

mobilized for a year to support the Berlin Crisis. By 1962, an additional mobilization of 14,220 reservists and 422 aircraft were supporting operations during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

During the Vietnam War, the Air Force Reserve provided strategic airlift as well as counterinsurgency, close air support, tactical mobility, interdiction, rescue and recovery, intelligence, medical, maintenance, aerial port and air superiority until U.S. involvement ended in 1973.

For the most part, the nation was at peace for the next few years with the Air Force Reserve periodically engaged in emergency-response missions. This included the rescue and return of American students from Grenada in 1983, aerial refuelings of F-111 bombers during the El Dorado Canyon raid on Libyan-sponsored terrorists in 1986, and Operation Just Cause which ousted Panama's General Noriega in 1989-1990.

Also, Air Force Reservists supported humanitarian and disaster relief efforts, including resupply and evacuation missions in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo.

More than twenty years of continual combat operations began with Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in response to Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

In the aftermath of coalition victory, Air Force reservists continued to serve and were heavily involved in enforcing the no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq as well as in humanitarian relief missions to assist the uprooted Iraqi Kurds.

In 1993, Air Force Reserve tanker, mobility and fighter units began operations in Bosnia and in 1999 were also supporting Operation Allied Force over Serbia and Kosovo.

When terrorists attacked the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, Air Force reservists responded in full measure. Air Force Reserve F-16 fighter aircraft flew combat air patrols to protect American cities while KC-135 tankers and AWACS aircraft supported security efforts.

In October 2001, Operation Enduring Freedom began as U.S. military forces entered Afghanistan to combat the Taliban and terrorist sanctuaries. In March 2003, Operation Iraqi Freedom began in order to end Saddam Hussein's regime. Air Force Reserve units and reservists played key roles in all combat operations as Air Force Reserve MC-130 Combat Talon aircraft became the first fixed-wing aircraft to penetrate Afghan airspace while Air Force Reserve F-16 crews performed the first combat missions.

In recent years, Citizen Airmen have supported every Air Force core function and every Combatant Commander around the world. Air Force reservists were engaged in surge operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. They supported combat and humanitarian missions in Haiti, Libya, Japan, Mali and the Horn of Africa. Also, they've provided national disaster relief at home in the U.S. after Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, the gulf oil spill and the wildfires in the western states.

Throughout their history, Citizen Airmen have volunteered continually, allaying concerns that reservists would not be available when really needed.

Since its inception in 1948, the Air Force Reserve has evolved from a unit-mobilization-only force into an operational reserve that participates daily in missions around the globe. Today, Air Force reservists safeguard nuclear

weapons and guide Global Positioning Satellites. From bases in the United States, reservists fly remotely piloted aircraft in combat half a world away. They track hurricanes out at sea and bring medical supplies and food into disaster areas to save lives around the world.

Spanning six and a half decades—with the last two decades of continuous combat—the Air Force Reserve has fulfilled the legacy of early air pioneers and exceeded the potential seen by the visionaries who created it in 1948.

Congratulations to all Citizen Airmen, past and present, on the 65th Anniversary of the Air Force Reserve on April 14, 2013.

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MICHAEL PRITCHARD

HONORABLE ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Michael Pritchard upon his retirement from Pathway Society, Inc.

Michael has been the Executive Director at Pathway Society, Inc. since 1991. Pathway is the oldest and largest community-based nonprofit organization in Santa Clara County providing low-income residents with substance abuse treatment, intervention, education, and prevention. In 1970, Michael graduated from Western Michigan University, where he majored in Psychology. In 1976, he received his Masters Degree in Psychology at California State University at Los Angeles.

Michael's leadership expanded Pathway's programs, budget, and staffing. During Michael's nineteen years as the Executive Director, Pathway helped 60,000 people lead healthy lives. 25,000 youth stopped using drugs and escaped gangs during his tenure. When Michael joined Pathway in 1991, the organization served around 550 people annually. Today, Pathway serves around 3,500 people annually.

While at Pathway, Michael helped implement one of the first substance-abuse day treatment programs in the country specifically focused on helping gang-involved Latinos get off drugs and out of gangs. He is a founding member of San Jose Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Policy Team, which supports these efforts.

Michael served as board member and officer of Treatment Communities of America, a national consortium of over 600 programs providing an array of integrated services in substance abuse treatment and behavioral health. He is a past officer of California Therapeutic Communities, a statewide organization of addiction treatment providers. He served as president of the Alcohol and Drug Contractors Association, a countywide network of community-based organizations providing substance use prevention, treatment, recovery, and supportive transitional housing to adolescents and adults in Santa Clara County.

Michael is retiring after 22 years of devoted leadership of Pathway Society. I commend his decades of contribution and service to the betterment of our society. The community is very fortunate to have benefited from his dedication, commitment, and advocacy. I wish Michael the best of luck in his future endeavors.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DOUBLE DIP ELIMINATION ACT OF 2013

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for more than 50 years the Social Security Disability Insurance program has provided a vital safety net for workers who have worked long enough and recently enough and who meet the definition of disability.

Unemployment benefits, through the Federal-State Unemployment Insurance program and Trade Adjustment Assistance, are available for those workers who have lost a job and are looking for a new one. These workers know they can work and these important benefits are there to help them through a tough time.

Now here's the rub. Even though disability benefits are for those who can't work and unemployment benefits are for those who can work if they could find a job, under current law someone can receive both benefits at the same time. That just doesn't make sense.

A July 2012 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, *Overlapping Disability and Unemployment Benefits Should be Evaluated for Potential Savings*, highlighted this double dip situation. In fiscal year 2010, at least 117,000 individuals received both disability insurance and unemployment insurance, representing less than 1 percent of total beneficiaries of both programs. The overlapping cash benefits paid to these individuals totaled over \$281 million from disability insurance and more than \$575 million from the unemployment insurance program in that year. By paying cash benefits through both programs, these workers are being paid twice.

That's why I am introducing the Social Security Disability Insurance and Unemployment Benefits Double Dip Elimination Act of 2013, which ends this double dipping and preserves Social Security benefits for only those who truly cannot work. Starting next year, those applying for disability benefits won't be eligible to receive these benefits in any month they are also receiving unemployment benefits. And for those workers who are already on the rolls, receiving unemployment benefits will count towards the maximum number of months they may try work without impacting their benefits.

President Obama agrees and in his budget, he included his own proposal to stop the double dipping. When we agree, we should act.

I urge my colleagues to sponsor this common sense legislation.

EDITORIAL BY FORMER CONGRESSMAN BARNEY FRANK IN THE PORTLAND PRESS HERALD ON MARCH 24, 2013

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following editorial by Former Congressman Barney Frank.