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I volunteered at Dallas ramps in Dallas, TX in late October. I served with YMSL or Young Men's Service League. This was my 51th time to do Dallas Ramps. I liked this because I was able to build something with my hands and help my community at the same time. I built a ramp up to the building code in about 6 hours with the help of only four other people. We used pressure treated wood so it would last and spent much time building the ramp. The excitement of the recipient was incredible to watch. It makes their life so much easier. Usually these people can barely walk or are confined to a wheelchair. Now instead of struggling to climb up and down stairs or to be carried they have a nice non-steep ramp they can easily walk down or up. This helps the low income people of our society that are also handicap.

—Jake Lofman

RECOGNIZING THOSE WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME ON THE OCCASION OF THE TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL ADVOCACY DAY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize those with Tourette Syndrome on

the occasion of the Tourette Syndrome Association's annual National Advocacy Day, which was Thursday, March 31, 2011.

Tourette Syndrome is a neurobiological disorder characterized by involuntary tics. It often goes undiagnosed, but the Association estimates that some 200,000 people in the United States are known to have the disorder. No definite cause has been found, but research points to abnormal metabolism of a key brain hormone, spurred by a gene that is likely inherited. There is about a 50% chance of a parent with Tourette Syndrome passing it along to their child and sons are three times more likely than daughters to exhibit symptoms of Tourette Syndrome.

On Thursday I met with a young man from my district, Jared Bloch, who passed along a letter written by his brother Tyler, who suffers from Tourette Syndrome. Below is the text of the letter, but I wanted to quote one part: "I love myself no matter who I am. Tourette's is an obstacle I can overcome and it helped me become a much better person." Tyler is wise beyond his 12 years. I hope he can serve as a role model for those with Tourette Syndrome and I hope his family can serve as an inspiration for all of those who know someone with Tourette Syndrome.

Hello. My name is Tyler Bloch, I am 12 years old, and my brother (Jared Bloch) is one of the ambassadors you talked or will talk to. I was diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome in 2nd grade and currently I am in the 7th grade. The main reason I am writing this letter is because I wanted to tell you how TS affects my life and how it affects others.

Throughout elementary school and middle school I was always questioned. "Why do you do that?" "Why do you twitch like that?" The only response I could say was, "I don't know." I was always afraid to tell people about my condition because I thought people would laugh. Although TS does not affect my academics, it affects my self control. I would always have the urge to rant at the top of my lungs, but I couldn't. Every day I had to wait until I return home to get my energies and tics out.

My family has a tough time coping with all the mayhem in the house, but they try their best to ignore my loudness and annoyingness. Once a week I would see a psychiatrist and or a psychologist to try to help me. It is very hard to try to find a local and experienced psychologist that could help me. My mom always tries her best to find one. I would never really want to go, but I had to in order to help my family and me. I always feel horrible for my family because I tend to be very annoying. I clap loudly; yell loudly, get distracted, worry, and all these things are very harsh on my family.

I never mean any of these annoying behaviors, but that was the way I was built. Nothing can stop it. On the bright side, Tourette's eventually goes away, but for now I will have to try to do my best.

This program means a lot to me and I appreciate all your hard work and dedication to the TSA. Thank you so much and you have no idea how this makes me feel. It shows that there is hope and that other people care. I could not ask for a better family. They love me, always try their best to help me, make me laugh, and that is the perfect combination of a well-rounded family. I love myself no matter who I am. Tourette's is an obstacle I can overcome and it helped me become a much better person. Without TS I would not be the person I am today so this condition makes me myself and there is nothing I would change about that.

Sincerely,

TYLER S. BLOCH.

END UNNECESSARY COSTS CAUSED BY REPORT MAILING ACT

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, every year federal law requires community water systems to spend thousands of dollars mailing a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) few people actually read. Last week, thanks to the Mayors' Council of Pinellas County, Florida and several of my constituents, I introduced H.R. 1340, the End Unnecessary Costs Caused by Report Mailing Act, which would end the mailing requirement, saving our local communities money in this tough economic climate.

During the last reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act, a provision was included requiring each water system to annually produce a CCR, which contains information on the source and quality of water within a water system. This report is important so that consumers are routinely informed about the safety of their water. Every year approximately 53,000 water systems are required to produce a CCR. However, while the report itself contains important information that should be available, federal law also requires all water systems mail the report to every household.

Water systems in my district have received numerous complaints since the requirement was implemented, including that mailing these reports is a waste of money and that it would be more effective to have a simple statement on their bill that their water is certified safe. While the costs of printing and mailing these reports vary depending on the number of customers in the system, in 2009, printing and mailing the CCR cost one water system in my district \$30,565 and another \$6,785.

My legislation would not stop the production of the CCR, it would simply target the costly mailing requirement. Instead of having to mail the report to every customer, water systems that tested safe for the past year could choose to notify their customers of that fact on their monthly bill, while making the full CCR available on their website or by mail upon request. Water systems where the water tested unsafe would still have to mail the CCR to their customers.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when local government budgets are already strained, it is unnecessary to require that our local water systems mail the report to every household when advancements in technology have provided alternative formats to distribute this information. H.R. 1340 seeks to remove this burdensome regulation and I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES McGLASHAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart today to honor my friend, Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashan, who passed away suddenly on March 27 at the

age of only 49. Charles was a good man and a dedicated public servant who represented his community with uncommon diligence and decency.

