recently commemorating its Centennial. In 1912, a group of parents embarked on a truly remarkable journey by making a commitment to promote excellence in education with an emphasis on the personal development of their students.

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HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK
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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Halsey “Bull” Keats upon his retirement from the United States Navy, where he served 20 years. CDR Keats completed four deployments throughout the world which have included ports in over 12 countries. During Enduring Freedom, he was the only Lieutenant Commander who stood in the ship’s Captain during combat flight operations, and during Operation Iraqi Freedom he was selected to lead the first ever deployment of the Real-Time Sensor Data Link ground station to Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq providing the Commanding General tactical control over the Surveillance System Upgrade S-3 which boasted a streaming video capability.

CDR Keats was selected as the Naval Flight Officer of the Year in 1997. In 2004 he graduated from the Operational Planners Course at U.S. Central Command Operations where his parents still do reside. From its founders, John Dewey and Mary Hammett Lewis, to the current administration, Park has truly left its mark on Snyder and the Western New York community.

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Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, as we close the 112th Congress and I prepare to retire from Congress, I would like to leave a few comments regarding health related matters for my colleagues who will return to the 113th Congress. Throughout my decades in public service, I have strived to give consideration to those whose issues fall through the cracks of our government, and to those who become targets of government oversight or for daring to differ and seek alternative therapies.

Complementary and Alternative Therapies: While Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I initiated a comprehensive evaluation of the role of complementary and alternative therapies in our health care system. During this time we heard from researchers, practitioners, and patients about the value that complementary and alternative therapies can play in our health system. These therapies include acupuncture, massage therapy, traditional healing systems from various cultures around the world such as Traditional East Asian Medicine, Kampo, Native American Medicine, Homeopathy and energy therapies such as QiGong and Reiki as well as the use stress management tools and nutritional and dietary supplements. These include conventional therapies used for purposes not yet recognized as mainstream such as Chelation Therapy for cardiovascular benefit.

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cardiovascular health by removing heavy metals. This study was attacked by closed-minded individuals who oppose chelation therapy and all alternative therapies. Sadly, we have lost a decade in looking at the benefits of chelation therapy in children as the National Institutes of Health made no promise to study chelation therapy. The E2022 study at the Clinical Center on chelation therapy in the pediatric population. The American people deserve honest inquiry into chelation therapy for all its possible benefits.

Keep in mind, 1 in 6 women of childbearing age are carrying a higher than normal body burden of mercury, and mercury is the second most toxic substance on the planet. Mercury in all its forms can be harmful especially to babies in the womb and in the first years of life. We first became aware of mercury in vaccines after the FDA was required by our body to conduct an inquiry on the amount of mercury in the products they regulated. A new inquiry is due in 2013 to determine the amount of mercury still in all FDA regulated products. Congress will once again need to require this of the FDA. We are disturbed that in 2013 we continue to have mercury in any form in medicines and in other products Americans routinely use without the knowledge they are exposing their families to mercury. It is a travesty that public health authorities have discounted the risk of mercury in vaccines and other products with "trace amounts" of mercury in all FDA regulated medicines. The whole body of evidence on mercury shows it can be harmful and is best avoided. Sadly the American Academy of Pediatrics and the public health officials at FDA and the rest of the Department of Health and Human Services should be agitating for children to be protected from exposure to mercury through medicine.

Autism and Vaccine Injury: The Committee did not set out to investigate the epidemic rise in autism rates; however, in late 1999 as we were looking at reports of injury within the military form the adulterated anthrax vaccine, we began to realize that children being injured from vaccines and developing autism. It was a crisis we could not ignore.

Just as Bob Wright, the founder of Autism Speaks, recently testified before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee that his daughter Katie reports that her son suffered a vaccine injury and developed autism, my both of my own grandchildren suffered vaccine injuries and my grandson developed autism shortly after he was vaccinated with multiple vaccines, exposed to high levels of metal and metals became adverse against vaccines. The E2022 We heard from thousands of families whose experienced similar injuries. Almost 5,000 of these families sought relief through the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) as is required by law. Congress and the American people are repeatedly told that vaccine injury does not cause autism. Of the 5,000 families only 1, a little girl named Hannah Poling, has received justice in this program because her parents, both health professionals were able to document a mitochondrial dysfunction that was exacerbated by exposure to mercury. The government conceded her case, but it still took years of negotiations and legal battles for little Hannah to be compensated. This program is not working at Congress intended and I hope my colleagues in the 113th Congress will conduct a thorough review of the management of the VICP and direct through legislation improvement to the law so that all that are seriously injured may be compensated swiftly, fairly and equitably. The families whose children are not able to stand on their own or who are in need of aid are being set aside. This is a disservice to the Congress.

