

2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this Nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

I volunteered at Dallas ramps in Dallas, TX in late October. I served with YMSL or Young Men's Service League. This was my 51th time to do Dallas Ramps. I liked this because I was able to build something with my hands and help my community at the same time. I built a ramp up to the building code in about 6 hours with the help of only four other people. We used pressure treated wood so it would last and spent much time building the ramp. The excitement of the recipient was incredible to watch. It makes their life so much easier. Usually these people can barely walk or are confined to a wheelchair. Now instead of struggling to climb up and down stairs or to be carried they have a nice non-steep ramp they can easily walk down or up. This helps the low income people of our society that are also handicap.

—*Jake Lofman*

RECOGNIZING THOSE WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME ON THE OCCASION OF THE TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL ADVOCACY DAY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2011

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize those with Tourette Syndrome on

the occasion of the Tourette Syndrome Association's annual National Advocacy Day, which was Thursday, March 31, 2011.

Tourette Syndrome is a neurobiological disorder characterized by involuntary tics. It often goes undiagnosed, but the Association estimates that some 200,000 people in the United States are known to have the disorder. No definite cause has been found, but research points to abnormal metabolism of a key brain hormone, spurred by a gene that is likely inherited. There is about a 50% chance of a parent with Tourette Syndrome passing it along to their child and sons are three times more likely than daughters to exhibit symptoms of Tourette Syndrome.

On Thursday I met with a young man from my district, Jared Bloch, who passed along a letter written by his brother Tyler, who suffers from Tourette Syndrome. Below is the text of the letter, but I wanted to quote one part: "I love myself no matter who I am. Tourette's is an obstacle I can overcome and it helped me become a much better person." Tyler is wise beyond his 12 years. I hope he can serve as a role model for those with Tourette Syndrome and I hope his family can serve as an inspiration for all of those who know someone with Tourette Syndrome.

Hello. My name is Tyler Bloch, I am 12 years old, and my brother (Jared Bloch) is one of the ambassadors you talked or will talk to. I was diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome in 2nd grade and currently I am in the 7th grade. The main reason I am writing this letter is because I wanted to tell you how TS affects my life and how it affects others.

Throughout elementary school and middle school I was always questioned. "Why do you do that?" "Why do you twitch like that?" The only response I could say was, "I don't know." I was always afraid to tell people about my condition because I thought people would laugh. Although TS does not affect my academics, it affects my self control. I would always have the urge to rant at the top of my lungs, but I couldn't. Every day I had to wait until I return home to get my energies and tics out.

My family has a tough time coping with all the mayhem in the house, but they try their best to ignore my loudness and annoyingness. Once a week I would see a psychiatrist and or a psychologist to try to help me. It is very hard to try to find a local and experienced psychologist that could help me. My mom always tries her best to find one. I would never really want to go, but I had to in order to help my family and me. I always feel horrible for my family because I tend to be very annoying. I clap loudly; yell loudly, get distracted, worry, and all these things are very harsh on my family.

I never mean any of these annoying behaviors, but that was the way I was built. Nothing can stop it. On the bright side, Tourette's eventually goes away, but for now I will have to try to do my best.

This program means a lot to me and I appreciate all your hard work and dedication to the TSA. Thank you so much and you have no idea how this makes me feel. It shows that there is hope and that other people care. I could not ask for a better family. They love me, always try their best to help me, make me laugh, and that is the perfect combination of a well-rounded family. I love myself no matter who I am. Tourette's is an obstacle I can overcome and it helped me become a much better person. Without TS I would not be the person I am today so this condition makes me myself and there is nothing I would change about that.

Sincerely,

TYLER S. BLOCH.

END UNNECESSARY COSTS CAUSED BY REPORT MAILING ACT

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, every year federal law requires community water systems to spend thousands of dollars mailing a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) few people actually read. Last week, thanks to the Mayors' Council of Pinellas County, Florida and several of my constituents, I introduced H.R. 1340, the End Unnecessary Costs Caused by Report Mailing Act, which would end the mailing requirement, saving our local communities money in this tough economic climate.

During the last reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act, a provision was included requiring each water system to annually produce a CCR, which contains information on the source and quality of water within a water system. This report is important so that consumers are routinely informed about the safety of their water. Every year approximately 53,000 water systems are required to produce a CCR. However, while the report itself contains important information that should be available, federal law also requires all water systems mail the report to every household.

Water systems in my district have received numerous complaints since the requirement was implemented, including that mailing these reports is a waste of money and that it would be more effective to have a simple statement on their bill that their water is certified safe. While the costs of printing and mailing these reports vary depending on the number of customers in the system, in 2009, printing and mailing the CCR cost one water system in my district \$30,565 and another \$6,785.

My legislation would not stop the production of the CCR, it would simply target the costly mailing requirement. Instead of having to mail the report to every customer, water systems that tested safe for the past year could choose to notify their customers of that fact on their monthly bill, while making the full CCR available on their website or by mail upon request. Water systems where the water tested unsafe would still have to mail the CCR to their customers.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when local government budgets are already strained, it is unnecessary to require that our local water systems mail the report to every household when advancements in technology have provided alternative formats to distribute this information. H.R. 1340 seeks to remove this burdensome regulation and I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES McGLASHAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 4, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart today to honor my friend, Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashan, who passed away suddenly on March 27 at the