

will approve the pragmatic methods and incremental bills that have been passed in recent weeks.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH BOCKBRADER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 183

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I firmly believe that we can never thank our veterans enough for putting their lives on the line in defense of our Nation. As a veteran myself, I am aware of the tremendous service veterans organizations give to their communities and the country as a whole.

For this reason, I am proud to rise today and recognize Mr. Kenneth Bockbrader of American Legion Post 183, Pemberville, OH on the occasion of his 50 years of service to the post. Kenneth is a veteran of World War II and is presently a member of Freedom Post 183 Color Guard.

Mr. Speaker, Kenneth Bockbrader's distinguished military service is a model of patriotism and citizenship. His commitment to the American Legion continues this exemplary service. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Kenneth and his family well as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

May they fully enjoy the blessings of peace and freedom that Kenneth Bockbrader has so ably defended as a U.S. veteran.

COLUMBIA GOOD GOVERNMENT WEEK

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, as we enter the election season, which is the true test of our democracy, debates about the future of our country echo throughout American communities—from the Alaskan frontier to the Florida Keys. Yet in November, when it is time to vote, nearly half of Americans stay at home.

The President and Congress must address the financial and structural challenges of our Medicare Program, which faces bankruptcy. Governors and State legislators must assure that a healthy Medicaid Program continues to provide health care access to the States' most vulnerable children and adults. Local leaders must address issues related to health care delivery, taxes, education, and jobs.

Because more American should register to vote and exercise their right to vote;

Because none of the critical issues facing us can be resolved effectively and no long-term solutions can be reached without the input of informed, concerned voters;

And because employers must do more in communities to help foster enthusiasm for participation in the democratic process,

I congratulate Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation for their designation of September 8 through 14 as "Columbia Good Government Week." And I encourage Columbia's 285,000

employees and 90,000 associated physicians in 38 States to register to vote, to share their opinions with Federal, State, and local candidates, to encourage others in their communities to learn more about the issues facing American, and to encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER MARK OLIVERIO

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Officer Mark Oliverio of the Sterling Heights Police Department on his receipt of the 1996 DARE Officer of the Year Award for Michigan.

Through the Drug Abuse and Resistance Education Program, Officer Oliverio has been a positive influence in the lives of hundreds of children in Sterling Heights, MI. For the last 5½ years, Officer Oliverio has taught 5th and 6th graders how to say "no" to the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. In his own words, Officer Oliverio said "I wanted to get in, and in my own way, fight the drug problem." Clearly, Officer Oliverio is achieving this goal.

The DARE Officer of the Year Award recognizes Officer Oliverio's contributions to the community which extend beyond DARE instruction. Officer Oliverio still maintains a close relationship with the students of Havel Elementary School. He often ate lunch with students and attended extra curricular activities. In addition, he provided crisis counseling to students following a fatal bicycle accident. Havel Principal Robert Koenigsknecht said, "He is always here for us."

Over the years, my staff and I have attended many successful DARE graduations under the able guidance of Officer Oliverio. His compassion and dedication to his students is unmistakable.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Officer Oliverio on behalf of the children whose lives he has touched and the community he has enriched.

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD SAMUEL MANNE

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of myself and my colleague from Houston, Congressman GENE GREEN, to remember a great civil rights and civic leader, Richard Samuel Manne, of Baytown, TX, who passed away on September 5, 1996. In his memory, we wish to include in the RECORD the following obituary that appeared in the Houston Chronicle. He is deserving of such recognition because of his personal commitment to ending discrimination in all of its forms and to working for civil rights and voting rights for all Americans. He will be sorely missed.

