

HONORING BOLIVAR COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Social Service Agency, Bolivar Community Action Agency which is located in Bolivar County, Mississippi.

Bolivar County Community Action Agency is a 501(C3) tax-exempt organization with a fifteen member board of directors composed of equal representation from the public, private and poor sectors. As a leading program in the State of Mississippi, Bolivar County Community Action Agency provides a variety of services ranging from preschool childcare to a senior companion program; from a homeless shelter to transitional housing; from a youth adolescent offenders program to a general education diploma program.

The Agency's principal activities for over forty years consists of carrying out Community Action Programs through grants received from the State of Mississippi Department of Human Services, the Federal Department of Health & Human Services, the Mississippi State Department of Education and other governmental and private funding agencies. Those programs consist of: Head Start, Early Head Start, Delta Workforce Investment Area In-School/Out-School Program, Aging & Senior Companion Division, Community Services Block Grant, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Transitional Housing, Community Action Transitional Shelter, Community Action New Start and Adolescent Opportunity Programs.

In 2012 the Bolivar County Community Action Agency, Inc. Board of Directors appointed the first female and African American as Executive Director, Mrs. Elnora F. Littleton, who was a Head Start pioneer and aware of the agency's varied programs. Her testimony is one of success—who started over forty years ago as a high school graduate employed in the Head Start Program. Her ambition, dedication and passion for the betterment of low-income children and families in Bolivar County, Mississippi has served as stepping stones promoting her from Teacher's Assistant to Teacher; from Center Director to Nutrition Director, and from Education Director to Head Start Director.

Serving faithfully under the leadership of former Executive Director Billy J. McCain, Mrs. Littleton has witnessed transitions and development of Head Start's meager beginnings to a multi-million dollar program.

As Executive Director, Ms Littleton is responsible for programmatic and fiscal components that serve 843 children and families in Bolivar County.

To say the least, her accomplishments and accolades are impeccable. She is respectively known locally and nationally as "a person who gets the job done." Mrs. Littleton, along with the board of directors and staff, anticipates higher dimensions and a new direction for the agency that will not only impact the community and today's generation, but generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing social service organization.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 FAIRFAX COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS PRESENTED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 37th Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will recognize 93 individuals in a variety of categories including: the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal of Valor.

Six members of the Fairfax County Office of the Sheriff Office are being honored this year for their exceptional service.

It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following Valor Award recipients:

- Certificate of Valor Recipients:
- Correctional Health Nurse Joan Dempsey;
- PFC Sonya Claiborne;
- PFC Michael Ittner;
- PFC Teena Putman;
- 2nd Lieutenant Joseph Evans;
- 1st Lieutenant Charles Oakley

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2015 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GLENN D. STEELE, JR., PRESIDENT AND CEO OF GEISINGER HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT
OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Glenn Steele, Jr., who will be retiring in June after a stellar, fourteen-year tenure as President and CEO of Geisinger Health System. Under his leadership, Geisinger grew and gained national recognition for its innovative approach to health care. Today, the company serves 2.6 million residents across 44 counties in Pennsylvania and employs almost 21,000 people. For his groundbreaking and imaginative leadership, Dr. Steele has been recognized as one of the most influential physician executives our nation has ever seen.

During his remarkable company leadership stint, Dr. Steele also served on the panel of

health advisers for the Congressional Budget Office and contributed significantly to a host of prominent medical societies and organizations, including the American Surgical Association, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and the Roundtable on Value and Science-Driven Healthcare. He is an appointee to the Committee on the Governance and Financing of Graduate Medical Education, and, in February this year, Dr. Steele joined the ranks of the Millennium Health Advisory Board. He has also served as Chairman of the American Board of Surgery and President of the Society of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Steele's work has earned him several national awards, including the CEO IT Achievement Award in 2005, the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Grassroots Champion Award in 2007, the 8th Annual (2010) AHA Health Research & Education Trust Award, and the Healthcare Financial Management Association Board of Directors' Award in 2011. He has been recognized in the Modern Healthcare's "50 Most Powerful Physician Executives" numerous times and has made other health care industry "most influential" lists repeatedly. Dr. Steele has additionally served on the editorial board of many medical journals and has authored or co-authored more than 480 scientific and professional articles—quite a career record!

It is an honor to recognize Dr. Glenn Steele for his many and ongoing accomplishments. I commend him for his innovative leadership in the field of health care and for his indispensable contributions to the high quality of life we enjoy in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO HELP PREVENT HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSES

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL
OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to come before the House to introduce legislation to exempt from civil liability emergency administration of opioid overdose-reversing drugs, like naloxone by people who prescribe or are prescribed them. I am pleased to be joined in my efforts by Senator MARKEY who has introduced a companion bill in the Senate.

Prescription drug overdoses have reached epidemic levels in this country. In the past ten years, opioid prescription has doubled. Every day 120 people die from drug overdoses fueled by prescription painkillers. Drugs like naloxone provide the means to counteract the effects of opioid overdoses. This is a life-saving treatment, but some are deterred from providing these drugs for fear of litigation.

When an opioid overdose occurs, administration of an opioid reversal drug is necessary to prevent death. But it must occur within a certain window of time before the chance of survival is lost. This is the time for quick action, not deliberations over the possibilities of a lawsuit. First responders and other "Good Samaritans" who have the means to treat an opioid overdose should not be dealt this burden.

The bill I am introducing today would protect treatment with opioid overdose-reversing