

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE PALO ALTO MEDICAL FOUNDATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 1999

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Palo Alto Medical Foundation on the occasion of the dedication of its superb new facilities, located on 9 acres on El Camino Real in Palo Alto, CA. The new facility will unite health care, research and community education in a beautiful, new, \$120 million, state of the art building.

The Palo Alto Medical Foundation's new facility will bring together over 250 physicians and hundreds of support personnel to care for 130,000 patients who will make more than 750,000 visits to the Clinic this year alone in a modern facility suited to the importance of this work.

The Palo Alto Medical Foundation's state of the art new facility helps the Foundation live up to its tradition of being a place ahead of its time. Begun in the early 1920's when Dr. Tom Williams opened a medical practice in Palo Alto and recruited Dr. Russell Van Arsdale Lee to join him, the Clinic became a permanent partnership soon after Drs. Fritz Roth, Esther Clark, Blake Wilbur and Milton Saier joined them. Three physicians joined the group during the depression years: Drs. H.L. Niebel, Harold Sox and Robert Dunn. Together with Drs. Lee, Roth, Clark, Wilbur and Saier they became known as the founding partners.

After World War II a surge of growth on the Peninsula caused a surge in growth at the Palo Alto Clinic. Twelve new physicians joined the clinic in 1946 and by the 1960's there were 40 partners. In 1961 the Clinic's Russell V. Lee Building in downtown Palo Alto was completed. The Palo Alto Medical Research Foundation was founded in 1950 and soon became an internationally known institution. It is now the Research Institute of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation.

In 1980 the Palo Alto Medical Foundation was formed, combining the Health Care Division, Research Institute and Education Division under one nonprofit, umbrella organization. In 1992, PAMF officials recognized the need for joining a larger health care system and selected Sacramento-based Sutter Health as its partner.

From its beginning, the Palo Alto clinic was known for innovation in treatment methods, in technology and in meeting new health care challenges. This tradition continues today as the PAMF pursues its mission of providing and integrating quality health care, health education and biomedical research to improve the health status of our region.

Mr. Speaker, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation is an extraordinary community resource, one built on a vision of excellent health care, education and research. I salute the Palo Alto Medical Foundation's Chief Executive Officer,

Dr. Robert Jamplis, the founders and all those involved with the Palo Alto Medical Foundation for working to create this extraordinary new community asset. I join with them in celebrating the opening of this great new facility and wish them continued success in the pursuit of providing extraordinary health care to the greater Palo Alto Community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this outstanding institution, all it has achieved and all it continues to do to provide first rate health care to our community, thereby strengthening our country.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA "GINNY" GANO

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to take this opportunity to recognize a very special woman from Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, Ms. Virginia "Ginny" Gano.

On September 8, we marked the 30th anniversary of Ginny's service to the people of the Seventh District. She first came to work on Capitol Hill in 1969 for former Representative Clarence J. "Bud" Brown. She worked for my friend Bud Brown for a number of years until his retirement. Ginny continued to work for the Seventh District for Brown's successor, now Senator MIKE DEWINE, for 8 years. Ginny has been a loyal member of my staff since I became a member in 1991.

Ginny has served the office and my constituents ably and well. She's the first person constituents see when they enter my office and always has a smile on her face. Ginny has warmed the hearts of many on Capitol Hill, from Members of Congress to constituents to delivery persons to lost souls wandering the halls in need of directions. She never forgets birthdays or anniversaries, and can find the phone number of almost anyone in the world when only given a first name.

Mr. Speaker, Ginny Gano exemplifies the definition of loyalty and service. Her endurance to service to the Seventh District of Ohio is unparalleled and may never be matched. I am honored to recognize her 30 years and countless efforts on behalf of the Seventh Congressional District and the Members who have represented the area.

IN HONOR OF RYAN W. CLARK

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ryan W. Clark, a young man who has already proven his courage, his selflessness and his dedication to others, and who will be rightfully

honored with the Medal of Valor by the Los Angeles Police Department on Wednesday for placing his life on the line to rescue a fellow officer. In October, he will be honored by President Clinton with the "Top Cop" Award.

