

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICAID COMMUNITY ATTENDANT SERVICES ACT OF 1997

HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I want to introduce today the Medicaid Community Attendant Services Act of 1997 as part of my commitment to empowering all Americans and to the principles of community-based care. This bill allows for choices for persons with disabilities so that individuals can receive the care that is more appropriate for them. Everyone deserves the opportunity to lead a full and independent life and people with disabilities are no exception.

I believe that personal empowerment is essential to the pursuit of happiness and believe that this bill will begin a very important debate about long-term care in the Nation. During the 104th Congress, I submitted for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a statement in support of community-based care based upon the recommendations of a disabilities task force on disabilities which I appointed in Georgia and the work of advocates for community-based care from around the Nation.

The bill I am introducing today is the starting point for the dialog about the best way to empower persons with disabilities. I am aware that this proposal may have significant cost implications, so I encourage careful consideration and additional input to help ensure a sound policy decision.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, today I, along with Congressmen VIRGIL GOODE, JIM KOLBE, NATHAN DEAL, PAUL GILLMOR, and FLOYD SPENCE, am introducing a constitutional amendment that will implement a more effective method by which States could take the initiative in the process by which the Constitution is amended. This legislation already has the support of Gov. George Allen and Gov. Mike Leavitt.

At present, article V provides for two ways to amend the Constitution. The first involves the presentation of an amendment by Congress to the States for ratification. The second is by Constitutional Convention, convened at the request of the State legislatures. Even with both methods available, to date, all amendments to the Constitution have been enacted following passage by the Congress and ratification by three-fourths of the States. Some have asserted that the second method has not been as effective as intended by the Framers. Persuasive arguments have been made that a

Constitutional Convention might alter the Constitution more expansively than intended by proponents of a specific proposed amendment.

The Framers did intend that the States have an effective manner by which to modify the Constitution. We are proposing a process that allows the States to initiate the amending process that is devoid of the perils of a Constitutional Convention. Under our proposal, an amendment would be presented to Congress after two-thirds of the States indicated approval via their State legislatures. If two-thirds of each House of Congress does not agree to disapprove of the proposed amendment, it would be submitted to the States for ratification. Upon ratification by three-fourths of the States' legislatures, the amendment would become part of the Constitution.

I urge your support for this commonsense legislation that returns as an option, the power to amend the Constitution to the States, as the Framers intended.

IN HONOR OF THE SPACE TECHNOLOGY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the employees of NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, OH, who have been inducted into the U.S. Space Foundation Space Technology Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 1988 to recognize and honor innovators who have transformed space technology into viable commercial products. It also raises public awareness about the benefits of space spinoff technology and encourages further innovation.

On April 3, 1997, the Space Foundation Hall of Fame paid tribute to the technologies and the many professionals who developed America's most Advanced Communications Technology Satellite [ACTS] Program. The ACTS Program was developed to promote America's satellite industry and its position in the commercial communication satellite market. Members of NASA Lewis Research Center's ACTS Program continue to impact the role America's satellite industry has as world leaders in this market.

ACTS and NASA Lewis Research Center have stimulated the growth of a new generation of services as is evident by as many as 15 new communications satellite systems proposed for operation in the Ka-band frequency spectrum. These systems will offer services for a variety of business, medical, and long-distance learning applications. Many ACTS technologies have already been incorporated and even adapted for commercial systems.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in recognizing the following Space Foundation Hall of Fame inductees from NASA Lewis Re-

search Center who are helping to build the advanced technology bridge to the 21st century: Roberto Acosta, Robert Bauer, Ronald Bexton, Thom Coney, Richard Gedney, William Hawersaat, Doug Hoder, Howard Jackson, Michael Jarrell, Russell Jirberg, Rodney Knight, Richard Krawczyk, Keven McPherson, Mark Plecity, Joanne Poe, Karl Reader, Rich Reinhart, Ronald Schertler, Phil Sohn, Ernie Spisz, David Wright, and Michael Zernic.

TRIBUTE TO SUE BEITTEL

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual on the occasion of her 70th birthday, Mrs. Sue Beittel. Mrs. Beittel has devoted tremendous time and energy working for the betterment of her community in Marin County, CA.

Over the course of more than 30 years of public service, Mrs. Beittel focused here attention on the issues critical to a successful community. She has felt passionate about working for schools, housing, transportation, the environment, and preserving the democratic process. Mrs. Beittel served two terms on the San Rafael Board of Education and was on the statewide task force on vocational education. In recognition of her work for housing, Mrs. Beittel was the recipient of the 1997 Mel Boyce Award from the Ecumenical Association for Housing in San Rafael.

Some of the many organizations she has been active with include: the Audubon Society, the Family Service Agency, the League of Women voters, the Marin Education Fund, the Mental Health Association, the North San Rafael Coalition of Residents, the San Rafael Housing Coalition, and the St. Vincent/Silveira Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Sue Beittel. She embodies a truly selfless sense of volunteerism. I wish her, her husband Dan, and their family, the best.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, each year during the month of October, the National Storytelling Association [NSA] holds the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the festival.

Considered one of the top 100 events in North America, the festival draws an average of 10,000 visitors per year. The NSA has received 70 percent of the funds required to

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build a National Storytelling Center in Jonesborough. An estimated 80,000 tourists are expected to visit northeast Tennessee per year generating revenue as well as jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to praise the many educational benefits of storytelling. The art of storytelling allows teachers to develop student interest in literature and history. By telling stories, students learn excellent communication skills while being given the unique opportunity to speak to a large group of people. Storytelling teaches students to be aware of the many diverse cultures in the United States. In addition, many businesses use storytelling to enhance presentations and seminars.

