

and enthusiastic supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Jesser will be honored today at the "Evening with the Governors" 2001 Good Scout Awards of the Northern New Jersey Council Boy Scouts of America. With more than forty years of dedicated service to the Boy Scouts of America, he will be the recipient of the Distinguished Scouter Award. The Boy Scouts of America pride themselves on producing fine citizens, strong family members, and community leaders. In this respect, Ned Jesser truly leads by example.

Today, Mr. Jesser sits on the Executive Board of the Northern New Jersey Council of Boy Scouts. However his involvement with the scouts began some forty years ago as the President of Bergen County Council of Scouts. It is his firm belief that scouting truly creates good lives and good citizens. Mr. Jesser has said that "scouting is the only national organization that is making a major effort to bring a better and healthier life for our boys." Clearly, this man is recognized as a leader for scouts—and a committed one at that!

As I am sure Mr. Jesser's wife Ruth can attest, Mr. Jesser is a very active member of the Bergen County community. Mr. Jesser served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Summit Bank for twenty years. In addition, he has sat on many boards in our county. To list just a few of his involvements: President of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, President of the New Jersey Bankers Association, and Trustee of Lafayette College. As a man who is generous with his time and his talents, Mr. Jesser has truly contributed to making northern New Jersey a better place to live.

A fine citizen, a family man, and an involved community leader, Mr. Jesser is not only an outstanding role model for Scouts, but also an outstanding example of the fine residents of Bergen County. He contributes much to both the development of young men in our region, and to our community itself. Ned Jesser, we are lucky to have you with us.

IN HONOR OF P.O. NIURCA
QUINONES AND P.O. DARRELL
CLARK

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Police Officers Niurca Quinones and Darrell Clark in recognition of their outstanding work to rid the streets of Bedford-Stuyvesant from the scourge of drugs.

Officer Quinones joined the New York City Police Department on April 30, 1991. Officer Clark joined the New York City Police Department on October 15, 1990. Both officers were assigned to the 79th Precinct, where they worked together as partners. As a unit, they have done an outstanding job in serving the community of Bedford-Stuyvesant.

In a short period of time, these officers have successfully reduced the presence of drugs and the number of drug-related crimes. In the past two years alone, these officers executed 48 search warrants leading to 97 arrests. Officers Quinones and Clark also recovered 14 guns, 300 rounds of ammunition, 436 decks of heroin, 1 large bag of heroin, 167 vials of

crack, 412 glass vials of crack, 10 oz. of crack, three pounds of marijuana, 51 bottles of hydro, 284 bags of marijuana, and over \$9,000 in illegal funds.

Mr. Speaker, Officers Quinones and Clark are two outstanding examples of New York's finest. They have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help clear the Bedford-Stuyvesant community of dangerous drugs and criminals. As such they are more than worthy of our praise. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring these two dedicated public servants.

A TRIBUTE TO EDWARD AND DOLLY MASON

HON. ROBERT L. EHRlich, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. EHRlich. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Edward and Dolly Mason, and to honor the memory of their son, Eddie. On March 10, 1999 Eddie Mason died of a sudden and unexpected heart attack. The death of their son, less than three weeks before his nineteenth birthday, was a bitter and heart wrenching tragedy for the Masons. I know the Mason family; it has been personally painful for me to witness their struggle to cope with such an inconsolable loss.

Eddie Mason was a vibrant young man who embraced life; one who sought the opportunities presented each day. At the age of fifteen, he was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia, a degenerative neurological disease that impairs muscular function throughout the body. His condition, however, was not life-threatening. Indeed, Eddie's passion for athletic endeavors was unquenchable. From an early age, Eddie was an avid participant in soccer, baseball, football, and wrestling; he also pursued karate, achieving the rank of Green Belt after eight years of training. Yet, Eddie's excellent physical conditioning offered no protection against the deadly symptoms of his disease.

The Masons' grief for their son will never be completely assuaged. Ed and Dolly, however, hoped to preserve Eddie's memory at the community church their family has attended for many years. Accordingly, twelve months ago, the Mason family resolved to construct the tower that now stands between the sanctuary and rectory of St. Luke's Church in Edgemere, Maryland. I was honored to be present at the ground breaking ceremony held on March 27, 2001, the twenty-first anniversary of Eddie's birth. Seeing such familial devotion and community support is something I will not soon forget.

On Sunday, October 14, at St. Luke's Church, a thirty-five-foot bell tower, the home of "Eddie's Bell," was officially blessed. In the presence of over 350 neighbors, friends, and fellow citizens, the Masons' tribute to their son was consecrated, and "Eddie's Bell" rung for the first time.

