

baseball park and a park for children. Through the efforts of the Self Locking Carton Co. and society members hard work, a wonderful and beautiful park/playground was realized. A shelter for picnics and dancing was built on the grounds. Today, just about everyone uses the St. Joseph's Ball Park; Palmer High School, jay-vees, local elementary leagues, the Sandlot team, pee-wees, and the St. Joseph's A.A. Baseball team. The Palmer Lion's Club has a big field day every Labor Day at the park.

In 1966, under the guidance of William Buck Hurley, the St. Joseph's Club Baseball Team finished second in standings in the Tri-County League of Springfield. Many fine college boys from the surrounding towns played hard for the St. Joseph's Ball Team. Pete Beynor, pitcher from Palmer for the St. Joseph's Ball Team, won the most valuable player award for the 1966 Tri-County League. A great honor for Pete Beynor and the St. Joseph's Ball Team.

On October 22, 1972, the society's chaplain, Rev. A.A. Skoniecki, retired and was replaced by Rev. Robert J. Ceckowski.

In October of 1975 Society members participated in a "Week of Remembrance" in commemoration of Poles annihilated during World War II. Activities of the week included: a parade, memorial mass, and the dedication of a wooden shrine which stood outside of St. Peter and Paul Parish.

On May 2, 1976, the society actively participated in the Town of Palmer's Bicentennial Parade.

On October 16, 1978, Poles throughout the world were elated and honored when Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, was elected as the Vicar of Christ to become Pope John Paul II.

To commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the dedication of St. Peter and Paul Parish, the society purchased a hand carved, wooden statue of the Resurrected Christ. This statue is carried by society members during the Easter Resurrection Mass at St. Peter and Paul Parish.

The society continues its athletic association by supporting its A.A. Baseball team as part of the Tri-County League. To commemorate the one hundredth anniversary, the society has financed the erection of a lighting system for night baseball and football at St. Joseph's Field on Pine Street. This coming season, Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School will use St. Joseph's as its home field.

Several years ago, the last member of the first immigration to this area from Poland died. Today, the society consists of Polish-Americans from the first, second, third, and even the fourth generation. The constitution, which was written entirely in the Polish language, has been re-written into English. Still, many of the original Polish traditions are observed by the society such as, taking part in the Corpus Christi Procession and the blessing of food for the Easter Sunday breakfast after Resurrection Mass.

For the past twenty-five years the society has been under the capable leadership of Fred S. Tyburski. Longtime treasurer Alphonse Lasota has been the guardian of the society's treasury. The society still maintains a sick benefit and a death benefit. Throughout all the years of its existence the society has made charitable contributions to a number of worthy causes.

St. Joseph's Society, 1885-1995, 100 YEARS!  
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IN HONOR OF COL. JOHN SATTLER

### HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 2, 1995

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly outstanding Marine corps Officer and to ask all of my colleagues to join me in bidding farewell to Col. John Sattler. John has served with distinction in the Navy and Marine liaison office to the U.S. House of Representatives during the last 4 years. His service to the House and to the Nation as a whole, has always been characterized by selfless devotion to duty and unflagging dedication to country and Corps. It is a privilege for me to recognize the many accomplishments John has achieved during his 24 years of military service.

A native of Pittsburgh, John earned a bachelor of science degree in economics from the United States Naval Academy. Upon graduation in June 1971, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. After graduating from the Basic School in Quantico, VA, John was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force, where he served as a rifle platoon commander, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines in Okinawa, Japan. He subsequently served in numerous leadership and staff billets to include two tours at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; infantry tactics instructor at the Basic School in Quantico, VA; operations and executive officer for the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines in Okinawa, Japan and commander of the ground combat element for Marine Air Ground Task Force 4-88.

In addition to his service with the Fleet Marine Force and Headquarters Marine Corps, John also enhanced his professional education while attending numerous service schools. He attended and graduated with honors from the USMC Amphibious Warfare School and the USMC Command and Staff College. He was also a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University. John's professional accomplishments are numerous, and certainly understandable in light of the personal leadership and dedication he brings to everything he does. John continues to be a role model to countless thousands of young men and women serving in our Nation's Armed Forces.

During his tenure as the Marine Corps Liaison to the House, John has served the Members and staff of this institution, especially those of us who serve on the National Security Committee, in an exemplary manner. His ability to present and explain Marine Corps programs and issues to members of the House has contributed greatly to sustaining the Nation's premier expeditionary force—"a Corps of Marines that is most ready when the nation generally is least ready."

Mr. Speaker, John Sattler and his lovely wife Ginny have made many sacrifices during their 24 years of service with the Corps. During the past 4 years that I have had the privilege of working with John, his efforts have significantly improved the readiness and wellness of the Corps, and thus the military preparedness of the nation. Knowing John as I do I have no doubt that the same can be said about his entire career. John's presence and professionalism will be missed.

