

Clinton did offer to return all or some of the weapons in the pipeline if Pakistan would agree to cap its nuclear program. Pakistan rejected this offer. In fact, by receiving the ring magnets from China, Pakistan was continuing to act—in defiance of the United States—to further its nuclear ambitions.

Finally, the administration came up with a compromise: While 28 F-16 fighter jets would not be delivered to Pakistan—they already have 40 F-16's—the 368 million dollars' worth of equipment would be delivered with no strings attached.

What we are doing, Mr. Speaker, is ending the ban on providing weapons to Pakistan, and receiving nothing in return.

The delivery of these weapons comes just about a month before the general elections in India, Pakistan's neighbor. Tensions between these two South Asian nations remain high. Pakistan has fought three wars with India during the past 48 years.

Clearly, India will see the delivery of these weapons as a slap in the face. The opposition BJP party in India, which has already gained in strength, is running on a platform promising a much harder line in terms of relations with Pakistan, relations with the United States, and India's own nuclear weapons development program. While this story may be buried on the back pages of American newspapers, I can guarantee you that the delivery of the United States weapons to Pakistan will be page 1 news in India—to the benefit of those forces in Indian society that oppose the recent move toward closer commercial and strategic cooperation between India and the United States. The United States has in the past few years become India's largest trading partner. Why are we jeopardizing this important new economic relationship?

Mr. Speaker, I have nothing against improved relations with Pakistan, but I believe this goal should be achieved through economic means. The Government of Pakistan devotes much too large of a share of its scarce resources to the military, to the detriment of the people. If the administration wants to engage Pakistan, let's engage them with more trade and support for democracy building institutions.

Nuclear nonproliferation is and should be a top U.S. foreign policy goal in this post-cold-war world. The Pressler amendment has been a pillar of America's nonproliferation efforts. We should not weaken this law with waivers or loopholes.

Pakistan keeps giving us every reason to keep the Pressler amendment in force.

Mr. Speaker, I will be working with some of my colleagues to enact a resolution of disapproval for this weapons transfer, and I hope we can achieve broad, bipartisan support. Providing these weapons to Pakistan would be a grave error that would threaten the stability of South Asia, international

nuclear nonproliferation and the interests and prestige of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mrs. KELLY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mrs. KELLY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

HONORING EUNICE MERRILL, WOMAN OF THE YEAR FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. CRAMER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CRAMER. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to come before the House tonight to pay tribute to a very special woman from the Fifth District of Alabama. She is Mrs. Eunice Merrill from Huntsville, AL.

Many years ago, at a time when there were very few women in Alabama running their own businesses, Miss Eunice opened Eunice's Country Kitchen.

It is a place where people of all ages and all stations in life gather together. It is truly a crossroads in our community, where everyone can share breakfast and a common table.

The food and the conversation are big attractions, but one of the main reasons people come from all around is Miss Eunice herself.

She treats everyone who walks through her door like they are family, whether they are long-time friends or first-time customers. No matter how early it is or how busy it is, Eunice always has a smile and a kind word for every person.

While she is beloved for her kindness and her hospitality, Miss Eunice is revered for her extraordinary work for charity, especially on behalf of the Arthritis Foundation.

But, last November, Mr. Speaker, tragedy struck Miss Eunice. She was leaving her house for work at 4 o'clock in the morning, as she did most every morning to begin fixing breakfast for her customers.

As she walked from her house to her car, Miss Eunice was brutally attacked and robbed. She was rushed to a hospital to undergo emergency surgery.

Not only did she survive the attack, but after a week's stay in the hospital, at the age of 78, Miss Eunice was back at work.

She didn't even postpone the fundraiser she had organized for the Arthritis Foundation, which she held, just as she planned, on the very first day she returned.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Eunice Merrill is a glowing testament to the heart and strength of the human spirit. While her story of survival is inspiring, it is simply one chapter in a life story of faith and perseverance.

I am proud, Mr. Speaker, to stand here tonight to honor the Woman of

the Year for the Fifth District of Alabama, Mrs. Eunice Merrill.

MEDICARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. MILLER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the Medicare program, because we are about to receive the 1996 report from the board of trustees of the Medicare program. It was just a year ago that we received the 1995 report, in April 1995, stating that Medicare was going bankrupt. The report from the board of trustees stated that it was going to be running out of money this year and all the reserves of the Medicare program would be totally exhausted in 7 more years. And the trustees of the Medicare program are basically appointees of the Clinton administration, the Secretary of HHS, Donna Shalala, Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Rubin, the Secretary of Labor, Mr. Reich and others. This is a bipartisan report.

The fact is Medicare is going bankrupt. And what I want to talk about today is what has happened since the last report, as we are about to receive the 1996 report.

From my area in Florida, I have a very large number of seniors. In fact I have more seniors in my congressional district than any other congressional district in the United States. It is very important for all the seniors in my district. It is important to me personally. I have an 87-year-old mother who is on Medicare. But it is also important for all the people in my district because of the jobs and the impact on the economy.

Sarasota Memorial Hospital is the second largest employer in Sarasota County in Florida. So it is a jobs issue that is important, to take care of the seniors in my district, and it is something that we need to fight for and save. It is not a political issue. Medicare is too important an issue to be played with as politics.

Well, what did Congress do during the past year about the Medicare program? First of all, we listened. I sent letters out and asked for advice from my constituents and received over 1,000 responses. Members in Congress held over 1,000 town hall meetings all over the United States asking for input and advice, what they should do about the Medicare program. We listened, and we listened well, and got ideas. We came up with a plan.

