

supermarket industry have suffered a mighty loss. A great philanthropist, entrepreneur, family man and friend, George Washington Jenkins, Jr., passed away peacefully in his sleep in Lakeland, FL, April 8.

Mr. Jenkins moved to Tampa, FL, in the summer of 1925 hoping to make his fortune in the real estate boom, but instead started working in a Piggly Wiggly grocery store. It wasn't long after, in 1930, that he founded his own business—and a cornerstone to the Florida economy—Publix Super Markets.

Jenkins was revered by his peers as a genius in food retailing and under his leadership Publix grew to more than 514 supermarkets throughout Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

But Publix is not the sole way Jenkins is remembered. It was his kindness, generosity and love for his fellow human being which won him favor in the hearts of so many. From his substantial, personal contributions to the United Way to his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America to philanthropic efforts too numerous to name, Jenkins' generosity touched the lives of thousands of people.

And he continued his service to the community through memberships in local organizations. Jenkins had been a Rotary member since 1929; he was active in chambers of commerce, the YMCA and his own local church. He was also a 33-degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and a Jester.

Few people are born with the genuine, giving spirit that Jenkins embodied. His motto for his Publix team was, "Publix will be a little better place to work—or not quite as good—because of you."

Today, let us know that this world is a little better place to live in because George Jenkins was in it. We will miss him greatly.

HONORING THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEERS OF CAMERON COUNTY, PA

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retired senior volunteers of Cameron County in the Fifth District of Pennsylvania. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the 74,000 hours of service that these individuals have given to our communities.

As we celebrate Older American Month, it is fitting that we reflect on the contributions of seniors at both a local and national level. I have long believed that involvement by senior citizens in the work force adds a unique and distinctive value to each job that is performed, person that is helped, or solution that is offered.

I applaud the hard work and determination that each of these volunteers has dedicated to serving the residents of Cameron County, their efforts are an inspiration to us all. In addition, each of these individuals has paved the road for all of us who will eventually retire and in doing so continue to enhance the foundation of our communities.

Each project that they have so diligently attended to—from campgrounds to playgrounds, providing meals, making repairs, and assisting

others in need—demonstrates the depth of caring that all of the volunteers should be proud of.

It takes more than words to adequately express the difference that senior volunteers have made in the lives of so many and it is with great honor and heartfelt gratitude that I thank them for their years of kind and generous service.

SENIOR SECURITY IS THREATENED BY ANTI-DUPLICATION NOTIFICATION PROVISION IN HEALTH INSURANCE BILL

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, there once was a senior from Tupelo. Who had so many duplicative health insurance policies, she didn't know what to do!

Before 1980, this was all too often the case. Senior citizens were being sold costly health insurance policies that they were told would supplement their Medicare coverage. Instead, those policies provided them with nothing but a hole in their pocket because most of what was covered by the supplemental policy was already covered by Medicare. Thus, seniors were paying for worthless health care policies that did nothing but break the bank.

Over the past 16 years, I have helped pass laws that prohibit the sale of duplicative health insurance policies to unknowing seniors. I have also helped pass laws that require insurance companies to give prospective senior purchasers a slip of paper that lets them know that the health insurance policy they are buying duplicates some Medicare benefits.

But once again, the House Republicans have kow-towed to greedy big insurers and included a provision in their health insurance legislation which effectively tosses that slip of paper in the trash—and along with it consumer protection for our senior citizens. The Republicans want to abolish the law that requires insurance companies to notify Medicare beneficiaries before selling them insurance that duplicates any of their Medicare benefits. It seems that Republicans are happy to let big insurers duplicate benefits—and dupe our senior citizens in the process.

BACKGROUND

Sixteen years ago, the Federal Government responded to increasing evidence that senior citizens were being sold duplicative, virtually worthless health insurance policies. In 1980, Congress enacted the Baucus amendments to the Social Security Act, which established standards for MediGap, Medicare supplemental insurance, and prohibited the sale of health insurance policies which substantially duplicated Medicare benefits.

In 1990, Congress further refined the law by prohibiting the sale of health insurance that duplicates Medicare benefits. In 1994, amendments to the Social Security Act allowed the sale of duplicative policies as long as the policy paid out regardless of other coverage and as long as the buyer was made aware of the duplicative services included in the supplemental policy. This law empowered seniors, allowing them to make good health care purchasing decisions and in the process saved them money.

