

continued his studies in Spain. After earning his medical degree, he returned to the U.S. to continue his postgraduate education at Monmouth Medical Center, where he completed an internship and residency in internal medicine. He entered private practice in 1970, the same year he became a member of Monmouth Medical Center's Medical and Dental Staff. Three years later, the Garcias became naturalized U.S. citizens. In 1984, Dr. Garcia was named acting director of Cardiology at Monmouth Medical, and he soon assumed that post in a permanent capacity. During his tenure, the Department made major strides, providing the full range of services to patients, from the first signs of a heart attack through treatment, recovery and rehabilitation. One of the highlights of his tenure was the 1996 opening of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory.

Dr. Garcia and his wife Josephine are long-time residents of West Long Branch, NJ. Their daughter Maria is a registered nurse and lactation consultant, and their son Carlos is president of a managed care brokerage. They have five grandchildren. Dr. Garcia's brother, Juan Garcia, M.D., is also a practicing physician in the Central New Jersey area. The Garcias have relatives in Miami and some in Cuba, whom they hope to see soon.

H. Lawrence Karasic, M.D. During his 35 years with Monmouth Medical Center's Department of Anesthesiology, Dr. Karasic has witnessed much change among his ranks on the surgical floor. The department has grown from a staff of four to 20 anesthesiologists, many of whom completed their residency training at Monmouth Medical. Monitoring equipment has become more sophisticated and anesthetic agents are more effective. The surgeons they support are also becoming ever more effective in saving lives, treating illnesses and reducing recovery times. Throughout those years, Dr. Karasic has remained committed to medical education, a dedication that was recognized when he received the 1999 Alumnus of the Year Award from MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine, which provides clinical training for more than 300 Hahnemann students each year. Since 1982, he has served as associate clinical professor of anesthesiology at Hahnemann.

Dr. Karasic earned his medical degree from Philadelphia-based medical school, where he completed his internship and residency. He spent two years in the military, as the head of anesthesiology at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, before joining Monmouth's attending staff in 1965. He served as coordinator of medical education in anesthesia and became instrumental in establishing the hospital's fully accredited anesthesiology residency program in 1982. For the next four years, he filled a dual role as department chairman and residency program director. Throughout his career, he has served on many clinical, educational and peer-related committees of Monmouth Medical Center, Hahnemann and the American Society of Anesthesiologists. From 1993 to 1996, he was clinical director or anesthesiology for O.R. operations at Monmouth. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Anesthesiology and a fellow of the American College of Anesthesiologists.

Dr. Karasic wife, Honey Karasic, owns and operates the Back Relief and Comfort Store in Oakhurst, NJ. Mrs. Karasic's business often

provides much needed relief for the doctor after he engages in two of his favorite activities, downhill skiing and racquetball. The Karasics have four children—Robert, Shara, Leslie and Neal—and two grandchildren—Zachary and Emily.

Albert A. Rienzo, M.D. The opening last year of the Cranmer Ambulatory Surgery Center at the Monmouth Medical Center campus last year marked the beginning of a new era in otolaryngology. For Dr. Rienzo, the center's debut marked the culmination of years of hard work to bring state-of-the-art surgical systems to the region, paving the way for him and his colleagues to perform the latest procedures in treating disorders of the ears, nose and throat. The center is now performing three of the most advanced procedures offered at any medical facility in the nation, employing high-tech equipment and techniques to achieve an unprecedented degree of precision, safety, painlessness and non-invasiveness.

A member of Monmouth's Medical and Dental Staff for 25 years, Dr. Rienzo has served as section chief of Ear, Nose and Throat since 1980, participating in the many initiatives that have shaped this surgical specialty over the past two decades. Under his leadership, otolaryngologists at Monmouth became the first in the region to perform endoscopic functional sinus surgery to treat chronic sinus disease. They also pioneered the removal of benign or malignant lesions from the larynx with minimally invasive techniques. During the early 1990s, Dr. Rienzo established the Department of Rehabilitation Services' Vocal Dynamics Laboratory. He also served as director of Monmouth's cochlear implant program, which was one of only three designated by the state to perform the surgical procedure, which involves placing an electrical device in the inner ear of a profoundly deaf patient to restore hearing.

A 1966 graduate of the University of Bologna School of Medicine in Italy, Dr. Rienzo completed his internship and surgical residency at Monmouth. He also served in the military, serving for a year as director of the ENT clinic at the U.S. Army Hospital at Fort Devens, MA. After continued training at the Newark Eye and Ear Infirmary, he returned to Monmouth Medical Center in 1974, and also established private practice in Long Branch. He has been active in the medical education program, and is a clinical senior instructor at MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine. Dr. Rienzo is a member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology and the International Society of Otolaryngologists.

