

lives saved and property safeguarded by ordinary men and women who fulfilled an unspoken obligation to their community and country.

The firefighters' commitment was never more evident than it was in August 1995, when thousands of volunteers fought the two most destructive wildfires to strike Suffolk County this century. These heroic volunteers put their lives on the line while battling brush fires that consumed nearly 4,000 acres of Pine Barrens in Rocky Point and Westhampton. Miraculously, not a single human life was lost in the fire and the total property damage was kept to a minimum.

Though the heritage it preserves is grand, the genesis for the Brookhaven Firefighters Museum is more modest. The idea was born more than 5 years ago when a group of long-time friends and volunteer firemen decided they needed to preserve the history of local firefighting for their own children and grandchildren.

The museum's board of trustees and founder raised all of the funds, solicited the artifacts, secured the building and located the property where the museum stands. The Brookhaven Firefighters Museum's trustees are: president, Joseph Sommers; vice president, Lee Bunten; treasurer, David Waldron, Jeff Davis, Susan Savochka, Gene Gerrard, Robert Collins, Robert Poucel, Ed Corrigan, Robert Wilson, Richie Adams, Ronnie Magagna, Artie Read, John Austen, John Blaum, Sr., and Robert McConville.

Appropriately, the museum building was originally built in 1889 to serve as the Center Moriches Fire House. The former fire house was being used as a warehouse by the Center Moriches Paper Co. when the company donated the building for the museum. With the help of a State grant, the museum's board of trustees had the former fire house moved the 15 miles from Center Moriches, on Long Island's South Shore, to its current location at Fireman's Park in Ridge.

As you enter Fireman's Park to visit the museum, you will notice a line of 38 monuments along the roadside, one each from every fire department in the town of Brookhaven. That section of road is known as Fireman's Way, the path each visitor will pass through on their way to any of the fire drill competitions held at Fireman's Park. Those monuments are reminders of the sacrifice and commitment that volunteer firefighters have made for their communities in Brookhaven Town.

For the thousands of volunteer firefighters who have saved lives and property throughout the history of Brookhaven Town, and Long Island, the Volunteer Firefighters Museum preserves their magnificent legacy of sacrifice for their children and grandchildren. May this wonderful museum serve as a reminder of their heroic efforts for many years to come.

ORDER OF CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS AND POSTPONING VOTES ON AMENDMENTS DURING CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3322, OMNIBUS CIVILIAN SCIENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT S. WALKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 29, 1996

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, during floor debate on May 29, 1996, on H.R. 3322, the Omnibus Civilian Science Authorization Act of 1996, it was mentioned by one of my colleagues that the Science Committee has only produced one committee report for all of 1995. I would like to correct the record with the following list of 14 committee reports filed so far during the 104th Congress; 12 of which were filed in 1995.

Date	Title	Publication No.
Feb. 15, 1995	Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act of 1995 (H.R. 9).	H. Rept. 104-33, Pt. 2.
Mar. 30, 1995	Hydrogen Future Act of 1995 (H.R. 655).	H. Rept. 104-95.
July 11, 1995	National Sea Grant College Program (H.R. 1175).	H. Rept. 104-123, Pt. 2.
July 21, 1995	Environmental Research, Development and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1995 (H.R. 1814).	H. Rept. 104-199.
July 28, 1995	International Space Station Authorization Act of 1995 (H.R. 1601).	H. Rept. 104-210.
Aug. 4, 1995 ...	National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1995 (H.R. 1852).	H. Rept. 104-231.
Aug. 4, 1995 ...	American Technology Advancement Act of 1995 (H.R. 1870).	H. Rept. 104-232.
Aug. 4, 1995 ...	National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1996 (H.R. 2043).	H. Rept. 104-233.
Aug. 4, 1995 ...	Fire Administration Authorization Act of 1995 (H.R. 1851).	H. Rept. 104-235.
Aug. 4, 1995 ...	Department of Energy Civilian Research and Development Act of 1995 (H.R. 1816).	H. Rept. 104-236, Pt. 1.
Aug. 4, 1995 ...	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1995 (H.R. 1815).	H. Rept. 104-237, Pt. 1.
Dec. 7, 1995 ...	National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (H.R. 2196).	H. Rept. 104-390.
May 1, 1996 ...	Omnibus Civilian Science Authorization Act of 1996 (H.R. 3322).	H. Rept. 104-550, Pt. 1.
May 23, 1996	Antarctic Environmental Protection Act of 1996 (H.R. 3060).	H. Rept. 104-593, Pt. 1.

