

improving our world, our country, and our greater Los Angeles community than has Carmen Warschaw.

Each of us has known Carmen, and her husband Louis, personally and professionally for more than 30 years. She has had an immense impact on our lives and our careers. None of us would likely have reached our positions were it not for Carmen Warschaw. She is a close personal friend, trusted adviser, candid—sometimes acerbic, but always humorous—critic, and a model of what community service and good citizenship ought to be. Our admiration for her is indescribable.

It would be impossible—and if possible, give the appearance of carrying coals to Newcastle—to try to list a fraction of Carmen's honors, areas of interest, awards, positions of responsibility, and titles. It would sound as if we were praising a dozen public spirited people—not just Carmen Warschaw.

Nor could we discuss the myriad stories and legends—both factual and perhaps embellished by time—that surround this fascinating, witty, charming Whirling Dervish of national and local Democratic politics, civil rights, women's rights, health care, art, culture, and Jewish community involvement.

One story will suffice. Several years ago, then, as now, a major leader in the Democratic Party, Carmen was double-crossed in a backroom deal. When Carmen confronted her nemesis, she was told that next time she should get it in writing. Ever since, Carmen has handed out pens with the inscription, Get it in writing, Love, Carmen, and ever since, successive generations of California Democratic leaders have repeated the admonition—and the story.

While making an enormous mark on the larger society, Carmen is a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. We have had the pleasure of being close to the entire Warschaw family, her husband Lou, daughters Susan and Hope, sons-in-law Carl Robertson and John Law and grandchildren Cara, Chip, and Jack.

Our comments today are occasioned by yet another Warschaw milestone. Carmen and Louis have—with their characteristic generosity—endowed the Carmen and Louis Warschaw Chair in Neurology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

We ask our colleagues to join us in honoring Carmen Warschaw, an extraordinary woman whose zest for living and profound sense of compassion are examples for us all. She has—and is continuing to—truly enriched our lives.

#### MICHAEL TURNER A COMMUNITY CRIME FIGHTER

#### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 22, 1997*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Tucker, one of my constituents, who was recently honored for his leadership and community work in crime prevention. The National Crime Prevention Council and Ameritech selected Special Agent Turner to receive the Ameritech Awards of Excellence in Crime Prevention. Special Agent Turner is one of 8 winners selected from 140 nominations.

Special Agent Turner, the demand reduction coordinator for the DEA's Washington Field Division, is a pioneer in the coordination of law enforcement officials with local citizens to combat crime in their communities. He has had numerous successes in South Boston, Virginia, and Halifax County where he helped these communities fight drugs and crime. Most recently, Special Agent Turner has worked with the DEA in Washington, DC, to provide leadership in reducing homicides and violent crimes in the East Capitol Dwellings and Greenway communities. Additionally, he has worked with the 6th District Police Department Community Services section to create youth programs and neighborhood watch groups. He, along with the D.C. Police Department, helped to organize the orange hat patrol groups.

Special Agent Turner's work to help foster community involvement in law enforcement has led to a sharp decline in the homicide rate in DC's 6th Police District and the creation of many new prevention programs in community organizations. Organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs and Drug Abuse Resistance Education Plus have become involved with these new prevention programs.

I would like to thank the National Crime Prevention Council and Ameritech for honoring Michael Turner with the Ameritech Awards in Excellence in Crime Prevention. I applaud NCP's dedication to helping fight crime and building community support and, I appreciate Ameritech's commitment to supporting crime prevention initiatives.

It is evident from Special Agent Turner's work that he is not afraid to identify a troubled community which is plagued with crime, to roll up his sleeves and to take personal action to solve a problem. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Special Agent Turner for this well deserved honor.

#### SALUTE TO BROWARD COUNTY'S AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARY

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 22, 1997*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute today to the Broward County African American Library, which opens in my congressional district this Saturday, October 25. One of the great milestones in learning opportunities, this sanctuary of history, learning and culture promises to become one of south Florida's greatest libraries. Its purpose is to showcase the immeasurable contributions of African-Americans in this country as well as in our native Africa. Beyond that, however, it will stand as a beacon for the educational uplift of an entire community.

The great historian, educator, and author David Walker, once commented about the importance of libraries for African-Americans:

"I would crawl on my hands and knees through mud and mire, to the feet of a learned man, where I would sit and humbly supplicate him to instill into me that which neither devils nor tyrants could remove, only with my life—for colored people to acquire learning in this country makes tyrants quake and tremble on their sandy foundations."

