

Clay and Brock, and his colleagues at the Pueblo Police Department. Like these loved ones, the Pueblo community and the State of Colorado will miss John greatly.

TRIBUTE TO HAL SHOUP

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, Hal Shoup, one of the key leaders in the advertising industry, a man who is both a professional colleague and good friend of mine, is retiring and moving to his mountain top home in Marshall, Virginia.

Hal is not actually a native of my home state of Ohio. He spent the first few years of his life in Michigan, but spent much of his professional career as the head of one of the largest advertising agencies in Cleveland, Ohio. As president of Liggett-Stashower, he played a major part in the rejuvenation of downtown Cleveland and was involved in the social and cultural rebirth of the area.

When he moved to Washington in 1989 as Executive Vice President of the AAAA's office, he brought with him the same reputation for integrity and humor that made him such a leader in Cleveland. I should add, he also brought with him the same very effective golf game.

Hal has been an insightful and thoughtful industry spokesman and a highly respected representative of the advertising agency business. I would like to extend to Hal Shoup warm congratulations on his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. MACK ROBERTS OF WAYNE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I use this extraordinary means to sadly inform the House of the passing of a great American, a patriarch of Wayne County, Kentucky, and a family friend.

Mr. Speaker, long after other doctors had stopped making house calls, Dr. Mack Roberts kept making his rounds. While other doctors were delivering babies in hospital rooms and administering vaccinations in sparkling new clinics, this humble man, known to his patients simply as "Doc", took his skills to the dusty roads in one of the most rural areas of the Nation—a four-county region of southeastern Kentucky.

A beloved physician, Dr. Mack Roberts, of Monticello, Kentucky, died Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, at the age of 97.

Dr. Roberts provided medical care to patients throughout Kentucky's Wayne, Pulaski, Clinton and McCreary counties for 61 years, going to remote hills and hollows to deliver babies, provide vaccinations, and care for generations of family members. When there was no hospital at all in Wayne County, Dr. Roberts and his wife, Alma Dolen Roberts, opened their home on Main Street in Monticello to the

sick and injured for treatment. They accepted patients at all hours of the day and night, sometimes turning their home into a makeshift emergency room. No patient was ever turned away.

Dr. Roberts grew up amid his large family in rural Wayne County in frontier-like surroundings, beginning in a log house. This Member was born at home only two or three miles from the same place. The Roberts and Rogers families have been close all the while. I especially remember Dr. Roberts' father, Rhodes Roberts, presiding over the Sunday School classes in the small, weatherboard, rural Elk Spring Valley Baptist Church, from my earliest memories. A much younger Dr. Mack Roberts would be quietly participating in the church activities. Later, my father, O.D. Rogers, assisted Dr. Roberts and others in raising the money to construct the new (and present) home for the church.

Dr. Mack Roberts earned a degree from Cumberland College in 1926 and his medical degree in 1932 from the University of Louisville College of Medicine. He came home to Wayne County to serve as county health officer, where the job of vaccinating children against common diseases became a personal crusade. He opened his private practice in Monticello in 1939.

He once told an interviewer that the most important medical instrument he could imagine was his Jeep, which he used to make house calls to patients across the region's most remote areas. He would take the Jeep as far as the road would take him, then sometimes climb atop a mule or a horse to travel the rest of the way.

But there was a time when these house calls took on an element of danger. During his years as a county health officer, he remembered that he would sometimes travel with an escort because some folks who saw him coming down the road thought he might have been a Federal agent looking for moonshine whiskey stills.

Over the years, "Doc" Roberts delivered 4,250 babies—about 90 percent of them delivered in the patients' home. For his work, he charged what the patient could afford, and sometimes that meant no payment at all. "One time I delivered a baby and the man offered me two gallons of moonshine," he has been quoted as saying. "I'm sorry now I didn't take it."

His career has been fondly remembered in two books chronicling his life. One book, entitled "Doc", was written by his great-nephew, the Rev. Howard W. Roberts, and published in 1987. Another book, written by his wife, Alma, was recently published under the title "House Calls: Memoirs of Life with a Kentucky Doctor." As recently as last fall, "Doc" and Alma Roberts made public appearances to sign the memoir.

