

Today, SkiHi is a full service mechanical/industrial contractor with over 220 employees. The company has a 38,000 square foot headquarters and fabrication shop in Fort Worth, Texas, and opened an office in Lubbock, Texas two years ago. SkiHi's volume was \$1 million in its first year, \$4 million in the second year, and was over \$33 million in 2000.

SkiHi has worked on many large construction projects in Texas. One of SkiHi's first projects was renovating the Tarrant County Courthouse in downtown Fort Worth. SkiHi has also done extensive work in North Texas on Burlington Northern Sante Fe's corporate headquarters, Nestle's Texas Distribution Center, the James West Special Care Center for Alzheimer's Disease, the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Alcon Laboratories, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Rental Car Facility. In recent years, the company has also completed many projects outside of the Fort Worth area. The most notable is the United Spirit Arena at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

SkiHi also gives back to the industry and community. In conjunction with the Construction Education Foundation, SkiHi provides workforce training classes at North Lake College and Trimble Tech High School. The Construction Education Foundation is a coalition of North Texas contractors that trains approximately 600 apprentices each year. SkiHi sends employees to high school career days and job fairs to promote the construction business. The company also provides on-the-job training for young men and women interested in a career in construction.

Additionally, SkiHi is an active member of the Associated Builders and Contractors. The company has been awarded for its quality work by the Associated Builders and Contractors on numerous occasions. Most recently, SkiHi was awarded First Place on the local level for the 2000 Associated Builders and Contractors Excellence in Construction Awards for its work on the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Rental Car Facility.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate SkiHi Enterprises, Ltd., for 20 years of success. I know that the next 20 years will be even more productive.

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HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ECTODERMAL DYSPLASIAS

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2001*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 20th anniversary of the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias (NFED) in Mascoutah, Illinois.

The NFED is the only organization in the United States providing comprehensive services to individuals affected by the ectodermal dysplasia syndromes (EDS) and their families. EDS are a group of genetic disorders which are identified by the absence or deficient function of at least two derivatives of the ectoderm (teeth, hair, nails or glands). There are at least 150 forms of EDS that have been identified. EDS was first recognized by Charles Darwin in the late 1860's.

EDS affects many more people that had been originally thought by Darwin. Today, the number of those individuals affected by EDS has been estimated as high as 7 in 10,000 births. Individuals affected by EDS have abnormalities of the sweat glands, tooth buds, hair follicles and nail development. Some types of EDS are mild while others are more devastating. People with EDS have been identified as having frequent respiratory infections, hearing or vision defects, missing fingers or toes, problems with their immune system and a sensitivity to light. In rare cases, the lifespan of a person with EDS may be affected. Many individuals affected by EDS cannot perspire, requiring air conditioning in the home, at work or in school. Some individuals may have missing or malformed teeth or problems with their upper respiratory tract. EDS is caused during pregnancy, as the baby is developing. During the formation of skin tissues, defects in formation of the outer layers of the baby's skin may lead to ED.

At this time there is no cure for ED. The NFED, incorporated in 1981, is the sole organization in the world providing comprehensive services to families affected by EDS. The NFED is committed to improving lives by providing information on treatment and care and promoting research. There are more than 3000 individuals served by the NFED in 50 states and 53 countries. They have provided more than \$115,000 in financial assistance to families for their dental care, medical care, air conditioners, wigs, cooling vests and other needs. The NFED has provided patient access and granted more than \$237,000 to researchers studying the various aspects of EDS. These grants have stimulated more than 2 million dollars in ED research. They continue to host continuing educational programs on ED for health care professionals and provide the most comprehensive and current information on ED in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 20 years of service of the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias and it's aid and comfort to those affected by this terrible disease.

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EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SHOWS COURAGE UNDER PRESSURE

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2001*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, the words courageous and heroic are sometimes used without thought or care. In the Sixth District of North Carolina, however, those adjectives and more should be applied to one of our young citizens who bravely came to his mother's rescue. For his efforts, eight-year-old Michael Mathis from Denton, North Carolina, was recently awarded the North Carolina 911 hero award, and he was recognized by the National Emergency Number Association. Young Michael was caught in a terrible predicament, which required him to show great courage while under severe pressure. Michael didn't let his young age hold him back from stepping up to save the life of his mother.

