

school bus to a halt after the driver suffered a stroke at the wheel. I am proud to say that Mr. Champagne is one of my junior constituents.

More importantly, I want to call young Larry's story to the attention of our colleagues because his act of courage is one of the many wonderful and dynamic things our young people are doing today. Contrary to popular belief, Larry Champagne and his schoolmates are among the 98 percent of young Americans who are doing the right thing. They are the young leaders who are studying hard, obeying authority, and making small but positive contributions to their communities. They are the unsung heroes of the 90's.

I submit to our colleagues the October 6, 1995 St. Louis Post Dispatch article about Larry Champagne. It is my hope that his story will touch their hearts, as it did mine, and inspire some confidence in young Larry's generation. Then, I offer our colleagues the challenge of doing everything within their power to protect the programs that young Larry and his peers will need to fully develop the leadership talents they displayed on October 5, 1995.

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PEACHY—BOY HERO CELEBRATES CELEBRITY  
(By Carolyn Bower)

Ten-year-old Larry Champagne III got pulled from class repeatedly Thursday to talk with national radio and television reporters.

But Larry was coping with his sudden celebrity status.

"I'm OK," he grinned outside Bellerive School in the Parkway School District. "I'm peachy. I'm carrots and peas."

Larry, a fifth-grader, became a hero after he stopped a school bus on U.S. Highway 40 near Sarah Avenue in St. Louis Tuesday after the bus driver suffered a stroke. The bus has been going about 55 mph.

Larry is credited with saving himself and 17 other students from serious injury. The bus driver, Ernestine Blackman, was in serious condition Thursday at Barnes Hospital.

On Thursday afternoon, Bellerive's 460 pupils filed into the school gym for an assembly to honor Larry and the other students. In sweet, high voices, the students sang a song about making a difference, taking a risk and becoming the voices of hope in the world.

Said principal Ken Russell: "We are here to honor the students on Bus 3 for their courage, wisdom and bravery in the face of danger. \* \* \* You were good listeners. You were helpful. You are heroes."

The students were on their way to school from their homes in St. Louis Tuesday morning when they heard cars honking and felt the bus swerve and hit a guardrail.

Then they saw Blackman fall from her seat. Larry made his way to the front, grabbed the steering wheel and stomped on the brake, stopping the bus. A pickup plowed into the bus.

Then Larry and five other students helped the bus driver, got the door open and summoned help.

Russell gave Larry a stack of newspapers and a framed copy of a front-page Post-Dispatch story about Larry.

School officials presented the Bus 3 students with medallions on red, white and blue ribbons.

Walle Amusa, and aide to St. Louis Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr., read a message from Bosley and invited the children to meet the mayor next Wednesday. The mayor's message said: "I am very proud of you. It is great to know that we have young people like you who are level-headed, responsible, courageous and humble."

Tim Stieber, a division manager for Mayflower bus company, gave Larry a billed hat, a bus driver's jacket, commendation and \$100 gift certificate to Toys 'R' Us.

The television program "A Current Affair" filmed the assembly.

In addition to local news organizations, Larry has had interviews or inquiries from NBC, CBS, USA Today, National Public Radio, Time Magazine for Kids, the Associated Press, United Press International, CNN in Los Angeles, Paul Harvey, David Letterman's show, the "Today" show, the "Tonight Show" and radio stations in Boston, San Francisco and Utica. Charles Osgood wrote Thursday's "Osgood File" rhyme about Larry.

Larry's relatives said the attention at first drove him to tears, but he bounced back.

His grandfather Lawrence Champagne, said: "Larry didn't want to be a hero, but now he's jumping in with both feet and dealing with it."

The grandfather said Larry's actions had lifted the family's spirits just weeks after Larry's father, Lawrence Champagne II, was stabbed to death in St. Louis.

"My son may have lost his life, but his son has saved lives," the grandfather said. "This is a memory we'll cherish forever."

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
AMERICAN JOBS AND FOREIGN  
LOBBYISTS

HON. LINDA SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to let the American people know how Government has really operated in Washington for far too long. For the past several months I have been working in a bipartisan manner with my colleagues in the House and Senate from Washington State, Oregon, and California to address a serious issue. American men and women in the longshoreman's trade are being displaced by foreign workers because our own State Department's rule interpretations strongly favor foreign workers despite Congress' efforts to protect American workers in a trade where half of their jobs have disappeared in the last decade alone.

