

FOOTNOTES

¹The following types of coverage would be permitted coverage and therefore would not preclude an individual from being eligible to contribute to an MSA: (1) coverage only for accidents, dental care, vision care, disability income, or long-term care; (2) Medicare supplemental health insurance; (3) coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance; (4) liability insurance, including general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance; (5) worker's compensation or similar insurance; (6) automobile medical-payment insurance; (7) coverage for a specified disease or illness; and (8) a hospital or fixed indemnity policy. Other types of coverage, e.g., a flexible spending arrangement, would not be permitted coverage.

²If the individual is covered under different catastrophic plans at different times during the month, the limit would be the lowest deductible under such plans.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DIXIE MELILLO

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to highlight the accomplishments of Dr. Dixie Melillo, a distinguished physician who has selflessly helped women with breast cancer in southeast Texas. In fact, Dr. Melillo is a wonderful healer for both the families and the patients with breast cancer. Dr. Melillo provides the latest medical treatments as well as emotional support for her patients. Every patient receives her home phone number so they can contact her at any time and discuss their case. Dr. Melillo is a good example of an extraordinary woman and professional who gives her time and effort to her community.

Dr. Melillo founded The Rose, a nonprofit organization for breast cancer screening. The Rose provides mammograms below cost or at no cost to women who otherwise would not receive these screenings. With these screenings, women have a much better chance of survival and receive appropriate medical treatment before their tumors have spread. As of December 1994, The Rose has provided low-cost mammograms to over 45,000 women, including 4,700 sponsored patients. In addition, The Rose is located in three locations so it is convenient for women to schedule their appointments.

Dr. Melillo is a tireless volunteer for The Rose, and serves as its medical director. In her capacity as medical director, Dr. Melillo has organized five different breast cancer support groups, and regularly attends each of these meetings. Her most recent accomplishment was to organize a metastatic support group for patients with a recurrence. Patients, spouses, and families all join in these important gatherings. Last year, Dr. Melillo consulted with more than 300 women.

In many cases, she will treat patients who cannot afford followup care, at no cost. She has never turned down an opportunity to help her fellow woman. Roughly 20 percent of her practice has been dedicated to charity care.

Dr. Melillo is a well recognized and dedicated physician. Dr. Melillo completed her medical studies at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX. A general surgeon in private practice in Pasadena, Dr. Melillo currently serves as the chairperson of the Southeast Harris County Task Force of the American Cancer Society. In 1986 she served

as the Chairman of The Department of Surgery at Bayshore Medical Center.

Dr. Melillo works hard for her community. She currently serves on the board of directors at Texas Commerce Bank, Pasadena Branch. Since 1993, Dr. Melillo has served on the board of directors at Bayshore Medical Center, where she still practices. From 1986 to 1990, Dr. Melillo served as the chairman of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, Medical Services Committee. In addition, Dr. Melillo has served as the alternative delegate for the Texas Medical Association. In 1988, Dr. Melillo received the Mayor's Volunteer of the Year Award in the health category for her dedicated service to the Houston community.

IN RECOGNITION OF COL. PIERCE ALBERT RUSHTON, JR., DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS AT THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY IN WEST POINT, NY

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, Col. Pierce Albert Rushton, Jr., Director of Admissions at the U.S. Military Academy which is located in my District in West Point, New York, is retiring this year. He has a long and distinguished career of service to his country and the continued development of its future leaders.

At this point Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the attached statement be inserted into the RECORD for my colleagues review:

Colonel Rushton will retire from active military service in September 1995. Colonel Rushton's long and distinguished career as a soldier began in 1959 with his graduation from West Point and has spanned over 36 years. Colonel Rushton has made immeasurable contributions to the U.S. Army and to the U.S. Military Academy. Throughout his career he has distinguished himself as an exceptional leader, who fostered and upheld the timeless and honorable traditions of the U.S. Army.

As a soldier, Colonel Rushton served the nation in Germany, Vietnam, Korea, and the United States. He commanded a battalion and four different companies. Among these were command of the Command Operations Company of the 1st Infantry Division during the height of the Vietnam conflict, and command of the 142d Signal Battalion, 2d Armored Division, Fort Hood, TX, during the era of vital division testing. He served as battalion executive officer of the largest signal battalion in the Army in Korea, on the Department of the Army Staff in Washington, DC, and with TRADOC Combined Arms Test Agency at Fort Hood. He is a graduate of the Air War College, Montgomery, AL and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.

