

New Yorkers in need (specifically, 131 primary care physicians, 32 physician assistants, 27 nurse practitioners, 27 dentists and oral health clinicians, 13 certified nurse midwives, and 10 mental and behavioral health professionals served in the NHSC in New York).

For many Americans, community health centers provide their only access to a doctor, a dentist, a nurse midwife, or a mental health professional. In many instances, the treatment offered in these health clinics is provided by a Service Corps clinician. The National Health Service Corps saves lives every day by providing early, preventive health care to those in poor, rural, urban, or otherwise medically underserved communities.

Nearly two million individuals in over 4,000 health shortage areas receive their health care through the National Health Service Corps. Unfortunately, only about 12 percent of the overall need is being met by the program. In 1999, the Corps had to turn away one-half of the underserved communities that requested a provider, because of a lack of funds.

Communities depend on these Service Corps clinicians, so we must strengthen the NHSC. Unfortunately, the authorization for this successful program expired in 2000. Illustrating the urgent need for congressional action, last year we were faced with press accounts such as "Cuts in Loan Program Squeeze Doctors Who Work With Poor," [The New York Times, 7/30/00] and "Shortchanging Young MDs" [Boston Globe, 8/1/00]. M.J. Murphy, a nurse practitioner and constituent of mine, was included in the New York Times story. Ms. Murphy works at a health clinic which lost its eligibility last year due to a lack of Service Corps funding.

As a representative of nearly a dozen teaching hospitals and several nursing, dental and medical schools, a modernized National Health Service Corps is important for the constituents of my district. Beyond my district, a healthy and strengthened National Health Service Corps will continue to meet the medical needs of underserved and vulnerable populations across the country, as it has for nearly thirty years.

So, on behalf of the millions of Americans receiving quality health care from Service Corps clinicians, I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in support of the National Health Service Corps Reinvestment Act.

TRIBUTE TO ATHENS-LIMESTONE HOSPITAL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Athens-Limestone Hospital on fifty years of outstanding service to their community. I congratulate Athens-Limestone on this accomplishment and I believe their excellence is reflected in the countless patients that have received top-of-the-line medical care and caring attention during their stay with the hospital.

Since the people of Limestone County came together in 1945 and began planning this hospital and since it opened its doors on May 28, 1951, Athens-Limestone has been a role model for other communities on how to be successful in keeping its neighbors healthy.

I congratulate the board members, administrative staff, medical staff and service personnel—for they are the real key behind the hospital's success for the past half a century. Athens-Limestone has grown and expanded to their current status with over one hundred patient beds, sixteen out-patient surgery beds, eleven new born nursery beds and many more specialized services.

This is a special anniversary for the Hospital and I congratulate them on their accomplishments. On behalf of the people of the 5th District of Alabama and the House of Representatives, I share my gratitude to Athens-Limestone for their good work these past fifty years and I wish them many, many more anniversaries like this one.

SALUTE TO CLIVE DAVIS

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who is equally famous for his many contributions to the music industry as he is for his dedication to public service.

I speak of course, of industry legend Clive Davis.

From Radio and Records Magazine's "Most Influential Record Executive of the Past twenty Years" and multiple Grammy Award winner to the Congress of Racial Equality's "Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian of the Year," Clive Davis' gifts to American culture are great.

He has personally helped launch the careers of some of our country's most cherished artists including Janis Joplin, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Whitney Houston, Barry Manilow, Carlos Santana, Herbie Hancock and Pink Floyd just to name a few.

The only person ever to receive the T.J. Martell Foundation's "Humanitarian of the Year" award twice, Clive Davis is also committed to helping his fellow man. He's given much of himself and his money to support HIV/AIDS research.

Mr. Speaker, please let the RECORD reflect this Congress' appreciation for his efforts.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING DISTRICT JUSTICE LEONARD M. McDEVITT

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on May 31st Darby Township will be seeing the last of Leonard "Lenny" McDevitt as their district justice. He will be retiring after many years of faithful service on the bench, but will no doubt remain involved in the community he loves so much.

