

numbers require a credit card. Lastly, the delivery time is less predictable which increase the likelihood that an adult will intervene and makes the purchases more "risky." These mitigating factors probably apply to a greater degree to younger individuals than to older youth. While alcohol purchases that are delivered directly to the consumer in any manner clearly raise concerns about unmonitored access to alcohol, our paper does not directly address the issue of youth direct shipment of alcohol or interstate retail sales.

Sincerely,

LINDA A. FLETCHER,
ALCOHOL EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM,
University of Minnesota.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FREEDOM TO WORK ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5, the Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act. Currently, eight-hundred thousand seniors lose some or all of their Social Security benefits due to the Social Security earnings limit. Seniors ages 65 to 69 have one dollar of their benefits off-set for every three dollars they earn over the \$17,000 income limit.

I strongly support eliminating the earnings limit for every working senior receiving Social Security. Eliminating the earnings limit is not only the fair thing to do for working seniors, it would improve the quality and efficiency of Social Security as well. Repealing the earnings test will make Social Security easier and less expensive to administer. Contrary to the arguments of opponents of H.R. 5, repealing the earnings limit will not jeopardize the long-term solvency of Social Security. Under current law, workers who have their benefits reduced due to the earnings limit receive an actuarial adjustment that increases their benefits once they stop working.

Mr. Speaker, repealing the earnings limit on working seniors is an area where there is a bipartisan consensus for action. I will continue to work to forge the same bipartisan consensus on more comprehensive action to strengthen Social Security for all of our seniors.

IN RECOGNITION OF BEN THORNBURG

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ben Thornburg, who is being honored by the National Association of Music Educators for his composition entitled "A Prayer." Ben is a senior at Princeton High School in Cincinnati, and he will be honored tonight at the Music Educators National Conference in Washington, D.C., where his composition will be performed by the Princeton High School A Cappella Choir in the Omni Shoreham Ballroom.

The Music Educators National Conference's nationwide Student Composition Competition

recognizes talented young music students in the United States. Ben is one of only 24 elementary through university-level students chosen from across the country. He is an exceptional student composer, and he represents his school and his community well.

By every indication, Ben has a very promising future. I know that the people of Greater Cincinnati join me in wishing him the very best tonight. We are very proud of Ben's achievements and we hope this is the beginning of a bright and successful career.

LEHIGH VALLEY HERO DONNA MULHOLLAND

HON. PATRICK J. TOOMEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mrs. Donna Mulholland. Mrs. Mulholland, who is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Easton Hospital in my district, recently won the Girl Scout's World of Well-Being Award for service to the community. As a CEO of a major hospital in my district, Mrs. Mulholland has shown a passionate commitment to quality health care. Through years of hard work and diligence, she gained the experience and knowledge needed to make an impact in her field.

In addition to her corporate excellence, Mrs. Mulholland's personal actions also serve as a model for the community. She has been active as a mentor for the Girl Scouts, serving to motivate and inspire other young women to succeed in their chosen fields. Her contributions in business and community service won her this distinction. I applaud Mrs. Mulholland for her professional achievements and her devotion to the Lehigh Valley community. Donna Mulholland is a Lehigh Valley Hero.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MINORITY EDUCATORS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an organization that has done so much to promote the increase of minority personnel within the health professions. Since its establishment in 1975, the National Association of Medical Minority Educators (NAMME) has worked to attract minority students to health professions and enhance the retention and graduation rate of minority students from professional health schools.

Comprised of nearly 300 health educators from approximately 140 health professions institutions, and organizations, NAMME members work in allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, public health, chiropractic, nursing and all of the allied health professions. Collectively, they work to promote the recruitment and development of minority faculty, administrators, and managerial personnel in the health professions, support the delivery of quality health care for minority pop-

ulations, and promote the philosophy of equal educational opportunity.

I am thrilled that NAMME has chosen the City of Worcester, my home town, to serve as the site of their 11th annual conference. As the face of America changes, so too does the face of our health care providers. It is my belief that organizations such as NAMME are essential for the success of the health care profession.

HONORING ALICIA JACKSON OF BEAVER DAM, KENTUCKY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a Kentucky student from my District who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Alicia Jackson of Beaver Dam, Kentucky is a senior at Ohio County High School in Hartford. Alicia was named one of my state's top honorees in the 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, a nationwide program under which more than 20,000 high school and middle school students were considered for awards.

Alicia is being recognized for her efforts in organizing a week-long series of events to promote Community Traffic Safety Week at her school. Activities organized by Alicia included a crash re-enactment and presentations by guest lecturers.

Alicia is an inspiring example of how we as individual citizens can contribute to our community. People of all ages need to think about how we can work at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods.

Alicia should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of volunteers. I heartily applaud Alicia for her initiative and positive impact on others within her community. She offers an encouraging example of the promise which America's youth offer for the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, on March 8, 2000, I missed 5 recorded votes because I was a witness in a legal action to keep St. Michael Hospital in Cleveland from closing.

If I had been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall votes Nos. 29 through 33 on March 8, 2000, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each.

IN HONOR OF THE ANCIENT
ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Cleveland's Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians as organizations integral in maintaining and promoting appreciation for Irish culture, history and traditions in the Cleveland community.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest Catholic lay organization in America. Its roots in America can be traced to 1836 in New York. The group began to assist Irish immigrants to the new world in obtaining jobs and social services. Today, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has shifted its purpose to charitable activities in support of the Church's missions, community service, and the promotion and preservation of their Irish cultural heritage in America.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians was first organized in 1894 in Omaha, Nebraska under the name "Daughters of Erin." The motto of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is "Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity." Its purpose is to promote Irish history, traditions and culture, and to support the Church through Mission work and Catholic Action activities.

