former head of Radiology, New Bolton Center, University of PA School Of Veterinary Medicine
70. Harry Werner, VMD, past president, American Association of AAEP
71. Judith L. Ford, Veterinary Technician
72. Benson B. Martin, DVM, Associate Professor Sports Medicine, New Bolton Center, University of PA School of Veterinary Medicine
73. Nat Messer, DVM, University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine
74. Mary A. Robinson, VMD, PhD
75. Mary Lynn Stanton, DVM
76. Joy Tomlinson, DVM
77. Steve O'Grady, DVM, APF

ANIMAL PROTECTION

1. American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
2. Animal Law Coalition
3. Animal Legal Defense Fund
4. Animal Protection Voters (New Mexico)
5. Animal Welfare Institute
6. Best Friends Animal Society
7. Dakin Humane Society (Massachusetts)
8. Equine Welfare Alliance
9. Homes for Horses Coalition
10. Horse Harbor Foundation (Washington State)
11. Horse Haven of Tennessee
12. Humane Society Legislative Fund
13. Michigan Horse Welfare Coalition
14. Mississippi Horses
15. Nevins Farm & Equine Center, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
16. Oregon Horse Welfare Council
17. Richmond Friends of Animals (Virginia)
18. Second Chance Ranch (Washington State)
19. Tennessee Voters for Animal Protection
20. The Humane Society of the United States
21. Virginia Alliance for Animal Shelters
22. Virginia Equine Welfare Society
23. Virginia Federation of Humane Societies
24. Virginia Beach Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

HORSE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

1. Bill Harlin, Past President, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association and owner of Harlinsdale Farm
2. Clay Harlin, former Senior Vice-President, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association
3. Marty Irby, Past President, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association

4. Chuck Cadle, Past Executive Director, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association
5. Georgina Bloomberg, professional equestrian sponsored by Ariat International
6. Rick Wies, Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association former VP, Pleasure Horse Division
7. Susan Kayne, host of "Unbridled" television show
8. Pat Parelli, founder of Parelli Natural Horsemanship
9. Tom Seay, Best of America by Horseback, trail riding TV show
10. Jan Ebeling, dressage trainer, member of the 2012 Olympic dressage team for the USA and co-owner of Rafalca
11. Dr. April Austin, USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist
12. Monty Roberts, award-winning trainer, best-selling author of The Man Who Listens to Horses
13. Carl Bledsoe, former member of Walking Horse Trainers' Association
14. Pamela Reband, MD, Board of Directors member and former Vice President of TWHBEA
15. Dr. Rebecca Gimenez, Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue
16. Eric Gray, walking horse farrier
17. Leslie Desmond, natural horsemanship clinician and author
18. Gael Borquin, dressage and eventing coach
19. Karl Mikolka, Former Chief Rider, Spanish Riding School, Vienna, Austria and USDF Hall of Fame
20. E. Allen Buck, Sympathetic Horsemanship
21. Steffen Peters, American Olympian and FEI rider
22. Shannon Peters, dressage instructor and FEI rider
23. Sheryl Rudolph, FITS/Fun in the Saddle, Inc.
24. Heather Barklow, Equine Connections, LLC
25. Diane Sept, Connected Riding Senior Instructor
26. Anita Adams, dressage trainer and FEI rider
27. Mary Werning, dressage trainer and FEI Rider, USDF Medalist
28. Maria Lisa Eastman, Raintree Equine Assisted Services, equine therapy program
29. Dr. Christine Teicheira, equine and human chiropractor
30. Gigi Nutter, USDF Gold Medalist, dressage trainer, owner Touch-N-Go Farm
31. Lisa Kelly Simmons, Lipizzan breeder, Past Director of the United States Lipizzan Federation
32. Jayne Fingerhut, MA, CMT, USDF Regional Champion Rider, equine business patent holder and manufacturer
33. Michelle Andrews Sabol, director of an equestrian therapy program
34. Holly Mason, Equine Biomechanics Specialist, author of It's Never Too Late
35. Terri Farley (author, the Phantom Stallion series)

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PUBLIC OPINION IN KEY STATES WITH LARGEST TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE INDUSTRY

A poll conducted in December 2012 by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research found that 75% of Tennessee voters and 69% of Kentucky voters support federal legislation to strengthen the Horse Protection Act by ending the current, failed system of industry self-policing, banning the use of chains and stacks (devices implicated in the soiling process) on horses at shows, and increasing penalties for violating the law.