District Justice Leonard M. McDevitt has been an indispensable part of the justice system in Darby Township since 1974. Justice McDevitt has shown outstanding service and dedication to his community for almost three decades. For example, while Justice McDevitt had the choice of rotating nights with other justices, he voluntarily worked from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for the last 27 years. His dedica-

tion and selflessness made life easier for dozens of his colleagues on the bench. A man who has shown such dedication to his community deserves the respect of all who know him. His good work has impacted more people than he could ever realize.

Replacing a man like Justice McDevitt will be difficult indeed. I salute Justice McDevitt for being a man of faithful dedication and as someone who truly helped the community he resides in. He is someone to be admired and respected for the dedication that he has shown over the past 27 years.

I am proud to represent Leonard McDevitt in Congress, and prouder still to have known him and worked with him on issues of concern to our local communities. The 7th district is a better place because of Justice McDevitt.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CHRISTINA M. QUILLEN ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Christina M. Quillen of Sandusky, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Christina's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Christina brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets. Currently, she is a freshman at the University of Notre Dame. During her high school years she attended Perkins High School in Sandusky where she was named valedictorian with a grade point average of 4.6. Christina was a member of the National Honor Society and has earned the Goldfish Award that is granted to the top female student athlete for excellence.

Outside the classroom, Christina has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athletic and performing artist. On the fields of competition, Christina has earned letters in varsity softball and cheerleading. While in high school, Christina was a member of the marching band, wind ensemble, SADD, Student Council, Together Today for Tomorrow, Future Homemakers of America, Future Career and Community Leaders of America. At her first year at Notre Dame, Christina participated in Air Force ROTC, Arnold's Air Society, Honor Guard and Rifle Team.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay special tribute to Christina M. Quillen. Our service academic offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Christina will do very well

during her career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her well as she begins her service to the nation.

IN MEMORY OF HERSCHEL J.
GADDY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Herschel J. Gaddy, of rural Marshall, Missouri. He was 81.

Herschel Gaddy, a son of Homer and Effie Treon Gaddy, was born in Fair Grove, Missouri, on July 23, 1919. He graduated from Missouri University, where he was a member of FarmHouse fraternity, in 1941. Herschel married Dona Nella Stiles on February 1, 1941. After graduating from college he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Missouri, Oklahoma and Oregon. He then served as Lieutenant Colonel in Sicily and North Africa during World War II.

After completing his tour of duty, Herschel served as Assistant County Agent in Saline County, for the University of Missouri Extension in Bethany and as Saline County Agricultural Agent. Mr. Gaddy also spoke about agriculture issues on a weekly radio show on KMMO radio in Marshall. Herschel completed his Masters degree from Missouri University in 1969. He was then appointed Area Agronomist for Saline, Chariton and Carroll counties. When Herschel retired in 1975, he had served the area for 27 years.

Herschel was also a member of many local clubs. He served as president of Marshall's Chamber of Commerce and was a 50-year member of the Trilumina Lodge, Number 205 of the Order of Masons, the Order of Eastern Star Marshall Chapter 408. He was also involved in the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Herschel was a long-time volunteer for the Friends of Arrow Rock and was commander of the historic reenactment group, the First Brigade, First Regiment, Missouri Militia.

As a longtime member of the First Christian Church, Herschel taught Sunday school and served as chairman of the church board. He was a board member of the Missouri School of Religion's Center for Rural Ministry. Herschel also served as county campaign manager for many of my elections.

Mr. Speaker, Herschel Gaddy will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I know that Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family.

THE UPCOMING MARRIAGE OF
STEVE HOWELL AND KYRA
FISHBECK

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt joy that I rise to offer my best wishes for the upcoming marriage of Steve Howell and Kyra Fishbeck.

