

Exercising their First Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to assemble, these proud veterans organized a motorcycle rally to take place in our Nation's Capital to ensure that we, as a nation, demand a full accounting of our members of the armed forces held as Prisoners of War (POW's) and those still Missing in Action (MIA's).

This moving tribute to our American war heroes started in 1988 when an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 bikers rode in the streets surrounding the United States Capitol, to bring awareness to the POW/MIA issue.

Over the last 25 years, their efforts to increase the awareness of the POW/MIA issue and honoring all military veterans has grown; so have the days since the last soldier left Vietnam.

Over Memorial Day 2012, on the 25th Anniversary Rolling Thunder Run, an estimated 1.3 million people and 500,000 motorcycles participated making it the largest one-day event in our Nation's Capital, and one of the largest one-day events in the world.

Mr. Speaker, as this dome of the United States Capitol stands as a beacon of liberty, freedom and democracy throughout the world, it is only fitting for the last quarter century that the men and woman who have ridden their motorcycles in the shadow of this building send a message from our shores and beyond that our American POW's/MIA have served honorably and will never be forgotten.

I would like to add my voice in commending Rolling Thunder for their efforts to honor America's POW's/MIA's, and also raise awareness around the issues facing the brave men and women who have served and currently serve in this nation's military.

RECOGNIZING JOANNE LANE FOR
HER ACHIEVEMENTS AS A
UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION
DIVERSE SCHOLAR

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Joanne Lane for her achievements and for being named a United Health Foundation Diverse Scholar.

As a student in Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology at Tacoma Community College, it is evident that Joanne is dedicated to her education in the health care field and to improving the quality of care patients receive. She is learning how best to learn and carefully meet individual patients' emotional, physical, and cultural needs. Joanne has shown great enthusiasm toward offering patients the best medical treatment regardless of their gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or income, and she will undoubtedly apply these beliefs as she prepares to begin her career.

Joanne has used the United Health Foundation Diverse Scholars Initiative to devote her time to her rigorous course work. She has learned new skills through interactions with a variety of people and has gained a new appreciation for people from different backgrounds. In an ever-changing field, Joanne's adaptability gives her the skills to learn continuously evolving methods for helping her future patients.

The United Health Foundation Diverse Scholars Initiative helps increase the number of students from multicultural backgrounds in higher education working towards degrees and careers in the health care sector. Since 2007, more than \$3.5 million in scholarship funds have been awarded to high-achieving and promising students. Students like Joanne will help to increase cultural relevance in health care and improve the care of all patients, including those from underrepresented populations.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Joanne Lane. Her dedication to patient care will undoubtedly lead her to great success in her career and to the improved wellbeing of her community and all of those who call it home.

CONGRATULATING TGEN ON THEIR
10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues from Arizona in commending the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) for a decade of biomedical research success.

TGen was founded in Arizona in 2002 to leverage new scientific discoveries from the mapping of the human genome, and its establishment promptly accelerated the state into the era of genomics and personalized medicine.

Mr. Speaker, significant to TGen's establishment was the confluence of support from all sectors of the state to attract this new institute to base its operations in Arizona, as well as recruit the renowned geneticist Dr. Jeffrey Trent to lead it, and position the state as a worldwide leader in bioscience and medical discovery. Academic, business, philanthropic, and government leaders all joined forces in a statewide campaign to strategically assemble the necessary support.

What most excited Arizona leaders was the vision put forth by Dr. Jeff Trent, to accelerate and translate scientific discovery into more immediate and effective benefits for patients, all made possible with the new information from the human genome and rapidly developing technology.

Mr. Speaker, it was on this day ten years ago, June 26, 2002, with high expectations and hopes, that Governor Hull and state leaders announced the successful launch of TGen and the genomics era in Arizona. A decade of exciting growth and new research discoveries has since transpired.

Investment into TGen and the biosciences spurred growth across the state, catalyzing the launch of the Critical Path Institute and Bio5 in southern Arizona, Arizona State University's Biodesign Institute, a northern Phoenix bio campus, TGen North and the expansion of W.L. Gore in northern Arizona. The bioindustry has flourished over the past ten years, even during economic downturns, becoming a significant high-performing sector of the Arizona economy.

For patients, TGen is offering hope where there had been none, with novel treatments offered only in Arizona. By partnering with clin-

ical entities like the Mayo Clinic and Scottsdale Healthcare, TGen is focusing on utilizing genomic analyses to improve and customize patient treatments. Patients with pancreatic cancer and rare diseases like basal cell carcinoma are finding answers to their treatment struggles, improving quality of patient lives and allowing more years to spend with loved ones. Whether it's sequencing anthrax or the plague, investigating H1N1 or Valley Fever; finding new clues to triple-negative breast cancer or Alzheimer's disease; or, leading new collaborative research partnerships addressing pediatric and canine cancers, TGen's research has made substantial inroads over the past ten years.

More than a decade ago, the mapping of the human genome represented a challenge to the world to make use of this new knowledge for the benefit of humankind. Arizona answered this challenge and now TGen is a leading model for fusing modern medicine with the power of translational research to fuel the next wave of treatments for all manner of human diseases.

Mr. Speaker, as the tenth-year anniversary of TGen's launch is celebrated today, I applaud Dr. Trent and the scientists at TGen for their unwavering commitment to make a difference for patients and lead innovative research for Arizona into the next decade.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVEN
PATRICK MOYNIHAN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steven Patrick Moynihan for being awarded a James Madison Fellowship.

This extremely competitive fellowship is directed toward current and prospective teachers of American history and civic studies, and it supports such individuals as they study the principles of the Constitution of the United States. Founded by Congress in 1986 and named in honor of the fourth president of the United States—the credited "Father of our Constitution and Bill of Rights," the award aims to recognize distinguished teachers and to strengthen their knowledge of the origins and progression of American constitutional governance.

This year, only 58 fellowships were awarded and Mr. Moynihan, a teacher at Barnstable High School in Hyannis, Massachusetts, was selected for one among the applicants from across the nation. The James Madison Fellowship will fund up to \$24,000 of Mr. Moynihan's course of study toward an advanced degree.

Mr. Speaker, it always brings me great pride to honor a dedicated and deserving teacher, such as Steven Patrick Moynihan. I congratulate him for being awarded a James Madison Fellowship and urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of this award and of Mr. Moynihan's service to the students of Barnstable.