

efforts to increase community awareness, improve the quality of life, and open doors for Hispanics. The Bruno Valdez Arts and Entertainment Award is presented to a Hispanic artist who has promoted Hispanic culture through professional and personal activity. The award this year is being given to Mr. Eddie Soto. The Veterans Award is given to a member of the Hispanic community who has honorably served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Mr. Tom Torres is being honored with the award this year. Mr. Armando J. Singer will be given the Maria DeLeary Award. This year the Hispanic community pays tribute to those individuals who are not of Hispanic descent, but play a major role in improving life for Hispanics in Genese County. This year the recipients are Mrs. Sue Burnash Quintanilla, and Mrs. Lois Laughlin. The Migrant Farm Worker Award recipients, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nelson, are being recognized for their selfless service to the migrant workers.

To honor those of the Hispanic community just starting to pursue their life goals, the Pedro Mata, Jr. Scholarship Award will be given to Mr. Carlos Lambaria. The purpose of this award is to foster a commitment to community service and encourage continued education.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today and ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the winners of these awards. The recipients are to be commended for their dedication, commitment, and leadership to the Hispanic community of Flint and Genesee County.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY—SHARE NEW JERSEY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues an important benchmark. It is the 10th anniversary of the founding of SHARE New Jersey. SHARE New Jersey is a self-help food distribution system. It was established to bring people of diverse backgrounds together to eliminate hunger in New Jersey, help build stronger communities, and develop leaders.

The program was founded as a means of eliminating hunger and providing participants with the opportunity to assist one another in local communities. Realizing that the self-help concept would make a difference in the quality of life of many people, SHARE membership was open to all who were willing to pay a small fee of \$12 to \$14 for food and commit to 2 hours of volunteer service.

The first SHARE New Jersey food distribution was held in September 1985 in Newark; 1,900 households participated in the distribution of over 75,000 pounds of food. Since 1985, 1,121,477 households have received wholesome food and 2,242,954 community service hours have been provided. In just 10 years, 33,644,310 pounds of food has been distributed by SHARE New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations and best wishes to the people of SHARE New Jersey who have helped to eliminate hunger and create a spirit of partnership.

MEDICARE PATIENTS DESERVE FULL CHOICE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the Congress is about to embark on major reforms of the Medicare Program—ostensibly to ensure Medicare patients more choice. But I believe that the reforms we will be considering will offer patients less choice, not more, unless we take action to ensure that their choices are protected.

Many of the so-called reform plans include efforts to increase the use of managed care for Medicare patients. I believe that these plans must include safeguards to protect Medicare patients' ability to choose the person who provides them health care services. For this reason, today I am introducing legislation to guarantee older Americans a point-of-service option under Medicare managed care plans.

The Medicare Patient Choice Act provides true choice by allowing Medicare patients to go outside of a network when they need services. In addition, the bill would establish safeguards under managed care arrangements to ensure that patients are treated fairly and that they have recourse if they are dissatisfied with the care they receive. In addition, the bill prohibits the use of financial incentive plans which discourage providers to refer patients for specialty or other types of health care services.

Further, this legislation ensures that patients get what they pay for under managed care arrangements by requiring plans to return to patients at least 85 percent of the aggregate premiums received in health care items, services, and treatment. Finally, the legislation would apply its requirements to the so-called Medicare Select plans.

Mr. Speaker, I believe this legislation provides essential protections for Medicare patients and I hope that many of my colleagues who are concerned about the quality of health care provided to senior citizens will sign on as cosponsors. A summary of the legislation follows:

SUMMARY OF THE MEDICARE PATIENT CHOICE ACT INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN SHERROD BROWN

The Medicare Patient Choice Act would:

Require all Medicare managed care organizations (MCO) as a condition of participating in Medicare to offer enrollees a point-of-service option.

Require MCOs to meet a loss-ratio (aggregate benefits to premiums) of 85 percent.

Require MCOs to issue an annual report to members providing quality, access to services, enrollee's rights to benefits and out-of-area coverage.

Assure beneficiaries timely access to services, continuity of care and the option to receive care out-of-the network.

Establish grievance and appeals processes for both patients and providers if they have a dispute with the MCO.

Prohibit MCOs from discriminating against certain providers based solely on their license or certification as provided under state law.