MOVING BACKWARDS—THE REPUBLICAN SCHEME TO PROTECT INSURANCE COMPANIES AT THE EXPENSE OF CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR SENIORS

As part of the health insurance legislation, which passed the House on March 28th, Republicans slipped a provision into the bill which would no longer require insurance sales staff to let seniors know if the policy they were selling them duplicated their Medicare benefits. That is ridiculous. By eliminating this requirement, we are effectively turning back the clock to the days where seniors got ripped-off by unscrupulous salesmen right and left. Why would we want to do this to our fathers and mothers, our grandmothers and grandfathers? Apparently, the Republicans don't care if our families are taken advantage of by the insurance companies.

DUMP THE ADD-ON LANGUAGE, NOT THE CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Senate health care legislation, known as the Kassebaum-Kennedy legislation does not eliminate the consumer notification requirement. It represents good health policy by providing health insurance security for thousands more Americans without putting our seniors at risk. The House version which eliminates the notification requirement, eliminates security for our seniors by making them targets for abuse by insurance companies.

We must strike the language that eliminates consumer notice requirements. Current law protects our seniors by ensuring that potential subscribers understand that they may not need the coverage provided under the policy they are being asked to purchase. If we do not strike this language, senior citizens will look like dollar signs rather than educated consumers to insurance sales staff.

I support the Kassebaum-Kennedy version of the health care legislation currently before Congress. We cannot allow the Republicans to eliminate the consumer notification protection and put our parents and grandparents at risk. As the saying goes, you get what you pay for. But in this case, seniors pay through the nose and get nothing but taken to the cleaners.

MEMORIAL DAY—A DAY OF COMMITMENT

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day will soon be upon us. Through ceremonies and private contemplation, we will honor our war dead—one million, one hundred eighty thousand and ten Americans who have died since the war that gave birth to our Nation more than two centuries ago.

This custom has been a practice of all civilizations, from ancient Greece and Rome to modern day observances. I find Memorial Day to be particularly meaningful because it is a day when we set aside our everyday preoccupations to focus on the significant sacrifices made to keep our Nation strong and free.

At Memorial Day services in Arlington National Cemetery in 1982, President Reagan summed up the thoughts of his country when he said: "The willingness of some to give their lives so that others might live never fails to

evoke in us a sense of wonder and mystery. I have known that poignant feeling as I looked out across the rows of white crosses and Stars of David in Europe, in the Philippines, and the military cemeteries here in our own land. Each one marks the resting place of an American hero. Each died for a cause he considered more important than his own life, for the values which make up what we call civilization."

Freedom of speech and freedom to choose our religion, the responsibility of participating in our democracy through the ballot, the opportunity for achieving an education and earning a living—these are the defining pillars upon which our Nation is built, and these are the values that we must defend and pass along to our children.

This day leaves few hearts unmoved in recalling the brave men and women who died in defense of these values of freedom and democracy. Memorial Day is not about war or peace. It is about people who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation.

How can we best honor their memory? We must make our lives a tribute to them by sustaining the values for which they fought. We must teach our children the freedoms we enjoy are due to the sacrifices by the Americans who were willing to die for freedom. We must pass along to future generations the importance of education and work. We must remind our youth that their right to free speech and to vote must not be taken lightly. We must provide opportunities for all our children to participate in this Nation's abundance. We must retain such basic rights as health care, decent food and housing, protection of our precious environment, and education by making them our highest priorities.

In doing so, we will build a lasting memorial to our loved ones. Let us keep these commitments in our hearts as we commemorate Memorial Day, 1996.

A SALUTE TO ELIZABETH SPAULDING ALEXANDER

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Elizabeth Spaulding Alexander on the occasion of her retirement from the Philadelphia School District.

Ms. Alexander educated at Fayetteville State University, Marywood College, Temple University, University of the Arts and St. Joseph's University both in Philadelphia, began her tenure with the Philadelphia School District over 30 years ago. Ms. Alexander's teaching career has been marked by numerous awards and many classes of outstanding students. Alexander received the Celebration of Excellence in Teaching Award in 1986 and the Rose Lindebaum Improvement-of-Education Award in 1987. These awards presented to Ms. Alexander were in recognition of her creative teaching techniques, her willingness to involve her students in extracurriculum activities, and her volunteer activities as a tutor in the Adult Literacy Program. Ms. Alexander is an outstanding person who should be commended for her numerous contributions to the field of education in the Philadelphia community.