Two things we found out: One is, Medicare is in crisis; and the other item we learned is, it is full of waste, fraud and abuse. Those are the two things that kept getting repeated time and time again. We have a major problem with the Medicare program. We understand that. We need to do something about it. And it is the waste, fraud and abuse. So what did Congress do?

Congress passed the Medicare Preservation Act last year, and the Medicare Preservation Act had a tough waste, fraud and abuse program. It had stiff penalties for anybody that participated in fraud in the program. And it provided rewards for those that discovered fraud in the program.

I remember at one of my town meetings a mobile home park in Palmetto, FL, a lady standing up, saying about the illustration of fraud. She was admitted to the hospital and got a bill later for her own autopsy. That is the crazy things that were happening.

What we are offering were incentives. She could report this, and she would have a reward for finding out that problem and reporting it and getting a reward from the Medicare program.

So we focused on a waste, fraud and abuse program within the Medicare program. Our program saved Medicare from going bankrupt. But it continued to spend more money every year. In fact, right now the Medicare program spends \$4,800 for every man and woman in the Medicare program. Over 7 years we were going to increase that to \$7,100 per person in Medicare. That is a \$2,300 increase over 7 years, more money every year. There are no cuts being proposed in Medicare. And it was a good program, giving seniors more choices.

So we did not just talk about Medicare. We acted.

The House passed a bill. The Senate passed a bill, and we jointly sent a plan to save the Medicare program to the President.

What happened? Well, sadly the President decided to play politics with it. He played politics by vetoing the Medicare plan that we proposed. He did not come up with any solutions or ideas. All he did was take political advantage saying, let us scare those seniors and scare them of Republicans. And that is too bad, because Medicare is too important to scare seniors over. It is too important to play politics with it.

Bill Clinton vetoed that plan. When he vetoed it, he knew secret information at that time that Medicare was in worse shape than the trustees reported last April. Because on February 5 of this year, in a New York Times article, we find out that Medicare is going bankrupt much faster than 7 years. It is in worse financial shape than we were told by the trustees in April of 1995. And when Bill Clinton vetoed that bill in December, he vetoed a plan that was in serious financial trouble. And yet he still has not offered any solution.

We need to face the Medicare problem. We have a good plan, and Bill Clinton needs to stop playing politics and give use the solution to Medicare, too.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Utah [Mr. ORTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. ORTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. HOEKSTRA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HOEKSTRA addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. SAWYER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SAWYER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. WARD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. WARD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

DR. WENDE LOGAN-YOUNG,
WOMAN OF THE YEAR FROM THE
28TH DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Ms. SLAUGHTER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to Wendie Logan-Young, The Woman of the Year from the 28th District of New York is a friend, a daughter, a sister, a mother, and a grandmother in addition to being a doctor, a radiologist, and a pioneer in mammography and breast care. She has received awards too numerous to detail here but the list dates back to 1966 when she was honored as Outstanding Young Woman of the Year.

In the years since, Dr. Wendie Logan-Young has become renowned for her untiring dedication to improving women's health. In 1976, Dr. Logan-Young established this Nation's first free-standing mammography center devoted exclusively to breast cancer detection. The Elizabeth Wendie Breast Cancer Clinic, named in honor of her mother, has the unique goal of providing quality mammography and breast care to women in a comfortable and timely manner. Caring for 1,000 patients a week, the clinic has served the needs of hundreds of thousands of women since its inception. Unlike the typical physician's office, the clinic has the familiar feel of home. In one visit, every patient has her mammogram, has it interpreted fully and has all needed additional testing. Knowing how traumatic and anxiety producing the experience of breast cancer screening can be, Dr. Wendie Logan-Young

has created a healing, comforting environment. This year, the clinic celebrated its 20th anniversary.

In addition to caring for her patients, Dr. Logan-Young has served on numerous academic and professional organizations, including the American Cancer Society, American College of Radiology, and the National Cancer Institute of Canada. The author of many medical journal articles, the doctor has just completed the first volume of a three volume set of textbooks for radiologists providing a practical guide to breast cancer diagnosis.

As chair of the women's health task force and a long-time advocate of increased funding for breast cancer research, I take great personal satisfaction in honoring a pioneer in the field of breast cancer research and service. Please join me in giving recognition to this outstanding Woman of the Year from the 28th District of New York, Dr. Wendie Logan-Young.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Guam [Mr. UNDERWOOD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. UNDERWOOD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, in the United States the history of women in public service is both significant and meaningful. Unfortunately, our history does not always adequately recognize these women's contributions.

Historically, women have received limited space in the history books, and few have questioned their absence. However, today we are all faced with the challenge to eliminate the negative stereotypes, myths, lies, and distortions about women's role in the progress of time.

In celebration of Women's History Month, I would like to recognize DeMetris Sampson as the Woman of the Year from the 30th Congressional District of Texas.

Ms. Sampson's activities are multifaceted. For the past 1½ years, she has chaired the task force on liquor related businesses near schools. As chairwoman, she has successfully formulated and lobbied for State law changes as well as local ordinance and administrative changes to address the proliferation of alcohol establishments located near Dallas schools.

In addition, Ms. Sampson has served for the past 9 years on the domestic violence task force for the city of Dallas. She has been instrumental in formulating changes in the law for the city's legislative package which is designed to protect battered spouses from repeat offenders.

The task force has also worked to focus the attention of the municipal, family, and criminal judiciary on domestic violence issues and reforms.

In 1991, Ms. Sampson was appointed to the East Texas State University board of regents by Gov. Ann Richards. Currently, she serves as the vice chairperson of the board.