

bill prioritizes spending in areas that are proven and effective.

And it is with great reservation that I must rise in opposition to the bill at this time. This was a very difficult decision, Mr. Chairman.

During my years in law enforcement I learned what really causes crime. During my campaign I promised to fight crime. I have seen first hand that crime prevention begins in two places—the home and the class room. This bill unfortunately reduces funding in some areas which are important to our children, and important in deterring crime as these youngsters become adults.

Mr. Chairman, these were programs I supported during my campaign; and I am a man of my word. In the past I have voiced my strong support for vocational education programs and other education assistance. I will not turn my back on the very people who elected me.

In addition, as a senior citizen I was also concerned about the funding level in the bill for senior citizens programs. Mr. Chairman, I this year I voted for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and in turn voted for the Republican budget which will balance in seven years. Those are two of the most important votes I have cast as freshman Member of Congress. Those two votes carried with them a responsibility to the American people, and to my constituents in North Carolina. That responsibility was to reduce wasteful spending, make the government smaller, and get our fiscal house in order. I take that responsibility very seriously. I would have like to support this bill but I could not.

As the House passes this bill, it will do so without my support this time. However, I want to work with our leadership and our colleagues in the Senate to find ways to make this a better bill. I am hopeful as we move forward in the budget and appropriations process that we will make this a better bill for our seniors and children—and that it can 1 day earn my support.

CONGRATULATIONS PIONEER CITY RODEO

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pioneer City Rodeo of Palestine, IL, on being named the best small outdoor rodeo in America. The Pioneer City Rodeo was selected from a field of over 700 small outdoor rodeos by a distinguished panel of livestock contractors, top cowboys, and specialty rodeo acts. The chairman of the rodeo committee, Roy Shaner, is credited with the continued success of the rodeo, which is now in its 29th year.

Recently in Las Vegas, NV, The Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association awarded the Pioneer City Rodeo a commemorative flag, ceremonial belt buckle, and a check for \$1,000. Continuing an annual tradition, the Pioneer City Rodeo donated their winnings to the cowboys crisis fund to help families of injured cowboys. This is a true showing of cowboy honor and while the rodeo's selection as the best in America is a grand achievement the example these fine people set is an even greater accomplishment.

Being voted the best small outdoor rodeo in America is a great achievement and I am honored to represent these award winning cowboys in Congress. Congratulations Pioneer City Rodeo, you are the best in America.

WORKING TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN MEDICARE

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to inform my constituents about the House of Representatives' plan to preserve, protect, and strengthen Medicare.

Unfortunately, some individuals and groups are misrepresenting the facts, thus causing unnecessary anguish and apprehension among our nation's seniors. In my district in Western New York, I have seen firsthand the anxiety which such statements have caused.

According to the Presidential Medicare Board of Trustees, the Medicare hospital insurance trust fund (part A) will begin running out of money as early as next year—spending \$1 billion dollars more than it takes in—and will be completely bankrupt by the year 2002.

By law, Medicare is prohibited from making payments for hospital or other health services if its reserves are depleted. That means if nothing is done now to preserve Medicare, 34 million seniors will be in jeopardy of losing their vital health care coverage.

I am committed to saving the program for all Americans, that includes my mother, who currently is on the program, and my daughter, who will be on it someday. If Congress does not act to save Medicare, the consequences 7 years from now will be catastrophic for all Americans.

Preserving Medicare will not require cuts in the program. Rather, Medicare spending will continue to increase, more than private-sector health care spending increases and general inflation rate.

The reason Medicare is in such financial difficulty is that it has been growing at a rate of 10 and 11 percent a year. If we can slow the growth to between 5 and 7 percent annually we can save Medicare from bankruptcy. Right now, the Federal Government spends \$4,800 per person per year in Medicare. If we do not make the changes necessary to save the program now, there will be zero dollars available in the year 2002.

The plan makes Medicare financially safe and secure both now and in the future by simplifying the system and making it easier for seniors to use and understand it. In addition, it gives seniors the same right that Members of Congress have to choose their health care plan.

In our efforts to preserve, protect and strengthen the Medicare Program, we must eliminate fraud and abuse. We are working with doctors and hospitals to make this happen.

I urge all of my constituents, and all Americans to play a part in the effort to strengthen Medicare. I welcome all comments and suggestions regarding my effort to save this important program.

TRIBUTE TO FT. ZUMWALT MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIRS

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Fort Zumwalt North Middle School seventh and eighth grade concert choirs from O'Fallon, MO.