On March 17, 2000, Cleveland's Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians are hosting the 133rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet accompanying Cleveland's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. These are the oldest and longest running events in the state of Ohio honoring the Irish patron, St. Patrick, and sharing Irish culture, history and traditions with the community.

At the 133rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet, The United Irish Societies Honorees for the 2000 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be recognized. These individuals have given selflessly of themselves to insure the proud Irish heritage will continue. The honorees include: Mr. William Chambers, the Grand Marshall of the Parade; Ms. Nora Carr, the Irish Mother of the Year; Ms. Linda Carney and Mr. James McGuirk, Parade Co-Chairs; and Mr. James McGuirk, the Hibernian of the Year.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Cleveland's Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, and all of The United Irish Societies Honorees for the 2000 St. Patrick's Day Parade. The contributions and achievements of these groups and Irish Americans have inspired us all to respect and appreciate the Irish Culture.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF ROBERT
G. MILES**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Robert G. Miles on his appointment as the new president and chief executive officer of Lutheran Child and Family Service of Michigan, a statewide social service organization. Bob is a public servant in the true

est sense of the term. As anyone who has ever met Bob knows, he is a man who has devoted his life to helping Michigan's children and families to improve their own lives.

Since completing his distinguished academic career with an undergraduate degree from Concordia University and a Master of Science Degree in Exceptional Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Bob has been integrally involved in the community around him. He is a peer reviewer and team leader for the National Council on Accreditation of Services to Children and Families, the largest accrediting body for this work in North America. He is chairman of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's National Task Force on Children at Risk and Welfare Reform. He works closely with Bay City Public Schools, the Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies, and the Bay County Red Cross. In 1990, Bob was named Concordia University Alumnus of the Year. Additionally, he was appointed to the Michigan International Year of the Family Council by Governor Engler in 1994.

Now, Bob has the opportunity to bring his enormous talents to lead an organization he has been with for nearly 15 years, one that has a history deserving of such an impressive leader. Last year, Lutheran Child and Family Service of Michigan celebrated its 100th year, and the organization is stronger than ever, employing more than 250 people, caring for more than 500 children each day, and providing innumerable additional services to families and individuals through its 18 service sites. In 1999 alone, Lutheran Child and Family Services of Michigan impacted more than 9,000 lives through counseling, foster care placements, and adoption, among its many other programs.

Mr. Speaker, with countless statistics showing that Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, people like Bob Miles are among the most valuable resources our nation has to preserve the sanctity of our towns and neighborhoods. His contributions and efforts on behalf of Michigan's children and families are both legendary and tangible. They reflect the years of tireless commitment to preserving the vitality of the American family, and helping those who need it the most. Bob Miles has given selflessly of himself to better the lives of the people around him, and for that he deserves the highest of praise.

Bob has given so much to his community through the years, but it could not have been possible without the love and support of his family—including his wife Mary and their three children, Stephanie, Paul, and Nathan. As he undertakes his new position, I ask all my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations to Robert Miles, and extending our best wishes for continued success.

IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL
SATELLITE REFORM**HON. PETER DEUTSCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in strong support of international satellite reform, S. 376, the Open-Market Reorga-

nization for the Betterment of International Telecommunications Act (ORBIT). I commend Chairman BLILEY and Congressmen MARKEY, DINGELL, OXLEY, and TAUZIN for their hard work in reaching a balanced compromise with Senate conferees. This bill has bipartisan support in the Congress and support from the United States commercial international satellite industry, as well as the largest U.S. users of international satellite services.

S. 376 will lead to more competition and eliminate the unfair market advantages long-held by intergovernmental treaty organizations. These entities have been dominant since the United States established an industry model in 1962 that relied on intergovernmental entities to provide commercial satellite services. Our 1962 Communications Satellite Act has been overtaken by amazing technological changes, which have created a vibrant private international satellite industry. We must assure that Intelsat and Inmarsat privatize in a manner that will put all industry players on an equal footing and not permit their intergovernmental legacy to distort competition.

Accordingly, ORBIT establishes explicit criteria for the privatization of Intelsat and Inmarsat. The FCC is directed to use these criteria in determining whether or not to allow the private successors and affiliates of Intelsat and Inmarsat access to the United States market. These criteria for judging and privatization, coupled with the market access restrictions if the criteria are not met, are very important to provide clear incentives to Intelsat, Inmarsat, and their spin-offs.

Intelsat, with its 143 member nations, is comprised largely of state telephone companies that control access to their national markets. They have a history of denying market access to U.S. companies that seek to compete with Intelsat. This bill will help open those markets. One of the provisions in S. 376 that is essential to this market-opening goal prohibits exclusive arrangements with foreign countries. It even-handedly prohibits any satellite operator serving the United States from enjoying the exclusive right to handle telecommunications traffic to or from the U.S. and any other country. The intent is to prevent a satellite operator from benefitting from exclusivity in any foreign market, no matter how it derives its exclusivity. Thus, all satellite operators will have a fair opportunity to provide global service.

I urge my colleagues to join in supporting this overdue reform of international satellite policy. This legislation will bring the full benefits of competition to consumers and it will begin to open access to foreign markets for United States companies.

HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND
EDUCATORS ACT**HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, today, along with a number of my colleagues, I will be introducing the "Homeownership Opportunities for Uniformed Services and Educators Act," also known as the HOUSE Act.

This legislation reinvests a small portion of the profits earned each year by the Federal