

achievements in public health over an extended period time and the American Lung Association's John Martin Medal for significant contributions. I wish him and his wife, Bettye Ann, the best as they take on the slower pleasures and pace of retirement. I ask to have printed in the RECORD a synopsis of Dr. Chambers' accomplishments as director of the Charleston County Health Department.

The synopsis follows:

JOE CARROLL CHAMBERS, MD, MPH

Dr. Joe Chambers was named Health Director of the Charleston County Health Department in 1977 after having served in the same capacity for Aiken County. Since that time, Charleston has seen improved public health, grown in services, increased activity in preventing potential environmental hazards and, in general, an increased awareness of the need for preventative health measures.

The CCHD Public Health Nursing Division is accredited by the National League for Nursing as is the Home Health Services Program. Home Health visits have continued to grow for the past several years as the public has become increasingly aware of this service for those in need.

The Women, Infants and Children Food Program serves pregnant, breast feeding, postpartum women, infants and children under five. The Charleston program serves the largest number of patients, who are at nutritional or medical risk, in the state.

One of the County Health Clinics recently received the Distinguished Volunteer Award from the Charleston County School District.

Environmental Health programs have prevented the spread of communicable disease through control of the environment. Annually, the food protection program inspects over 1,700 food service establishments.

Think about this health department that sponsors rabies clinic throughout the county vaccinating 10,000 animals annually, handling more than 4,000 relative activities through its Solid Waste/Litter Control Program and being nationally recognized for its Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. All these have had skillful leadership of fine teams, headed by Dr. Chambers.

Certain health conditions serve as a barometer of the health status of the community. In Charleston, as the immunization of children under two continues to improve, the infant mortality rate improves. Because early and continuous prenatal care services have been promoted by Dr. Chambers, results are positive. Dr. Chambers is recognized as an advocate for prevention initiatives that protect and improve the health of our community.

The Charleston County Board of Health recognizes and congratulates Dr. Joe Carroll Chambers for his vision, knowledge and leadership as Director of the Charleston County Health Department. Through his tenure, we have witnessed a safer Charleston, a growth in needed health services and an increased awareness of environmental risks. This Tri-County area, Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester Counties, has been fortunate to have enjoyed better community health due to Dr. Chambers' diligence, dedication and foresight. He has given attention to every facet of this area's well being that touches on good health and disease prevention. All of this he has done with skill, grace, kindness and understanding.●

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, everyone should have one—a Poot, that is. And maybe everyone does have one. The important thing is I do.

We all have our causes. It's just that some of us are more assertive than oth-

ers. In my business we're all assertive. So I engage in combat every day with my adversaries who, although I love each and every one of the misguided souls, would sell our country and everything we hold dear for one more social program.

Mr. President, they look the other way as we strip our Nation of its vital defenses, leaving us vulnerable to both conventional and missile attacks—and hope desperately the people don't find out the truth. They load up our system with unbearable burdens of overregulation and wonder why we are not globally competitive. They bleed the very lifeblood from our veins in the form of taxes until we are too weak and disheartened to produce—and then come after that last drop—all to support their insatiable appetite to render their control of our lives absolute. They give dancing lessons to hardened criminals—punishment, heaven forbid—and then turn them loose to plunder again.

And so I do combat every day with every fiber of my being, leaving no doubt in my mind that the fate and the very essence of Western civilization is absolute in its dependence upon my actions, wisdom and performance.

That is, until—until I see Poot. And I realize that while she is tolerant of my priorities, hers are not the same. Not even close. She wants the same thing I want but she doesn't worry about it because she assumes I'll do it. And that lets her keep close to the ones she loves, which is everybody, and stay in touch with them to the extent that she knows every birthday, wedding date, draft status and social security number. She, along with her diary, is a data bank with the chip capacity of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—that's her priority.

And in addition she is the control center for compassion. For her family, yes, but also anyone else who stumbles along. No matter who is in trouble or in need, she is their counselor and companion—that's her priority.

But all the while her capacity for enjoyment will never be challenged. There's not a Broadway show she hasn't both seen and memorized—that's her priority.

So, Mr. President, you should be so lucky to have a Poot like I do. Just when you begin to believe that you are so important, you have no one to put you back in perspective. I do. And when you forget the street address where you lived when you were 6 years old, you don't have anyone to call. I do. And when you cast a vote that makes everyone hate you, you don't have anyone who understands. I do—in fact she even agrees with me.

So Mr. President, I've got the No. 1 70-year-old Poot in the Nation, a beautiful and compassionate consolidation of the pioneer woman, mother Teresa, and hello Dolly. So maybe, Mr. President, she's right and we're wrong. Anyway, you should be so lucky. Amen.●

ARMED TROOPS IN ARMENIA ARREST DOZENS OF PROTESTERS

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, I was sorry to read the story in the New York Times by Steve LeVine under the title "Armed Troops in Armenia Arrest Dozens of protesters."

