

He worked with Governor Grant Sawyer to investigate discrimination in employment, and he served as the first chairman of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. His work helped desegregate hotel-casinos under the Nevada Civil Rights Act of 1965.

Bob later served as the president of Nevada Economic Development Company, which helped minority-owned businesses, and in 1990 he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to serve as Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency.

Bob Bailey opened the doors for thousands of African-Americans in Las Vegas, including myself. He will be missed, and we will remember his legacy.

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Chair, I rise today to thank Chairman MCKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for including an amendment that I offered with Rep. TOM ROONEY in en bloc amendment #7 and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. ROONEY and I, along with other colleagues like Rep. WALTER JONES have been engaged in an effort for several years now to ensure that children with developmental disabilities that are covered by TRICARE, can access the behavioral health treatment that they require. It was an issue that was brought to my attention by a constituent whose husband is in the military and who has a child with a developmental disability. The challenges her family faces however, are also unfortunately experienced by numerous military families across the country.

While TRICARE does provide access to a multitude of services for families, there are limitations on them from fully accessing the appropriate level of care for their children for a behavioral health treatment known as applied behavior analysis (ABA). Currently families must navigate a complicated web of programs within TRICARE, each with eligibility or coverage limitations, in order to get access to treatment. In addition, children with developmental disabilities do not have access. Our amendment simply seeks to streamline coverage for these services as a medical benefit under TRICARE Basic, which would ensure access to these services for the dependents of both active duty and non-active duty beneficiaries.

These are families that have sacrificed a great deal in the service of our nation, and it is our obligation to make sure that their children get the health care services that they need. This amendment is designed to do just

that. Many children with developmental disabilities require other types of treatment such as habilitative and rehabilitative services like speech, occupational, and physical therapy that are already covered by TRICARE. However, because of the current restrictions, there are cases where some of these children are not able to access the prescribed level of ABA treatment. I want to make it clear that this amendment will not, nor is intended to, alter any services that a child's team of health providers deem necessary and are currently covered, like those already mentioned, but simply ensures that they can get the ABA services that they've been prescribed. In addition, as mentioned in the amendment we believe that amounts should be appropriated to ensure that all TRICARE beneficiaries have appropriate and equitable access to behavioral health treatment, including ABA.

This is just simply the right thing to do for our military families who have sacrificed so much in the service of our country. Once again, I thank my colleagues for their support on this important issue on behalf of military families across this country.

HONORING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Gouldsboro, Maine as it celebrates its 225th anniversary.

Located on the Schoodic Peninsula in Hancock County, the Town of Gouldsboro includes the four villages of Corea, Prospect Harbor, West Gouldsboro and Birch Harbor. Named for one of its original proprietors, Robert Gould, the town was first incorporated into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1789, predating Maine's statehood. Known for its scenic harbors, long coastline, fishing community, and views of Acadia National Park, the Town of Gouldsboro truly embodies the spirit of coastal Maine.

Gouldsboro is also home to four sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Prospect Harbor Light Station; Soderholtz, Eric E., Cottage; West Gouldsboro Union Church; and West Gouldsboro Village Library.

The Town of Gouldsboro reflects the values of the hardworking people of Maine who take great pride in the rich history they have created over the past 225 years. It is an honor and a privilege to represent the people of Gouldsboro in Congress, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to help them commemorate the town's 225th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of Gouldsboro and wishing them well on this joyous occasion.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise today to discuss an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2015 that would divert \$10 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to go toward the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

The recent shooting in Santa Barbara last week underscores the critical need to have a comprehensive and robust background check system in place to screen individuals who are looking to illegally purchase firearms. Over the last 20 years, more than 2.1 million illegal firearms sales have been prevented because of NICS. However, there are still gaps in the system, due in part because there is insufficient funding for States to keep adequate records on individuals who are not permitted to purchase firearms under the law.

Congress can do more to provide additional funding to help bolster NICS and its ability to keep firearms out of the hands of felons, domestic abusers, or the mentally ill. Additional funding in the CJS Appropriations bill will help meet the demand from States to collect more accurate and more complete records of individuals who are ineligible to purchase firearms.

However, I have serious reservations that this amendment will decrease the administrative and grants management activities budget of the NSF by \$10 million. As Ranking Member of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, I cannot in good faith support an amendment which proposes to cut an essential function for the premier STEM education research organization in the country. This cut to NSF is a cut to the management of research which will ultimately determine our Nation's global competitiveness for years to come. For decades, NSF grants have resulted in the most effective and inspiring STEM curricula and programs in and out of the classroom. I cannot in good faith support an amendment which does harm to these important areas.

Madam Chair, I believe that this Congress can do more to prevent gun violence in order to avoid tragedies such as the recent shooting in Santa Barbara. However, I must object to the desire to draw critical funding away from the NSF's agency operations account in order to bolster NICS. Reducing funding for NSF is misguided, and I strongly urge my colleagues to reconsider their approach to this important amendment.