Ensure that Medicare network health plans include a sufficient number, mix and

distribution of health professionals to meet the needs of their enrolled patients.

Apply conditions of the Medicare Patient Choice Act to all Medicare Select plans.

Apply all requirements of physician incentive plans under current law to all providers participating in Medicare managed care plans.

TRIBUTE TO REV. WARDELL NEWSOME, SR.

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Wardell Newsome, Sr., member of the New Galilee M.B. Church under the pastorage of Rev. Charlie Murray in Chicago, IL.

For decades Reverend Newsome has exemplified the dedication and commitment required to better our communities and the citizens who reside there. His work as both a social and a spiritual religious leader began at the early age of 13 when he was baptized at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Marvell, Arkansas. Later, when he came to Chicago, he accepted his call into the ministry and joined the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church under the pastorage of Rev. O.C. Nicks. Reverend Newsome brought to the ministry and to the people of Chicago a compassion and dedication to service, empowerment, and spiritual awareness that still benefits us greatly to this day.

Mr. Speaker, on Sunday Rev. Wardell Newsome, Sr. will be honored for the decades of service he has given to his ministries and to his community. Today, I would like to make sure that all he has contributed to this country and our communities is recognized, appreciated, and honored on the floor of this House. I am honored to enter these words of commendation into the RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIE GRACE CAMPBELL

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a good friend and a dedicated fighter for women's rights on the occasion of her 80th birthday. As someone who has reached the age of 50, I can appreciate what it means to reach 80. But what truly amazes me is what Willie has accomplished in those 80 years. Let me relate just a few of those accomplishments.

Willie has played a vital role in the development of the League of Women Voters. She rose to the national board of the league in 1959. From this position she directed the league's inner-city voter registration drive, and chaired the league's education fund. Four years after her term as a boardmember, she founded and became the first chair of the League of Women Voters' Department of Litigation.

Willie's dedication to public service has also led her to achieve a great deal in other forums. She has fought for women's rights

and civil liberties, serving as a boardmember for the Constitutional Rights Foundation and founding the Center for Women and Girls in Los Angeles. She has been president of the National Women's Education Fund, and has served on the Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women. Willie has hardly slowed down: she founded the Institute for Women, Law, and Development, on whose board she currently sits, just 3 years ago. At the same time, President Clinton appointed Willie vice chair of the African Development Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Willie Grace Campbell has set a superb example for each of us to follow, leading an active, successful, and socially responsible life for 80 years. It gives me great pleasure to join her friends, colleagues, and those whose lives she has touched in paying her tribute, and wishing her many more productive and happy adventures.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD M. KELLEY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard M. Kelley, chairman of the board of directors of Catholic Social Services of Wayne County. Dick Kelley has served as chairman of the board since 1993, as vice chair from 1991 to 1993, and during that time, also served on many board committees.

Dick Kelley's outstanding service and commitment to his community is exemplified by his volunteer work with not only Catholic Social Services of Wayne County, but also the Detroit Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, of which he serves as vice president, Oakland Family Services, and Life Directions.

As a University of Detroit graduate, Dick Kelley has dedicated himself to Metro-Detroit. I commend him for his many years of tireless and selfless work on behalf of all people. The community shares its admiration for Dick Kelley with his wife Cecelia and his two children, Kristen and Rick.

My sincerest best wishes for Richard Kelley, and gratitude for his years of service to the community.

U.S. PRODUCTION OF WHEAT GLUTEN DECLINES

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I want to express concern about a serious problem that is rapidly destroying the United States vital wheat gluten industry and has reverberating effects on U.S. agriculture.

Wheat gluten is natural protein that is used principally for its cohesive qualities in bread products, especially in multigrain and high fiber breads. U.S. producers of this unique product are barely existing due to overwhelming competitive advantages that are allowing their counterparts in the European Union to seize an alarming share of the U.S. market. These advantages include European government incentives and a lopsided tariff system

that heavily favors the European gluten industry.

As U.S. production of wheat gluten declines, so does the requirement for domestically grown high protein wheat. This situation, therefore, threatens to wipe out a premium, value-added market that farmers in our country rely on.

I urge immediate attention to this problem and call for strong efforts to resolve it before the American wheat gluten industry becomes extinct.