Dr. Roberts retired from his practice on July 1, 1993, just before his 90th birthday. Since that time he has served as a director of the Monticello Banking Company. His wife; three daughters, Helen Dreese of Flint, Michigan, Ann Looney of Paris, Tennessee, and Marilyn Drake of Monticello; a brother; a sister; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Mack Roberts had frequently said that he was put on this Earth for a reason: to serve the Lord and to serve his fellow man. It was a basic and abiding prin-

ciple that he carried with him throughout his 97 years. His selfless devotion to his community, his patients and his family has left an indelible legacy for the people of Kentucky and the Nation.

We mourn the passing of this fine physician and community leader, whose life serves as an example for future generations of Kentuckians and Americans to follow.

RECOGNIZING THE GENEROSITY OF A LIVING ORGAN DONOR

HON. KEN LUCAS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Lisa Cooney of Park Hills, Kentucky. On January 11th of this year, Lisa generously donated one of her kidneys to Andy Thelen, a resident of Lakeside Park, Kentucky.

Andy was born twenty-eight years ago with one polycystic kidney and one underdeveloped kidney. At the time, the doctor told his parents he wouldn't live more than a month. Andy defied the odds from day one receiving a kidney transplant at eighteen months from another eighteen-month-old baby in California who had died in an accident. That kidney allowed him to lead a relatively normal life for twenty-six years. But when that kidney began to fail, Andy and his family embarked on a race against time to find another kidney donor.

Everyone in Andy's family was tested, but no one was a suitable donor. As Andy's name languished on a transplant list for a year and a half, his mother summed up her despair when she said, "How do you turn to somebody else and say, 'Will you give up part of yourself and your life for my son?'"

And then one day two years ago, Andy met Lisa Cooney through his sister-in-law. After they met, Lisa felt compelled to get tested to see if she might be a suitable donor—and miraculously, she was. Two months after their surgery, I am pleased to say that both Lisa Cooney and Andy Thelen are doing well. Andy returned to work on March 5th and reports that he is feeling great.

As a news anchor for WLWT Eyewitness News 5 in Cincinnati, Lisa has a unique opportunity to raise the public's awareness of the urgent need for organ donors. In addition, Lisa and Andy's experience serves to highlight the advances in transplant technology that enabled Andy to receive a kidney from a living donor.

I rise today to commend Lisa Cooney. Her courage and compassion should serve as an inspiration to us all. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing both Lisa Cooney and Andy Thelen a long and healthy life.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 911, A BILL TO AWARD THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO JOHN WALSH

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to introduce, along with 17 of my

colleagues, a bill that will recognize John Walsh, a true American hero, for his efforts in fighting crime, reuniting families, and bringing criminals to justice.

In February of 1988, "America's Most Wanted" premiered on seven local television stations across the United States. Since then, the show has profiled more than 1,500 fugitives, leading to the capture of over 1,000 of them. His weekly profiles of missing children on "America's Most Wanted" have led to the reunion of thirty missing children and their families.

Leading this aggressive attack on crime has been John Walsh, a man who has taken his own personal tragedy—the abduction and murder of his six-year-old son Adam—and used it as the inspiration to rededicate his life to helping children and to making America a safer place.

When six of the seven recent Texas prison escapees were apprehended (with the seventh committing suicide before being caught) in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains this past January, authorities were as quick to give credit as they were in making the capture. El Paso County (Colorado) Sheriff John Anderson noted that a "couple who had become acquainted with some of the escapees saw a segment on them on 'America's Most Wanted' on Saturday night and wondered whether their new friends were some of the escapees." The couple subsequently tipped off the authorities and the captures were made soon thereafter.

The drama that played out was something that most of the people of Woodland Park, Colorado had never seen before, but one that people who are familiar with "America's Most Wanted" and host John Walsh's commitment to law enforcement have seen time and time again. And though best known for his work on "America's Most Wanted," John Walsh's work with law enforcement agencies throughout the nation is equally notable. In 1988 he was named the U.S. Marshals "Man Of The Year," and two years later received the FBI's highest civilian award. He is the only private citizen to receive a Special Recognition Award by a U.S. Attorney General. And he has been honored in the Rose Garden four times by three different presidents. John Walsh has sacrificed his personal safety for the safety and security of all Americans.

In addition, his hard work aided the passage of the Missing Children Act of 1982 and the Missing Children's Assistance Act of 1984, the latter of which founded the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Mr. Speaker, John Walsh's tireless efforts have helped to raise a level of awareness of crime and victims here in the United States, and I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation and commending John Walsh for his enduring contributions to law enforcement and the safety and well-being of our nation's children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 26–27 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

DR. SHAWN CASEY RECEIVES 12TH SWINGLE AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Shawn M.J. Casey, who will be honored with this year's W. Francis Swingle Award by the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on March 17.