This is the kind of idealism that propels the outstanding individuals who have devoted their

lives to making the Broward County African American Library a reality. I am pleased to salute their achievement, and to praise their enormous efforts in this significant undertaking.

The significance of this project to the growth and development of Broward County is immeasurable. I am pleased to commend the individuals who have committed their lives and their livelihood to making this library a dream come true, a dream founded upon the notion that to study each other—our accomplishments, our traditions, our culture—our culture—is to know each other.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Broward County African American Library, as it steers our community toward greater progress and understanding.

#### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO REPEAL "LOCK-IN" OF MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES IN MANAGED CARE PLANS

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 22, 1997*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing legislation to repeal a provision in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 that would "lock" Medicare beneficiaries into a managed care plan. My bill would continue the present policy which permits continuous open enrollment—and disenrollment—in HMO's by Medicare beneficiaries.

The BBA provides that in 2002 Medicare beneficiaries have half a year to get out of a Medicare+Choice plan that they have enrolled in. In 2003 and forever thereafter, they have only 3 months each year to decide to disenroll.

Mr. Speaker, many HMO's do a good job making people happy while they are healthy. Like fire engines at the Fourth of July parade, they look good and make people feel safe. The test comes when there is a fire—or in the case of an HMO, when a person gets sick. There is strong evidence that many HMO's do not do well when a person becomes ill, particularly when one faces a chronic illness or disability and needs rehabilitation. Today under Medicare, an HMO enrollee who finds they need help and the HMO is not delivering can on a month-by-month basis leave and seek care in another HMO or in the fee-for-service sector.

Beginning in 2002, that right will end.

There are good policy reasons for limiting the enrollment and disenrollment of people in HMO's. For example, coordinating periods of open enrollment provides a wonderful chance to compare plans and to encourage more competitive pricing of HMO products as they compete for business during an annual open enrollment period. Further, a bad HMO can make a huge profit by encouraging the disenrollment of people once they become sick and it makes financial sense for Medicare to limit this opportunity for gaming.

Mr. Speaker, these good reasons are overriden in my mind by the danger that lock-in creates for people who become seriously ill and who needs treatment that an HMO may refuse to provide. There are good economic

reasons for Medicare to limit disenrollment—but those economic reasons are going to kill some of our seniors and disabled. Thus, I support repeal of the BBA lock-in.

We simply do not know enough about quality of care in HMO's to justify a lock-in. Perhaps some day when there are much better measurements of outcomes and quality we could put a limit on the timing of enrollment and disenrollment. But that time is not here yet, and I fear the proposed lock-in will be deadly.

Friends of the managed care movement should support this amendment, because it will remove a fear that many Medicare beneficiaries will have of joining an HMO and then being stuck in it for most of a year. If there is continuous open enrollment and disenrollment, more people are likely to try managed care without the fear of being stuck in a nonresponsive bureaucracy or assigned to a quack of a gatekeeper.

Mr. Speaker, I do not expect this legislation to move in the 105th Congress—but as we get closer to 2002 and the lock in of beneficiaries, I expect that the interest will grow dramatically. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation in the months to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARY JEANNE KLYN

##### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 22, 1997*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a friend and constituent, University of Cincinnati Vice President for Public Affairs Mary Jeanne Klyn. Mrs. Klyn, or MJ as she is known by her many fans, will be retiring in February 1998, after 22 years of service to the university.

In 1975, when she came to UC from the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, MJ was named the university's first-ever female vice president. During her term at UC, MJ has developed a legendary reputation as a committed, energetic, and effective representative of the university.

She first demonstrated leadership in the successful campaign to bring UC into the State university system. Since then, she has secured stable funding for UC's academic and research programs, and has worked hard for building projects that mark the rebirth of the university's campus. She played a key role in the Shoemaker Center, the Barrett Cancer Center, and the designation of the UC College of Engineering as one of only 10 NASA Federal Research Centers.

Throughout her time of service to the university, she has also become known as a dedicated advocate for the entire city of Cincinnati. A consultant to the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, MJ has served as member of the boards of WCET public television and the Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau. She chaired the chamber's Committee to Welcome New Industries, and is a member of Women in Communication, and a recent recipient of their Movers and Shakers Award.

University of Cincinnati President Joseph A. Steger said, "It is rare that we can say in truth that someone is irreplaceable, but M.J. truly is. She has helped orchestrate most of the major

strides achieved by the university over the past two decades. There is no question that she is beloved by everyone."

