

Parker upon her appointment to the board of Friends of HelpAged—Ghana International.

Friends of HelpAged—Ghana is a member of HelpAged International, a nongovernmental association established in 1988. Their goal is to assist older persons who are poor, marginalized, or isolated with their daily needs. They seek to promote adequate health care treatment and medicinal availability in rural regions. They work to provide vital services to older persons without care, and enlist volunteers to visit with isolated persons in their homes.

Ms. Sinkler-Parker holds a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology and a Masters in Public Health from the University of South Carolina. Throughout the course of her career, Ms. Sinkler-Parker has focused on eliminating barriers to obtaining quality health care and on addressing social issues that significantly impact older persons. Ms. Sinkler-Parker has been very valuable to me and my staff and I am certain she will use her experiences, dedication, and knowledge to help shape our world views and understanding of the aging population.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Ms. Carrie Sinkler-Parker good luck and Godspeed in her new position and in honoring her for the incredible service she continues to provide to elderly citizens around the world.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WOMEN IMMIGRANTS SAFE HARBOR ACT

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today we join the world community in the first observance of "World Refugee Day." On this day we express solidarity and support for the world's refugees and recognize the contributions refugees make to their newly adopted countries. Against this backdrop, I am pleased to join with my colleagues CONNIE MORELLA, ILLLEANNA ROS-LEHTINEN, and NANCY PELOSI in introducing the "Women Immigrants' Safe Harbor Act (WISH)." The WISH Act provides help to women and children who are focused to seek refuge not from an oppressive political regime, but from members of their own families. Victims of domestic violence, like victims of political oppression, are often forced to flee with little other than their children and the clothes on their backs. Battered immigrant women, who are often far from their families and have limited English skills, are particularly alone and vulnerable.

Public benefits have long been a key avenue of escape from family violence. Victims of abuse are generally economically and socially isolated. Many of them believe they cannot leave their abusers because doing so will expose them and their children to economic hardship—in fact, a recent study found that more than two-thirds of battered immigrant women still trapped in abusive relationships said lack of money was the biggest obstacle to leaving. Programs like Medicaid, Food Stamps, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families help them care for their children until they can get back on their feet. These programs also expand the capacity of our nation's domestic violence shelters and safe houses by providing partial support to their residents.

The economic hardship is compounded because many abuse victims are initially unable to work because they must remain in hiding from their abusers. Congress specifically recognized this barrier in the 1996 welfare reform law, which provided states with a "family violence option" to exempt victims of domestic violence from work requirements. Somewhere between one-third and half of domestic abuse victims are harassed by their abusers while at work. For that reason, some of them have no choice but to avoid the workplace until the abuser is brought justice.

The WISH Act would restore access to critical public programs for a vulnerable group of battered women, many of whom have U.S. citizen children. It would also remove the threat of deportation for those who sought help to protect themselves and their children. Passing the WISH Act would provide these women with a safe harbor from the violence that plagues their families and the kind of fresh start the United States has always offered to refugees of all kinds. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating "World Refugee Day" and in supporting an escape route for battered women.

TRIBUTE TO GLORIA FELDT

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gloria Feldt on five years of remarkable service as the president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the world's largest and most trusted voluntary family planning organization.

Like me, most of my colleagues know Gloria very well. She is a knowledgeable and thoughtful leader who works closely with Members, and has repeatedly testified before Congress in the fight to ensure and protect the health of all women and their families. That is why People magazine called her "the voice of experience" and Vanity Fair named her one of "America's 200 Legends, Leaders, and Trailblazers."

Gloria's work deserves our honor and applause. Since becoming president in 1996, she has led Planned Parenthood Federation through a dramatic revitalization. Under Gloria's direction, the organization kicked off the Responsible Choices Action Agenda, a comprehensive advocacy and service campaign to prevent unintended pregnancy, improve the quality of reproductive health care, and ensure access to safe, legal abortion.

In addition, she has been the driving force behind dynamic public awareness campaigns, which have helped put the issue of insurance coverage for contraception on the map, and brought widespread attention to the need for responsible, medically accurate sexuality education in America's schools.

