

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AND ADVANCEMENTS FOR DYSLEXIA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in support of H.R. 3033, the Research Excellence and Advancements for Dyslexia—or READ—Act.

The READ Act directs the NSF to devote funding to support dyslexia research, and to look at that research with an eye to its practical application. This will include early identification and intervention for children with dyslexia, guidance and professional development for teachers on working with students with dyslexia, and the development of educational tools and curricula which aid those with dyslexia.

Mr. Speaker, dyslexia is the most common learning disability in America, with an estimated 1 in 6 individuals potentially suffering from some form of dyslexia. Unfortunately, many people go undiagnosed, or are diagnosed but do not have access to the resources or alternative learning methods that could help them. I remember how much effort it took just to get the school system to recognize that my son should get tested for dyslexia, not to mention getting him the interventions and tools that he needed in order to be a successful student.

We need to encourage the scientific research around dyslexia, especially as it relates to early identification and early intervention.

I encourage all of my fellow Members of Congress to support this bill.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL GUARDINO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Michael Guardino, head of Carmel High School's science department, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA. One would be hard-pressed to find a teacher more devoted to the art of education than Mr. Guardino.

A lifetime lover of knowledge, Mr. Guardino believes that every student deserves an uncompromised understanding of the fundamental sciences, creating a classroom atmosphere known both for its incredible rigor and rewards. Each morning, he arrives before the crack of dawn, preparing fascinating demos and labs to truly engage his students. Nobody can escape his notoriously difficult AP Chemistry course without a firm comprehension and appreciation for the chemical world, even if he has to blow stuff up—in the name of science—to get his students' attention. Every

day, his students are challenged in new ways to approach unfamiliar problems and create solutions based on scientific processes. Whether it is titration, qualitative analysis, spectrophotometry, or chromatography, he finds a way to make each laboratory experiment challenging and captivating.

Away from the classroom, Mr. Guardino demonstrates his passion for SCUBA by acting as a volunteer diver at the Monterey Bay Aquarium for over 30 years, teaching the ecology and chemistry of kelp forests from inside the aquarium's massive tanks. Granting his students an incredible opportunity, he arranged a tour of Ed Ricketts' lab, part of the inspiration for "Cannery Row". This allowed them to hear rich first-hand experiences of Steinbeck and "Doc" recounted by the 96-year-old Frank Wright.

Mr. Guardino cares deeply for each of his students, giving his best efforts to teach and expecting their best efforts to learn. Giving untold hours of his personal time, Mr. Guardino personally helped Ethan Miller—a student bedridden for months due to a severe illness—learn the massive amounts of chemistry covered during his absence from school. Coming to school over the weekends and even on Thanksgiving, he ensured that Ethan understood the material. His tireless work paid off: Ethan completed AP Chemistry with an A both semesters and scored highly on the AP exam, earning college credit.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure the House joins me in thanking Mr. Guardino for his dedication to his profession and to his students.

40TH ANNUAL LABOR AND COMMUNITY AWARDS RECEPTION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate several of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens. The Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL—CIO) will be recognizing several individuals and organizations for their dedication and service during the 40th Annual Labor and Community Awards Reception, which will be held at Wicker Park in Highland, Indiana, on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. These individuals, in addition to all Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are the epitome of the ideal American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hard-working.

At this year's event, several individuals and organizations will receive special recognition. John T. Coli, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Joint Council 25, and Harvey Jackson, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 142, are the recipients of the Service to Labor Award for their many years of service to

the labor movement and their outstanding dedication to their fellow union members. The Union Label Award will be presented to Jeff Manes, a freelance reporter and member of National Writers Union 1981 and United Auto Workers, for his unselfish devotion to the labor movement through its promotion in all areas: social, civic, educational, and political.

The National Association of Letter Carriers will be honored with the Community Services Award for its exemplary service to the community and to the enhancement of the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana. Elizabeth "Betty" Quinn, American Federation of Teachers Indiana, will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of labor activism and her commitment to her community. For the exceptional service she has provided to the people of Northwest Indiana, she is worthy of our admiration and respect. Dave Danko, President, United Steel Workers 7-1 (BP Refinery), is this year's recipient of the President's Award. Mr. Danko is being honored for enhancing the well-being of workers throughout Northwest Indiana through countless contributions to further the philosophy of the labor movement.

Harold Sitz, Ironworkers Local 1, Randy Palmateer, Business Manager, Northwest Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council, and Dan Murchek, President, Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor AFL—CIO, and President, Lake County Police Association Local 72, Lake County Federation of Police Local 12, will be presented with the George Meany Award for their significant contributions to the youth of their communities through their involvement with the Boy Scouts of America.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These honorees are all outstanding examples of these qualities. They have demonstrated their loyalty to their unions and the Northwest Indiana community through their hard work and tireless service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and exemplary citizens, as well as all of the hardworking union men and women throughout America. They have shown commitment and courage toward their pursuits, and I am proud to represent them in Washington, D.C.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LT. GEORGE WHITMORE

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a courageous American and a proud son of Tennessee, Lt. George Whitmore.

George Whitmore, of Shelbyville, Tennessee, enlisted in the Army on September 10, 1935 when he was sixteen years old, two

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