LEGISLATORS

Sponsor of original Horse Protection Act of 1970: Former Senator Joseph Tydings
 Current bipartisan cosponsors of the PAST Act: 51 Senators on S. 1406 / 269 Representatives on H.R. 1518 (320 total)

CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

- 1. Alyssa Milano, actress, Charmed, Project Runway All-Stars
- 2. Priscilla Presley, film and TV actress, Dallas, The Naked Gun
- 3. Emmylou Harris, singer-songwriter and 12-time Grammy winner
- 4. Kesha, platinum recording singer-songwriter
- 5. Viggo Mortensen, actor, The Lord of the Rings
- 6. Wendie Malick, actress, Hot in Cleveland
- 7. Loretta Swit, stage and TV actress, MASH
- 8. Jillian Michaels, trainer on The Biggest Loser
- 9. Mark Miller, musician, Sawyer Brown
- 10. Lynn Anderson, singer-songwriter
- 11. Jenna Morasca, actress, model, grand prize winner of Survivor: The Amazon
- 12. Alexandra Paul, actress, Baywatch
- 13. Dawn Olivieri, film and TV actress, True Blood
- 14. Joe Camp, director of Benji films, author of Soul of a Horse
- 15. Kelly Carlson, actress, Nip/Tuck
- 16. Mary Ann Kennedy, singer-songwriter
- 17. Lacy J. Dalton, singer-songwriter

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during the second vote series on April 29, 2014. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on both H.R. 4414, the Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act of 2014, and H.R. 627, the National Park Service 110th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act.

IN HONOR OF BRIG. GENERAL
 CECIL NEELY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor General Cecil Neely, an Amer-

ican hero, dedicated public servant, and a friend.

After getting his first taste of public service as President of the Madisonville High School Honor Society, Cecil first took those leadership skills to Sam Houston State University and then into the U.S. Army. Rising from Private to Brigadier General is no small feat. It takes a soldier's soldier to climb that ladder.

General Neely spent nearly three decades serving his country above and beyond the call of duty. Not only was he honored with our nation's highest peacetime award, the Distinguished Service Medal, he received the Bronze Star for valor in Vietnam, as well as the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Parachutists' Badge, and numerous other U.S. and foreign awards.

It is no wonder this former member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is also a member of the Infantry "Hall of Fame" at the United States Army Infantry School.

General Neely returned to Sam Houston State University to earn his Master's degree in history. And after his retirement from the military he dove into another form of public service as County Judge of Madison County. Resolving redistricting issues and cutting property taxes while improving medical services, it took Judge Neely's work to establish a District Attorney's office and a "one-stop" center to bring county and state services together.

General Neely prepared Madison County—and the Brazos Valley—for the 21st century. As a chairman of the Brazos Valley Council of Governments from 2001–2002, and member from 1994–2006, Cecil Neely has led by example at every step.

Of course, he couldn't have done it all without the great support system he has in his wife, Lynn and their children, Susan, Russell, and Michael.

Our communities and our entire nation have been blessed by his service. Brigadier General Cecil Neely, thank you and job well done, sir.

ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, for more than 40 years, St. Mary Medical Center, located in my home district of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, has been serving the community and working to ensure a happier, healthier quality of life for tens of thousands of my constituents.

This week, St. Mary Medical Center was recognized for their outstanding work as they were named one of the best hospitals in the nation by Truven Health Analytics. After comparing 2,800 hospitals across the country based on 10 categories—including patient safety, patient satisfaction, and clinical standard—the group named St. Mary Medical Center one of its top healthcare providers.

Furthermore, the St. Mary's received the Everest Award—marking it as one of the most improved hospitals nationwide.

To those of us who know St. Mary Medical Center best, we are pleased—but not surprised—as St. Mary is an outstanding health care facility, employing thousands of dedicated health care professionals, on the cutting edge

of all health care innovations, and a recognized leader in the region for providing the highest quality of care to their patients every day. They are a caring, faith-based medical center in the tradition of St. Francis and they are totally prepared to meet the healthcare needs of all in our community as they do so with grateful hearts, impeccable credentials, and a clear view toward their Franciscan mission and the future role of healthcare.

St. Mary's will always have a special place in my heart—it's where I met my wife and it's where my daughter and son-in-law both work today as nurse professionals, and it's where I received critical medical treatment when I needed it most.

This national recognition is well deserved and is a testament to the hard work of everyone involved at St. Mary Medical Center—from administrators and doctors to nurses and support staff. I offer my most sincere congratulations on this well-deserved award!

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF LYNN AND GLENDA MARTIN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Lynn and Glenda Martin.

Glenda Jean Dalton was born in Gainesville, Georgia, and Horace Lynn Martin was born in Anniston, Alabama. They met at First Baptist Church of Saks over 50 years ago. They were married at First Baptist Church of Saks on May 22nd, 1954, and they are still very active members today. Lynn also serves as a deacon and as the Church Administrator.

Both Lynn and Glenda attended college at Jacksonville State University. While there, Glenda got her Master's Degree in Education, and Lynn got a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Math. Glenda taught at Wellborn High School until her retirement, and Lynn owns his own business in Anniston, Green's Art and Framing. He has also worked for several accounting firms over the years. Mr. Martin is also very involved with the Saks High School football team where he has carried the chains for the team for about 48 years. The Calhoun County School Board just voted to name the old high school gym after Mr. Martin. It is now known as the Lynn Martin gym.

Together, Lynn and Glenda have two daughters: Sheila Brady and Dawne Vaughn. They have 7 grandchildren: Cory Wooten, Cassidy Wooten, Trey Brady, Jessica Vaughn, Aaron Vaughn, Peyton Vaughn, and Grayson Vaughn.

Please join me in congratulating this lovely couple on 50 years together. Mrs. Martin, a cancer survivor, and Mr. Martin set an example of love and service for the people of the Third District. The celebration will take place on May 10th at a reception with their friends and family members.