Over the past 2 years, under the skilled guidance of their director, Mr. Gregory S. LeSan, the North Middle School choirs have been honored with 20 trophies and plaques in national-level competitions. They have also been distinguished with three community proclamations, a State proclamation from Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan, and a coveted invitation to perform for the 1995 Missouri Music Educators Association State Convention.

The choirs have also been invited to compete July 9 through the 14, 1996, in the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales. This is the first time in the 50-year history of this world-renowned competition that a public middle school from the United States of America has ever been accepted to sing in this audition-selected international event. This is a rare opportunity to represent their community, the State of Missouri, and the United States of America in a competition that represents over 50 countries.

Mr. Speaker, these young people are to be commended for their continued hard work and dedication to excellence, which has brought not only their school nationwide recognition, but is also a source of great pride to the residents of O'Fallon, MO. It is with great pride that I congratulate these students and recognize the contributions they have made while at Fort Zumwalt North Middle School.

CATHERINE FILENE SHOUSE CELEBRATION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, earlier this summer, at the Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Mr. DAVIS and I celebrated the life of Catherine Filene Shouse.

It was a grand event for a grand lady on the 99th anniversary of her birth—June 9, 1995. On December 14, 1994, Mrs. Shouse "moved to a grander stage," as one person noted, but the vision she had for America's first national park for the performing arts lives on as her gift to America at Wolf Trap Farm Park. Her life was celebrated that evening at a gala so befitting her style, elegance, dignity, respect, wit, humor and love.

There were many remembrances of Mrs. Shouse. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sent a message. Many felt that the remarks of the Honorable G. William Miller that evening eloquently captured the spirit and achievements of Mrs. Shouse. Mr. Speaker, we are honored to represent the northern Virginia area which is home to Wolf Trap and we would like to share with our colleagues the message from

Queen Elizabeth and the Remembrances by Mr. Miller of an extraordinary national and international figure, Catherine Filene Shouse.

BRITISH EMBASSY

Washington, June 6, 1995.

Mrs. CAROL HARFORD,
823 South 26th Place,
Arlington, VA.

DEAR MRS. HARFORD: Her Majesty The Queen has asked me to send you her very best wishes for the concert which is being arranged at Wolf Trap on 9 June in honour of Catherine Filene Shouse. Her Majesty is sure that this will be a memorable occasion.

Yours sincerely,

ROBIN RENWICK.

CATHERINE FILENE SHOUSE CELEBRATION

FILENE CENTER, WOLF TRAP NATIONAL PARK
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS JUNE 9, 1995 THE
99TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER BIRTH

Remembrances

G. William Miller

To dream an impossible dream. It is not the dream that is impossible, but the task of putting it into words.

How does one grasp a thunderbolt, or capture a moonbeam? Describe an earthquake, or bottle a fleeting melody? Commemorate a howling gale, or reflect the rapture of a child awakened by the magic of the stage?

How does one celebrate a celebrity who is already a legend?

Carefully, lest the enthusiasm to extol create myth where there was reality, fashion ethereal portraits where there was life and vitality and flesh and blood.

Each of us has remembrances of Kay Shouse. String them all together and they form an endless chain, as infinite as humanity.

Creative, energetic, determined, resourceful, imaginative, fearless, independent, patriotic, learned.

Skillful, hopeful, optimistic, unique, steadfast, eternal.

Catherine Filene Shouse.

Kay valued Shakespeare, but there was none of his *Hamlet* in her character. There was no hesitation over "To be or not to be." For Kay, the only course was full engagement in life with all its challenges.

In *As You Like It*, Kay found a more compatible concept: "All the world's a stage And all the men and women merely players."

What a production she made of the stage that is our world: Inspiring the young to reach for the stars. Moving the successful to rise to greatness. Encouraging women to unleash all their talents, in all fields. Moving governments to stretch their visions to open new opportunities.

But Kay was not merely a player. She was the Play!

Once, at Plantation House there was a small post-performance gathering where the conversation turned at that age-old question: What is the greatest boon to mankind?

One favored the great art, capturing countless images to reflect the inner soul of humankind. Another chose the great music, with timeless melodies which comfort and inspire over the ages. A third argued for the great literature, where creative ideas are passed from generation to generation to instruct and enrich. And, of course, there was one colleague who championed the performing arts, which combines all the others to present the full range of human drama in real life form.