Armenia is generally moving in the right direction.

While there may have been abuses in the election, the fact that the election results showed the incumbent president getting 51 percent and his major rival 42 percent suggests to me that it was basically a free election.

I have come to have great respect for President Ter-Petrosian who apparently has been reelected.

I believe that restraint is essential for freedom to survive in Armenia.

We do not want Armenia to go in the direction of chaos.

An overreaction to protests does not help the future and the stability of Armenia.

I was particularly concerned about the suggestions in the story that opposition leaders have been jailed or chased underground and that government troops went into an opposition party office and arrested eight people.

I will continue to do what I can for Armenia in or out of the United States Senate, but I hope self-restraint is used by the government. Self-restraint is essential for stability and for freedom.

Mr. President, I ask that the New York Times story be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the New York Times, Sept. 27, 1996]

ARMED TROOPS IN ARMENIA ARREST DOZENS OF PROTESTERS

(By Steve LeVine)

YEREVAN, Armenia, Sept. 26—Government troops arrested and beat dozens of demonstrators and bystanders today in an effort to end three days of protests against Armenia's presidential election, which was tainted by charges of fraud.

Armored vehicles blocked the streets, parks and squares where tens of thousands of opposition supporters had protested the announced victory by President Levon Ter-Petrosian in the election on Sunday.

Bands of soldiers in full combat gear patrolled the streets, breaking up gatherings of civilians as the Government imposed what in effect was a state of emergency in parts of the capital.

The main opposition leader, Vazgen Manukian, a former Prime Minister who trailed in the vote to Mr. Ter-Petrosian according to official results, disappeared from public view and his whereabouts were unknown. An Interior Ministry spokesman said Mr. Manukian, 50, was "being pursued."

Some tension remained this evening, but the Government moves seemed to bring at least a pause the three days of protests outside Parliament in which crowds of opposition supporters called for Mr. Ter-Petrosian to resign.

With the crackdown, Mr. Ter-Petrosian has now jailed, chased underground or forced into exile most of his key political opponents.

The Government action came a day after demonstrators tore down a gate and part of a fence surrounding Parliament, charged onto the grounds and beat up the Speaker.

The protesters asserted that fraud nudged Mr. Ter-Petrosian over the 50 percent mark in the election, allowing him to avoid a runoff in Armenia's first presidential election since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Government troops dispersed the crowd by firing in the air and beating protesters on Wednesday, and a state newspaper reported today that a policeman and a civilian were killed.

In a television address this morning that opened with pictures of the protest, Mr. Ter-Petrosian condemned his rivals and banned unauthorized public gatherings. Citing the strife in neighboring Georgia and Azerbaijan since the Soviet collapse, Mr. Ter-Petrosian suggested that he was the only barrier between calm and chaos in Armenia.

"Can it possibly be that the mistakes of our immediate neighbors have taught us nothing, or did we have to feel this on our own skin?" Mr. Ter-Petrosian asked. "I warned you about this danger, the danger of fascism from one group of mentally ill people who wanted to rule over you."

Within an hour, troops stormed into an opposition party office, beat up and arrested eight people, according to a Reuters reporter who witnessed the incident.

At the same time, soldiers fired live ammunition into the air near the Opera House, an opposition gathering place. Men booed and women screamed as soldiers and armed men in plainclothes pursued, beat and arrested several bystanders.

Pro-Government Members of Parliament beat up six opposition members when they entered a morning emergency session. The opposition politicians were then arrested by Interior Ministry troops.

Government officials said the deputies and some other opposition figures would be tried in what they are calling an attempted coup.

Near the concentrations of Government troops, residents were openly bitter, angry and frightened. Uniformed soldiers and men in black leather or denim jackets roamed these areas, slapping, kicking or beating seemingly any Armenian who inquired in less than polite tones about the action.

"This is a nightmare," said Vartan Petrossian, a musician who was strolling with his wife to buy some fish. "This has happened to our neighbors, but how can this happen in Armenia"? I don't want a government that splits in my face."

Another man, who did not want to give his name, asserted: "They are worse than the Communists. What kind of government do we have that keeps power this way?"

In the sprawling flea market near the Razdan Soccer Stadium, a dozen merchants expressed sympathy with the opposition. But they voiced dismay that the opposition would risk disorder in a republic that until now has been spared it.

The ferocity of the crackdown has perplexed diplomats who generally admire Mr. Ter-Petrosian, who rose to power in a wave of nationalism that began here in 1988 and once had been jailed with Mr. Manukian, then a close ally.

It has been hard for some diplomats to reconcile the harsh local ruler with a President who is moderate on other matters like seeking better relations with Turkey.