Colonel Rushton holds a master of science degree in management from the University of Alabama and was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma academic fraternity. His first assignment to the West Point staff and faculty was from 1972-1975 as Associate Director of Admissions. In 1979, Colonel Rushton returned to West Point as the Deputy Director of Admissions. In 1985 he was appointed by President Reagan as the U.S. Military Academy Director of Admissions. During his tenure in admissions, Colonel Rushton developed and implemented a number of impressive initiatives. Some of the more important and far-

reaching actions for West Point have been the development of comprehensive admissions tracking and trend analysis; the first use of student search programs for the Military Academy; the development of a state-of-the-art training and assessment program for newly assigned admissions officers; the opening of field offices in California and Texas, and the establishment of the West Point Spotlight School Program and Annual USMA Admissions Distinguished Service Award. During Colonel Rushton's admissions service, the U.S. Military Academy has enrolled 87 percent of the women and 77 percent of the African-American graduates in its history.

Colonel Rushton serves as a member and secretary of the U.S.M.A. Academic Board and as a member of the superintendent's policy board. He has been directly involved in enrolling 20 West Point classes or approximately 34 percent of the total graduates of West Point. As a result of Colonel Rushton's dedicated leadership in attracting and admitting the best young people our Nation has to offer, West Point has retained its position as one of the country's finest institutions of higher learning and the premier leader development institution in the world.

Colonel Rushton and his wife, Charlene have two children, Stephanie Patelli of Fort Irwin, CA and Cheryl Neuburger of Katonah, NY.

Colonel Rushton's many friends, fellow soldiers, and the Corps of Cadets join together on this day, to wish him the best of health and happiness and continued success.

RETAIN OUR SERVICE ACADEMIES

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, as is well known, I believe in a limited, efficient Federal Government that spends taxpayers' money wisely and frugally. Yet there is no wisdom in discarding the crown jewels of America's military: the academies in West Point, Annapolis, and Colorado Springs.

Critics charge that the cost of a service academy education is simply too high. This charge rests on a faulty evaluation of the numbers. Comparing the costs to taxpayers for ROTC graduates and military academy graduates is like comparing apples and oranges. Statistics used to show greater cost efficiency in the ROTC Program fail to note that ROTC costs are in addition to the normal cost of an education. For example, when college tuition and ROTC training are combined, the cost for an ROTC graduate is \$214,000 over 4 years of study, while for a graduate of the Naval Academy, it is \$203,000. The cost at West Point is higher—\$268,000—but consider the following: A 4-year education at Stanford is \$290,000, at MIT it is \$254,000, and at Cal Tech, in my home State of California, it is \$426,000. Much of this money is taxpayer-subsidized, and in the context of these expenses, the cost of service academy educations seem a bargain.

And let's not forget that consistently, the Naval, Army, and Air Force Academies rank among the top universities in the United States.

Further, the service retention rate of academy-trained officers is much higher than those trained in ROTC courses. Twenty year retention rates for Naval Academy graduates are

16 percent higher than those trained in ROTC Programs. For the Air Force Academy, retention over 20 years is almost 40 percent, as compared to 27.5 percent for other commissioning sources. Taxpayers are getting a solid return on their academy investments.

None of the above slights those outstanding men and women whose dedication took them through ROTC or OCS Programs. Yet a 4-year immersion in military training is unique. In honoring nonacademy officers, we should not diminish the need for leaders like Eisenhower, Grant, Schwarzkopf, Bradley, Patton, Burke, and my Senate colleague and American hero JOHN MCCAIN.

Yes, let's cut waste from the Federal budget, but not at the expense of a generation of future leaders.

SUPPORTING IMPACT AID

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the National Security Committee for adopting the Edwards-Bateman amendment to preserve partial funding for the Impact Aid program.

Impact Aid provides essential funding for school districts which lack revenue because a portion of their student body lives on Federal land and does not pay local school taxes.

The work of the committee has reaffirmed the Federal Government's pledge to provide over 5,000 children in Rhode Island with a sound elementary and secondary education. Without Impact Aid the Federal Government would abandon this essential commitment to all the children in these districts.

These children are of course very special to our Nation. They are the sons and daughters of the people who protect our country by serving in the military.

Impact Aid is clearly about our military readiness not just for today but for our future.

Funding Impact Aid today ensures that our military personnel are prepared to serve because they do not carry with them the worry that their children are not receiving a proper education.

Moreover, Impact Aid today means supporting America's leaders tomorrow. Education and training will develop skills, and skills mean high quality jobs for Americans. Without the program over 17 million children nationwide would be left unprepared and undefended in the harsh climate of the new global economy. This is a cost America simply cannot bear.