While government officials who settled the Hannah Poling case reported her mitochondrial dysfunction is rare, others reported that it is very prevalent in the autism population. Maybe as many as 1 in 5 with autism may have this same mitochondrial dysfunction. These same government officials have done a terrible disservice to the public and the government has failed to act on this information. The Elithabeth Birx Law Advocacy Center (EBCALA) conducted a review of settled cases within the program for vaccine induced brain injury such as encephalitis and seizures, confirmed dozens of cases in which the government compensated the vaccine injured. The way that the government has handled this is that it is not listed as the primary injury. However, the EBCALA investigators validated through families and records that autism resulted from vaccine injury. There needs to improved transparency within this program. Every case that is settled should be published online in such a way that the public is informed what injuries have been acknowledged and the management of the program improved so that all cases for life injuries are compensated quickly. At present each report of injury is handled in isolation, with no discovery, no ability to refer to other cases and evidence previously accepted in cases, the program is wasteful in the use of its resources and certainly not fair to the injured. If we want to preserve vaccine policies in this country, it is essential to insure that the VICP works as Congress intended. I urge my colleagues to engage and stay engaged in investigating this program, talking to the lawyers and petitioners in the program, and improving it through legislation.

Autism: Autism in and of itself is a national emergency. We have gone in the time that I have been here from 0 to 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 88 children age 8 on the autism spectrum. This cannot simply be genetics—there is no such thing as a genetic epidemic. There are many issues that I urge my colleagues to address in 2013. The ERISA fix for insurance coverage of autism therapies such as Applied Behavioral Analysis is "low hanging fruit" for Congress. There is an urgent need to address adult and transition services for individuals with autism including those with higher functioning autism who, while often able to live independently as adults, are often under employed or have inadequate housing for adults with autism who are no longer able to live with their parents. We have invested a billion dollars in autism research over the last decade, mostly on epidemiology and genetics. The autism community is frustrated that environmental factors are not given a greater share of the research dollars and that practically no funding has been provided to evaluate the dozens of therapies families are using very successfully. Many of these are dietary and alternative therapies and if there is ever to be insurance reimbursement, Medicaid coverage, or access through other government programs such as for military families, more research is needed to prove they work and benefit is needed. I hope my colleagues in 2013 will direct federal research resources to these much needed efforts in collaboration with the families and practitioners who have experience using them. The government cannot continue to sign significant resources simply into counting the children, without addressing the causes of the epidemic increase and focuses on prevention and treatments.

I am pleased that Chairman DARRELL ISSA commitments, during up the date 29 autism hearing to stay engaged in looking at the federal response to autism. He is learning as I did while Chairman that the families and professionals involved in this community are desperate for Congress to act and improve the Federal response, to hold accountable those who are subverting the truth about the causes of autism, and who have poorly managed the risks provided by taxpayers to get to the truth on autism and vaccines. I urge my colleagues on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has manufactured the Vaccine Safety Database, that Poul Thorsen was able to steal more than $1 million from the autism grant in the CDC—Denmark project, and why Diana Schendel of the CDC has continued to manage the vaccine database. I urge Poul Thorsen for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to continue his research after his federal indictment for 22 counts of wire fraud and money laundering. I am concerned that individuals at the CDC have participated in malpractices and mismanagement of the vaccination resources provided by taxpayers to get to the truth on autism and vaccines. I urge my colleagues on the Congress to continue to promote his research after his federal indictment for 22 counts of wire fraud and money laundering. I am concerned that individuals at the CDC have participated in malpractices and mismanagement of the vaccination resources provided by taxpayers to get to the truth on autism and vaccines.
IN HONOR OF MY FAMILY’S LOVE AND SUPPORT

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 31, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of my family. As you and almost every Member of Congress knows, doing this job would be impossible without the love and support our families.

Twenty-seven years ago, my wife, Janice, agreed to support my first run for Congress. She agreed on three conditions: I would not be impossible without the love and support our families.

Well before the primary was over, we were in debt. Janice was my surrogate speaker, and she was the best fundraiser anyone could have.

Because of her skills at public speaking and campaigning, we were quickly out of debt from my first run for Congress. For the next 26 years, she spearheaded my campaign and I never again had to borrow from the family.