OBITUARY OF RICHARD SAMUEL MANNE

Richard Samuel Manne, age 69, of Baytown, Texas, died on September 5, 1996. Son

of the late Geoffrey and Eva Manne of Memphis, Tennessee. Manne was born October 19, 1926 in New Orleans and grew up in Memphis. After graduating first in his high school class at Memphis Central High, Manne won a full scholarship to Yale University, from which he graduated with honors at age 19. He then attended Vanderbilt University, receiving a masters degree in chemical engineering. In 1947 he moved to Baytown to work for Humble Oil, and in 1948 he married Beverly Maisel, who survives him. He retired from Exxon in 1983 after working for 35 years at its research center in Baytown. His research led to a variety of patents. Having grown up in the Deep South, Manne hated discrimination in all forms. In the 1950's and 1960's he worked as an activist for civil rights and voting rights. He co-founded and later chaired the Harris County Democrats, and founded and published the Bi-Monthly Star, a political gazette. In an era when Christmas parties at Exxon were racially segregated, he refused to attend the "whites only" parties and instead celebrated the holidays with black employees in the basement of the research center. Through his work in politics, he became interested in law and began attending South Texas College of Law at night, while continuing to work for Exxon. He graduated first in his class at South Texas, served as editor-in-chief of the law review, and was asked to serve on the faculty after graduation. He taught at the law school for many years and served on its Board of Visitors. He also founded the LSAT Review Course of Texas, and taught the course for more than twenty years. After retirement from Exxon, he expanded his private practice of law, which he continued until his death. Manne was remembered by friends and family at the evening service on September 6 at Congregation K'Neseth Israel in Baytown. In addition to his wife Beverly, he is survived by his brother Henry G. Manne of Arlington, Virginia; his sons Neal and Burton of Houston; daughter-in-law Nancy D. McGregor of Houston; niece Emily Manne of Atlanta, Georgia; nephew Geoffrey Manne of Chicago, Illinois; grandchildren Benjamin, Elizabeth and Oliva Manne of Houston; and several aunts and cousins.

TRIBUTE TO DORIS ROSENBLUM

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in a special tribute to Doris Rosenblum, a resident of the west side of Manhattan who dedicated over 35 years to improving the quality of life in her community. I am saddened to report that with her death on August 29, 1996, we lost an energetic and spirited activist who had a measurable and permanent impact on the neighborhoods and residents of Manhattan through her service to the public good.

Doris Rosenblum's activism was not limited to specific issues. She worked tirelessly to provide housing for poor and low-income people, for education, for schools, for cleaner streets, for the construction of community centers, and for many other causes throughout the 35 years of her dedicated advocacy work. Notably, Doris was the founder of the Stryker's Bay Neighborhood Association. She also helped organize West Side High School as a community-based alternative school and acted as the school's administrator from 1972 until 1979.

Doris served her community in an official capacity as well. From 1971 until 1990, Doris was a member of community board 7, and the board's district manager from 1983 to 1990. I am also proud to report that Doris received special recognition for her years of hard work when Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger appointed her the official historian for the borough of Manhattan.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to celebrate and pay tribute to the life's work of Doris Rosenblum, a person to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude. She is an example to each of us who have chosen to serve in the public interest and I ask my colleagues to join with me in honor of her relentless dedication to the good of her community.

#### MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, in the past week, I have introduced two bills to improve mental health coverage. On Monday, September 9, I introduced the National Mental Health Improvement Act of 1996 which provides parity in insurance coverage of mental illness and improves mental health services available to Medicare beneficiaries. On September 10, I introduced a second mental health bill identical to the bill passed by Senator DOMENICI and others in the Senate on September 5 by a vote of 82 to 15.

Today, Representative LOUIS STOKES offered a motion to instruct the House conferees on the VA-HUD appropriations bill to recede to the Senate on several key amendments adopted by the Senate to the fiscal year 1997 VA-HUD appropriations bill. One key amendment on which the motion was based is the mental health amendment offered by Senator DOMENICI—the companion of which I introduced in the House on September 10. I applaud the efforts of Mr. STOKES and support his motion to instruct.

It is a tragedy that mental health parity was abandoned in the Kennedy-Kassebaum health insurance bill, and is a primary reason why I voted against the bill. The bills I introduced this week represent an urgently needed change in coverage to end discrimination against those with mental illness. The denial of equal treatment for the mentally ill is not about money—it's only about discrimination. The mental health need of all Americans can no longer be ignored.

#### THANK YOU, KATHY O'BRIEN, FOR YOUR LOYAL SERVICE

#### HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, it was with mixed emotions that I announced last December 11 my decision to retire from the House at the conclusion of my current term. As I explained at the time, the decision to retire was made more difficult because of the loyalty and dedication of my staff—and because of the genuine friendship I feel for them.

Today, I want to thank one member of my staff—Kathryn O'Brien, my staff assistant in my Conroe district office—for everything she's done for me and my constituents in the almost 4 years that she has worked in my office.

