

H.R. 5145, ASSURING QUALITY  
CARE FOR VETERANS ACT**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in strong support of H.R. 5145, Assuring Quality Care for Veterans Act. This legislation authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to reimburse VA health professionals for continuing professional education expenses.

Our Nation's veterans deserve high-quality medical care. This means having top-notch facilities and equipment, and highly-trained medical professionals. Many professions require continuing education, and it is absolutely essential in the medical field. With constantly changing techniques, procedures and treatments, continuing education is indispensable for medical providers. This legislation rightfully will ensure that our VA medical professionals have access to continuing training and therefore ensure that our veterans receive the best care possible.

I urge all my colleagues to join with me in support of H.R. 5145 to provide high-quality medical care for our Nation's veterans.

AARON A. PINE

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron A. Pine. Aaron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 357, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Aaron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Becoming an Eagle Scout represents a great deal of dedication and perseverance by Aaron and I am sure that he will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Aaron A. Pine for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF CHAD BOUTON,  
BATTELLE INVENTOR OF THE  
YEAR**HON. MARY JO KILROY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Chad Bouton who on April 30, 2010, was named the Inventor of the Year for Battelle, the world's largest independent research and develop-

ment organization. Battelle, with its team of researchers and inventors like Chad Bouton, helps make central Ohio a leader in cutting-edge research.

Chad came to Battelle in 1997 and since then has shown his true worth to this important Columbus, Ohio nonprofit charitable trust by excelling in a variety of fields. Chad Bouton has been the primary innovator, inventor and/or principal investigator for dozens of medical device projects, from enabling paraplegics to control wheelchairs with their thoughts to providing surgeons with tools that aid in minimally invasive surgical procedures.

Chad Bouton developed processing algorithms for a medical device that allows people to control computers entirely by their thoughts. He also was central to the development of a system used in minimally invasive surgical procedures that evaluates the potential spread of cancer to lymph node tissues and organs. Additionally, his research contributed to a detection system to ensure that contrast media injections into a patient do not do unwanted damage.

Chad is known for his expertise in control systems, automated and robotics systems, sensor development, and signal processing of electrophysiological parameters including neurological types. He also has extensive experience in electrical and electromechanical device design methodologies and techniques and holds 15 patents with six others pending.

Tangible results of Chad Bouton's success come in various forms, first and foremost that his inventions have affected the quality of life of patients around the world. He also has been the recipient of two R&D Magazine Top 100 awards and a Battelle Outstanding Technical Achievement Awards and has published nine works in scholarly journals. Chad's prowess has resulted in more than half a billion dollars worth of contract research for Battelle.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and well-wishes to Chad, and wish him great successes in innovations of the future. With people like Chad working to use science to help mankind, Columbus, Ohio and America will continue to lead the world in compassionate research.

INTRODUCING GREEN RAILCAR  
ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2010**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Green Railcar Enhancement Act of 2010 with 49 of my colleagues.

This legislation will help save a critical domestic industry, create 32,000 to 50,000 family-wage jobs, enhance the fuel economy of freight rail, and reduce the carbon emissions of the freight and logistics industry.

As a result of the financial crisis and subsequent recession, the freight railcar industry neared collapse. New car deliveries declined from 75,000 in 2006 to fewer than 10,000 in 2010. Only a handful of suppliers remain operating today and there is great concern that several of them may not survive this downturn. Without any action to pull forward some future market demand, the potential loss of the American rail supply base is at great risk.

The Green Railcar Enhancement Act provides a 25 percent tax credit for replacing or rebuilding old, inefficient railcars. The tax credit is limited to cars built in 2010 or 2011 and requires a minimum 8 percent increase in capacity or fuel efficiency. In effect, the legislation shifts market demand from 2012–14 to this year and the next, which will help the rail supply industry survive these two treacherous years.

This bill will continue to improve the great efficiency of rail transportation, which currently gets 480 ton-miles to the gallon. In fact, if 10 percent of the long-distance freight currently moved by truck switched to rail, then the national fuel savings would exceed one billion gallons each year. Requiring increasingly efficient rail cars will improve these figures.

Upgrading our fleet of railcars will also make the rail industry more competitive, reduce costs for consumers, and will help relieve our congested highways. In fact, one freight train can carry a load equivalent to that hauled by 280 trucks. Shifting the movement of freight to rail clears congestion from our roadways, eases wear and tear on our commercial corridors, and clears our air. In addition to these environmental and system capacity benefits, rail transport continues to be a leader in worker safety, with one of the lowest worker injury rates in the transportation sector.

Finally, by helping to pull market demand forward, our Nation will maintain the strong railroad supply industry and manufacturing base necessary to the Nation's defense.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

IN HONOR OF CATHOLIC CHAR-  
ITIES, EMERGENCY AND COMMU-  
NITY SERVICES**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Catholic Charities, Emergency and Community Services (ECS), a non-profit organization that has been feeding hungry Burlington County residents for the past 29 years.

The ECS food pantry program is available to any county resident in need of food and no one is turned away because of their income or life circumstances. The food pantry serves consumers throughout Burlington County and distributes food to over 9,800 households, or 32,700 individuals annually.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in honoring Emergency and Community Services on their nearly three decades of hard work and extraordinary commitment in ensuring that those individuals and families in Burlington County have the food they need to carry on with their daily lives.

CODY BARTHOLOME

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 8, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cody Bartholome. Cody is