A TRIBUTE TO SOPHIE GERSON

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the lifelong accomplishments of Sophie Gerson, who has served the schools and the children of New York City for many years. Her dedication to the education of the young people of Community School District 2, which she has served for over 30 years, is evidenced by her history as a parent, a teacher and a school board member and president. She was a junior high school health and physical education teacher for 36 years, the last 25 at JHS 17 in the Clinton community. Her children both attended school in District 2, and as board member there, she was introduced or supported programs that have proved extremely beneficial to the children for whom she

has been responsible. Ms. Gerson has been an active and outspoken advocate for the children in her community, and for that she should be commended. Ms. Gerson's accomplishments that are numerous and impressive, and her hard work has provided the students of New York's School District 2 with a nurturing environment in which they have flourished. Sophie Gerson's years of leadership and caring in her community deserve our utmost respect and appreciation.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND HENRY CADE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues a special anniversary. Tomorrow, the Central Presbyterian Church of Newark, NJ will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of its pastor, the Reverend Henry Cade. Although Rev. Cade first came to Central Presbyterian Church in 1965, this recognition had to be postponed because of a devastating fire that heavily damaged the church in 1995. But like anything worth doing, the time is not important as long as the thought is true.

Over the years Newark's Central Presbyterian Church has recognized the need for the church to become more than a site for worship. The Central Presbyterian Church has opened its doors to programs and services that truly help the community and its residents. The church sponsors programs like SHARE, a food program; preschool-head start programs, senior citizen programs; young adult ministries, homeless ministries, as well as others.

It takes a certain kind of leadership to make things happen. For the Central Presbyterian Church that leadership has come from Reverend Henry Cade for 30 years. Rev. Cade is a native of Selma, AL. He accepted the call as minister of the Central Presbyterian Church in 1965, having served as pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of Athens, TN for 5 years. Rev. Cade has been educated at the Knoxville College, the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, graduate study in urban issues at Rutgers University and the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. His formal educational experiences have been enriched with travel experiences he gained while traveling to Jordan, Israel, Egypt, and Greece.

Rev. Cade understands the importance and benefits of serving the larger community. He has served the Police Accountability Program under the auspices of the Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry, the NAACP, the United Community Corporation, Essex County PUSH, Essex County Jail as chaplain, the New Well Drug Rehabilitation Center, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, the Synod of the Northeast, the South Park Calvary Administrative Commission, and the Newark Presbytery in many capacities.

Presently he is the moderator of the Session of Roseville Presbyterian Church, a member of the Personal Committee and the Permanent Judicial Commission of Newark Presbytery, a member of the Newark and Essex Committee of Black Churchmen, and the chairman of the Newark and Vicinity Chapter of Black Presbyterians United.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues will want to join me as I extend my congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Henry Cade, his family, and his congregation.

TRIBUTE TO THE BROOKLYN
HOSPITAL CENTER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Brooklyn Hospital Center's 1996 Founders Ball and the awardees being honored. The Brooklyn Hospital Center has provided a tremendous service to the residents of Brooklyn and the awardees are deserving of special recognition for their commitment and dedication to the residents of Brooklyn.

The Brooklyn Hospital Center has provided outstanding care for the residents of Brooklyn for 150 years. It is committed to maintaining its position as a leader in health care delivery and medical education. One of its more recent contributions has been to take a lead in the development of the Brooklyn Health Network, a borough-wide coalition of local health care and related service providers. The Hospital Center has also distinguished among this coalition as having the largest complement of primary care physicians of any hospital in Brooklyn. This enables them to work with medical staff and physician groups to develop structures which both allow incentives and create physician support. In this way, the Brooklyn Hospital Center can continue to provide excellent care to the residents of Brooklyn.

The Walter E. Reed Medal will be awarded to two physicians at the 1996 Founders Ball by the Brooklyn Hospital Center in recognition of clinical excellence and commitment to the community and the Hospital Center. I am proud to announce that one medal will be awarded to Paul Finkelstein, M.D., Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Urology and Hospital Center trustee. Dr. Finkelstein is a native of Brooklyn and has been a physician for 45 years. He was a practicing physician with the Brooklyn Hospital Center from 1956 until 3 years ago, but I am pleased to report that he remains actively involved in the Hospital Center as a member of the Board of Trustees.

I am also proud to announce that Eugenie Fribourg, M.D., is the second recipient of the Walter E. Reed Medal. Dr. Fribourg, also a native of Brooklyn was a family practitioner on the Hospital Center staff for 45 years. While she no longer practices medicine, I am happy to say she continues to be actively involved in several national medical associations.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay tribute to both Dr. Finkelstein and Dr. Fribourg for their dedication and commitment in providing medical care to the residents of Brooklyn. They exemplify the goals of the Hospital Center itself. I ask my colleagues to join me in this tribute to the awardees and the Brooklyn Hospital Center for many, many years of outstanding service. Thank you.

NONPHYSICIAN PROVIDERS PRO-
VIDE INVALUABLE HEALTH
CARE SERVICES

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 7, 1996

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, last week, the Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on issues surrounding managed care that I hope will lead to passage of much-needed legislation.

