

Vietnam with veterans from both sides of the conflict to promote healing and peace.

I was blessed to have known Mr. Ramos, and to have worked with him in our community and during his visits to Washington to help Vietnam veterans get the recognition, respect and care that they deserve.

Mr. Ramos alleviated the suffering of his fellow soldiers wounded on the field of battle, he alleviated the suffering of his fellow Angelenos in the emergency rooms of Southern California, and he alleviated the suffering in the hearts and minds of veterans who bore invisible wounds from Vietnam and their return to the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Jose Ramos for his courage, character and commitment to supporting his fellow veterans. We extend our deepest sympathies to Mr. Ramos' family and friends for their loss. He was a model citizen and a hero for our community, our state and our nation.

HONORING MR. ROBERT FISHMAN

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert "Bob" Fishman for his decades of leadership at the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut. Bob recently retired as the Executive Director of JFACT after 23 years with the organization, leaving a legacy of strong relationships between Connecticut's civic and faith leaders.

Bob has been a leading advocate for Connecticut's Jewish community. Through JFACT, he maintained close ties with the Jewish communities across Connecticut and ensured all their voices were represented in the organization's work. Those who have worked with Bob know him for his tireless dedication to strengthening our community.

As Executive Director, Bob worked closely with leaders in state government and our federal delegation on a number of issues critical to the Jewish community and Connecticut as a whole. He was instrumental in the creation of the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day at the State Capitol, which ensures that we remember the horror of hatred and genocide and that we educate future generations about its impact on our world. Through the 80s and 90s, Bob worked tirelessly to support the resettlement of refugees from the former Soviet Union and ensured they could begin their American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Fishman has been a dedicated civic and spiritual leader within our state, and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today. He serves as a role model for everyone in public service as someone who puts his faith into action to improve our state and our country. I am proud to call him a friend.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to cleanup and recovery from Hurricane Irma

which greatly impacted my district, I was unable to return to Washington D.C. for this vote on September 12.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 485.

HONORING LARRY POOLE, GILLSVILLE'S MAYOR

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my northeast Georgia neighbor, Mr. Larry Poole. For 24 years, he served as the Mayor of Gillsville, giving both his time and effort to the place that he calls home.

When Larry first became mayor, his mission was to use his role to amplify the voices in his community. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Poole was able to help his friends and neighbors and improve their community through servant leadership.

As Mayor of Gillsville, Larry exemplified such leadership each day, even on the day that he resigned. By choosing to fill a vacant seat on the city council, he put the needs of his community first, giving up his title in order to allow a new leader to add to the vision of Gillsville.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Larry for his dedication to northeast Georgia, and want to wish him the best as he assumes his new role on the city council. Northeast Georgia will always find a friend and leader in Larry Poole.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, 2017 I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on No. 485.

ACKNOWLEDGING RENIE PETERSON

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express my gratitude to Renie Peterson, the Aurora City Councilwoman for Ward II, for her extraordinary work and dedication to the City of Aurora. Her leadership has contributed to many of Aurora's most successful programs and initiatives.

I first met Renie Peterson when we both attended high school almost 50 years ago. In 1969, the City of Aurora was not the incredibly diverse community it is today. Yet, years later as a City Council Member, Renie not only recognized how Aurora has changed since we were growing up here, she fully embraced the "new" Aurora and founded the City of Aurora Global Fest which celebrates the vast array of

different cultures and ethnicities that now make up our great city. Renie was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Chairman's Award for her commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community. She has shown throughout her decade of dedicated service as a City of Aurora Council Member her enthusiasm and commitment to better our community.

In addition, as Councilwoman Peterson sought to advance this city to its greatest potential, she served the City of Aurora and Adams County for over twenty years as a Board Member for several intergovernmental groups such as, Adams County Economic Development, Urban Drainage and Flood Control, Sand Creek Regional Greenway, and is the founder of the Aurora Public Schools' Wish List Project.

Mr. Speaker, Councilwoman Renie Peterson has enhanced the quality of life for every resident in the City of Aurora. Her leadership helped make the City of Aurora the great place it is today. I believe that Renie Peterson is among the very best, and I am very grateful for her unyielding dedication to our community.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of my amendment which supports expanding access to Naloxone for first responders.

Equipping police officers and EMTs with Naloxone means they can immediately save the life of a person who is overdosing.

Although drug overdose deaths rose by 33 percent in the past five years, states, like Rhode Island, Maryland and Pennsylvania, are experiencing severe shortages of Naloxone. The cost of Naloxone has skyrocketed—rising by thousands of dollars in some cases—and it only has a shelf life of 18 to 24 months.

States have had to find alternate sources of funding, including tapping into emergency funds and cutting state programs, just to keep Naloxone in stock.

Some communities have also had to make extremely tough choices, like rationing funds and deciding how many lives they will save.

We must make additional investments in Naloxone for our first responders in order to stem the rising tide of opioid deaths.

I urge my colleagues to support my amendment.