John, congratulations on your return to where you came from—the Fleet Marine Force. I wish you well as you assume command of the 2d Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division in Camp Lejeune, NC. Good luck and God Speed, Marine—Semper Fidelis.

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### HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 2, 1995

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, July 23, readers of the Florida Today were treated to a classic case of misinformation by a newspaper that still has not gotten over the results of the 1994 election.

The charges leveled against me in the newspaper's open letter with respect to the veteran's hospital and the space program are a gross distortion of facts.

Regarding my efforts in support of the space program, the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD speaks louder than any words I could offer: Full funding for the space station; an actual increase in funding for the shuttle program; introduction of more stable, multiyear funding for space station; and an innovative, first-ever \$10 million authorization in the NASA budget for investment in our Nation's developing spaceports.

Contrast this with the facts not reported by the Florida Today about my predecessor's record: He voted in each of his 4 years to fund the shuttle program below the President's budget request. This year the Republicans, including myself, voted to support the President's budget level for shuttle operations; less than 1 year ago, he voted to cut \$400 million from the shuttle program—KSC derives two-thirds of their budget from this account; since 1992, my predecessor voted to reduce actual shuttle program dollars by \$1 billion. This year Republicans are proposing to increase it.

Selective reporting and journalism does little to foster a real debate on ideals and public policy and can seriously undermine morale at KSC.

A July 20, Florida Today editorial, stated: "Brevard county did pretty well in a congressional vote Tuesday on space and VA spending \* \* \* veterans were relieved after the vote because U.S. Rep. Dave Weldon managed to salvage \$17.2 million for a veterans clinic in Viera."

I see this clinic as the first step in the process of keeping the VA hospital alive and so, apparently, did the Florida Today, until its turn-about in its open letter. So much for consistency.

Florida Today mentioned being baffled these past 8 months. If by that they mean they are baffled about a vision for space that goes beyond today's paradigm of Government run programs; baffled as to why so many cherished liberal enclaves such as NEA, NEH, and countless ineffective Government programs are on a collision course with a fiscally responsible Congress; then being baffled is simply a euphemism for being desperate. Such desperate reporting takes place frequently inside the beltway. It's unfortunate to see it here in Brevard as well.

I support our space program and our veterans. But balancing our budget is crucial if we

are going to have funds for space and VA care in the future. In 1996 we will spend \$270 billion in interest payments on the debt. Imagine the good we could do today if previous Congressmen had the will to make the tough decisions and act responsibly.

#### MEDICARE

### HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 2, 1995

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, August 2, 1995 into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### MEDICARE: PAST SUCCESSES, FUTURE CHALLENGES

July 30th marked the thirtieth anniversary of Medicare. Although many in 1965 predicted dire consequences as a result of Medicare's enactment, it is today without question one of the most widely supported federal government programs. And for good reason: Medicare has contributed to enormous improvements in the well-being and quality of life of older Americans. Americans of all ages agree that the assurance of access to medical care for the elderly must be preserved.

But Medicare also faces many challenges. Health care costs that have significantly outpaced inflation and growing numbers of older Americans have made it difficult to adequately finance the program. Congress has made numerous changes to Medicare over several years, cutting payments to health care providers and placing stricter limits on benefits. But financing problems remain, and will lead to hardships for the 37 million Medicare beneficiaries who depend on the program if the problems are not addressed soon.

#### SUCCESSES

The Medicare program consists of two parts: Hospital Insurance (HI), primarily funded through tax receipts; and Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) for physician costs, largely funded through general revenues with premiums for enrollees covering the remainder.

Before Medicare was enacted, less than half of Americans under 65 had health insurance, and 30% lived below the poverty line. Many older persons had to choose between medical care and other necessities because they could not afford both. Financial pressures forced some to forego treatment until it was too late. Today, almost all older Americans—97%—have health care coverage, and the percentage of them living in poverty has been cut by more than half. Life expectancy for an American born today is over five years higher than it is for those born in 1960.

While Medicare is not perfect, its administrative costs are just over 2% of program spending, considerably lower than the administrative costs of the average large private insurer. And while all Medicare enrollees receive coverage regardless of their incomes most Medicare benefits go to those who need them most—older persons with incomes of \$25,000 or less.

#### CHALLENGES

Medicare's impending financing problems are of great concern to seniors receiving Medicare benefits, as well as future beneficiaries who question its availability during their retirement. Medicare expenditures, which were less than \$5 billion in 1967, now total over \$181 billion. The trustees of the

Medicare trust fund project that HI will become insolvent in 2002, just 7 years away. This funding shortfall reflects the high rate of inflation in the health care sector, an aging population, and growth in the quantity of services provided. Since SMI is financed with premiums and general revenues, it does not have the same financing problems as HI.