Frank Swingle was a well-known and respected figure in academia, in many charitable and fraternal organizations and in the arena of public oratory. Dr. Casey will be the twelfth recipient of this award, which is given each year to the individual who best honors the memory of the late Professor Swingle by his career, communal and personal achievements.

Dr. Casey was born and raised in Pittston Township, graduated from Wyoming Area High School in 1987, and received his bachelor's of science degree in biology and chemistry from Wilkes College in 1990. He served as vice president of the student government at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine from 1990 to 1994 and earned his doctorate there in 1994.

For the past six years, Dr. Casey has served the families of the area at his office in Pittston Township. During that time, he has also worked to promote good health in the area by presenting lectures on various dental products and helping to establish the Colgate Smile of the Game at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins home games.

His community involvement also extends to his service as past president of the Pittston Township Lions Club, a member of the executive board of the Pittston Area Family Center, a member of the Avoca Ancient Order of Hibernians and a third-degree member of the John F. Kennedy Knights of Columbus in Pittston. He is also a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Pittston.

As a member of the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Dr. Casey was named Grand Marshal in 1997 and in 1992 was a golden donor for the Jack Brennan Scholarship Fund in memory of his father.

Dr. Casey is the son of the late George T. Casey and Suzanne Walker Malloy. His maternal grandparents are Anna Walker and the late Frank Walker, and his paternal grandparents are the late Marion Newcomb Casey and the late Thomas Casey.

He currently resides in Hughestown with his wife, the former Michele Wysokinski, and their 3-year-old son, George.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the good works of Dr. Shawn Casey and the honor he will soon receive, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall No. 26, on H.R. 724, I was detained in route to Washington by air traffic delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CHRISTIAN PRIESTS ABDUCTED AND BEATEN IN INDIA

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2001

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I was distressed to recently hear that two priests were abducted and beaten in India. On January 4, according to a report in India-West, the priests, known as Simon and David, were abducted from the village of Zer in Rajasthan and taken to the neighboring state of Gujarat, where they were beaten.

Unfortunately, this is just the latest in a series of attacks on Christians in the so-called "world's largest democracy" which has been going on since Christmas of 1998. It follows the murders of other priests, the rape of nuns, church burnings, attacks on Christian schools and prayer halls, the burning deaths of missionary Graham Staines and his two sons while they slept in their jeep by Hindu militants chanting "Victory to Hanuman (a Hindu god)," and other incidents.

After one incident that involved the rape of nuns, the VHP, which is part of the pro-Fascist RSS (the parent organization of the ruling BJP, hailed the rapists as "patriotic youth" and denounced the nuns as "anti-national elements." BJP leaders have said openly that everyone who lives in India must either be Hindu or be subservient to Hinduism. It has even been reported that the RSS has published a booklet on how to implicate Christians and other religious minorities, such as Sikhs and Muslims, in false criminal cases. The Indian government has killed more than 200,000 Christians in Nagaland. This pattern of religious tyranny and terrorism is apparently what India considers religious freedom.

It is not just Christians who have suffered from this kind of persecution, of course, but it seems to be their turn to be the featured victims. Sikhs, Muslims, and others have also been persecuted at the hands of the Indian government. Over 250,000 Sikhs have been murdered by the Indian government. Two independent investigations have shown that the massacre of 35 Sikhs in the village of Chithi Singhpora was carried out by the Indian government. The evidence also seems to show that the Indian government is responsible for the recent massacre of Sikhs in Kashmir. In November, 3,200 Sikhs, who were trying to get to Nankana Sahib in Pakistan on a religious pilgrimage, were attacked by 6,000 police with heavy sticks called lathis and tear gas. Only 800 of these Sikhs made it to the celebration of the birthday of Guru Nanak.

It is the BJP that destroyed the Babri mosque and still seek to build a Hindu temple on the site. Now BJP officials have been quoted as calling for the "Indianization" of Islam, according to Newsroom Online. The Indian government has killed over 70,000 Muslims in Kashmir since 1988. In addition, Dalits (the "black untouchables"), Tamils, Manipuris, Assamese, and others have seen tens of thousands of their people killed at the hands of the Indian government.

Mr. Speaker, in light of this ongoing pattern of state terrorism against the peoples living