A resident of Rumson, NJ, Dr. Rienzo has three children—Anthony, Caroline and Benedetta. His daughter Elsa died three years ago. He is one of six physicians in the Rienzo family.

Charles Sills, M.D. Dr. Sills has been at the forefront of the high technology boom that continues to revolutionize the field of surgery. Since joining the Medical and Dental Staff of Monmouth Medical Center in 1968, Dr. Sills, a thoracic surgeon, has played a major role in maintaining Monmouth's leadership position in New Jersey for excellence in the field. During the mid-1980s, Dr. Sills introduced laser surgery to Monmouth and Ocean counties as the first to perform endobronchial laser surgery. Since then, Monmouth Medical has been on the cutting edge of bringing to the region minimally invasive procedures, allowing for proce-

dures to be performed on internal organs without the trauma of open surgery.

For the past nine years, after spending a year as vice president of the Medical and Dental Staff, Dr. Sills has been chairman of the Department of Surgery and director of the general surgery residency program, which provides training to resident physicians who plan to enter the surgical field or to those who seek surgery training for preparation to enter other medical specialties. In 1994, he guided a multidisciplinary medical team that earned Monmouth the distinction of being the only hospital in New Jersey to participate in the Lung Volume Reduction Surgery study, which provides significant relief to emphysema patients.

A 1967 graduate of Chicago Medical School, Dr. Sills completed a five-year residency program in general surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. He received fellowship training in surgery from the National Institutes of Health before embarking on cardiothoracic surgery training there and at Montefiore Hospital in New York. After joining Monmouth in 1968, he entered private practice five years later. Since 1975, he has been a clinical associate professor of surgery at MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Chest Physicians. He is also a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the American Society of Laser Surgery, and other professional societies.

Not content to have mastered one field, Dr. Sills is an undergraduate student at Rutgers University Mason Gross School of Fine Arts, and plans to seek his master of fine arts degree there. His sculpture has been exhibited in New Jersey and New York. Dr. Sills and his wife Caryl, chairman of Monmouth University's English Department, live in Rumson, NJ. They have three sons—Peter, Keith and Adam—and two grandsons—Liam and Zachary.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE "JENNIE FUND"

#### HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I highlight this Saturday's Jennie Ramus Memorial Benefit to be held at Thomas More High School, in Milwaukee, WI. Jennie Ramus, the daughter of Wayne and Theresa Ramus, was a Thomas More senior whose life was cut short by a drunk driver in December of 1998.

The Jennie Fund, an initiative to create a \$100,000 endowment fund, was established in January 1999 at Thomas More High School to provide scholarships for students seeking financial assistance and willing to take an active role in the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) program and support community awareness and prevention of drinking and driving, drug abuse and violence. Thanks to the support and generosity of many, the fund has received over \$80,000 to date.

Saturday's event, sponsored by the Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame and Thomas More High School, will begin with a Mass to be followed by a community music festival, dancing, SADD and Jennie Fund presentations.

I commend the Jennie Fund and SADD for their efforts and the Thomas More High

School community for their financial contributions and prayers in memory of this once vibrant former student.

IN HONOR OF THE WEST CARTER  
GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. KEN LUCAS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 12, 2000*

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate some terrific young constituents from Kentucky's Fourth District, the girl's basketball team at West Carter High School. These small-town girls beat all the odds this season, bringing the state championship to Olive Hill, Kentucky, for the first time since the girls' team began at West Carter in 1974. It is also the first Sweet Sixteen win for the 16th region of northeastern Kentucky as well. I hope that this will be only the first of many championships for this community.

The Lady Comets set a wonderful example for young people all over Kentucky. Their hard work, dedication, and athleticism are evident, as are the many hours they spent in practice to earn the state title. I would like to take this opportunity to enter their names into the RECORD: Leah Frasier, Shelsa Hamilton, Cassandra Glover, Jenise James, Mandy Sterling, Megan Gearhart, Cathy Day, Kandi Brown, Shanna Shelton, Kayla Jones, Brooke Mullis, Nicki Burchett, Meghan Hillman, and Robin Butler. Kandi Brown was named the Tournament Most Valuable Player, and joining her on the All-Tournament Team were Megan Gearhart and Mandy Sterling.

I also salute Head Coach John "Hop" Brown who worked so hard for these young women, as well as the assistant coaches, Von Perry and Dana Smith. I also congratulate the people of Olive Hill who have strongly supported their team and so richly deserve this honor.

Mr. Speaker, this year's Sweet Sixteen set a record for attendance. over 40,000 people attended the four-day event, a record in the tournament's 39-year history. This bodes well for women's athletics in Kentucky, and it is good news for our daughters and granddaughters as well. I am pleased to commend these young women to the House of Representatives, and I couldn't express better than the words of one fan, who stated, "They're just a super bunch of girls."

