

service of fingerprinting, photos, and educational services to better prepare them for the test required by INS for naturalization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the city of Passaic, and the people of north Jersey, in recognizing the momentous occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Hispanic Information Center of Passaic and its many outstanding and invaluable contributions made to the community.

A TRIBUTE TO CHANCELLOR
CHANG-LIN TIEN

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a courageous and exemplary citizen, Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien. While there have been many educators, few have been as distinguished and dedicated as Chancellor Tien. Today, he will be the first recipient of the American Courage Award established by the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, and I take this opportunity to add my voice to that of the consortium. Dr. Tien consistently exemplifies America's highest principles of equality, fairness, and justice and the consortium's award recognizes and honors an individual who has lifted America to her ideals of freedom and justice.

Chancellor Tien is an outstanding educator, scientist, and administrator. He served as chancellor at the University of California, at Berkeley for 7 years, from 1990 to July 1997. The Berkeley campus must be one of the most challenging campuses in the world. Challenging not only because of its high academic performance, but challenging because of the mixture of students, faculty, and staff of the Berkeley campus. In the context of one of the most politically active communities in the United States, all of this combines to provide one of the more dynamic and sometimes, volatile, communities.

This politically sophisticated group considered him an exceptionally effective, competent and charming chancellor; a very rare accomplishment and one deserving of special recognition. One instance of his courage and leadership is in his highly vocal and visible opposition to the University of California's Board of Regents' abandonment of affirmative action policies of the university students, staff, and faculty.

Chancellor Tien was particularly sensitive to the needs of the city of Berkeley in which the university plays such a prominent and essential role. He executed with brilliance, grace, dignity, and effectiveness, the high profile position of chancellor. We have worked closely together on issues of importance and common concern to the university and to my congressional district.

Chancellor Tien was the first Asian American to head a major research university in the United States. Currently, he is the NEC distinguished professor of engineering at U.C. Berkeley. Chancellor Tien, was born in Wuhan, China and received his Bachelor's degree from the National Taiwan University. He first came to Berkeley in 1959 after completing his master's degree studies at the University of Louisville in 1957. He then earned a second

master's degree and a doctorate in mechanical engineering at Princeton University.

In addition to his numerous public service contributions, Chancellor Tien has achieved a remarkably distinguished record as a scientist and educator. Internationally recognized for his research in heat transfer technology, he received many honors, including the Max Jakob Memorial Award, the highest international honor in the field. He is a member of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences. At the age of 26, Chancellor Tien became the youngest professor ever to win the U.C. Berkeley's prestigious Distinguished Teaching Award.

Anchored in both American and Asian cultures, Dr. Tien is deeply committed to maintaining excellence and to broadening the democratic reach of education to all groups. He is involved heavily in his community, focusing on educational reform programs particularly in primary and secondary schools. Chancellor Tien has become a leader in enhancing communication between the East and West through worldwide engagements. He is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the U.S. Committee for Economic Development, the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves on the boards of numerous institutions such as Asia Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank, and Chevron Corp. In addition, he is also chairman of the San Francisco Bay Area Economic Forum.

I am grateful that Chancellor Tien continues to reside in Berkeley. His work and his contributions which are immeasurable, continue to flow to our community and we are grateful.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER
TILLES RECEIVING THE HUMANITARIAN
AWARD OF THE PEDERSEN-KRAG CENTER

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my constituents and the friends of the Pedersen-Krag Center as they honor Peter Tilles as the recipient of their Humanitarian Award on this their 40th anniversary. The Pedersen-Krag Center, founded in 1957 is a State licensed nonprofit outpatient mental health and chemical dependency agency offering a full continuum of services to Long Islanders of all ages.

Peter Tilles represents the true humanitarian who, despite significant business and family commitments, has always been able to devote considerable time and resources to serving a variety of communities in need of leadership and resources. In the area of building development, Peter has built and managed millions of square feet of office space on Long Island. Nassau Crossways International Plaza and the Big "H" Shopping Center in Huntington serve as examples of his expertise in this area.

