

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.

In recognition of her work in the city of Dallas, Ms. Sampson was recently named the recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Justice Award.

She is a successful practicing attorney and prominent community activist, and it is an honor to recognize DeMetris Sampson as the Woman of the Year. Through her tireless work and dedication Ms. Sampson is truly one of this Nation's greatest public servants.

GEORGIA AYERS, WOMAN OF THE YEAR FROM FLORIDA'S 17TH DISTRICT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. MEEK] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, in our celebration of Women's History Month, we have chosen to honor exceptional women in public service. I rise here tonight to honor the Woman of the Year from my congressional district, Ms. Georgia Ayers, of Miami, FL.

Over the decade I have known Georgia Ayers, she has been a living example of the ideals of community service. She has dedicated her tremendous talents and energies—her life—to benefit others. She not only believes in helping those who have less in life—regardless of their race, creed, or gender, but she lives it. She started with few advantages herself, but chose to give her life to helping others get ahead.

Her awards and honors fill pages, and are a testimony to the respect she enjoys from Dade County's diverse communities. Just a few of the groups who have honored her include: the U.S. Coast Guard, the American Cancer Society, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Dade County Public Schools, the Dade County Community Action Agency, and Miami-Dade Community College, which is the largest community college in the entire Nation.

In a world where people's words don't always match their actions, Georgia Ayers stands out as direct, honest, and committed. Her actions match her words. With Ms. Ayers, you know where she stands on an issue and exactly what she wants to do about it, and her word is her bond. Yes, honest, plain-speaking and hardworking people can still make a difference in our society. Georgia Ayers is a shining example.

Of all the projects that Georgia Ayers has been involved in, perhaps the most important has been her work with young people in trouble with the law. Programs she has developed have turned around young people's lives and helped them find and establish their places as valued members of the community. In helping these youngsters, whose voices are often not heard in our society, she reminds me of the passage from the Bible "whatsoever you do to the least of these, you do to Me."

Georgia Ayers' leadership shows all of us what one dedicated woman can accomplish. In 1995, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference honored Ms. Ayers with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. She is well-deserving of this great honor, for her leadership reminds me of a paraphrase of Dr. King's remarks about the church. The role of a civic leader in our society is to be a thermostat—a changer of society, rather than a thermom-

eter, which simply measures rather than molds popular thinking.

Georgia Ayers shows that one strong woman can be that thermostat, and can change society for the better. Her life inspires and challenges us all. Like Georgia Ayers, if more of us took it upon ourselves to become thermostats instead of thermometers, I have no doubt that the temperature of human compassion and dignity on the Earth could be raised to levels beyond what we can even imagine today.

Again, I thank Georgia Ayers for her exceptional leadership and service. She is truly deserving of being honored as the Woman of the Year.

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CLAY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), after 4 p.m. today and the balance of the week, on account of a death in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. YATES, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE OF TEXAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CRAMER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. LOWEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. TORRES, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SAWYER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WARD, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SANDERS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LAZIO of New York) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MILLER OF FLORIDA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOEKSTRA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, on March 22.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) and to include extraneous matter:)

Ms. DELAURO
Mrs. MALONEY.
Mr. SERRANO.
Mr. TOWNS.
Mr. TORRES in two instances.
Mr. KANJORSKI.
Mr. VENTO.
Mr. FAZIO.
Mr. CRAMER.
Mr. MENENDEZ.
Mr. MORAN.
Mr. EVANS.
Mr. HALL of Ohio.
Mr. GEPHARDT.
Mr. SABO.
Mr. STARK.
Mr. ACKERMAN.
Ms. WATERS.
Mr. SCHUMER.
Mr. HAMILTON.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MILLER of Florida) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.
Mrs. KELLY.
Mr. HAMILTON.
Mr. REED.
Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.
Mr. CASTLE.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LAZIO) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. WALKER.
Mrs. ROUKEMA in two instances.
Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.
Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.
Mr. HUNTER.
Mr. CRANE.
Mr. GILMAN.
Mr. LIVINGSTON.
Mr. LAZIO.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 956. An act to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1266. An act to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1787. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to repeal the saccharin notice requirement.