The focus of the hearing came down to choice. Patients want to be able to choose their own doctor. They want to be able to know of all of the treatments that are available to them. They want to be able to rely on the expertise of a medical specialist for a very specific medical problem. And as we continue to consider proposals to restructure Medicare, I would like to add that many seniors do not want to give up their choice of providers.

Real problems do exist and I believe that there are many legislative vehicles before Congress that will work to ensure quality care, while preserving choice. I am a cosponsor of the Family Health Care Act, H.R. 2400, which would set a ground floor, a minimum set of standards that all health plans would have to follow, including important point-of-service options and quality assurance mechanisms. This legislation will enable patients to see the providers of their choice, including nonphysician providers, such as opticians who provide quality care services to their patients.

I would like to include in the RECORD the statement of Paul Houghland, Jr., CAE, executive director, Opticians Association of America that was presented before the subcommittee on May 30, to further shed light on issues surrounding choice in a managed care setting.

STATEMENT BY PAUL HOUGHLAND, JR., CAE,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

On behalf of the Opticians Association of America (OAA), which represents the interests of more than 35,000 dispensing opticians throughout the United States, I am pleased that the Subcommittee on Health and Environment has convened hearings on managed care issues. As the panel with jurisdiction over health insurance it is important that you hear the view of all participants in the health care delivery system including nonphysician providers.

OAA wishes that these hearings had provided more of an opportunity for nonphysician providers to participate. This group of health care providers is responsible for many of the most cost-effective approaches to health care delivery. Yet nonphysician providers have had many difficulties being included in many managed care organizations (MCOs). For this reason OAA and many other nonphysician providers have joined the Coalition for Health Care Choice and Accountability (CHCCA), a group dedicated to making MCOs more accountable for their actions and more patient and provider friendly.

OAA wishes to associate itself with the written statement provided to this subcommittee by CHCCA and also to associate itself with the testimony presented by the American Dental Association, a CHCCA member. The concerns raised by these organizations reflect legitimate issues that should be addressed legislatively by this subcommittee at its earliest convenience.

OAA believes that many of the managed care problems that nonphysician providers in

general and opticians in particular face are corrected by HR 2400, the "Family Health Care Fairness Act" introduced by Representative Charlie Norwood of Georgia, a member of this subcommittee. OAA commends Representative Norwood for his leadership in calling attention to aspects of the managed care industry which need modification. We thank Representative Bill Brewster of Oklahoma for being the prime cosponsor of this measure. As a pharmacist, Representative Brewster understands well the struggles which far too many nonphysician providers have had with MCOs. OAA also appreciates the bipartisan support expressed for HR 2400 by its Republican and Democratic cosponsors.

The health subcommittee could prove its commitment to innovative solutions to health care problems by favorably reporting the Norwood bill to the full committee within the next 60 days. While aware of the shortness of the 1996 legislative calendar and the numerous demands upon your time, managed care issues are too important for Congress to abandon this year without significant action. Market-based solutions are not adequate to correct abuses within the managed care industry. HR 2400 provides fair and equitable solutions to real problems.

Many of managed care's shortcomings are discussed in the ADA and CHCCA testimony. After reading the stories collected by the CHCCA I am certain this panel will agree that action on HR 2400 will benefit the public interest. What more positive message could you take back to your constituents this fall than news that you approved a bill to make managed care more accessible, more accountable, more patient friendly?

OAA's national legislative agenda can be summarized very concisely: maximize competition within the health care market place and maximize freedom of choice for consumers. We support HR 2400 because it promotes equity for both consumers and providers. It contains nondiscrimination language which would assure that both those using the health care system and those providing the services are treated fairly.

A second major component of HR 2400 would require all MCOs to offer a point-of-service (POS) option to all subscribers. The health care marketplace has confirmed that a POS option is very popular and cost effective. Approximately three-quarters of the managed care plans offer this option. OAA and the CHCCA believe that all plans should include this option with a reasonable cost-sharing formula so that it is a viable alternative.

The POS issue was debated last fall in the Commerce Committee during the Medicare reform debate. Two members of the Health and Environment Subcommittee offered POS amendments supported by OAA and the CHCCA members. OAA appreciates the efforts of Representatives Greg Ganske of Iowa and Tom Coburn of Oklahoma. Unfortunately, both the Ganske and Coburn amendments were defeated because most members of the majority party refuse to support maximizing freedom of choice for consumers.

In a discussion of managed care issues last week on WPMF-FM in Washington, DC, Cindy Elkin, a Northern Virginia optician, described her experiences with managed care programs. She pointed out that many managed care vision programs referred eyewear customers for dispensing purposes to personnel who are often unlicensed, or uncertified, in short to persons who are not well trained or in a position to provide quality service. And this lesson is not lost on customers. Frequently, persons with managed vision care programs have found the quality to be so low