Steve Howell has worked in my Capitol Office for approximately a year and a half. During this time, I have witnessed his great love for Kyra. It is obvious to anyone who knows Steve that his bride-to-be, Kyra, is the true joy in his life.

On Saturday, Steve and Kyra will take their wedding vows, pledging to love another for the rest of their lives. These are words that should not be uttered lightly or taken without serious thought and consideration. However, I know that Steve and Kyra have prepared for this moment and are anxiously anticipating this special day.

Having been married to my lovely bride for 28 years, I know that marriage is a wonderful institution. It is my hope that Steve and Kyra will be a blessing to one another, helpmates in all aspects of life, and forever cognizant of the love they feel today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this 107th Congress to join me in congratulating Steven Howell on having found the woman of his dreams and wishing this young couple a lifetime of happiness together.

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION—
SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE
ENERGY INDUSTRY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my extreme disbelief that the Bush Administration has once again turned its back on the American people and sided with the interests of big gas and oil. I would think that after calling for more environmental rollbacks than any other Administration in the 21st century, the Bush Administration would not want to harm the environment more than it already has when writing its energy policy. I would also think that after neglecting the needs of working class families and pushing a tax cut that benefits the wealthiest one percent of tax payers, the Bush Administration might take into account the needs of the American people when writing its energy policy. But as we can see from the Bush Energy Plan, I would be wrong to think these things. As we can see from the Bush Energy Plan, I would be wrong to think that this Administration has any plans or desire to represent the interests and needs of the American people.

For 117 days, the Bush Big Oil Team met behind closed doors to write an energy policy that it claimed would provide a long-term solu-

tion to America's energy woes. Unfortunately, it is clear that the Administration's energy proposal is nothing more than a hand tool of the already profiting energy industry. The only long-term plan the Bush Big Oil Team came up with is one that fills the pockets of the Administration's closest friends, the oil and gas companies. Even more, the plan neglects to address the need for immediate consumer relief. Americans are paying more for energy today than they have ever paid. It is time to provide them with relief and the Bush Energy Plan does not.

One month ago, I came to the floor and asked, "What exactly is the Bush energy plan?" Today, I come to the floor and now ask, "How is the Bush energy plan going to work?" The energy plan released by the Administration last week relies heavily upon drilling in some of our country's most pristine areas and does not focus on the exploration of renewable energy sources. If we do not consider a long-term energy plan that includes the exploration of renewable resources, then we are just wasting our time.

From drilling in the ANWR to drilling off of Florida's Panhandle, the Administration is once again neglecting the responsibility we have to protect our environment for nothing more than a short-term solution. It is widely accepted that roughly 3.2 billion barrels of economically

Finally, the Administration's energy plan fails to address the immediate need for consumer relief. In the past three weeks, the average cost of gas per gallon has increased by more than 9.5 cents to an all time high of \$1.77 a gallon! Some drivers in the U.S. are paying more than \$2.00 a gallon. At a time oil company profits are up more than 40 percent from this time last year, consumers are paying more at the pumps and in their homes. In failing to address this lopsided consumer-supplier relationship, the Administration has endorsed the oil industry's gauging of gas prices.

Mr. Speaker, there is little question that America is faced with an energy crisis of an enormous magnitude. Our country needs to look at new ways of creating energy. If current trends continue, Americans will use more energy in the coming years than ever. The Administration's idea to drill wherever an oil well will fit, however, will simply continue to fill the pockets of oil and gas industry executives and never actually solve our current crisis. If we are going to get serious about solving our energy woes, then we need to pursue research and development programs that examine energy efficiency, renewable energy, and types of energy, including solar, biomass, hydrogen, geothermal, and hydropower. At the same time, America's energy policy cannot neglect the responsibility Americans have to the environment. I will not support the exploration of a new energy policy at unnecessary costs to the environment and public health. It is time to get serious about America's energy policy. So far, however, the Bush Administration has done nothing more than turn its back on the American people.