Gloria is a dedicated leader, an inexhaustible activist, and an inspiring role model for all women. We wish her many more successful years as she continues to advocate for women's health and women's rights.

THANKS, TONY ARMSTRONG, FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my close friend, Anthony W. Armstrong, for a truly outstanding and highly commendable tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer of Bay Health in Bay City, Michigan. Tony has held key leadership positions with Bay Health since 1985 and has been a major force in making it one of the premier medical facilities in the region.

After the merger of four hospitals in the 1970s and 1980s, Bay Health became the pre-eminent full-service medical facility for Bay County and many surrounding communities. Since first joining Bay Health, Tony's guiding hand has continued to shepherd vital expansions in widening the scope of medical services offered to the greater community. In the process, he also has been resolute and careful in those efforts never to sacrifice the quality of care provided to patients.

Today, Tony Armstrong and the dedicated professionals who make up Bay Health can be proud of their great success in providing the best and most affordable health care possible. Organizations such as Bay Health depend upon the direction, talent and dedication of those at the helm and Tony's lead-by-example approach has put Bay Health on the right path for a hale and hearty future.

In addition to Tony's significant successes in health care, it is also noteworthy to mention that his contributions to the whole community have gone far beyond his work-related duties. His involvement has extended to a wide spectrum of community endeavors, including Past Chairman of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Alliance for Bay County Schools. He also has drawn high praise for his work with the Lake Huron Area Boy Scouts Council, including spearheading an Explorers program to give high school students exposure to the health care profession. Clearly, he has been a tremendous asset to the civic health of his community; efforts that he certainly could not have accomplished without the love and support of his wife, Barbara, their son, Travis, and daughter, Alicia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tony Armstrong for his strong and admirable record of enhancing and encouraging the good health of his community. I am confident that Tony's legacy will ensure that Bay Health will continue for many years to offer a healing hand to those who need care.

LUKE ROBERT WALLACE JACKSON MAKES HIS MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Clay and Anna Jackson on the birth of their first child, Master Luke Robert Wallace Jackson. Luke was born on Friday, May 11th, 2001 and he weighed 8 pounds and

7 ounces. My wife Faye and my son Brian join me in wishing Clay and Anna great happiness during this very special time in their lives.

As a father of three, I know the immeasurable pride and rewarding challenge that children bring into your life. The birth of a child changes your perspective on life and opens the world to you a fresh, new way. Their innocence keeps you young-at-heart. A little miracle, a new baby holds all the potential of what human beings can achieve.

With great happiness, I welcome young Luke into the world and wish Clay and Anna all the best as they raise him.

TRIBUTE TO WELDON WILHOIT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to Colonel Weldon Wilhoit, former Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, for the service he has given to the state of Missouri for over 30 years.

Colonel Wilhoit graduated from Shelbina High School in 1962. He honorably served in the United States Army from 1962 until 1965 and attended Central Missouri State University. In 1969, he began a long and distinguished career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Colonel Wilhoit's first assignment was with Troop H, serving there from 1970 until 1987. Nine years after his first assignment he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and was also designated the Assistant Zone Commander. In 1985, he was promoted to Sergeant and designated Zone Commander. Col. Wilhoit was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to Troop B in 1987. He attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, from January 1991 through March 1991 and in April of 1992, Col. Wilhoit was promoted, to Captain and designated Commanding Officer of Troop B.

In 1993, Col. Wilhoit was promoted to the rank of Major and was transferred to General Headquarters, Field Operation Bureau. In 1996, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and designated Assistant Superintendent, and in September 1997, Governor Mel Carnahan appointed Col. Wilhoit as Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Mr. Speaker, Col. Wilhoit has dutifully served for four years as the Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

As he prepares to spend more time with his wife Helen and his children, Mark, Brian, Angela, and Kelly, I know the Members of the House, will join me in expressing appreciation for his dedication to the people of Missouri.

HONORS YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL ON THEIR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to one

of our Nation's oldest and finest medical institutions. Yale-New Haven Hospital. For one hundred and seventy five years, Yale-New Haven has been at the forefront of medical care.

