

At a time when the Pentagon plans to reduce the number of troops and issue furloughs, this is simply unacceptable.

Mr. Speaker, there are several positive provisions of this bill that I do support, including the continuance of DOD clean energy programs, lifting restrictions on servicewomen's access to reproductive health care, and preventing increases in new TRICARE fees. I am also pleased that the bill includes some provisions to address the crisis of sexual assaults in the military. For example, it strips commanding officers of their unilateral authority to change or dismiss a court-martial conviction and requires that service members found guilty of sexual offenses be dismissed or dishonorably discharged. Lastly, it provides legal assistance to victims of sex-related offenses. Unfortunately, the underlying legislation contains too much wasteful spending and does not include several important amendments aimed at correcting the abuses to our civil liberties contained in previous Defense Authorization bills, most notably those related to Guantanamo Bay prison and indefinite detention.

One of our primary objectives today is to provide the resources and policy guidance necessary to protect our nation, while upholding the civil rights enshrined in the Constitution. Moreover, we must exercise fiscal responsibility by making certain that every dollar we authorize today contributes to our national defense. The rejection of my common-sense amendment demonstrates that H.R. 1960 fails to meet that goal. It is time for tough choices and smart cuts that save taxpayer dollars, even at the Pentagon. Wasteful and excessive Pentagon spending is no longer acceptable as low income families, seniors, and disabled Americans to go without the critical services.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR THE PRINCE WILLIAM  
BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the individuals who volunteer in the member offices of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors is composed of eight elected members responsible for the effective and efficient administration of county government. Four of the eight supervisors, Pete Candland, John D. Jenkins, Frank J. Principi, and Chairman Corey A. Stewart have enlisted the help of local citizens to support the activities of their member offices. The volunteers who are being recognized today assist the Supervisors in their service to the citizens of Prince William County. These volunteers play active roles on local boards and commissions, provide administrative support and help plan civic events.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the Prince William Board of County Supervisors:

Scott Abell, Al Alborn, Debi Alexander, Janelle Anderson, Debbie Andrew, Fran Ar-

nold, Jeff Bergman, John Brenkus, Dominick Brognano, Chris Browning, Janice Carr, Ashley Cavossa, Dave Christiansen, Barry Cline, Fay Cochran, Jim Cornwell, James Cumming, Steve Dawson, Betty Duley, Wayne Ernst, Sheila Falsetti, Jake Frank, William Gerald, Caye Glaze, John S. Gray, Mac Haddow, Scott Helberg, Jennifer Hicks, Mike High, Jenn Hoskins, Sandy Iasiello, Heidi Keller, Allison Kipp, Shawn Landry, Bill Latham, Vito Losardo, Jr., Anthony Lukeman, Frank Maresca, Duane Martin, Andrew Maurer, Nick Mazzarella, George McClaugherty, Steve Merkli, Don Metzger, Jason Miller, Ron Montagna, Charmain Moorhead, Wayne Murphy, Ward Nickisch, Melvin Padgett, Dianne Raulston, Charlie Rigby III, Mary Jo Rigby, Susan Rudolph, Sandi Sale, Marti Sanregret, Dick Schneider, Chester Smith, John Sweeney, Judy Tan, Ron Turner, Laird Walker, Jennifer Wall, Bill Walsh, Jimmy Walters, Scott Weible, Ken Weinzapfel, James Carter Wiley, Kisha Wilson-Sogunro, Jane Wyman, Eric Young.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending and thanking these volunteers for their efforts in aiding and supporting our local Supervisors. The work done by these volunteers serves as a bridge between our elected officials and local citizens that ought to be recognized appreciated and maintained.

RECOGNIZING THE VOLUNTEERS  
FOR THE CITY OF MANASSAS  
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RE-  
SPONSE TEAM

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers with the City of Manassas Community Emergency Response Team.

When disaster strikes and individuals are at risk to imminent threats, Prince William County first responders who provide fire and medical services may be unable to meet the demand for their services. People could be forced to rely on one another to meet the immediate needs for lifesaving and life sustaining measures. The City of Manassas Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) volunteers take a positive and realistic approach to such circumstances. When the number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages prevent individuals from accessing emergency services, C.E.R.T. volunteers will be there to fulfill a vital need. Through training, C.E.R.T. volunteers can manage utilities, put out fires, control bleeding, treat for shock, search for and rescue victims safely, and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective in a time of crisis.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers with the City of Manassas C.E.R.T.:

Donna Bellow, Antonisha Bennett, David Bruce, Debby Bruce, Steve Bryant, Justin Burns, Laura Campbell, Brian Chase, Catherine Colon, David Core, Melinda Core, Shirley Cox, Amanda Cruise, Mary Dellinger, Lisa Evans, Arleen Green, Adrienne Helms, Robert Keller, Boniat Long-Maddox, Marcus Lower, Brian Maceyak, Gerald Manley, Donna

McDonald, Thomas McDonald, Megan McHugh, Irma Mejia-Lewis, Mike Nealey, Chad Ostergren, Zach Ostergren, Wayne Phillips, Robert Punihaole, Tracy Reed, Nicole Robinson, Sean Ryan, Manoj Sapre, Satinder Sodhi, Denise Villamar, Lawrence Warkentien, Barbara Warren

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the volunteers of the City of Manassas C.E.R.T. for managing a citizen-based disaster response and providing the community with a vital lifeline in emergency situations.

RECOGNIZING THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ITS VOLUNTEERS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prince William County Department of Social Services and its volunteers who help provide a social safety net for those individuals and families who find themselves in a time of need or uncertainty.

The Prince William County Department of Social Services works to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families with programs that help them cope in moments of personal crisis and develop skills for self-sufficiency. The Department strengthens the social and economic well-being of county citizens by administering programs such as Child and Adult Protective Services, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, and temporary assistance to families in need. The Department of Social Services employs a committed professional staff with credentials in social work, employment counseling and career planning, criminal justice, and information technology. Volunteers supplement the work done by the staff with outreach and administrative support.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the volunteers for the Prince William County Department of Social Services: Sharon Clerkin, Cynthia Fiattor, Yolanda Miles, and Saul Svarz.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending these individuals for their service and in thanking them for their dedication to our community. The Department of Social Services fulfills our commitment to individuals and families in a time of need. It is a vital community resource and helping hand whose reach is extended by volunteer support.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NURSE AND HEALTH CARE WORKER PROTECTION ACT OF 2013

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2013*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Nurse and Health Care Worker Protection Act of 2013, on behalf of myself and my colleague, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. This legislation provides important protections to nurses, nursing aides, and other