#### REFORM PROPOSALS

Long-range deficits have been projected for HI since the early 1970s. In the early 1980s Congress took action to protect Medicare's solvency by increasing tax revenues and reforming how hospitals are reimbursed. These reforms, along with an expanding economy, improved Medicare's financial outlook in the near-term.

Currently, there are numerous proposals to reform the Medicare system. I believe that Congress should consider these reform proposals with a critical eye. Several proposals have already crated much interest, but long-term funding problems remain.

One proposal would mean annual limits on spending in the program by giving older people a choice of private health insurance plans as alternatives to a standard federal program. The idea would be to make an expanded choice of plan options available to Medicare beneficiaries at the time of initial eligibility and during subsequent annual open enrollment periods.

Another idea would require the government to give beneficiaries vouchers to buy private insurance. The Medicare system would cease to be a system of defined benefits and become instead a program providing a defined contribution toward the cost of health care.

Other proposals would offer options like medical savings accounts or managed care, such as Health Maintenance Organizations and Preferred Provider Organizations. Some would basically keep the current system but increase premiums for new SMI beneficiaries, increase the Medicare deductible, and charge copayments on home health services.

#### MY VIEW

Over the past three decades, Medicare has proven itself an effective and essential element in raising the standard of living of older Americans. Medicare is a commitment to the American people that when health care is most likely to be needed, it will be available. I believe that this core commitment must be preserved. Reforms in the Medicare system must be considered; however, wholesale immediate cuts are not the answer. Reforms cannot be considered without focusing on our inflationary health care system.

The budget resolution supported by the congressional leadership calls for a huge target of \$270 billion reduction in Medicare spending; that's about 30% of the money that the resolution needs to balance the federal budget over the next 7 years. I voted against this budget resolution because these cuts simply cannot be made without doing harm to the beneficiaries and the health care system. But it is also true that there is no way to balance the federal budget or even achieve significant deficit reduction over the long haul without reducing the growth of Medicare.

The cuts proposed in this budget resolution are much greater than what is needed to maintain Medicare's solvency. Instead, I believe we should enact more modest short-term savings that would still extend the life of the trust fund and give us more time to examine the best policy options for longer-term reform. I believe we must be cognizant of certain principles when considering Medicare reform: affordability, universality, quality, cost containment, fairness to sen-

iors and providers. It is not my preference to reduce payments to beneficiaries under Medicare. We must act decisively yet carefully to preserve the promise of Medicare for the next thirty years and beyond.

#### TRIBUTE TO TED LEIPPRANDT

### HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 2, 1995

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Ted Leipprandt of Pigeon, MI, as he celebrates his retirement. For the past 36 years, Ted Leipprandt has devoted his time and energy to the advancement of Michigan's dry bean industry. On August 7, 1995, Ted will be honored for his role in Michigan's agricultural sector during the Michigan Bean Shippers Association summer conference.

Ted has worked tirelessly for the advancement of agricultural issues since his introduction to the industry in 1959 as an agronomist for the Cooperative Elevator Co. Over the course of the next two decades, his dedication was awarded with several promotions, culminating in his ascendancy to general manager in 1974.

In his capacity as the cooperative's general manager, Ted led the company through a period of rapid growth and industrialization. He devoted countless hours to ensure the company's significant expansion was a success. Under his leadership, the cooperative was carried into the latter half of the 20th century.

Ted's dedication to the agricultural industry is paralleled only by his devotion to the community. Currently, Ted sits on the board of the Detroit Edison Co. and of the East Central Farm Credit System. In the past, he spent 2 years as the president of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Ted is also a member of the Salem United Methodist Church. Through his active role in organizations like the Michigan Bean Shippers Association and the Rotary Organization, he has continually made significant contributions to his community, and to the entire State of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, Ted Leipprandt is an outstanding individual who has instilled his sense of honesty and trust into all that he comes in contact with. He has dedicated his life to improving Michigan's dry bean industry. I know you will join me in recognizing Ted for all that he has done as he celebrates his retirement from the Cooperative Elevator Co.

#### TRIBUTE TO LEUKEMIA SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS

### HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 2, 1995

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank DialAmerica Marketing Inc., for its dedicated work on behalf of those suffering from leukemia. Based in my congressional district in Mahwah, NJ, DialAmerica is a company with a heart, a company that uses its resources to go to the aid of those in need.

This Friday, August 4, DialAmerica will officially hand over a \$5 million check to the Leukemia Society of America. This is money that