At 26, Ryan has already experienced more than may people twice his years. He enlisted in the Army in 1991 after graduating from St. Bonaventure High School in Ventura, California, and was assigned to the famed 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After his first enlistment ended, he joined the Los Angeles Police Department. It wasn't his first taste of law enforcement, however; he volunteered as a Ventura County Sheriff's Department Explorer Scout from age 15 to 17.

In May of 1997, Ryan braved a barrage of bullets in a darkened warehouse while attempting to save a fellow officer.

It is every officer's nightmare to have to respond to a call of an officer down, as Ryan and several other LAPD officers did on that fateful day. As they entered the darkened building, they came under fire from a barricaded gunman. Despite the extreme danger, Ryan and other officers laid down a barrage of fire of their own as they tried to advance to their fallen comrade. Ryan's partner was hit by gunfire, and during the officers' forced retreat, Ryan further jeopardized his own safety by dragging his partner from harm's way. Then Ryan and other officers made a second assault. The gunman was killed. Unfortunately, the officer they were trying to save also died.

Ryan has since left the Los Angeles Police Department and has returned to the Army, where he has completed training as a medical specialist. He will return to the 82nd Airborne next month. Ryan's wife, Laura, thinks jumping out of airplanes is only a bit more safe than his law enforcement career. The couple have one daughter.

Mr. Speaker, Ryan epitomizes the kind of person we hold high when we point to our police officers and military personnel. To risk one's own life to save another's is the greatest act of heroism. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Ryan for the honors he will receive and in thanking him for his dedication to preserving life and upholding the ideals of the United States.

DAVID WAYNE GILCREASE WAS TRULY A HERO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to ask that we all pause for a moment to remember a man who will live forever in the hearts of all that knew him and many that didn't. David Wayne Gilcrease was a man who stood out to those around him. Friends remember him as a man who enjoyed fishing, rodeos, and dancing. But, most of all, he enjoyed his family and friends. His two sons, Spencer and Tyler, and

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his daughter, Kliftina, brought him endless joys. He was known as a good, upright man.

He was also known as a person who had a tendency to stand up for what he felt was right, or against what he felt was wrong. On Friday night, September 3, that tendency cost him his life. David was in a grocery store when he heard gun shots outside. He could have stayed inside and ignored them, or gone on about his own business, but he didn't. With no thought for his own personal safety, he rushed forward to see if anyone needed his help. In doing this, he met a man holding a gun head on. Mr. Gilcrease weighed only 90 pounds, but he tackled this man and was shot in cold blood. He gave his life for someone he never met before.

David Wayne Gilcrease is someone who will be missed by many. His friends and family will miss the man that they all enjoyed spending time with. The rest of us will miss the man who exemplified the selflessness that so few truly possess. But, when we lose a man such as Mr. Gilcrease, being missed is certainly no precursor to being forgotten. And, everyone who ever knew him, or knew of him, will walk through life a bit differently for it.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER ISOLINA FERRÉ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 1999

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sister Isolina Ferré, an outstanding individual who has devoted her life to serving the poor. Sister Isolina, a Missionary Servant of the Most Blessed Trinity, received the nation's highest civilian honor during a White House ceremony on Wednesday, August 11, 1999. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Sister Isolina, known as the "Angel of Ponce Beach," was born on September 5, 1914 to one of the most affluent families in Puerto Rico. Raised in a wealthy family, she decided early in life that she wanted to dedicate her life to the less fortunate. She joined the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity at age 21 in Philadelphia. After she completed her training, she was assigned to the Appalachian coal mining region of West Virginia and then worked among Portuguese immigrants on Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

In 1957 Sister Isolina went to work at the Doctor White Community Center in Brooklyn, where she offered to be a mediator between African-American and Puerto Rican gangs. For her efforts she received the key to the city of New York from Mayor John Lindsay and the John D. Rockefeller Award for Public Service and Community Revitalization.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Isolina Ferré founded community service centers, clinics and programs to empower the poor in Puerto Rico, New York and Appalachia. She does this through the Centros Sor Isolina Ferré, a group of five community-service centers she has run for 30 years. One U.S. author who wrote about turning around poor, crime-ridden communities called her "Mother Teresa of Puerto Rico."

The Centros Sor Isolina Ferré has 350 employees, five offices throughout Puerto Rico, a

postgraduate business and technical school and 40 programs aimed at stemming juvenile delinquency and strengthening families. With government and private funding, it serves more than 10,000 people a year.