Yet in the field of philanthropy and civic involvement, Peter has compiled an equally impressive record. He is an active trustee of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center, has chaired the golf tournaments of the March of Dimes, the Coalition on Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Tilles Center's Swing for Kids Program. In addition, he serves as a trustee of

the Planting Fields Arboretum, is a member of the advisory board of Title Guarantee and a committee member of Israel Bonds.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me and the Pedersen-Krag Center in saluting Peter Tilles. It is the goodwill and support generated by Peter Tilles that has helped countless patients of the center find the compassion and stability so necessary to enhance and fulfill their lives.

COMMON SENSE ON IMMIGRATION
FROM THE NEW BEDFORD
STANDARD TIMES

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the New Bedford Standard Times in the congressional district I represent is a newspaper which knows a great deal about immigrants. New Bedford has long been a port of entry for many immigrants, and the publisher, editors, and staff of the New Bedford Standard Times therefore know a great deal about the value of immigration to American society. On Tuesday, October 21, the Standard Times ran an excellent editorial about the cruelty and foolishness of much recent congressional policy on immigration. Coming as it does from a major newspaper in an area where immigration is a very significant fact, this editorial is entitled to a great deal of weight and given the debate that now rages in Congress over the wisdom of our immigration policy, I ask that the Standard Times excellent editorial be printed here.

TARGETING LEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL RETURN
TO HAUNT CONGRESS

One must suspect that since a majority of the members of Congress voted to make ruthless cuts in the federal benefits available to legal immigrants, that most of them live in districts where immigration is not experienced first-hand. Either that, or there are enough members of Congress who simply don't care what happens when they pull the rug out from under people to pass regulations that most people would find abhorrent.

Welfare reform provided a convenient window of opportunity for immigrant-bashers to set out on a scorch-and-burn campaign. On the one hand, hundreds and perhaps thousands of legal immigrants who must resolve paperwork processing difficulties are being forced to return "home" to work through various U.S. embassies rather than stay in this country while the problems are straightened out. For many, it means leaving families here and going back to countries where they have no roots, no job, no families, no connections after many years away.

In other cases, ruthless border agents have been banishing to five years' exile many people who had been visiting here legally for many years on such things as business trips. There are ever-growing files of such people being detained for hours, questioned and humiliated before being deported. Yet the new rules strip virtually all due process; there is no right of appeal, sometimes not even an inquiring what has gone wrong. Vast discretionary power has been put in the hands of individual border agents, and they take that power very seriously.

Closer to home, though, what is proving intolerable in state after state is the relentless cutoff of such things as Medicaid and food

stamps to deserving legal immigrants, such as the elderly and disabled. A dozen states are dipping into their own treasuries to supply food stamps. Sixteen do the same to support Medicaid services. Eighteen use state money for cash grants for those who desperately need it. Massachusetts is included in each of those categories.

Perhaps this is fine with members of Congress who would wash federal hands of any such responsibility, and who view legal immigrants as burdens at best.

But immigration policy is a function of the federal government, not of the 50 individual states.

What's happening now is that the states' where the human trauma of cutbacks is the worst have felt compelled to act on their own and at their own expense to repair the damage caused by those federal cutbacks.

It is petty and small-minded of Congress, the president and the federal government to allow this to continue. Using legal immigrants as an ideological punching bag is a political gimmick unworthy of the United States—but not evidently, of many members of Congress.

SUPPORT GROWS FOR CARVE-OUT OF DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE COSTS FROM PAYMENTS TO H.M.O.'s MEMBERS INVITED TO COSPONSOR H.R. 2701

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, October 22, five of us introduced H.R. 2701, a bill to "carve out" disproportionate share hospital [DSH] payments from the amount Medicare pays managed care organizations, and provide it directly to the DSH hospital when an MCO patient uses that DSH hospital.

Today, I am adding Representatives MATSUI, COYNE, and McDERMOTT to the list of co-sponsors.

To help explain the purpose of the legislation, I would like to include in the RECORD below a press release from the American Hospital Association in support of this legislation "which helps hospitals caring for large numbers of poor Americans."

I want to thank the Greater New York Hospital Association, the American Hospital Association, and the Healthcare Association of New York State for their early support.

AHA APPLAUDS BILL WHICH HELPS HOSPITALS CARING FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF POOR AMERICANS

WASHINGTON (October 22, 1997)—The American Hospital Association (AHA) added its strong support to legislation introduced today by Rep. Charles Rangel (NY) to ensure that Medicare payments meant to help hospitals caring for large numbers of low-income Americans actually reach those institutions. Other original co-sponsors included Rep. Pete Stark (CA), Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin (MD), Rep. John Lewis (GA) and Rep. Xavier Becerra (CA).