"What has surprised me is that the Government is doing nothing to sound conciliatory," a Western diplomat said today of the crackdown. "They just sent out the attack dogs." ●

TRIBUTE TO BILL MONROE

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today to salute a legend in Bluegrass

music. Bill Monroe, the father of Bluegrass music and a member of Nashville Tennessee's Grand Ole Opry, passed away this month. He was a national treasure whose talents spanned several generations and influenced many musical talents.

Bill Monroe had a simple upbringing. While his formal education ended with the third or fourth grade, he had of such great musical talent that he was credited with founding an American music form. Bluegrass music was born when Bill Monroe took the ingredients of what had come before him and mixed them with his emotions, acoustic talent, and mandolin playing skills.

Monroe and his brothers, Charlie and Birch Monroe, performed together for several years and made their radio debut in 1927. Later, Bill struck out on his own, forming his own Bluegrass band and joining the Grand Ole Opry in 1939. Monroe's success with the mandolin in Bluegrass music influenced other musicians to include that instrument. In time it became an essential instrument to Bluegrass music.

Mr. President, over the years Monroe's band went through many changes. Band members moved on and new talents were brought in. At its peak in the 1940's, Monroe's band remained a stronghold in the music industry. Though rock 'n' roll quickly took center stage and pushed aside the sound of Bluegrass, Monroe's genius left its mark on the music industry.

The influence of Bill Monroe and his mandolin tunes can be seen in rock 'n' roll, as well as country music. The "King of Rock 'N' Roll," Elvis Presley, was heavily influenced by the music of Bill Monroe, and even recorded Monroe's "Blue Moon of Kentucky" on his first album. Buddy Holly was one of Bill Monroe's greatest fans and Bluegrass contributed to many of his songs. Country music has also been influenced by Bill Monroe. Ricky Skaggs grew up listening to Bluegrass music and was a young fan of Monroe. The music of Hank Williams is also influenced by the Bluegrass great. Bill Monroe's music and spirit has become a part of our culture.

Mr. President, it is important that we remember Bill Monroe as an artist and a contributor to our Nation's culture. He influenced the lives of so many young artists and his music and talent live on today. He will be missed, but never forgotten. ●

A TRIBUTE TO GAIL WALKER, RN

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding American health care hero. Ms. Gail Walker is a registered nurse and the executive director of the Hamakua Health Center in Honokaa, HI. She was recently honored by the Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program for her outstanding commitment to providing residents of the Hamakua area with continuing access to health care. She was 1 of 10 health care heroes se-

lected from a national pool of 720 candidates and the recipient of a \$100,000 award for her community cause. This is truly an outstanding life-time achievement.

Ms. Walker was born in Honokaa, HI and raised on a cattle ranch in Kukaiaua, a community just east of Honokaa, where her father worked as a cowboy and mechanic. Her mother is a retired nurse. Leaving her native home for a formal nursing education and several years of work experience, she returned to excel in the health care industry on Oahu. In 1989 she returned to her home to take the position of director of nursing at the Hamakua Medical Center. In 1991, she became the executive director of that health center, the only medical clinic in the district.

Ms. Walker quickly reorganized this clinic, instituting an appointment process, thus expediting medical care to the beneficiaries. In 1992, disaster struck the area when the Hamakua Sugar Co. filed for bankruptcy. Her friends and neighbors were without jobs and their families without support. Without the innovation, dedication, energy, and personal sacrifice of Ms. Walker these people would have lost not only their security, but their health care as well.

Ms. Walker organized a task force of local residents, politicians, and department of health representatives. Financing the clinic's operation through her own funds, she had to manage the health care of a community with one tenth of her normal budget. Over the next 2 years, Ms. Walker engineered support initiatives with the insurance companies, local banks, local private donors, and the State Legislature. This resulted in the restoration of the health care system, a life line for the 7,500 residents of this 900-square-mile poverty-stricken area.

In 1995 the State of Hawaii built a 7,000-square foot rural health clinic with a staff of 32 dedicated physicians, nurses, and support personnel in Honokaa. This new facility provides an expanded array of medical and social services never seen before in this rural, plantation community. These services include primary care, mental health, disease prevention, an indigent medication program, a nurse certification training program, and a School-to-Work Nurse's Aide Training Program for high school juniors. Ms. Walker will use funds from this award to establish a new urgent care program thus expanding the health care services in the community even further.

It is hard to overstate the benefits these services provide the community of Honokaa, HI. Ms. Walker's ability to overcome enormous obstacles to provide modern health care in her native community attests to her strength of character, her compassion, and vision. I want to personally and publicly acknowledge my sincere appreciation to Ms. Walker for her dedicated years of exemplary leadership and service to her community and to bid her a heartfelt mahalo. ●