

As a mother of two girls currently attending college, I understand how important these programs can be in making parents and loved ones feel more comfortable about their children's education. With enrollment at schools growing, classroom sizes have increased nationwide at our public schools. This has made it more difficult for teachers to enforce respectable and cordial behavior. Therefore, it is imperative that schools and teachers receive proper support from outside specialists like CAP.

CAP's range of expertise extends beyond the classroom. Counseling can be crucial for children in the unfortunate circumstance of neglect and abuse at home. In cases of sexual harassment and abuse, counseling at school is sometimes the only outlet for children. This makes CAP's role even greater in South Florida's schools.

Since 1984, CAP has provided abuse prevention strategies to over 270,000 children, families and teachers in Miami-Dade County. Abuse prevention workshops oftentimes provide children with the tools necessary to protect themselves from conflicts, either at school or at home. The Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project of South Florida provides a great example of community organizations working together with schools to improve learning environments for our children.

Once again, I commend CAP for its efforts on behalf of so many in my community.

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HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 14, 2007

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Madam Speaker, today in Geneva, Switzerland the 60th annual meeting will commence of the World Health Assembly, the supreme decision making body of the World Health Organization. This year the government of Taiwan is applying for membership to the WHO and Taiwan has been applying to participate in the activities of the WHO since 1997 but they have been rejected due to various political pressures.

I think it's important that Taiwan be granted membership in the WHO. Taiwan is struggling to participate in the WHO not only for the sake of its 23 million citizens but also for the welfare of the 1.3 billion people in mainland China. With expansion of travel and trade between Taiwan and mainland China, contagious diseases can spread rapidly. Successful monitoring and prevention of infectious diseases requires cooperation from all nations.

Taiwan has a modern, world-class health care system and has lent its talents and resources to peoples in need throughout Asia and around the world. Such capabilities are particularly important in this era of globalization, and as apprehensions continue to grow about the emergence of dangerous illnesses such as SARS and the Avian Flu. For example, when the Avian Flu pandemic struck parts of Asia in 2004, Taiwan undertook a number of preventive measures to combat the outbreak and protect its population and those of other countries. As a result of this swift and innovative work, Taiwan has not experienced an outbreak of the avian influenza and has deterred its proliferation elsewhere.

The WHO plays a critical role in safeguarding and improving the health of the world population, and I support its admirable record of achievement as a guardian of international health. A glaring deficiency in the WHO's global program, however, is the fact that the 23 million people of democratic Taiwan are not allowed to contribute to, participate in, or benefit from its important initiatives.

I urge my colleagues to join me in my support of Taiwan's bid for membership in the World Health Organization. For the sake of Taiwan's citizens as well as their neighbors and partners in Asia and around the world, granting membership is the wise and equitable thing to do.

IN RECOGNITION OF SPECIALIST MATTHEW BOLAR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 14, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, Specialist Matthew Bolar, 24, of Montgomery, Alabama, died on May 3, 2007, in Baghdad, Iraq. Specialist Bolar was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, and was stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Specialist Bolar graduated from Canterbury High School in 2002 at the top of his class and joined the Army in 2004. His friends and family remember him as a bright young man eager to serve his country.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Specialist Bolar, like other brave men and women who have served in uniform, died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty. Indeed, like those who have served before him, he was a true American.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve our Nation.

HONORING STATE DELEGATE VINCENT F. CALLAHAN, JR.

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 14, 2007

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring the attention of the House to the retirement of State Senator Vincent F. Callahan, Jr., who has represented Virginia's 34th District in the Virginia General Assembly for nearly 4 decades. I want to take this opportunity to salute Vince for his dedication to a lifetime of public service representing those in the McLean area of Fairfax County.

A native of Washington, D.C., and McLean resident since 1960, Vince holds a B.S. degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and by profession is an editor, publisher, and author. He served as a Marine in the Korean War from 1950-52 and later as a reserve officer in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Elected to the House of Delegates in 1967, Vince is the longest serving Republican in the

Virginia General Assembly and dean of the Northern Virginia Delegation. As chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Vince can point to a long list of legislative achievements in service to the Commonwealth of Virginia. He will be sorely missed. In honor of his work for higher education, Vince was awarded an Honorary Degree in the Humane Letters from the Northern Virginia Community College and the Lord Botetourt Award from the College of William and Mary. I have inserted for The RECORD a recent Sun Gazette article which details his unparalleled career.

Perhaps more important than the well deserved awards and recognitions Vince has accrued over the years is the way he conducts himself. He is a man of his convictions, and of the highest moral character, a true Virginia gentleman, family man, and loyal friend. Vince and his wife Yvonne have eight children and 19 grandchildren between them and I suspect that Vince is looking forward to spending more time with family as he retires. I ask that my colleagues in the House rise today and join with me in recognizing the outstanding public service career of Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.

AFTER 40 YEARS IN PUBLIC LIFE, DEL.

CALLAHAN TO RETIRE

(By Brian Trompeter)

Forty years is enough: Del. Vincent Callahan (R-34th), a McLean resident who is the second-longest serving member of the Virginia House of Delegates, announced March 5 that he would not seek reelection in November.

"You get to a certain stage in life where you've done what you want to do," he said. "It gets old after a while." Callahan, 75, entered politics early in life. After being defeated in a 1965 bid for lieutenant governor, he first was elected to the House of Delegates in 1967. He was one of only 14 Republicans in that body then, versus 86 Democrats. Unlike today, when legislators have offices and a professional staff to help them, delegates then operated out of hotel rooms or their desks in the House of Delegates during General Assembly sessions, he said. Callahan credited former House of Delegates Speaker John Warren Cooke (D-Mathews) for teaching him proper legislative decorum. "He was born in 1915 and his father was an officer in the Confederate Army" who was in his 70s when Cooke was born, Callahan said. "You talk about somebody from the old school. He was the epitome of a Virginia gentleman."

Republicans achieved parity in the House of Delegates in 1998 and Callahan was named co-chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. When Republicans became the majority in 2000, he became the committee's sole chairman. Callahan, who lost a bid for Congress in 1976, has seen Virginia's biennial budget grow from \$3 billion when he first joined the General Assembly to \$75 billion today. Gov. Kaine called Callahan on Monday to congratulate him on the latest budget, which passed unanimously.

Callahan said his key accomplishments in office include strongly supporting George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College and other higher-education institutions; securing \$500 million to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay; and bolstering mental-health services around the state. He's also "tilted at a few windmills," championing a higher minimum wage and a ban on smoking in public places. These bills have been defeated so far but likely will pass in the near future, he predicted. Virginia has tremendous colleges, enjoys a AAA bond rating and consistently is ranked one of the best-managed states in the nation, he said.