When Montgomery County was first added to the 8th Congressional District in 1993, I asked friends, business leaders and political leaders in Montgomery County if they could recommend someone to head up the Conroe office. Kathy came highly recommended as someone whose people skills and dedication to getting the job done would be a major asset to me as I worked to represent the men and women of Montgomery County in Congress.

Prior to working in my Conroe office, Kathy had worked as a legal secretary in the Montgomery County Attorney's office, where she handled a wide variety of legal duties. Her professional skills and her enthusiasm were widely recognized, and her skill at dealing with people was very much appreciated.

Kathy has used those skills effectively in my Conroe office, where she has assisted constituents throughout Montgomery County who have experienced problems with Federal agencies, including the Social Security Administration, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Through her efforts, lost Social Security checks have been located, immigration problems have been resolved, overdue military medals have been presented to veterans and disaster aid has reached those who needed it.

Kathy has represented me at events in Montgomery County I was unable to attend, and has relayed the concerns of constituents in Montgomery County to my district and Washington staff.

For 10 years, Kathy served with distinction in the U.S. Air Force as a communications specialist in Germany and Texas. With a top-secret clearance, Kathy helped prepare and transmit a variety of communications from her duty station. In the Air Force, she earned the Vietnam Era Service Award, the Expert Marksman Award, as well as her telecommunications certification. All of us appreciate the dedication to her country that Kathy exhibited as a member of the U.S. Air Force.

Kathy has lived overseas for much of her life, and has traveled extensively throughout Europe and the United States.

Kathy has yet to make a definite decision about what she wants to do in the years ahead. But I am confident that the skills and the personal qualities she has demonstrated as a member of my staff will lead to continued success in the future.

Kathy O'Brien is one of those hardworking men and women who make all of us in this institution look better than we deserve. She has done that for me, and I appreciate this opportunity to publicly thank her for the dedication, loyalty, and professionalism she has exhibited as a member of my staff.

Mr. Speaker, I know you join with me in saying thank you to Kathy O'Brien for her years of loyal service to me, to the men and women of Texas' 8th Congressional District, and to this great institution. And I know you join with me in wishing Kathy, her son Cesare Antonio, and her daughter, Valerie Anne, all the best in the years ahead.

#### RECOGNIZING BILL PENCE

#### HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, according to the 19th century French physiologist Claude Bernard, "The true worth of a researcher lies in pursuing what he did not seek in his experiment as well as what he sought." In other words, the true scientist seeks truth where he finds it, and does so diligently and doggedly.

That's a mission that has been fulfilled ably by Bill Pence, who has taught science in the San Ramon Unified School District for 20 years. Bill has been named 1 of 100 teachers nationwide to receive the Tandy Technology Award for his outstanding service to his students and to our country.

Bill has poured his life, his energy, and thousands of his own dollars into making sure his high school laboratory stays on the leading edge of research and technology. Moreover, he has actively sought help from the private sector, soliciting everything from personal computers to a thermocycler in order to facilitate the calibre of research he knows is vital to true scientific education.

In 1994, two of Bill's students gained national headlines when they discovered human genes that may be linked to cancer. The students, Yu Fong Hong and Li Ho, found this new data in a classroom experiment—an experiment made possible because of the dedication of Bill Pence.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bill Pence's commitment to the young people of my home district in the East Bay region of San Francisco and thank him for representing the best in American education. The future is brighter for thousands of young people because of Bill's work, and he merits our gratitude for all he has done for tomorrow's leaders.

#### TRIBUTE TO EMIL AND ROSE BIANCIELLA

#### HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to congratulate Emil and Rose Bianciella of Bayonne, NJ, on their 50th wedding anniversary. This remarkable couple was married on August 25, 1946. They have been life-long residents of Hudson County, devoted to both their community and family.

The Bianciellas have enjoyed the joy of togetherness for five decades. Their love and dedication to each other and their family has been obvious to even the most casual observer. I believe their children, Rachel Libby and Joseph Bianciella, would say that they have been wonderful parents. Emil and Rose have also lavished their affection on their three grandchildren, Anthony, Kimberly, and Arianna.

In life, it is the special moments that should be cherished, and a 50th wedding anniversary is one of those times. I wish both of them another 50 years of wonderful matrimony.