In order to further promote storytelling across the Nation, the National Storytelling Association hosts Tellabration on the Saturday night before Thanksgiving. Tellabration occurs in several States and NSA hopes to declare the week prior to Tellabration, National Storytelling Week. I commend the National Storytelling Association on their efforts and wish them continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD G. WARD, JR.

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a truly fine gentleman and friend, Donald Grady "Jack" Ward, a lifelong resident of Henderson County, NC, in the Eleventh Congressional District.

Jack was the son of Katherine Harris Ward of Hendersonville and the late Donald G. Ward. He served his country in the Army during World War II, and was a member of the VFW and American Legion. Jack continued his service to America very ably as a member of the Republican Presidential Task Force under Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Further, he was a member of Dana United Methodist Church.

As founder of his own business, Ward Brothers Tractor, he was a 10-time honoree of the Red Book Business Character Award. He was also a long time leader in the apple industry in Henderson County.

Henry David Thoreau once said that doing good was the only full profession. Jack believed that doing good was not only a profession but a way of life. I join Jack's family, friends, colleagues, and the citizens of Henderson County, in recognizing Jack for his leadership, community service, and service to the country.

Jack was a fine American and a loyal friend and supporter. My sympathy is extended to his lovely wife Katherine, his son Donald III, and the rest of the Ward family. It was indeed an honor to represent him in Washington, and to be an honorary pall bearer at the request of his family.

TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEER EFFORTS AT CUESTA COLLEGE

HON. WALTER H. CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the tireless efforts of the 1,000 volunteers at Cuesta College, in San Luis Obispo, CA, who have shown exemplary dedication and a profound commitment to serving the needs of its students, and members of their community. These individuals provide us all with a bright example of how the spirit of volunteerism and the vigilance of engaged citizenship can make a difference in the lives of individuals and that of their community.

We should commend Cuesta College and these volunteers not just for their work, but for their example. I am extremely proud of these individuals because they speak to the limitless possibility that exists when we give our energies and talents toward improving our communities and the opportunities they provide. They show us how taking responsibility for those things we value, such as educating people, can have a great impact on our future.

Mr. Speaker, government cannot be expected to solve all of our problems, so it has become increasingly important for individuals across our nation to take part in lending their effort to such endeavors. These 1,000 volunteers from Cuesta College have taken the lead in this pursuit and for that I commend them. I request, Mr. Speaker, that the House extend them the same honor.

IN HONOR OF GERALD A. ESPOSITO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to Gerald A. Esposito. Tonight, community board No. 1 of Greenpoint and Williamsburg, Brooklyn, will be honoring Mr. Esposito on the 20th anniversary of his appointment as district manager.

Gerald Esposito has dedicated many years of magnanimous service to the community. His lifelong residency of Greenpoint-Williamsburg has been filled with community service work. His benevolent community work began at the Boy Scouts of America and progressed to work with VISTA. The Peace Corps, and nonprofit and local government.

Much of Mr. Esposito's time has been dedicated to improving the community. Among his many accomplishments, he has fought to protect the rights of the public by battling consumer fraud and he has served as an advocate for housing and other legal matters.

In 1977, community board No. 1 hired Mr. Esposito, making him the youngest district manager in the city of New York. Over the past 20 years, he has guided the board through many of the community's complex issues and resolved numerous problems with service delivery, budget and planning. He has proven to be excellent at negotiating, building partnerships and resolving problems.

Throughout his tenure with community board No. 1, Mr. Esposito has maintained his ties with the community by belonging to various fraternal organizations and alumni associations. He has also continued in his father's footsteps by becoming Scout Master of Troop 604 and being appointed chairman of the Boy Scouts of America Lenape Bay District.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Gerald Esposito. The Greenpoint-Williamsburg community and community board No. 1 are lucky to have such a great man and leader among them. I am thrilled to have Mr. Esposito in my district.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTHAMPTON PRESS NEWSPAPER ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Southampton Press, the venerable community newspaper of Southampton, Long Island that is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Since its first edition in 1897, the Southampton Press has exemplified the finest traditions of American community journalism, providing Southampton residents with superlative coverage of local news, the arts, agriculture, business, and editorial analysis. Devoting itself fully towards serving the communities it covers, the Southampton Press has earned the highest regard of its readers and peers because it so faithfully maintains the highest journalistic ideals.

It was one of Long Island's most prominent publishers, Walter R. Burling, who founded the Southampton Press, naming his son, George, as editor and producing the inaugural issue on May 29, 1897. A newspaper veteran, Walter Burling founded and operated both the Sea-Side Times, of Southampton, and the East Hampton Star, a well-respected paper still in publication. Through 1971, the Burling family name was associated with the Southampton Press, until it was purchased by Donald Loucheim, who today publishes the paper in conjunction with his son, Joe.

The editors and writers at the Southampton Press have built a proud tradition of excellence, as evidenced by the dozens of awards and honors from the New York Press Association. In diverse categories from best editorial to spot news, coverage of the environment, education and advertising excellence, the staff at the Southampton Press has garnered the kudos of its journalistic peers.

The Southampton Press today has a higher circulation—as verified by the Audit Bureau of Circulation—than any other weekly or daily newspaper in the region. The Southampton Press now publishes two editions, each tailored to communities on either side of the Shinnecock Canal that divides the town of Southampton in two.

In recognition of the Southampton Press' role in the heritage of the town, the Southampton Colonial Society opened a special exhibition on the newspaper's history at the Southampton Historical Museum. The exhibit captures the newspaper's unique role in Southampton's history by tying its press coverage to objects and artifacts from the museum's collection.