HONORING DAN MISNER OF  
WISCONSIN

**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 12, 2000*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a true civic hero from Wisconsin's First Congressional District—Mr. Dan Misner. Dan Misner retired last month after dedicating 40 years of his life to public education in Walworth, Wisconsin.

Dan Misner grew up near Beloit, Wisconsin. He credits a dedicated high school teacher for

giving him the inspiration to go to college and enter the field of education. He was the first of seven children in his family to attend college and earn a degree.

Dan's teaching career started in 1959 at Big Foot High School, where he also coached the men's football, baseball and golf teams. Within ten years, he ascended to the position of Director of Instruction for the Big Foot Area Schools Association. In addition, he also served as the principal of Fontana High School. He concluded his four decades in public education by serving two terms on the Big Foot School Board, including one term as president of the board.

When asked what motivated his interest in education, Dan replied that it was his passion for knowledge and children. Dan's commitment to children and education serves as an inspiration to us all. He is truly a role model for anyone seeking a career in teaching. I am honored to recognize him for his contributions in improving the lives and education of children in Wisconsin's First Congressional District.

In his retirement, Dan plans to continue his volunteer work and spend more time with his family. I wish Dan Misner and his family the best of success and thank him for his dedicated service to his community.

IN HONOR OF HERMAN SPERO

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 12, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Herman Spero, the Executive Producer of UPBEAT an "American Bandstand" type television show produced in Cleveland, OH.

April 13, 2000 will be considered UPBEAT Day in Cleveland. On this day, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum will be unveiling their third in a series of their Rock and Roll Landmarks at WEWS TV, where UPBEAT was taped every Saturday night from 1964–1971. The show was syndicated in over one hundred cities and featured every major recording artist from the rock, jazz, and the rhythm and blues world. UPBEAT featured the first ever TV appearance of Simon & Garfunkle as well as the last appearance of Otis Redding. Other famous acts appearing in UPBEAT included the Beatles and the Rolling Stones.

We all know that it takes an immense amount of passion, hard work and dedication to make dreams come true. We are grateful to Mr. Spero for having an overwhelming amount of all three. He was instrumental to the success of Rock and Roll and had a historical role in its development. When the history of Rock and Roll is written, Herman Spero will have a fitting and appropriate mention. Herman Spero, through his unique combination of vision, common touch, and entertainment flair, is certainly deserving of this well-earned recognition.

I ask you, fellow colleagues, to join me in honoring a Cleveland legend, Herman Spero, who has given the city yet another reason why it is the Rock and Roll Capitol of the World.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. DORIS  
SMALLWOOD

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 12, 2000*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Doris Smallwood, a dedicated teacher with 36 years of experience in the Philadelphia School System. Unfortunately for us, Mr. Speaker, this year marks the last in which she will be educating our children at the Hunter School. Her retirement at the end of this school year deserves recognition not only for the longevity which her career achieved, but for the special impact she has had on the students and teachers she has encountered over the years. As Mrs. Smallwood moves to the next chapter of her life, it is incumbent upon us to reflect back and praise her for the extraordinary service she has provided to our community.

Mrs. Smallwood has been called a "teacher's teacher" by her peers. As an exemplary instructor of the 3rd grade with a keen interest in math, it was not uncommon to find Mrs. Smallwood conducting math lessons for her fellow teachers after school. Her dedication to mathematics resulted in the development of assessment standards which ensured that teachers were up to par in that field. Mrs. Smallwood, in effect, raised the bar for qualifications of teachers and did this solely out of her innate desire to better educate our youth.

Mrs. Smallwood prepared her students for the world to come not through rudimentary lesson plans, but through an engaging relationship that spanned beyond the classroom walls. When the technology boom occurred, it was Mrs. Smallwood who developed the grant to provide a computer lab for the Hunter School. It is no wonder that it was also she who became Technology Specialist after earning her certification in technology at the college level. Her proficiency in computers allowed for Internet training of Mentally Gifted students and for basic computer training of kids starting as early as kindergarten. Furthermore, Mrs. Smallwood understood the important link between home and school. She has been instrumental in the design and success of the Parent Partnership Program which prepares both parent and child for the transition from home to the school community.

The citizens of Philadelphia will sorely miss the heart-felt dedication that Mrs. Smallwood displayed during her tenure as a teacher with the Hunter School. She has defended the belief that all students can and will learn. She has also proclaimed that the only barrier to success is indifference, something she has never allowed herself or those around her to experience. She is a master teacher who has perfected her craft yet continues to choose learning as an avenue to life. She truly is, in every essence of the word, a teacher. We can only hope that others will emulate her commitment to excellence and her pursuit for the educational advancement of all students.