On February 6, 2001, Michael was riding with his mother Cathy Surratt on a road near High Point. Michael's mother suffers from a

thyroid condition and she has constant migraine headaches. During the course of the drive, Cathy began to see swirls in her eyes, pulled to the side of the road, then lost consciousness. Michael immediately got out his mother's cell phone in order to call his stepfather, but unfortunately the phone went dead, due to the fact that their minutes had expired. Knowing that a call to 911 was free, he then called the emergency number for help. Michael tried to tell the dispatcher where they were located, but with only trees and grass visible, he was only certain that they were on Highway 109.

Shortly after that, the car, which was a stick shift, began to roll forward. Michael's voice suddenly turned to panic, and he pleaded with the dispatcher to have someone find them. The dispatcher instructed him to take the key out of the ignition. Though he was overcome with fear, Michael managed to get the key out, and the car stopped. The dispatcher told Michael to honk the horn and flash the lights in the hope that a passing car would stop. Michael quickly complied with the dispatcher's orders. Finally, a car stopped, and to his good fortune, the passengers in the car were an emergency worker and a trained nurse. When Michael's stepfather arrived, the car was surrounded by people who were there to help. Cathy Surratt was taken to an area hospital where she was successfully treated and released.

The Davidson County Sheriff's Department named Michael a 911 hero, and he was awarded a plaque at a special ceremony. This week, the National Emergency Number Association recognized Michael at its 20th annual conference, along with other National 911 heroes. I am very pleased to be able to recognize Michael as one of our North Carolina 911 heroes. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we offer our personal congratulations to Michael Mathis—a true hero.

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HONORING THE SAYERS FAMILY OF CLARK COUNTY, OHIO

**HON. DAVID L. HOBSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2001*

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of the Sayers Family from Clark County, Ohio and their combined commitment to shared American values. I rise today to recognize the fact that the four children of Charles and Virlie Sayers have each married and raised their own families for a combined total of 231 years. The Sayer Family provides an excellent example for our community in Ohio, as well as for the country as a whole, of the importance and benefits of a solid family heritage.

In today's society, it is very uplifting to hear stories such as these and to see the commitment this Ohio family has made to one another. It was through the Sayer Family's strong foundation that they understood the meaning of hard work as well as the value of family. Growing up, the children were encouraged to be good students, trained in music, and helped run their family farm. They understood the meaning of responsibility and the importance of strong family ties.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Sayers' for preserving such a strong family bond and for their traditional values and morals.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. ZINI, D.O.

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2001*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and outstanding Osteopathic physician. I am proud to recognize James E. Zini, D.O., in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to his community, to our state, and to our nation.

Dr. Zini epitomizes the Osteopathic profession. With his application of Osteopathic practices and principals, he personifies the model D.O. physician—practicing in a small rural town taking care of people, not just treating symptoms. He started his family practice in rural Mountain View, Arkansas, in 1977. In his Mountain View and Marshall clinics, along with partner David Burnette, D.O., office manager Judy Zini, and the Zini Clinic staff, Jim makes sure that each patient visit—approximately 13,000 annually—is remembered as excellent, quality D.O. care.

Dr. Zini is Board Certified in Family Practice by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and is a fellow of the college. Jim is also Board Certified by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians.

As a founder and leader of the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA), Dr. Zini tirelessly worked to advance the Arkansas Osteopathic profession: to promote the Osteopathic family in all areas affecting D.O.s; and to protect the licensure, practice and educational interests of all Arkansas D.O.s. Dr. Zini has served his state association with distinction: Founder, President, Vice President, Committee Chairperson, Member, and he received the first AOMA Physician of the Year Award in 1989. Jim is also the first D.O. to serve on the Arkansas State Medical Board—a position designated by law that he worked to enact.

Dr. Zini furthered his commitment to the Osteopathic profession at the national level: serving as an Arkansas delegate to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) House of Delegates; numerous House committees; AOA Board of Trustees; several key AOA committees and chairmanships; and 2001–2002 AOA President. As a community leader, Dr. Zini's recognitions include: 1998 Flight Safety Award, Federal Aviation Administration; 1997 Distinguished Citizen Award, Mountain View Chamber of Commerce; 1996 Alumni of the Year Award, University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Missouri; 1991 Federal Aviation Administration Certificate of Recognition; Sigma Sigma Phi Honorary Osteopathic Fraternity; and 1972 Ordained Minister, St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas.