The operation is built on Ferré's main principle: Poor communities have many resources they can use to improve their condition, and they can be taught to seek their own solutions and take control of their lives. Staff members teach leadership and strategic planning to people in public-housing projects, in Ponce—skills used to start businesses and organize community improvements. Through counseling and other services for youth and families, Ferré's group has dramatically reduced the school dropout rate within a public housing project in the San Juan area.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Isolina is the fourth Puerto Rican to receive the award. The others are former Puerto Rico Gov. Luis Muñoz Marin, a founder of the Popular Democratic Party; Antonia Pantojas, founder of Aspira, an agency known for helping Hispanic youth; and Sister Isolina's brother, former Puerto Rico Gov. Luis A. Ferré, founder of the pro-statehood New Progressive Party.

Sister Isolina attended Fordham University in New York where she earned a bachelor of arts and master's degree in psychology.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commanding Sister Isolina Ferré for her outstanding achievements and in wishing her continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. ISRAEL MILTON ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 1999

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of Miami-Dade County's unsung heroes, Mr. Israel H. Milton, who celebrated his 70th birthday on August 29. A native Floridian, Mr. Milton attended the then Dorsey High School in Miami and went on to earn his Bachelor's degree from Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach. He subsequently obtained his Master's degree in Social Work from Atlanta University. He is married to an educator, Thelma Milton, who has since retired from teaching and with whom he has four children.

Mr. Milton epitomizes the preeminence of a good and decent servant who has tried to do his best to make government accessible to the community, particularly to the community, particularly to the more than 200,000 clients of the county's Department of Human Services. A veteran in social work services, he started his work in Atlanta, Chicago, and New York. On November 2, 1967, he was subsequently appointed to administer the Kendall Children's Home, our community's first group home for juvenile delinquents. He also started Alpha House, the county's first residential facility for emotionally disturbed children.

Mr. Milton's entrepreneurial spirit in accessing much-needed government funding allowed him to expand many and varied services to benefit the children and the elderly via his innovative Child Care Program, Adult Care Program, the Elderly Services and the Home-maker Services Program.

Additionally, it was his vision to incorporate alcohol and drug treatment programs within the Department, which provided the initiative toward the creation of our community's first Juvenile Residential Substance Abuse Program. Needless to say, he was awarded various citations from nationally-renowned agencies and organizations, which honored his pioneering stewardship in this arena.

Ever since I have known this government steward par excellence, Mr. Milton has always been at the forefront of ensuring equality of opportunity for everyone in our community, regardless of race, creed, gender, or philosophical persuasion. At the same time, his forceful advocacy in adhering to the tenets of equal treatment under the law in every segment of our county government has become legendary. In fact, countless others have been touched by his genuine commitment to their well-being, particularly toward those who could least fend for themselves.

In his own quiet, dignified way, Mr. Milton has been and continues to be our community's consummate activist. He abides by the dictum that those who have less in life, through no fault of their own, deserve the help of government to get themselves back up and to become responsible and productive members of society. His colleagues in government service consider him their model, and are often touched by his unique sincerity and personal integrity. The numerous accolades with which he has been honored by various organizations and agencies represent an unequivocal testimony of the utmost respect and admiration which he enjoys within our community.

Mr. Israel Milton understands the accouterments of power and leadership, and sagely exercises them alongside the mandate of his conviction and the wisdom of his conscience, focusing their impact upon the good of the community which he loves and cares for so deeply. His pioneering work in the social work arena has oftentimes shaped and formed the agenda of several professional organizations such as the National Association of Social Workers, the American Society for Public Administrators, the Governor's Constituency for Children, the Florida Foster Care Review Project, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, the Dade-Monroe Health Planning Council, and a host of many other organizations.

His word is his bond to those who have dealt with him not only in his moments of triumphal exuberance, but also in his quest to help transform Miami-Dade into a veritable mosaic of vibrant cultures and people converging into the great experiment that is America.

I join countless friends and admirers in wishing Mr. Israel Milton Godspeed and best wishes on his 70th anniversary. He truly exemplifies a one-of-a-kind leadership whose courageous vision and wisdom appeal to our noblest character as a community.

A TRIBUTE TO THE INLAND EMPIRE CHAPTER OF CANDLELIGHTERS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the