It's not bad enough that our State Department is failing to protect American jobs but they have ignored Congress' charge to update their annual rule interpretation list for almost 2 years. So let's see, not only does our own State Department favor foreign workers but now they ignore Congress' instructions as well. But wait Mr. Speaker, it gets better!

Now I have discovered that after fourteen other Members of the House and Senate joined me in writing to Secretary Christopher about this problem a mid-level bureaucrat in the Transportation and Economic Section of the Department of State decided he would call foreign ship owners to let them know they too should be concerned about this issue. Yes. We have a State Department official calling foreign lobbyists as if he had been retained to be their personal agent. Whose State Department is this anyway?

But just when I think it could not get any worse I find out that the State Department has agreed to be lobbied by foreign vessel owners and operators so that they can continue to discriminate against American workers. Their

concern? It is that the profit margins for foreign vessel owners and operators will be cut.

So let's review what has been going on in our State Department. First, State promulgates rules which discriminate against American workers in favor of foreigners. Second, State ignores the law and defies Congress' charge to produce annual reciprocity lists for almost 2 years. Third, a State Department official takes it upon himself to be the agent for foreign lobbyists by calling foreign ship owners and operators to protect what amounts to be corporate pork for foreigners doled out by our State Department. Last, as if notifying foreigners that their sweet deal may be in danger is not enough, the United States Department of State decides to meet with foreign lobbyists so that their concerns can be made a part of the official State Department evaluation.

While some have asked me which American worker needs to fear our State Department next the real question Americans must ask themselves is "How much does it cost a foreign interest to have the Department of State act as your lobbyist?" The obvious answer, the livelihoods of thousands of American men and women in the longshoreman's trade.

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TRICIAN'S MATE FIRST CLASS,  
SUBMARINE SERVICE RICHARD  
CRISP

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Electrician's Mate First Class, Submarine Service Richard Crisp who will retire from the United States Navy on December 31, 1995. Richard entered the Navy on May 30, 1973 and has served his nation faithfully.

During his time in the United States Navy, Richard has distinguished himself as an extraordinary member of our armed forces. He has been awarded the Submarine Service Designation, the navy Achievement Medal 2nd Award, the Meritorious Unit Commendation 2nd Award, the navy Recruiting Award, the Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon, the Sea Service Ribbon, and the Deterrent Patrol Insignia 2nd Award.

Mr. Speaker, Richard Crisp has proven himself to be a faithful member of the United States Navy. His 20 years of loyal service is greatly appreciated, and I wish him the very best as he enters retirement.

ALTERNATIVE MEDICARE BILL

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I recently cosponsored H.R. 2422, the Medicare bill offered as an alternative to the Republican Medicare plan. I am cosponsoring the bill because I believe that it is important for Democrats to offer an alternative plan to the Republicans' massive, unnecessary, and unjustified cuts.

H.R. 2422 cuts approximately \$90 billion from Medicare over the next 7 years instead

of \$270 billion of cuts claimed by the Republicans. The trustees of the Medicare trust fund have stated that reducing Medicare by \$90 billion would extend the solvency of the trust fund without the prospect of a shortfall and maintain as sufficient a balance as has upheld the Medicare trust fund for the past 30 years.

Although H.R. 2422 is a significant step in the right direction, I do, however have concerns about some provisions which could significantly reduce provider reimbursement rates. Reducing these rates in States such as Minnesota where reimbursement rates are already low may have an unintended negative consequence. Still, we need alternatives to the Republican bill, and this measure serves as such an alternative.

The Medicare payment disparity that persists today between States should be addressed. The changes being advanced by reduced payments tend to highlight this difference but are not the genesis of the problem. That is, the low reimbursement rates for select States that have achieved significant cost savings are locked into place and become compounded by the policy changes being advanced.

#### CELEBRATION MARKS MORE THAN AN ANNIVERSARY FOR TAIWAN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 11, 1995*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, October 10 marks the anniversary of the birth of the Republic of China [ROC]. On this occasion, I wish to send my greetings and congratulations to the leaders on Taiwan, and especially President Lee, whom I have had the good fortune to meet with both in Taiwan and in the United States.

When President Lee of Taiwan came to Cornell in June, I had the opportunity to talk with him and discuss Taiwan's relationship with the United States. He thanked me for the incredible congressional support he had received prior to his visit, and reiterated his people's strong respect for the United States. He reaffirmed our bilateral friendship, and the desire of Taiwan to continue that friendship into the next century.

Taiwan is and has been a loyal ally and trading partner in Asia. Its people participate in and fully subscribe to the principles of freedom and democracy. They have worked with us on issues ranging from endangered species to trademark infringements. They look to us for guidance and protection.