James E. Zini, D.O., is a physician, advisor and friend to many. He has dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens as a leader in both his profession and his community, and he deserves our respect and gratitude for his

priceless contributions. On behalf of the Congress, I extend congratulations and best wishes to my good friend James E. Zini, D.O., on his successes and achievements.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF ROBERT R. GREENLAW

**HON. MARGE ROUKEMA**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2001*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chief Robert R. Greenlaw, C.E.M., for his outstanding achievements with the Ridgewood Emergency Services and his contributions to the protection of the Ridgewood community. Bob Greenlaw, who is now the Director of Ridgewood Emergency Services, has served the public in emergency situations for over forty years. On July 4, 2001, we will be honoring him in Ridgewood for his tremendous service. His leadership in the development of a trained volunteer fire and police department is only one of his remarkable achievements and I commend him for his efforts. The results of his dedicated service are felt throughout the Village of Ridgewood. As a leader of the men and women who protect our community, he is an inspiration for all those involved in public service.

Bob began his protection of the public in 1957 as a volunteer firefighter in Ridgewood, which is also my hometown. After a long and dedicated service in our community, Bob has assumed numerous leadership positions within the fire and police department. He was named Captain of the Ridgewood Auxiliary Police while also involving himself with emergency management. In 1980, Bob received the first two of many awards for his service, as he was given both the Emergency Medical Services Medal of Honor and the Village of Ridgewood Mayor's Award of Excellence in the same year. Convinced that the fire and police departments could be structured differently in order to best serve the community, Bob asked the Village of Ridgewood to support a trained group of volunteers within the departments which would allow the fire and police professionals to focus on the most critical situations. Bob encouraged a handful of volunteers to join him in this program and today his inspiration has led to a department of 127 volunteers serving more than 500,000 hours each year. This has been a tremendous resource for the Ridgewood community and would not have happened were it not for Bob's vision and dedication.

As those who know Bob can tell you, he has continually placed the safety of his community at the top of his priorities. He demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the public and has worked selflessly in this role for over 40 years. I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Chief Bob Greenlaw for his examples of service and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Chief Robert R. Greenlaw for all he has done for his community and for the outstanding example he sets for all of us.

THE LOW INCOME GASOLINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACT OF 2001

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2001*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a bill I have just introduced, the Low Income Gasoline Assistance Program Act of 2001.

Let me begin my remarks by thanking the original sponsor of this legislation, Senator JOHN ROCKEFELLER, who in introducing this bill is attempting to address a very serious problem throughout our country. I also want to thank the original House cosponsors who have joined in this effort.

We all know the problem: skyrocketing gasoline prices have taken their toll on pocketbooks in a severe way. Gas station managers around New Mexico—and other parts of the country—say drivers are filling up their tanks and driving off without paying. Some say they have never seen it so bad, and it has forced them to change how things are done at the pump. A number of stations are now requiring customers to pay first because of so much lost revenue.

A common recommendation that we often hear when gas prices go up is for people to drive less. Walk, bike, or take public transit when you can. While I agree with that, unfortunately, that only goes so far, especially if you have no choice but to commute to work, to the doctor, or to school because public transportation is not available in your area. This is especially true for those who live in rural areas. These citizens have no other choice but to pay these prices in order to live their lives. This legislation attempts to address the problems that underprivileged citizens face in rural America with regard to the high cost of gasoline.

Our proposal is relatively simple. The current high price of gasoline is hurting people throughout the country. And perhaps no group is being hit harder than seniors and the working poor, especially in rural areas and places with inadequate public transportation. With experts predicting regular unleaded gasoline prices in excess of \$2.00 a gallon for much of the country this summer, I believe it is our responsibility to provide some immediate, short-term assistance for our most needy citizens.

The Low Income Gasoline Assistance Program Act of 2001 or LIGAP, is modeled on the successful LIHEAP program that helps seniors and the disadvantaged pay for heating oil in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. Under this program, recipients would receive \$25 to \$75 per month for three months, as long as gasoline prices stay high where they live. If the price of gasoline does not fall back below the price at which the program triggers off, recipients would be allowed to re-apply for three additional months' benefit.

LIGAP will allow states to make grants to low- and fixed-income individuals and families to defray the cost of purchasing gasoline for travel to work, to school, or to regular healthcare appointments when the price of gasoline reaches or exceeds the unmanageable current levels. States will make LIGAP grants to income-eligible families who meet the distance requirements of driving at least 30 miles a day, or 150 miles per week for