

"Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect." The April, 1997, report by NIH emphasizes the need to provide more attention to training new research in the field and disseminating research results to the agencies and practitioners who are working on the frontlines.

We are all concerned about the prevalence of child abuse and neglect. According to a 1995 state-by-state survey conducted by the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, over 3.1 million children were reported to be abused or neglected. Child abuse fatalities have increased by 39 percent from 1985 to 1995. The Department of Health and Human Services Third National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect, released in September, 1996, estimated that the number of child abuse and neglect cases in this country doubled between 1986 and 1993.

One critical and necessary step to stop child maltreatment is to support research that will enhance our understanding of the underlying causes of child abuse and neglect. This research also will improve our ability to identify and define abuse and neglect, and discover which intervention techniques are most successful in preventing and treating child maltreatment.

The proposals for future NIH activities contained in the report give new meaning to the concept of knowledge translation and research application. The most important characteristic of the proposals are the efforts to move scientific knowledge from the research lab and demonstration site into professional practice. Parents, child welfare agencies, and practitioners will all benefit from this information and technology transfer. In the exchange, NIH researchers will benefit from the lessons learned by practitioners and be better able to target their research. Everyone will benefit from the increased coordination that is integral to the NIH effort. But most important, fewer children will suffer from abuse and neglect, once marriage between the research and practice is accomplished. This is a goal upon which we can all agree.

I want to commend Dr. Harold Varmus, Director of NIH, for his leadership in this critical area. Under the direction of Dr. Varmus, Dr. Peter Jensen, Chief-Child and Adolescent Disorders Branch, at the National Institutes of Mental Health established a trans-NIH Working Group on child abuse and neglect. I would also like to thank the organizations which brought this issue to my attention and encouraged the formation of the Working Group—the National Association of Social Workers, National Child Abuse Coalition, Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research, and the American Psychological Society.

The Working Group has developed a bold plan for advancing research on child abuse and neglect, as evidenced by the April, 1997 report. This plan will make the optimal use of federal dollars though better coordination of NIH re-

search activities and dissemination of research results to those who can make a difference in children's lives.●

NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I would like to engage the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations in a brief colloquy concerning funding for the National Education Center for Women in Business at Seton Hill College.

Mr. President, in the decade between 1982 and 1992, women-owned businesses grew substantially, increasing by over 55 percent between 1987 and 1992 alone. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's women business owners helped make this happen, as my state ranks sixth in the nation in the number of firms owned by women. These firms contributed over 290,000 jobs to my state's economy. The Center conducts collaborative research, provides educational programs and curriculum development, and serves as a information clearing-house for women entrepreneurs. I have heard only good things about the Center's work in the promotion of women business ownership, both in the Commonwealth and across the nation.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I must echo the comments of my colleague from Pennsylvania with respect to the National Education Center for Women in Business, which provides invaluable services to women from all over this country to encourage the establishment and growth of businesses. The Center's programs are truly in the national interest and as a member of the Appropriations Committee I have been pleased to work with my colleague, Senator SANTORUM, and Congressman MASCARA in support of the Center and its funding needs. The federal funds we have sought are necessary to bring the Center to a position of self-sufficiency where it can operate solely with private funds in the future.

Mr. SANTORUM. The Center has received funds in five previous Commerce-State-Justice appropriations bills through the Small Business Administration's Office of Women's Business Ownership and, as originally envisioned, it was to receive \$5 million in federal funds over five years. The fiscal year 1997 appropriations bill for the SBA included \$500,000 for the Center, which leaves \$500,000 in federal funds that are needed to complete the total \$5 million federal contribution to the establishment of the Center. I understand that the Small Business Administration would generally continue the program through the next cycle, even though it is not specifically listed in the bill, as the Center has been successful in its mission on behalf of women in business. Would the distinguished Chairman of the Subcommittee be willing to work with Senator SPECTER and me to examine options for allocating funds for the National Education Center for Women in Business?

