

RECOGNIZING CATHOLIC HEALTH SYSTEM HOME CARE UPON BEING NAMED CHEEKTOWAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Catholic Health Systems Home Care as the 41st recipient of the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce's Large Business of the Year award. Catholic Health Systems Home Care has maintained a commitment to providing superb health care assistance, both physical and spiritual, for residents of Western New York over the past 20 years.

During these 20 years of caring for the Western New York community, Catholic Health System Home Care has grown into three thriving companies dedicated to meeting the company's fundamental goal of providing health care that allows individuals to maintain independence in their own homes.

Not only has the Catholic Health Care Systems improved the physical and spiritual well-being of Western New Yorkers, it also provides jobs to over 400 residents and supports community events such as school supply drives, assisting the American Red Cross Blood Drive, and participating in the United Way Day of Caring, demonstrating an outstanding commitment to the Western New York community.

Catholic Health System Home Care's dedication to excellence can be seen in its many other honors, such as the Catholic Health Association Sharing Innovation Award, IPRO "Recognized Improvement in Patient Outcomes," and Outcome Concept System Vision Award. Catholic Health System Home Care had also been recognized by Business First as one of the best places to work in Western New York.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to recognize with pride the accomplishments of Catholic Health System Home Care as a leader in providing care to the residents of Western New York.

SUPPORTING H.R. 811, VOTE CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 811, the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act. This is an excellent, and much needed piece of legislation.

The right to vote is no doubt one of the cornerstones of our democracy, if not its greatest measurement. Through casting a vote, the voice of the people is made manifest in one simple, single act. President Johnson thought so highly of voting that he was quoted as say-

ing it was "the most powerful instrument ever devised by man." Consequently, every effort must be utilized to ensure this process is as efficient and as fail proof as it possibly can be.

The 2000 elections undermined the confidence of voters as the saga of counting ballots and tallying votes lingered for months. As a result, the call for election reform implemented the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), which provided funding for election administration and electronic voting machines. This act was a giant step in the right direction of assuring voter security, and voter confidence.

However, the elections of 2004 exposed once again a call for further action. An estimated 50 million voters cast their ballots on the electronic voter machines that lacked a voter-verified paper audit trail. This leaves no mechanism to verify or resolve reported voter tallies. Simply put, this is unacceptable.

Madam Speaker—H.R. 811 takes aim at resolving this very problem. It mandates an independent audit mechanism, which means that every voter will verify on a permanent paper ballot his or her vote. And in order to ensure this is carried out in the right manner, this bill provides necessary funding and oversight.

With another Presidential election on the horizon, it is vitally important that we restore the confidence of voters across this nation. Every citizen must be heard, and thus their every vote must be recorded. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and ensure that the voice of Americans is never again placed in doubt.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND EXAMPLE OF CAPTAIN ROBERT E. CLARK

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert E. Clark, a decorated Captain in the United States Navy, and native of the 16th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

At a commencement ceremony later today, Captain Clark will be inducted into West Chester East High School's Hall of Fame—a deserving honor for a devoted servant of our great Nation. While a student at East High School, Clark was a scholar athlete—maintaining excellent grades while lettering in football, basketball, and track.

After graduation, Clark went on to attend the United States Naval Academy—the first graduate of West Chester East ever to do so. Since graduating from Annapolis, Clark has honorably served his country as an officer in the Navy's submarine fleet.

He has received several personal decorations for his distinguished service, including the prestigious Legion of Merit.

I thank Captain Clark for his selfless service to our Nation, and I congratulate him on his well-earned induction into West Chester East's Hall of Fame. He has set a fine example for our next generation of young leaders to follow.

CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE (CAS)

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Chemical Abstracts Service, an American scientific institution and world's largest compendium of information on chemical substances.

Located in Columbus, Ohio, adjacent to the campus of Ohio State University, what is now called Chemical Abstracts Service, or "CAS" as it is popularly known, was founded in 1907 when a collaboration of leading chemists partnered with the American Chemical Society to begin publishing a new journal called Chemical Abstracts.

One hundred years later, Chemical Abstracts is recognized around the world as a leading source of indexed scientific literature and contains more than 27 million bibliographic records related to the chemical sciences. Its sister resource, the CAS Registry, comprises more than 32 million unique entries for chemical substances. These two massive and integrated databases, along with a wealth of related resources on chemistry and chemical reactions, form the backbone of today's Chemical Abstract Service. Scientists, information professionals, and academicians around the world access these databases daily through online services that have revolutionized the way scientists conduct research.

Speaking of the value of CAS services, 2005 Nobel Laureate in chemistry, Dr. Robert Grubbs, said, "CAS databases streamline the investigative process, allowing you to take an idea and rapidly find the important and necessary information before you forget about the idea or it loses its excitement. That really is invaluable."

This year CAS celebrates its 100th anniversary as a strong, vibrant national scientific treasure: fully electronic, web-enabled, and still growing every day. This month, CAS is being designated a National Historic Chemical Landmark and it is my honor to recognize this great scientific institution and wish CAS good luck for its next 100 years.

HONORING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS FOR THE STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Buffalo and Western New York letter deliverers who are part of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

This month, NALC collected more than 70 million pounds of food for local food banks, pantries, and shelters to help needy families as part of its nationwide "Stamp Out Hunger"