MJ is beloved in Cincinnati and will be missed by the university. Those of us who have had the privilege of working with her look forward to continuing friendship and wish her well.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE CITICENTRE DANCE THEATRE

##### HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 22, 1997*

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, on October 26, 1997, the CitiCentre Dance Theatre will be celebrating their 20th anniversary. Founded in 1977 by Halifu Osumare, CitiCentre Dance Theatre is Oakland's oldest multiethnic arts organization. CitiCentre is also dedicated to the principal of bringing dance and the community together.

CitiCentre understands that dance rejuvenates and reinvigorates the community, and believes strongly that dance must be returned to ordinary people. Through the diverse offering of dance classes—from belly dance and ballet, to jazz and African dance forms, this unique organization allows people of all ages and background to come together to experience the joy of dance. CitiCentre has done a lot to accomplish their goals in their 20 years of existence. CitiCentre has averaged over 600 students per month taking classes. It was also estimated that 100,000 East Bay residents have received dance instruction at CitiCentre.

CitiCentre is a community center that reflects diversity and the spirit of the East Bay. Through dance, they have explored the commonalities among cultures, and how racial and cultural diversity can work to enrich the participants, which can only lead to a greater understanding among each other. CitiCentre is also dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the dance heritage of people of African descent. These classes include West African, Congolese, Brazilian, Cuban, Haitian, Jazz, and Tap. The instruction teaches more than just dance steps, it communicates the world views of these related cultures. CitiCentre also works with the local schools, the police department, as well as other community groups to expose the young people to the art of dance.

Over the years, CitiCentre has acquired nationally known expert performers and instructors. Expanding over a wide variety of dance companies, these performers and instructors were affiliated with such groups as: the Dance Theater of Harlem, the Bill T. Jones Co., the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, and Les Ballet Africains. This gives the ordinary person the unique opportunity to work with and learn from world famous dancers.

CitiCentre is a community-based organization that doesn't sacrifice the excellence and professionalism in the interest of its community spirit. When cultures come together and interact CitiCentre becomes the unique multicultural face of my district, a community of diverse people and cultures. I take pride in their accomplishments and growth as the community celebrates 20 years of dance with CitiCentre.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

##### HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 22, 1997*

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate St. Mary's School in Mattoon, IL for being named the 1997 State Champion of Illinois for the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. This is the third year in a row the school has won this prestigious award. St. Mary's performance during the 1996–97 school year, in which 67.69 percent of students performed at the 85th percentile rank, was the best among all Illinois schools.

It is not by accident or luck that St. Mary's has performed so well in this nationally recognized competition. The physical requirements are among the most demanding in high school sports, and include a 1 mile run-walk, curl-ups, a sit and reach stretch, pull-ups, and a shuttle run. The students train hard under the tutelage of Mike Martin, who puts in countless hours, year after year, even going as far as to construct weights and an obstacle course. Our Nation has many heroes in the world of sports, from Michael Jordan, Mark McGuire and Cal Ripken, Jr., to Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Tara Lipinski. But none is more important than Mike Martin who gives of himself so that others may reach new heights. This kind of dedication is truly remarkable.

Mr. Speaker, we hear a great deal today about how America's youth are unmotivated, lazy, and apathetic. I beg to disagree. The students at St. Mary's are proving what hard work can accomplish. The benefits of good health are just the beginning. They are learning habits and values, such as discipline, teamwork, and respect, that will lead to success in their future endeavors. As a former high school coach, I know about the joys of athletic competition; the beauty in giving your all, and win or lose, not being ashamed because you gave your maximum effort. We sometimes lose sight of these ideals among the contract disputes and big money of professional sports, but they are alive and well in Mattoon, IL. I am proud to represent St. Mary's school and the Mattoon area in the U.S. Congress, and salute them again for this magnificent achievement.

#### TRIBUTE TO KATE BROGAN

##### HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 22, 1997*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the outstanding service of Kate Brogan of Branchburg, a young girl that should serve as a role model to all of us.

Miss Brogan has showed us that expressions of love and compassion need not be hindered by one's age. Whether we are 9 or 99, this country can only grow stronger when generations come to serve one another.

When Kate was only 8, she began helping her disabled, elderly neighbor Marjorie Martin. Kate helped with household chores and enjoyed keeping Ms. Martin company, whether it was playing games or just talking. Now 14,