I wish to join today with the Philadelphia School District, Ms. Alexander's family and friends in recognizing her for her many years of service with the school district and the Philadelphia community. I wish you health, happiness, and prosperity in your retirement years. It is well deserved.

FREE PRESS IN INDIA

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, the facade of a free press in India is crumbling before our eyes. Just the other day the Indian Government seized all the copies of the Kashmir Times newspaper. The seizure was reported in the May 13 issues of the Tribune of Chandigarh. I am introducing this article into the RECORD. According to the report, the newspaper was seized for printing objectionable material about the election process. This objectionable material is not specified. An Urdu-language newspaper, Awam, had been seized previously for similar reasons. India likes to tell the world that it has a free press, but this episode shows that this claim is false.

These seizures would be bad enough if they were isolated incidents. They are not. This repeats a pattern of Indian Government behavior which has previously been prevalent in Punjab, Khalistan, as well as Kashmir, and other states seeking self-determination. Many of us condemned those incidents, including a blanket censorship order imposed on Punjab, Khalistan, back in 1994. I hope that the new Government of India will move to put an end to this kind of repressive activity and that India will finally live up to its democratic principles.

[From the Tribune, May 13, 1996]

COPIES OF KASHMIR TIMES SEIZED

SRINAGAR, May 12.—The state authorities today seized all copies of the Jammu-based leading English daily, The Kashmir Times, at Srinagar airport.

The step was taken as the copies of the daily carried "objectionable material" regarding the on-going election process, the police said here.

The police had seized all copies of a national Urdu daily, Awam, for similar reasons on Friday last.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 21, 1996, the House of Representatives voted to repeal the 4.3-cent-per-gallon tax on gasoline. Although I was unable to vote on this measure, H.R. 3415, I would have cast an "aye" vote in favor of the repeal.

While the history of excise taxes on motor fuel dates back to 1919, the 1993 gas tax increase was unprecedented. Part of the largest tax increase in U.S. history, it funneled dollars collected at the gas pumps not to help maintain and improve the safety and efficiency of our roads, but to fund the operations of the Federal Government.

As I have stated time and time again, and demonstrated in my votes on the House floor, I am a strong supporter of balancing the budget and reducing the Federal deficit. At the same time, I strongly believe that user-generated taxes, like the 4.3-cent gas tax, should be utilized for long-term capital improvement through the highway trust fund. As far as our budgetary woes in the general fund are concerned, our problem is not that we tax too little, but that we spend too much.

Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District is a sprawling terrain encompassing all or parts of 17 counties. It is the people who live in Warren, Renovo, and our other communities who are forced to pay higher prices at the pump. In the past few weeks, it has become more expensive for people to take their children to school; travel to and from work; or take a family vacation as summer travel begins. Especially now, they are in need of this relief.

By repealing the 4.3-cent tax, we will cease breaking faith with the American people. Meanwhile, to reduce the deficit, there are many avenues to pursue in search of Government streamlining and increased efficiency of Federal operations. People in rural Pennsylvania and from coast to coast should not be penalized with higher gas prices because of taxes that fund Big Government instead of badly needed roadway improvements.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICO VESPUCCI NAPOLITANO

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we enter the Memorial Day weekend to pay tribute to a truly great American, Amerigo Vespucci Napolitano. Nappy, as he is known by friends, served his country in Ireland, England, and Normandy as a member of General George Patton's 3rd Army Division. He was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded during a battle in Brez, France.

Following his 6 years of service in the military, Nappy joined the U.S. Postal Service, where he was employed for 30 years.

After moving from Bridgeport to Trumbull, CT, Nappy joined American Legion Post 141 in the mid 1950's. Since that time he has been a stalwart member of the Post and is personally responsible for spearheading many of the organization's initiatives over the years. Having held every major position in the Post, he served as Post Commander on six occasions. Nappy was responsible for starting the Salvation Army bell-ringing project, the American Legion baseball team and the college scholarship program, as well as the Post's academic and scouting awards programs.

He is well-known as a tireless worker for his community and country and has given back to both in exemplary fashion over the years. He is a model for our youth and a symbol of that which is best in our country.

It has been my pleasure to pay respect to this great American as the entire country prepares to remember all those who served our Nation in its times of need.