Chartered in 1826 as the General Hospital of Connecticut, it was the first hospital in the State of Connecticut and the fifth in the nation. Throughout its proud history, Yale-New Haven Hospital has enriched the lives of millions of patients and has become a true national landmark. Though we have come a long way from the days of horse-drawn ambulances and physicians carrying little black bags as they made house calls, Yale-New Haven has never lost sight of their original message: to serve those in need.

Over the course of their 175 year history, Yale-New Haven has developed some of the most significant advances in medical research. Their remarkable work has not only made a difference in the New Haven community, but in the lives of millions across the globe. Yale-New Haven Hospital has long been known for its pioneering efforts in medical technology. They were the first hospital in the western hemisphere to use both penicillin and chemotherapy and the first in the nation to offer rooming-in and one of the first to offer natural child-birth. Other firsts have included the first artificial heart pump which is now housed in the Smithsonian Institute and the world's first intensive care unit for newborns. These contributions have changed the course of medical history and made possible the continued advancement of many medical technologies.

More than their contributions to the medical science, Yale-New Haven Hospital has always had a very special relationship with the New Haven community, which I am sure it will work to continue. Their home since the beginning, Yale-New Haven continues to work hard to ensure the growth and development of the New Haven area. Partnering with New Haven schools, they initiated the Partners in Education Program which offers career exploration and volunteer service opportunities for students. In addition, each year the Partners in Education program provides five four-year scholarships to minority students furthering their education in health-related fields. Yale-New Haven also lends its support to a number of local and non-profit organizations. Their numerous contributions to such organizations as the Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity, the New Haven Public Education Fund, the New Haven Boys & Girls Club, and the Anti-Defamation League have gone a long way in helping them achieve their respective missions in the community.

Yale-New Haven Hospital also offers the New Haven community access to a variety of life-saving tests for cancer. As a cancer survivor myself, I can tell you that these screenings are an invaluable tool in the fight against this devastating disease. The Yale-New Haven Mammography Van has been operating for over a year now, providing mammograms to several under served groups throughout the community. Yale-New Haven is also one of only sixteen sites in Connecticut that offers comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening programs free of charge to eligible women over age forty. Their consistent commitment and dedication to ensuring service to those most in need has left an indelible mark on our community.

For its invaluable contributions to medicine and to the New Haven community, I am proud

to rise today to pay tribute to Yale-New Haven Hospital as they celebrate their 175th Anniversary. It is with sincere thanks and appreciation that I extend my congratulations and best wishes on this very special occasion.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM L. PORTEOUS OF REED CITY, MICHIGAN

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William L. Porteous of Reed City, Michigan, who recently received the Reed City High School Distinguished Alumni Award. Mr. Porteous was recognized with this honor because he embodies the characteristics that school districts would like to instill in young people today: dedication to educational excellence and life-long learning; motivation to succeed; integrity in one's chosen field; commitment to serve the community one resides in; and recognition by one's peers of abilities far beyond ordinary.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Porteous and draw the attention of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and my constituents in the 4th Congressional District to Mr. Porteous' distinguished life and career as well as his extraordinary community involvement.

After graduating from Reed City High School in 1937, Mr. Porteous attended Michigan State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. Then in 1941, he joined the United States Army serving during World War II. After he was discharged from the military, he enrolled at the University of Michigan earning a Masters of Business Administration.

In 1948, Mr. Porteous returned to Reed City with his wife Mable and began his 42-year banking career at the Reed City State Bank, where he eventually became the president and Chairman of the Board. Under his leadership, the small community bank grew to one with nearly \$60 million in assets which Mr. Porteous successfully merged with the First Michigan Bank of Zeeland.

While Mr. Porteous was a success in his professional life, he also made a significant impact on the Reed City community and its children. Mr. Porteous always took a leading role whenever a new school had to be built or when a school building needed improvements. Not only was he generous with his time and talents, but with his financial resources as well.

Mr. Porteous also must be commended for serving his community by volunteering through numerous organizations, including the Boy Scouts, Reed City VFW Post, Rotary International, Eagle Village, Inc. and other civic organizations.

I am honored today to recognize Mr. Porteous as an outstanding citizen whose admirable qualities make him an outstanding role model for his community.