

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. Theirs 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-

pact 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