OKTOBERFEST—OFFICIALLY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, as we await the start of fall, many of us get anxious about Oktoberfest, the German festival that celebrates food, friendship, and the bounty of a good harvest. This rich tradition has been celebrated by the city of Frankenmuth, within my congressional district, officially since 1889.

And this year, from today, September 14, through September 17, the sixth celebration becomes even more special because the Frankenmuth Oktoberfest has been officially sanctioned by the city of Munich—the first time any Oktoberfest has been officially recognized anywhere outside of Germany.

On August 26, Herr Herman Memmel, member of the Munich City Council; and Bavarian State Parliament, presented to Annette Rummel, president of the Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce and Oktoberfest the Document of Ennoblement, officially naming the 1995 Frankenmuth Oktoberfest as the first Oktoberfest in the world to officially operate under the auspices of the city of Munich.

The hard working and heritage proud people of Frankenmuth revel in their upholding of Bavarian traditions, celebration of Bavarian food and beverage, including its own award winning beers from the Frankenmuth Brewing Company, and are synonymous with the spirit of hospitality—*gemutlichkeit*—that helps all visitors to Frankenmuth fondly remember their all too short visits to this wonderful community.

From the time of Crown Prince Ludwig who began the Oktoberfest with his wedding to Princess Theresia in 1810, when King Max I Joseph proclaimed a festival in four locations in Munich, today when Oktoberfest means the celebration of community and success, a proud tradition has been created. Frankenmuth is proud and honored to be an official partner in Oktoberfest, and proudly display the sign beckoning “*Wilkommen*” to all of our colleagues and the thousands of visitors that grace Frankenmuth each year.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS F. KEYES, JR., ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 15, I have the pleasure of joining

one of Connecticut's most well-known and respected citizens, Thomas F. Keyes, Jr., for the celebration of his 80th birthday. A long-time resident of New Haven, Mr. Keyes has earned the admiration of his community for his career as a distinguished judge, committed public servant, and a premier trial attorney. Thomas Keyes is a man who lives life to the fullest extent. He is a walking encyclopedia of over 50 years of spectacular history which he recounts on Saturday mornings over bagels and coffee at the Bagel Connection on Grove Street in New Haven. The Saturday morning regulars, like New Haven Fire Chief Smith, Judge Reynolds, and Judge Flannigan, consider him one of the best storytellers in town.

Tom was born and raised in New Haven. In 1933, he graduated from Hillside High School. He went to college at Yale and graduated from Yale Law School in 1940. During World War II, he served in the Army, and was stationed in Presque Isle, ME. Tom managed to come home for the weekends to New Haven on an almost regular basis. He went into public service like his father, Thomas Keyes, Sr., who was the New Haven Registrar of Voters for over 30 years. During the 1950's Tom junior spearheaded the effort to provide legal services for the poor as director of legal services in New Haven. In 1965, he was appointed by the mayor of New Haven as the city's corporation counsel where he served for 9 years. Tom was elected a probate judge of New Haven in 1974, and remained probate judge for 11 years until he was succeeded by his son John “Jack” Keyes. Now living in Madison, Tom has time to pursue golf and watch Yale football.

Tom Keyes and his deceased wife Josephine have five children. Thomas Keyes III is a professor at Boston University, John Keyes is the New Haven probate judge, Bernadette Keyes is a practicing lawyer, Joan is a writer, and Julie has her own crafts and ceramics business. The DeLauro and Keyes family have been very close for many years. My mother worked for Judge Keyes when he was a New Haven probate judge and now works for his successor, and son.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Judge Thomas F. Keyes, Jr., on the celebration of his 80th birthday. It is an honor to join in this celebration. I wish a happy birthday to a model citizen and a long-time family friend.

FEDERAL REPORTS ELIMINATION AND SUNSET ACT OF 1995

HON. ROBERT L. EHRlich, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. EHRlich. Speaker, today I offer the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995, which streamlines Federal reporting requirements by cutting and reforming more than 200 congressionally mandated reporting requirements. This bill continues the positive work started earlier this session by the conferees for the Paperwork Reduction Act. Originally part of the Senate-passed version of the Paperwork Reduction Act, it was agreed in conference, that these sections merited separate introduction as freestanding legislation. I offer this bill as a companion to S. 790, which