A guest from a distant state then intervened. "That's interesting," he remarked, "but where I come from the greatest boon to mankind is * * * the promissory note."

Without missing a beat, Kay had the last word. "Fine," she said, "we'll take one of yours * * * with six figures!"

Archimedes was so bold as to claim, "Give me a place to stand, and I shall move the world." Kay did not wait for a place to be given. She took her place—and she moved the world.

A visitor at a Wolf Trap performance once noted the mad trajectory of a golf cart piloted by a compelling figure in a flowing cape. He remarked to his companion, "Who does she think she is, the big pooh-bah?" When the golf cart approached and Kay introduced herself, the patron's astonished retort was, "Holy cow, she is the great pooh-bah!"

For those who experienced an outing on Chesapeake Bay abroad the *Pink Pontoon*, with Kay at the helm, know first hand that Kay could truly claim: "I am the captain of my soul, I am the master of my fate."

Kay subscribed to Abraham Lincoln's parliamentary procedures. Once at a Wolf Trap meeting she presented a bold and controversial proposal for a grand event. To others it seemed far too risky considering the financial condition of the Foundation at the time. The vote was all against, save Kay. Whereupon she announced, "Well, now that we've settled that, let's get out the invitations."

Kay never gave up, no matter how hopeless the cause, when she cared and when she believed. The great fire of '82 stirred the fire within her. Like Ulysses, until the end, she never turned back.

"... For my purpose holds To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths of all the Western stars, until I die."

"To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

As we remember Kay, we think of the words of Emily Dickinson:

"Because I could not stop for Death
He kindly stopped for me—
The Carriage held but just Ourselves
and Immortality."

Kay, we remember you in awe and admiration and love. Now that you have moved to a grander stage, where you command choirs of angels and orchestras of saints, we hope that you remember us too.

Kay, you told us always to be glad, not sad. Never to say good bye or good night, but always "Good morning".

Good morning, Kay.

MEDICARE MANAGED HEALTH CARE SUNSHINE ACT OF 1995

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce timely legislation that will require health maintenance organizations under the Medicare Program to disclose certain information to individuals who subscribe to an HMO, or who are a prospective subscriber to an HMO. I believe that an HMO subscriber under the Medicare Program has the right to know the medical education and professional background of the physicians who will provide health services to that subscriber. I also believe that it is important for a subscriber to know the financial structure of the corporation in which he or she is placing so much trust.

Specifically, my bill requires that, upon request by a subscriber or a prospective subscriber, an HMO shall provide descriptive information on each physician within the HMO. This information includes the medical education and training received by the physician, the physicians' history of medical practice—in-

cluding foreign practice, and the position each physician currently holds.

My bill also requires that an HMO provide recent audited financial statements to subscribers and prospective subscribers. Furthermore, any promotional material—marketing and advertising brochures, et cetera—must state that the above information is available.

This information must be out in the open. In fact, I have titled this legislation the Medicare Managed Health Care Sunshine Act of 1995 to represent that it is time for these health care providers, who receive Federal dollars and ask for the trust of the Nation's seniors, to be candid about their operation.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and ask that this bill and these remarks be inserted into the RECORD.

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Medicare Managed Health Care Sunshine Act of 1995".

SEC. 2. PROVIDING HMO ENROLLEES WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION ON PLANS.

Section 1875(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395mm(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(9)(A) Upon the request of a member enrolled with the organization under this section, or an individual considering enrollment with the organization under this section, the organization shall provide the enrollee or individual with the following:

"(i) Descriptive information regarding the credentials of each physician who is authorized by the organization to provide services by or through the organization to enrollees under this section, including the medical education and training received by the physician, the physician's history of medical practice (whether domestic or foreign), and the positions held by the physician at the time of the request.

"(ii) An audited financial statement of the organization for the most recently concluded fiscal year that complies with generally accepted accounting principles and includes a balance sheet, income statement, and statement of changes in financial position.

"(iii) A statement identifying the salaries, bonuses, and other remuneration paid to the 5 highest-paid officers or executives of the organization, as well as the other benefits provided to such officers or executives.

"(B) The organization shall include in any brochure, application form, or other promotional or informational material that is distributed by the organization to (or for the use of) individuals eligible to enroll with the organization under this section a statement that the information described in subparagraph (A) is available from the organization upon request."

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendment made by this Act shall apply with respect to contract years beginning on or after the date that is 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

H.R. 2196, THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 1995

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 4, 1995

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, the economic advances of the 21st century are rooted in the