Janice stood by my side as I met with ambassadors, heads of state, and military families. She has been my rock.

Janice and my four children were young adults when I first entered Congress. They have married and given us 10 beautiful grandchildren. They have been my greatest champions.

Shawn Payton married Angelique. They gave us a granddaughter, Savannah, and two grandsons, Tanner, and Landon.

Kevin Galleghy married Jennifer. They gave us three granddaughters, Emma, Bethie, and Sammie.

Shannon Payton Breslow married Scott. They gave us a grandson, Payton, and granddaughter, Presley.

Mr. Speaker, without the love and support of my family, I could not have served in this great institution for so long and represented my neighbors as effectively. I know my colleagues join me in thanking them for their love and support. I look forward to spending much more time with my wife, children, and grandchildren and in supporting them achieve their dreams.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. ROMAIN CLEROU

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 31, 2012

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Romain Clerou, a local hero from my hometown of Bakersfield, California who passed away on November 20, 2012. Romain selflessly served our community for over 65 years through his medical practice and will be remembered as a good friend to many, and a fixture on the side-lines at the local college and high school football games.

Born in Bakersfield to French immigrants, Romain attended Kern County Union High School, Bakersfield Junior College, the University of California at Berkeley, and Creighton Medical School in Nebraska before serving in the U.S. Navy’s 41st Seabees during the Second World War.

In 1946, after the war had passed, Romain set up his medical practice in Bakersfield. Throughout the following decades, he would become well-regarded for his constant availability and the personal attention given to each of his patients. Dr. Clerou treated countless ailments, delivered thousands of babies, and befriended generations of families.

Additionally, Romain was the beloved team doctor for many athletes on Bakersfield football teams, a service for which he was known to never charge. Romain loved sports. He was a gymnasium and football player and continued to play competitive rounds of golf up until late February of this year. Only a few months ago, Romain could be found at Bakersfield College taking in a football practice, sitting in a golf cart and smoking the cigars he was so well known for.

Mr. Speaker, it is this kind of dedication to community service that reflects the great characteristics of our nation’s people. As someone who lived life to the fullest and spent most of that life serving the people of Bakersfield, Romain was not only a pillar of strength to his community, but also to his country. He is survived by Mrs. Mayie Maitia, along with her family, his six children, and five grandchildren.

Finally, this November marked the completion of Phase 3 with 170,000 daffodil bulbs being planted along the new Route 202 Parkway and Route 202 Bypass. The completion of this project, which included the acquisition from Holland the only bulb-planting machine in the United States, has laid the foundation for an expanded tourism base for Bucks County. Bucks Beautiful hopes to begin an annual bulb festival adding to the list of fairs and festivals that bring countless tourists from around the country to our community each year.

The hard work and dedication of Chuck Gale, the Central Bucks County Chamber of Commerce and the volunteers of Bucks Beautiful has made this program an outstanding success, and I wish them the best of luck going forward.

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HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK
OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work being done in my home of Bucks County, Pennsylvania by the dedicated volunteers of Bucks Beautiful.

Founded in 1990 by Robert and Joyce Byers and Carol McCaughan with the goal of beautifying Bucks County, this community organization has dedicated itself to preserving and improving upon the existing natural beauty of my home in southeastern Pennsylvania. Over the last 22 years, Bucks Beautiful has expanded its mission, offering beautification grant programs, partnering with a local college to offer academic scholarships, and offering scenic tours of Bucks County and other nearby locales.

Most recently, Bucks Beautiful has completed its “Bulbs For Bucks” Program, planting hundreds of thousands of daffodils at strategic locations across the county.

The inspiration of Chuck Gale, owner of Gale Nurseries and a Bucks Beautiful board member, this collaboration of local nursery owners and landscape architects will result in an impressive visual display come spring along major Bucks County thoroughfares.

Chuck Gale and his team complete the first phase of this undertaking in fall of 2010, planting 30,000 Daffodil Bulbs were planted along the Rt. 611 Bypass. Last fall, 300,000 Daffodil Bulbs were planted along the Delaware Canal at key locations from Bristol to Riegelsville, Bucks County.

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ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENTS OVER THE PAST CENTURY

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Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I submit an essay by a San Diego innovator, Dr. Jeff Stein, President and CEO of Trius Therapeutics. Dr. Stein provides a fascinating account of the evolution in the discovery of antibiotic treatments over the past century.

Dr. Stein’s story is a vivid example as to why the private sector and public sector must work together to innovate as a means to save