Friends, family, neighbors, and even strangers have helped sustain the Masons since the terrible event of March 10, 1999. Yet, the newly created monument was not a community effort. The money and time required for the bell tower were invested solely by Ed and Dolly Mason. "Eddie's Bell" was a gift from "Mom and Dad" to the son they love so much.

The bell tower has become a centerpiece of St. Luke's Church. Each day the bell is rung at noon and six p.m.—its bold notes call members to worship before each weekend mass. The bell's toll can be heard up to two miles away, a range which includes the Mason home. I sincerely hope that Ed and Dolly will take comfort in the notes of "Eddie's Bell," knowing that all the love and devotion they feel for their son has been given musical form.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the Mason family in Maryland's Second Congressional District, and I ask that my colleagues join me in offering them our deepest condolences for their loss, congratulations on their dedication to family and community, and our very best wishes for the future.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING EFFORTS OF PEOPLES OF UNITED STATES OF KOREAN ANCESTRY TO REUNITE WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN NORTH KOREA

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 77, a resolution expressing the sense of Congress to reunite United States citizens with their family members in North Korea.

North and South Korea have made significant progress in their relationship, as has the United States made very important steps in its relationship with both North and South Korea in the past two decades. H. Con. Res. 77 is the next step.

This very important resolution recognizes the need to reunite Americans of Korean ancestry with their family members in North Korea.

Over 500,000 Americans of Korean ancestry were separated from family members with the division of North and South Korea. This simple measure will bring about a long awaited family reunion, over 50 years later.

I believe it is very important for the United States to be involved in reunification and peace efforts in Korea, and this resolution brings us one step closer. This is a significant effort in mending relations with North and South Korea, and their relationship with the United States.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTMAS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, Christmas during wartime is an unsettling conflict in vision and emotion for Americans. A peace-loving nation, the United States has always been resolved in the face of tyranny to crush the purveyors of terror and to vanquish the enemies of freedom; and with firm reliance upon the protection of Divine Providence. Celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace is a testimony to authentic liberty, and invigorates

the spirit of a nation whose motto boldly stands "in God we trust."

America will prevail, because it always has, because it must, and because it is right.

President Franklin Roosevelt asked, "how can we pause, even for a day, even for Christmas Day, in our urgent labor of arming a decent humanity against the enemies which beset it?" Today, Americans confront the same question. The answer is, of course, the same, and so the outcome will be.

The nation's first Christmas occurred amidst the Revolutionary War. With the Continental Army poised to turn the momentum of the war, General George Washington conceived a daring tactic which would unfold on the Eve of Christmas 1776. Under cover of darkness and well after the Hessian mercenaries had consumed their Holiday feast (and drink), Washington led his troops across the Delaware River to defeat the heavy, surprised, and more numerous Hessian mercenaries who held Trenton, NJ.

A few months prior to the famous attack, Washington wrote, "the time is now near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will deliver them. The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die."

In 1862, entering the second year of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln inspired his countrymen through the Christmas season. Before Congress, he delivered a stirring speech: "the dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present," Lincoln said. "The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise to the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country."

Roosevelt's address following the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor urged Americans to take inspiration from the sacred Holiday. "Our strongest weapon in this war is that conviction of the dignity and brotherhood of man which Christmas Day signifies—more than any other day or any other symbol. Against enemies who preach the principles of hate and practice them, we set our faith in human love and in God's care for us and all men everywhere," he said. "It is in that spirit, and with particular thoughtfulness of those our sons and brothers, who serve in our armed forces on land and sea, near and far—those who serve for us and endure for us—that we light our Christmas candles now across the continent from one coast to the other on this Christmas Eve."

From the Christmas Eve crossing of the Delaware, to the Christmases observed in Civil War camps, the trenches of World War I, and the forests of Belgium during WWII, Americans have always been willing to fight to secure their nation and restore peace.

American men and women presently deployed in Afghanistan, the Middle East, Bosnia, Korea, throughout the world and here at home, are emblematic of the sacrifice and dedication of the proud American soldiers who preceded them. The cause of freedom, liberty

and valor serves to summon the courage of those who stand in harm's way, but even more does the spirit of Christmas confirm the hope and blessing that is God's gift to America. The way to victory was shown to the world by a child whose birthday is revered around the world. America's trust in God will lead us to victory again.