President Clinton will be meeting with President Jiang at the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. It is ironic that the two Presidents will meet in honor of the United Nations, a body in which the 21 million people of Taiwan have no voice.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in urging President Clinton not to enter into any agreement which would further restrict our ally Taiwan, or compromise its growing democracy. Better relations with the PRC must not come at the sacrifice of the 21 million people on Taiwan who must depend on us to defend their interests.

The October 10 celebration should mark the continuance of the friendship between our two

countries, as well as the founding of a nation. Again, I congratulate Taiwan on the occasion of its National Day.

#### BOLEY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 11, 1995*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, this month the city of St. Petersburg and the county of Pinellas will be honoring the Boley Centers for Behavioral Health Care, Inc., on its 25th anniversary, and I, too, want to commend this organization and its founders led by Mary R. Koenig on this occasion.

The mission of the Boley Centers is to provide our community with comprehensive services for those with mental illnesses. Through its rehabilitation programs and a network of community residences and apartments, Boley Centers has helped thousands of disabled residents of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County. The vast majority of Boley Centers' clients have been integrated into the community without the need for any additional hospitalization, and this has meant a considerable savings to the State and the county and speaks highly of the staff and services provided by Boley Centers.

As one who has worked to help secure Federal funding for several of Boley Centers' resident complexes, I believe its clients are fortunate to have this outstanding program available to them in our community, and on this its silver anniversary, I salute Boley Centers, its Boley Angels, and the scores of others who have helped make Boley Centers one of the finest programs of its kind in our country.

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE YWCA OF WESTERN NEW YORK

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 11, 1995*

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize today the history and achievements of the YWCA of Western New York, which is celebrating its 125 anniversary on October 27.

The YWCA has a distinguished tradition of service to women, to Western New York, and to this country. The Western New York YWCA was founded in 1870, only 15 years after the founding of the national YWCA. The Western New York chapter lost no time in making its mark on the community.

One of its earliest efforts was to coordinate charity work in Buffalo. The coalition of charities it organized has lasted to this day, evolving into the present-day United Way. Other local organizations with roots in the YWCA are the Urban League, the Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and the Travelers Aid Society.

The Western New York YWCA has made its strongest mark on family and women's issues. It began child care and "well baby" programs early on, and it now operates the largest licensed after-school day care program in the region, along with other family support programs such as one for at-risk teens.

It has focused on assisting women in entering and advancing in the workplace—from recruiting women into necessary defense jobs in the Second World War to its current Leadership Development Program which encourages and prepares women to enter jobs traditionally held by men. The YWCA also runs a transitional housing program, which helps women in trouble to get back on their feet. It even runs a monthly cable program, called "Womanworks" which focuses on modern women's issues.

Of course, the YWCA also offers a wide range of fitness programs, on which many families in the community have come to rely. These programs include everything from youth sports to a special exercise program for people with arthritis.

Aside from its distinguished tradition of community service, the Western New York YWCA has made its mark on American history. For example, in the 1950's—a time of intense racial tension—it named Mary Wood as Executive Director; the first African-American YWCA executive in the country. At one time, it counted among its members Presidents Millard Fillmore and Grover Cleveland. In fact, the downtown building of the Western New York YWCA is at the site of the home of President Fillmore.

Mr. Speaker, the YWCA certainly has earned our recognition and appreciation as it marks 125 years of service to the region and the country. I congratulate this organization for carrying on in its superb traditions by continuing to provide the Western New York community with critical support programs, and I hope that it will celebrate many great anniversaries in the future.

#### HOLDEN SALUTES WORLD WAR II VETERANS

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 11, 1995*

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to our World War II veterans as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of World War II.

We stand here today because of the sacrifices and efforts of those people who fought and gave their lives for freedom.

Countless soldiers, sailors, and airmen, gave their lives at places like Midway, Normandy, Anzio, Bastogne, and Okinawa, so that we could enjoy the blessings of liberty.

There were many heroes worthy of our recognition and praise. I am proud that one of those heroes is from my district, and is here with us today.

It is my great pleasure that Capt. Jim Burt of Wyomissing, PA, is here with us. Captain Burt is an Army veteran and a Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

Captain Burt risked his life in heavy fighting near the city of Aachen in Germany. Despite being wounded early in the fighting, Captain Burt led his troops for more than 8 days until victory was won.

I would like to thank Captain Burt, and all of the men and women who fought and gave their lives to preserve our freedom.