CONGRATULATING JOE AND ELAINE GIALLANZA UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th wedding anniversary of Joseph and Elaine Giallanza, which will be celebrated on September 21, 2017.

Born in the 1930s Depression-era times, Joe and Elaine were married on September 21, 1957. Once married, Joe and Elaine employed a tremendous professional and personal work ethic, eventually founding the Giallanza Corporation, which developed and built residential housing throughout Western New York.

But from their home in Elma, Joe and Elaine enjoyed their most prized possessions—the members of the large family they were proud to call their own. Joe and Elaine raised six children: Michael, Theresa, Thomas, Mary, Peterson and the late Joseph Giallanza. There was a warm home full of laughter and affection, bound together by the examples of love, faith and hard work that Joe and Elaine set for their children. Today, Joe and Elaine are the proud grandparents of 13 grandchildren who will help them celebrate their anniversary on September 21.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me and all of our colleagues to wish Joe and Elaine Giallanza a very happy and healthy 60th wedding anniversary, and to extend to the Giallanza family the very best of health and happiness in the days, months and years to come.

COMMEMORATING HEALTHCARE SIMULATION WEEK

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, to commemorate Healthcare Simulation Week, which makes its debut September 11–15, 2017, I would like to share with you my views as a physician on the importance of simulation in healthcare.

Simulation is a technique creating a situation or environment that allows people to experience a representation of a real event to practice, learn, be tested or to understand systems and human actions.

Using simulation, similar to that for pilots and flight crews in aviation, learners address hands-on and thinking skills, including procedures, real-time decision-making and communication. Critical teamwork actions such as managing a high workload, adapting to unexpected changes, and coordinating under stress are practiced. Simulation-based training encompasses a broad range of experiences, including the use of task trainers, live actors, mannequins, 3D and computer modeling, and even virtual reality.

Healthcare Simulation Week, sponsored by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, celebrates professionals who use simulation to im-

prove the safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of healthcare delivery.

As a physician and Navy man, I am well aware of the benefits that simulation brings to patient safety and to the financial interests of healthcare institutions. According to a study cited in Modern Healthcare magazine, anesthesiologists who took part in simulation-based training on how to properly wean patients from cardiopulmonary bypass performed better in real-life procedures than those who received traditional interactive seminars. And, Dr. Christine Park, President of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, says that numerous studies demonstrate that simulation more effectively prepares all types of providers, including physicians, nurses, first responders and others across the full spectrum of experience. Simulation provides the opportunity to learn, analyze error, and maintain life-saving skills before working on actual patients.

In a Gallup poll on the subject, 92 percent of the American public believed that simulation-based education for board-certified physicians was important.

Healthcare Simulation Week is an excellent opportunity for my physician and nursing colleagues and every member of Congress to recognize that the quality of health care for all patients, including ourselves, can be greatly improved through new advances in simulation, and that simulation should be included in all aspects of healthcare education. We believe that a system-wide embedding of simulation in hospitals and systems should be the norm and should appear in an assessment of hospital rankings.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, I was absent for recorded vote No. 485. I would have voted yes if I had been present.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes:

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Chair, I include in the RECORD the following exchange of letters regarding H.R. 3354.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, September 8, 2017.

Hon. JOHN CARTER,

Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Wash-
ington, DC.

Hon. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD,

Ranking Member, House Committee on Approp-
riations, Subcommittee on Homeland Secu-
rity, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN CARTER, AND RANKING MEMBER ROYBAL-ALLARD: I write to convey our mutual understanding regarding Section 503(a)(5) of Title E of the Rules Committee Print for H.R. 3354, the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act. Specifically, this section does not authorize the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to utilize section 872 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to use appropriated funds to reorganize DHS organizational units.

As Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, I strongly believe that any significant reorganization of components within the Department should be subject to specific statutory authorization. Toward that end, last month, the House passed H.R. 2825, the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2017, which strikes section 872. As the Department has matured, it is no longer necessary for DHS to have unilateral authority to reorganize its organizational units. I appreciate your commitment to making DHS a more efficient and effective organization.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL T. McCAUL,
Chairman.

BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Ranking Member.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,
Washington, DC, September 12, 2017.

Hon. MICHAEL T. McCAUL,

Chairman, House Committee on Homeland Secu-
rity, Washington, DC.

Hon. BENNIE THOMPSON,

Ranking Member, House Committee on Home-
land Security, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN McCAUL: We write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding Section 503(a)(5) of Title E of the Rules Committee Print for H.R. 3354, the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act. Specifically, this section does not provide any new authority for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to reorganize DHS organizational units. Any such reorganization authority is limited to existing authority under section 872 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

We appreciate your efforts to authorize DHS and look forward to working with you to further the Department's vital homeland security mission.

Respectfully,

JOHN R. CARTER,
Chairman, Sub-
committee on Home-
land Security.

LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD,
Ranking Member, Sub-
committee on Home-
land Security.

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HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kimberly