WILLIAM WINKENWERDER, AS-
SISTANT SECRETARY OF DE-
FENSE FOR HEALTH CARE

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, America's armed service members, their families and military retirees can rest easier today knowing that Dr. William Winkenwerder has been sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Care. A western North Carolina native, Dr. Winkenwerder brings fittingly broad experience and an impressive record of achievement to this important position. All Americans can be proud that Dr. Winkenwerder has agreed to serve his nation yet once again. The Asheville Citizen-Times' Tim Reid recently penned a profile of Dr. Winkenwerder, which I am glad to share with my colleagues.

WINKENWERDER TOP HEALTHCARE OFFICIAL
FOR DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

(By Tim Reid)

ASHEVILLE.—Growing up in Asheville in a family well known for its successful hotels, William Winkenwerder seemed destined to enter the hospitality industry like his brother, John. But he liked science and helping people and figured medicine was a good way to combine those interests. Some time during his years of medical school, residency and private practice, Dr. Winkenwerder also discovered he was drawn to the public policy side of medicine, designing and administering systems to deliver quality health care as efficiently as possible.

"Even though I very much enjoyed taking care of patients, I developed an interest in how the system of health care worked, or didn't work in some cases," he said.

After years of high-level jobs related to providing health services, Winkenwerder is using all his experience and expertise to help protect the health of America's armed services, their families and military retirees. He was sworn in recently as assistant secretary of defense for health care—the Defense Department's top health-care official. It is a big job, and the numbers are staggering. Winkenwerder manages the nation's \$25 billion defense health program, whose 110,000 staffers see to the health needs of more than 8 million people around the world.

"It's an incredible responsibility. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve in this kind of position," he said. "We have wonderful people in the military. They are extremely dedicated, hard working and bright."

Winkenwerder assumed the job at a critical time as the military prepares for a sustained effort against terrorism.

"We have to look at the whole range of biological agents that could pose a threat and develop a strategy for all of them," he said. "That could include not just anthrax but also smallpox, the plague and all the things we believe could be used."

Winkenwerder faces the same challenges posed to any health care executive—assuring quality care while keeping costs at an acceptable level. He is not responsible for the nation's VA hospitals but does oversee the Tricare program that functions like an insurance program, paying for care through the public or private sector.

THE EARLY YEARS

Winkenwerder said he has a soft spot in his heart for Asheville and visits family members here three or four times a year. They include his father, William Winkenwerder Sr. of Asheville, and his mother Martha Baker Loew, also of Asheville. His brother John Winkenwerder is managing partner of the Asheville area Hampton Inns.

"It was a great experience growing up there and working for my father," he said. "He gave me a real appreciation for work and for serving people."

But it was Winkenwerder's family physician, Dr. Roger James, who sparked his early interest in medicine.

"He was a wonderful man who died recently," Winkenwerder recalled. "He was my doctor and a leader in my church. I was just impressed with what he did for people."

He said another role model was orthopedic surgeon Dr. Wayne Montgomery. "He was mayor of Asheville at the time, and I liked that idea of combining medicine and public service."

Winkenwerder also worked summers as an orderly at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he got to know many physicians such as Dr. David Cappiello, another orthopedic surgeon. After graduation from Asheville High School, Winkenwerder went to Davidson College on a football scholarship, enrolling in its pre-med program. After Davidson came eight years of medical school and residency in internal medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, during which Winkenwerder's career interests began to change.

"I decided I really did want to delve into this whole area of health care policy and health care economics and public health," he said. "I decided business school was a good way to do that."

Winkenwerder attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and at the same time completed a fellowship in public health and research at the university's hospital. During the summer of 1986 he worked at the Department of Health and Human Resources and got a taste for government that has never really left him. The following year Winkenwerder was asked to come back and work in the Health Care Financing Administration, which operates the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

"I worked there about two years, until the end of the Reagan administration" he said. "I got into that whole world of how the health care system should be structured."

Yearning to use his skills as a doctor, Winkenwerder joined a group practice in Atlanta. He worked there for five years, seeing firsthand how managed care was changing the practice of medicine. Winkenwerder then began a series of high-level jobs in diverse aspects of the health care system. They included stints as: regional vice president and chief medical officer for Prudential Health Care; regional quality assurance and associate medical director for Kaiser Permanente; and vice president for Emory Health Care at Emory University.

Then Winkenwerder moved to Boston to take the number two post as vice chairman of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. When his desire to advance to the top post did not materialize, he decided to return to government service. Winkenwerder talked to friends and colleagues in Washington and