Charles was passionate and relentless in pursuit of important causes, exercising strong leadership to champion the SMART (Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit) train, the Marin Energy Authority, the Marin Economic Forum, a ban on plastic shopping bags, and even a resolution urging the U.S. to withdraw from the Iraq war. He cared about people; he cared about the environment; and he cared about a just and peaceful world.

Born July 15, 1961 in Hillsborough, California, Charles attended Yale and Stanford Universities before settling in Marin County in 1991. As a business consultant, his focus was on environmental issues and he quickly became a leader in local groups like the Mann Conservation League and the Environmental Education Council of Marin.

His green activism helped him earn an appointment to a vacancy on the Marin Municipal Water District Board in 2003. A year later he won election to the Board of Supervisors, where he was in the middle of his second term at the time of his death.

During his tenure in public service, Charles demonstrated a grasp of complex issues and an eloquent speaking style. Whatever his fervor, he always listened to other viewpoints. He was both a principled advocate and a pragmatic consensus-builder. I knew I could count on him as a true partner on issues important to the 6th Congressional District.

Charles is survived by his wife, Carol Misseldine, whom he met when both worked for Natural Strategies, a sustainability organization, as well as two brothers.

Mr. Speaker, Charles McGlashan brought to the Board of Supervisors a visionary's commitment to the environment and an acute sense of right and wrong. He embodied the very best of Marin County's spirit of progressive activism. Like so many in the community, I will miss his big smile, his good heart and his infectious personality. He leaves behind a legacy of important work. His memory must inspire us to continue that work in his honor.

AGENT ORANGE EQUITY ACT: GIVE COMBAT VETERANS WHAT THEY DESERVE

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, in passing the Agent Orange related laws in 1984 and 1991, Congress made clear that it wanted to ensure that a fair and independent system was established to determine the relationship between herbicide exposure and the manifestation of certain diseases in our veterans.

Congress also was concerned that exposure to Agent Orange could not be determined by tracking troop movements.

As such, my bill, H.R. 812, the Agent Orange Equity Act of 2011, would expand the eligibility for presumptive conditions to combat veterans of the Vietnam War to include Blue Water veterans, those who received the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal, or served on Johnston Island

during a specified period when undisputed evidence shows 250,000 gallons of Agent Orange leaked and contaminated the scarce water supply.

Before 2002, VA relied on veterans providing evidence of receipt of the Vietnam Service Medal to allow veterans to be presumptively service-connected for diseases identified as being related to Agent Orange exposure.

Against public outcry, VA unjustifiably reversed its own regulations.

H.R. 812 would reinstate this practice by requiring VA to go back to this fair way of determining service-connection and equitably adjudicating these claims.

These are benefits that these veterans have earned, yet the VA illogically refuses to acknowledge.

Time is running out for these Vietnam veterans and their families. I remain committed to restoring equity for our veterans as do so many of our colleagues. That is why in the 111th Congress, this exact same bill enjoyed the support of over 260 co-sponsors. I also point out that Vietnam Veterans of America also supports this bill.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support equity for our combat veterans of Vietnam exposed to this toxic and deadly cocktail of herbicides.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—DANIELLE KASPER

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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For my five hours of community service I volunteered at my church, preparing food boxes for Thanksgiving. Every year my church helps put together Thanksgiving food boxes. I always look forward to it each year because my mom and I always go shopping for it. It's a way to help people less fortunate than us. It allows them to have a big Thanksgiving meal just like everyone else. No one should have to miss a holiday with their family for any reason, especially if they just simply can't afford it. Community service to me is anything where you help people with their lives. It doesn't matter how big or small the act may be, it's just making an impact on their lives that makes a difference. It can help to put hope back in people's lives or to let them know that there are people out there that work to help others.

—Danielle Kasper

TRIBUTE TO RUTH AND STEPHEN HENDEL

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ruth and Stephen Hendel of Larchmont, New York, recipients of the Jewish Theological Seminary's 2011 Louis B. Marshall Award. This award recognizes their commitment to principles to which Louis Marshall adhered as the Chairman of the Board of JTS from 1904 to 1929: exemplary ethics and communal commitment.

In addition to helping strengthen our community and economy through their demanding careers—Stephen in business and law and Ruth in theatre production—the Hendels have worked to ensure equal opportunity for all.

Their contributions have enhanced education programs, including at JTS, where both are actively involved. Stephen takes a unique interest in supporting rabbinical students while Ruth takes an active role on Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen's Arts Roundtable and on the Advisory Board of the Library to help expand students' access to cultural and literary works.

The Hendels' contributions to the New York arts community extend far beyond professional commitment. With a long list of production credits on and off Broadway, the Hendels co-conceived and co-produced the critically acclaimed musical *Fela!*, which was nominated for eleven Tony awards. The Hendels sought to highlight continued oppression and civil rights struggles around the world in their production, which chronicles the life of a legendary Nigerian musician who inspired a generation in his pursuit of human rights and freedom.