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I thank the Senators from Pennsylvania for highlighting the work of this program and its funding history. Since the Small Business Administration funded the program in fiscal year 1997, I assume they will wish to continue funding in fiscal year 1998 for the Center. The absence of report language should not prevent the agency from providing funding in the next fiscal year.●

CHRIS YODER

● Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I want to take a moment of the Senate's time to speak today about a man whose life has been dedicated to public service—in particular, service to America's veterans: Chris Yoder.

Many of my colleagues know Chris. He has spent his entire career working for veterans. And now, Chris has decided to leave the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs [VA]. However, his life-long commitment to veterans will continue as he moves to the Commission on Service Members and Veterans' Transition Assistance.

I have known Chris for many years, and I have come to rely on him for his expertise.

He served in Vietnam and after he returned home, he began his career with the Veterans' Administration in 1972. He joined the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs in 1985 when I served as the Committee Chairman. Chris immediately demonstrated a remarkable recall and uncanny knowledge of veterans' issues. In 1991, Chris joined Tony Principi when Tony went to work for the Bush Administration as Deputy Secretary for the Department of Veterans' Affairs. In 1993, when I served as Vice Chairman of the Committee, Chris returned.

Over the years, I have asked Chris to examine a number of veterans' programs and I have always expected Chris to ask tough questions about these programs. We spend billions of dollars on veterans' health care and benefits, and members of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee constantly struggle to ensure that the money is spent efficiently and in an equitable manner.

Is the veterans' health care program based on the most modern medical delivery systems, or are we sticking with an aging infrastructure that is consuming dollars that need to be redirected to meet the real needs of veterans? That's the type of issue that Chris has had to tackle.

Last Congress, we passed Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform. If you think the tax code is complicated, you should have seen the VA's health care eligibility criteria before our reforms. It confused veterans, it confused Congress, and it even confused VA doctors and administrators.

Chris took it upon himself to play the leading role in crafting a reform proposal that simplified the criteria without sacrificing the quality and access to care for our Nation's veterans.

By far, this was the most important veterans' legislation passed in the 104th Congress, and one of the most difficult and complex issues I have witnessed during my 17-year tenure as a U.S. Senator.

I do not think anyone can doubt the commitment and dedication Chris has for our veterans, and I know every member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs will miss his dedication and expertise.

He is a man with the courage to tackle the difficult questions and the knowledge to find the answers. Chris Yoder will be sorely missed on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. As a friend, I wish him the best of the luck.●

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD "PRINCE
HAL" NEWHOUSER

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Michigan's greatest athletes in America's greatest pastime. Baseball was Harold "Prince Hal" Newhouser's life, and it

showed every minute during the 15 years he was on the field, proudly wearing the Detroit Tigers jersey number 16. Rising to prominence during a time when athletes played for the love of the sport, Harold's story represents a fine example of the American ethic of hard work and determination.

At 14 years old, Harold listened intently to the announcer as Goose Goslin drove in the series winning run, giving the Detroit Tigers the 1935 pennant. Harold was so excited about the victory he decided his life's goal was to play for his hometown Tigers. Four months after his eighteenth birthday, as he stepped on the mound for the first time, Harold's dream came true.

Harold Newhouser was born to play baseball. Just a few years after he began pitching for the Tigers, Harold reached the coveted twenty wins in one season. In 1942, Harold was named to the All-Star team. In 1944, he earned the American League's Most Valuable Player award, and won it again the very next year. This occasion marked

the only time in history a major league picture won the MVP award in back-to-back seasons.

By the time Harold Newhouser retired in 1955, he had played in six All-Star Games, won two MVP's, and earned recognition as a strikeout king with a blazing fastball. In 1992, his achievements were formally recognized through his induction into the Hall of Fame. As Harold is proud to point out, he is the first Detroit-born player to go into the Hall of Fame, and he's the first Detroit-born player to have his uniform number retired by the Tigers.

And that occasion, Mr. President, is what I rise today to commemorate. Harold was born in Detroit, grew up in Detroit, and played baseball for Detroit. This Sunday the Tigers will bestow upon him their highest honor, and on behalf of Michigan, I would like to recognize his accomplishments in the RECORD, and to thank him for his outstanding representation of Michigan throughout his life, both on and off the field.●