Again, I thank my colleagues from both sides of the aisle for funding Impact Aid and supporting the men, women, and children of the U.S. armed services.

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN PROMOTING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS

HON. ANDREA H. SEASTRAND

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to President Ron-

ald Reagan for his strength and courage as he and Mrs. Reagan strive to bring national attention to the American people regarding Alzheimer's disease.

Throughout his long and successful political career, President Reagan chose, without hesitation, to tackle the most controversial issues of the day. Today, he and Mrs. Reagan are leaders in the effort to educate the public about Alzheimer's disease. Indeed, the Reagans are lending their support to efforts in Santa Barbara County which will help generate the dollars needed to provide services to those who have been stricken with this debilitating disease. The Alzheimer's Association of Santa Barbara is the beneficiary of this charitable effort.

Santa Barbara knows of the Reagan's love for and interest in Santa Barbara County, and we are honored to have been able to call Santa Barbara the Western White House. Local residents and business owners remember their visits to Rancho del Cielo with great fondness, and we welcome them back whenever possible as heroes fighting for a new cause. The 22d Congressional District of California applauds President and Mrs. Reagan for their perseverance and we want them to know that our prayers are with them.

HONORING LAPEER COUNTY WORLD WAR II EFFORT

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to the men and women of the great County of Lapeer, who bravely served this Nation during World War II. Lapeer County has been recognized as an official Commemorative Community by the Department of Defense, and has worked for many months on a host of events that will honor all of its citizens that served during World War II.

The sacrifices and accomplishments of the men and women that served are many, and serve as inspiration to the generations that have benefited the most from their efforts. The men and women of Lapeer County held true to the notion that evil and tyranny will not prevail.

The lessons taught by World War II must never be forgotten. We are bound by honor to keep the legacy of the great patriots of our Nation forever fresh in the memories of future generations. The courage, valor, and singleness of purpose that was shown by the entire country, serves as an example of the unity and strength of the American people. It was a time of patriotism. It was a time when America was proud. It was a time when America served as a bright shining light to a world thrown into darkness by evil forces.

The men and women of Lapeer County paid a heavy price to defeat the Axis Powers. Some were wounded. Some were never to return home, destined to rest forever beneath the soil of a far off land they helped to free. Families were changed forever by the loss of loved one. Let us never forget what our freedom cost. Let their spirit and faith in democracy endure.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege for me to rise before my colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor the great people of Lapeer County who contributed so much to victory during World War II. I am honored to represent them in Congress.

220TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 1995

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the soldiers and civilians of the United States Army as we recognize June 14th as the Army Birthday. I take great pride in honoring the brave men and women who have served in the United States Army since 1775. The heart of America's Army is its people, the young men and women of our nation who volunteer to serve. We must never forget that even in this time of precision munitions and brilliant weapons, the individual combat soldier is the ultimate smart weapon. America's Army is peopled by soldiers of high quality—soldiers with character, commitment and courage. These qualities are—and always will be—hallmarks of the Army.

June 14th is Flag Day as well as the Army's birthday; therefore, it is appropriate to point out that the design of our flag, Old Glory, has evolved over the years since 1777. The liberty it stands for, however, remains constant. So does the Army's vigil to protect liberty.

Since 1775, more than 42 million Americans, in times of turmoil and tension as well as periods of peace, have raised their right hands to take an oath, making America's Army what it is today: the premier fighting force in the world. They have taken that oath, not to a king, not to a President or political party, and not to a flag alone, but to the Constitution of the United States and the ideals it represents.

Yesterday they were ready, from Lexington and Concord to Gettysburg, and from Normandy to the Persian Gulf. Today they are ready to keep the peace or provide humanitarian relief around the globe. Tomorrow, too, they will be ready. Whenever the time, wherever the mission, whatever the challenge, we can count on America's Army.

The United States Army has always done more than fight our nation's wars. The Army develops leaders who contribute to the strength of the very fabric of American Society. America's Army has always provided leaders for government and industry. From Presidents, to many of my colleagues here today, all owe much of their strength as leaders to what they learned in the Army. In the House of Representatives you will find 87 members who served in the Army, either on active duty, in the Army Reserves, or in the Army National Guard; and in the Senate you will find another 27 who served their nation as soldiers. I ask that a list of my House colleagues with Army service be appended to my remarks for the record.

In closing, let us remember and reflect on the selfless sacrifice of America's soldiers throughout our history, their accomplishments made in the face of terrible hardship, and their dedication to our nation. The United States