

However, this bill does not address this problem.

This bill would allow Senior Executive Service employees to be fired without cause—for absolutely no reason, including political reasons. Under current law, Senior Executive Service employees can already be fired for poor performance. An SES employee must, not can, but must be removed should they receive even one unsatisfactory rating.

I strongly support holding all federal employees accountable for the job they are hired to do, no matter what position they hold in government. The American people must have faith in their government. While an investigation of the problems at the Phoenix VA is ongoing, the negligence and indifference is inexcusable. We must get to the bottom of what happened, and make sure it, or anything like it, never happens again.

We should be looking for answers, not using time and energy on this bill, and instead focus on the real problem of why these horrendous actions were allowed to occur.

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RECOGNIZING VIVIAN  
CASTLEBERRY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 23, 2014*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vivian Castleberry, recipient of the 2014 Visionary Woman award given by Juliette Fowler Communities. Ms. Castleberry became the first female editor of the Dallas Times Herald in 1957 and spent twenty-eight years there before her retirement to pursue a second career as a profound peace activist.

A Texas native, Ms. Castleberry co-founded The Dallas Women's Foundation, The Family Place, and the Women's Center of Dallas and founded Peacemakers Incorporated. Her work as a "grassroots Citizen Diplomat" included traveling to Russia to meet and interview women entrepreneurs who were educated in the United States and returned to Russia to use their skills to build their own communities.

Since retiring from the Dallas Times Herald, Ms. Castleberry has written four books: *Daughters of Dallas*, *The Texas Tornado*, *Sarah the Bridge Builder*, and *Seeds of Success*. Because of her success in journalism, Ms. Castleberry has won numerous awards like the "Katie" awards given by the Press Club of Dallas, two United Press International awards, a Buck Marryat Award for "outstanding contributions to communications," among others.

Ms. Castleberry was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1984 which is the same year of its creation. A journalistic pioneer, I am proud that Ms. Castleberry is a member of the Dallas community. Ms. Castleberry is said to have been the "godmother" of the women's movement in Dallas. Her success in shining the light on capable and accomplished women contributes to today's women's movement.

Please join me in recognizing Vivian Castleberry, a woman I count on as one of my good friends and supporters over the years, not only for her earning the 2014 Visionary Woman award, but for helping to bring women to the forefront of our society.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN, INC., PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY CHAPTER

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 23, 2014*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Prince William County Chapter and congratulate them on being awarded a \$78,000 grant from Potomac Health Foundation to educate African American women in eight churches on Triple Negative Breast Cancer.

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Prince William County Chapter was established on Saturday, November 17, 2012 in Woodbridge, Virginia with the mission to advocate on behalf of women of color through national and local actions and strategic alliances that promote the NCBW agenda on leadership development and gender equality in the areas of Health, Education, Economic and Political Empowerment.

With more than thirty partners and vendors, which included local, district and national organizations, NCBW began 2013 with a community health fair on February 9—"Knowledge is Key to Good Health." The health fair included a panel discussion on Triple Negative Breast Cancer which included a Surgeon, Radiation Oncologist, Medical Oncologist and a Radiologist/Mammographer. The health fair ended with eight breakout sessions and on-site screenings.

Each two hour session was conducted by the executive team with support from Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center. In addition, each session was followed by mammography screenings. Hundreds of women in Prince William County have been educated on Triple Negative Breast Cancer and the importance of early detection. NCBW partnered with Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center and its physicians to develop the curriculum, conducted all training sessions and provided mammography screenings. The training sessions have been completed at all eight churches in Prince William County.

On November 2, 2013 NCBW held their first kick off implementing their faith-based educational workshop program, "A Culturally Targeted Faith-Based Program focused on Educating Black Women in Prince William County about Triple Negative Breast Cancer to Increase Awareness on Prevention, Early Detection, Treatment, and Quality of Life" at First Mount Zion Baptist Church in Dumfries, Virginia. This session was followed by seven other faith-based outreach events in the surrounding community with efforts of equipping the female population with knowledge of breast cancer. These educational sessions educated thousands of women on Triple Negative Breast Cancer and the importance in Mammography Screening.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Prince William Chapter for educating the community about Triple Negative Breast Cancer. They have done yeoman's work promoting preventative care and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

TRIBUTE TO BETTINA L. WESLOH

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 23, 2014*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute my constituent, Bettina L. Wesloh, a distinguished community leader. In June, Mrs. Wesloh, a resident of Eldersburg, Maryland, will receive the Leader of Excellence Award from Girl Scouts USA.

Mrs. Wesloh has been a mentor for pre-teen and teen girls in Girl Scout Troop 1379. She has motivated these girls to continue in scouting and inspired them to participate in outstanding community service activities, including making 75 blankets for Project Linus, for which the troop earned the Silver Award. As the members of the troop work toward earning their Gold Awards, Mrs. Wesloh continues to advise and assist the girls. She also takes the time to advise independent girl scouts who are not members of Troop 1379.

Mrs. Wesloh also serves as a mentor for the Robo-Lions FRC Team 2199 robotics team, assisting the students with public relations and business projects. She has been instrumental in organizing field trips for the students and fundraising drives to support science, technology, engineering and mathematics initiatives. Under her mentorship, the team won two Entrepreneurship Awards and the Regional Chairman's Award, which is considered the highest award a team can win at a regional FIRST robotics competition. In fact, Mrs. Wesloh is so passionate about the importance of STEM education that she is a founding director of PIE3, a non-profit organization that supports STEM education and activities in and around Carroll County, Maryland. Mrs. Wesloh is also a substitute teacher for the Carroll County Public Schools.

A member of the Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church, Mrs. Wesloh has served as President of United Methodist Women, which, among other things, advocates for women's rights and the prevention of human trafficking. Mrs. Wesloh is part of United Methodist's Leadership team and Servant Circle. In recent years, Mrs. Wesloh organized the collection of over fifty flood buckets for donation to the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Bettina Wesloh is a truly compassionate and dedicated community leader who has made a difference in the lives of countless people. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation to her for her outstanding community service and her invaluable work with young people.

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**HON. RUSH HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the work that Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. SCOTT, and others have put into this, but the bill before us still falls woefully short of what is required to correct the abuses brought to light over the last year.

This legislation still allows the government to collect everything they want against Americans—to treat Americans as suspects first and