Within the Medicare program, hospitals that provide care to a large number of low-income Americans receive special payments to help serve these patients. Currently, these hospital payments are included in the rates Medicare pays managed care plans. Typically, these payments are not passed along by plans to hospitals that provide the care. The Rangel bill separates those payments

from Medicare managed care plan payments and directly pays them to the institutions that deliver this vital care in communities.

"This bill gives credit where it's due," said Rick Pollack, AHA's executive vice president. "Nearly 1,900 hospitals care for large numbers of the poor and are due these payments. This bill gives many hospitals the financial underpinnings necessary to continue providing such quality health care. It's an important step to ensure access to care for the poor."

A similar approach was included in the recent budget bill. Under the budget deal, Medicare payments to cover the costs of teaching our nation's physicians are passed directly to the hospitals that incur these expenses, and not folded into Medicare payments to managed care plans. The AHA strongly supported that measure. An AHA-supported proposal, similar to the Rangel bill, was discussed during the budget debate, but ultimately not enacted.

"We look forward to quick passage of this important legislation," said Pollack. In addition, Pollack noted that AHA will continue to seek repeal of the guaranteed 2 percent increase in Medicare managed care payments to help smooth out the still considerable variation in payment rates across the country.

The AHA is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations that are committed to health improvement of their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which includes 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks, and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information visit the AHA, web site at www.aha.org.

"BEAR" MILLS—STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. "Bear" Mills from Midland, TX for recently receiving the 1997 Texas Elementary School Teacher of the Year Award.

Mr. Mills was an award winning columnist and radio commentator in Texas and overseas for 10 years before going back to school to obtain his teaching certificate in 1994. After several years of working with educators, including his wife Caryl, Mr. Mills decided education was right for him. Four years later Mr. Mills is the 1997 Texas Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Mills teaching philosophy is simply, "If I'm not striving for excellence every single day as a teacher, then what right do I have to expect excellence of my students?" he says.

Being an expert in your field and a strong figure in the classroom are two things Mr. Mills believes creates a good teacher.

Mr. Mills is dedicated to strengthening the commitment to basic academics as well as educating our children in safe and nurturing environments.

I think as both parties discuss how best to improve our education system we should learn from Mr. Mills' example.

CONGRATULATING MAACO ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate MAACO on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

In 1972, Anthony A. Martino, the man who had founded AAMCO Transmissions in the mid-1950's, decided to create another franchise system for quality production auto painting and body repair. He opened a pilot center in Wilmington, DE, and despite critics who proclaimed "you could never franchise paint and collision repair," today, on the 25th anniversary of MAACO Auto Painting and Bodyworks, there are 500 MAACO franchise centers in 48 of the United States, and in Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

Next week, MAACO will celebrate the culmination of its 25 years in business at the Hotel Del Coronado in San Diego, CA, and at the same time, observe that in this its 25th year, MAACO has also achieved the painting and repair of its 10 millionth vehicle, while opening its 500th center in North America.

Tony Martino, founder and still CEO of the chain today, has always believed that with a strong operating manual and a strong system, and, in the case of MAACO, by offering the public a quality paint and body repair service at reasonable prices, you can be successful.

Since 1972, MAACO has built a \$335 million franchise system and has made hundreds of men and women successful owners of a small business that has become part of the economic engine of America. As MAACO observes its 25th anniversary, it has proven that MAACO is more than a business to its hundreds of independent MAACO operators.

HONORING DR. GORDON P. EATON

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to Dr. Gordon Eaton, who is an outstanding member of the Northern Virginia community. Gordon is retiring as the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) which is an agency under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Interior.

The mission of USGS is to gather information for every State in order to minimize the loss of life and property from natural disasters; to maintain water, biological, energy and mineral resources; to enhance and protect the quality of life; and to contribute to sound economic and physical development. It is the Nation's largest natural resources science and civilian mapping agency. In that role, USGS must work in cooperation with nearly 2,000 organizations across the country to provide reliable, impartial information needed by resource managers and planners. Guiding an agency with such an important and diverse mission is a difficult task requiring an individual that is both management-oriented, and has an understanding of several different scientific fields.