

STATEMENT AGAINST PRESERVA-
TION FOR ANTIBIOTICS FOR
HUMAN TREATMENT ACT OF 2002

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, often in Congress, we ignore science in favor of emotional appeals and sound bites. The "Preservation for Antibiotics for Human Treatment Act of 2002" is a case in point. The bill focuses on a type of antibiotic known as fluoroquinolones. It grants FDA the authority to ban any product containing the antibiotic while providing no recourse to fight against this new mandate. The bill suggests that there is a direct correlation between the increased use of antibiotics in food production and human health problems. Yet, no scientific study exists to corroborate the link.

The bill also singles out a beneficial class of products, used in the production of poultry, without ample scientific evidence. The family farmers that I represent do not choose to use antibiotics unless there is a great need in their flocks or herds. The class of antibiotics mentioned in the proposed bill is used rarely and only under the direction of a veterinarian on a prescriptive basis. In addition, farmers must wait until the drug is out of the birds' systems before they can send them to the processing plant. This proposal could cost poultry growers and processors millions of dollars with no scientific proof of harm to human health. While public health must come before economic considerations, Congress should not impose severe economic damage upon one segment of agriculture without sufficient evidence that the action would be beneficial to human health.

The proposal will also ignore the benefits to human health from the scientific and prescriptive use of antibiotics in animal production. It is unknown what all of the consequences would be to humans if antibiotics were removed from poultry production. One consequence that could occur is an increased level of pathogens in the food chain as a result of the arrival of ill animals to processing plants. Food processors are directed to keep pathogen numbers as low as possible, and withdrawal of the use of antibiotics in food production will make that job harder.

Another troublesome aspect of the bill is the intrusion of Congress into the FDA regulatory process where these debates and decisions can and should be made. I know the regulatory process can be cumbersome and lengthy; however, that forum, when implemented properly, allows for debate in the scientific arena.

The consequences to the poultry farmers in my district if the bill is passed could be economically disastrous. The bill is unnecessary, weak in science and a new government mandate. Congress should think before it reacts to irrational, unfounded fears.

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AWARD

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I proudly commend Hannah Wright of St. Paul,

Minnesota for being selected as a 2002 Presidential Scholar. I am happy to welcome Ms. Wright and her parents to Washington, D.C. for a week of recognition, including a medalion awards ceremony. Since 1964, distinguished high school seniors from around the United States have been recognized as Presidential Scholars for their academic achievement, community involvement, artistic expression, and leadership skills. Ms. Wright is an outstanding example of the talented young people we will rely on to guide our nation in the future. It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate Ms. Wright and St. Paul Academy and Summit School on receiving the 2002 Presidential Scholar Award.

TRIBUTE TO INVERNESS, FLOR-
IDA'S KEY TRAINING CENTER
FOR THE MENTALLY CHAL-
LENGED

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to pay tribute to a wonderful not-for-profit organization in Inverness, Florida that provides social, educational and residential services to the developmentally disabled. The Key Training Center offers its clients a place to learn through structured classroom instruction. A place to be productive by helping clients work in vocational settings for competitive wages and a place to live in campus group homes, apartments and Key Pine Village, a special need's facility for clients with severe and profound mental retardation.

The Centers slogan "A Place Where Miracles Happen" is truly evident when one thinks of the one thousand plus developmentally disabled citizens that have been a part of the Key Training Center in the last 30 years. One reason for the success of this organization is because they believe emphasis should be put on ability not disability when dealing with anyone including the mentally impaired.

As a not-for-profit, this organization relies on the generosity of others to maintain many of its programs. That is why July 19 the Key Training Center is proud to kick off their annual Run for the Money Week fund-raiser. The week begins with a celebrity dinner auction and is followed by a grueling 180 mile, week long run from the steps of Florida's Capitol to Citrus County. The run is representative of the challenges and obstacles that clients at the center must overcome every day. Last year the Key Training Center raised more than \$133,000 and has set its goal of \$135,000 for this year.

I am so proud of this organization, its associates and clients for all of their hard work and dedication to such a wonderful cause. I would also like to submit for the RECORD an essay from the Key Training Center that truly depicts the heart of the organization:

THE MAGIC OF MIRACLES

Imagine for a moment what life would be like if you were mentally challenged and developmentally disabled. Think about living each day with a life-long condition you did not create and cannot cure.

Consider the daily challenge of existing in a world that recognizes beauty, status, and

wealth. How does it feel to be seen as different by people who do not understand? What can you do to show others you have potential?

Where can you go to laugh, learn about life and live joyfully as God intends for His children? What is the promise for today? And what is the promise for tomorrow and beyond? How do you turn your dreams into reality?

Miracles often occur when desire and determination find challenge and opportunity. Look closely and learn how miracles are the magic that give promise and hope to our mentally challenged friends.

Experience a simple, yet unforgettable, blessing when a mentally handicapped person extends a hand of friendship to you, warms your day with a broad smile or touches and tugs at your heart with the most genuine of loving hugs.

Discover how a dedicated staff with steadfast community support continues not only a life-changing mission but a compassionate ministry of kindness, love, dignity and respect.

At the core of the Key Training Center is a profound faith in God and a devout belief that His love for these people and this place is exceedingly boundless.

It is difficult to explain but impossible to deny—the Key Training Center is a place where miracles happen every day!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, on June 24, 2002, due to flight delays caused by severe weather, I missed roll call votes Nos. 249, 250, 251, and 252. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all four votes.

I WILL SOAR AGAIN—HONORING
THE HEROES WHO MADE INDE-
PENDENCE DAY POSSIBLE

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to go home to celebrate the July 4th holiday and the anniversary of America's Independence, we must remember the contributions of our fighting men and women who made our independence possible and who keep us free today.

In this regard, I want to share with my colleagues the work of Cindy Taylor-Dawson, of Brandon, Mississippi. She has created a web site called "I Will Soar Again," inspired by the events of September 11th and dedicated to the heroes who put their lives on the line to defend our freedom. "I Will Soar Again" has been viewed by countless people around the world, and has enabled them to express their thanks to America's heroes.

"I Will Soar Again" represents the best of America and the power of what just one person with a vision can accomplish.

Last year "I Will Soar Again" featured "Trees for the Troops 2001," where people could post messages on a "virtual Christmas

Tree" that could be viewed by our troops, no matter where they were stationed. In fact, Cindy used every message to decorate real Christmas Trees, too! She is anxious to get going on "Trees for the Troops 2002."

I commend this web site to you, Mr. Speaker, and our colleagues. It can be found at <http://www.iwillsoaragain.com/>. There are many things to see and read, including samplings of Cindy's poetry. By scrolling down to the bottom, one can find "Trees for the Troops 2001" and read the heartfelt greetings submitted by thousands of grateful people.

"I Will Soar Again" is one person's way of saying God Bless America. I commend this site to our colleagues, staffs, families and constituents, so they can contribute to the next Christmas Tree.

HIP HOUSING MARKS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SAN MATEO COUNTY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Human Investment Project for Housing (HIP Housing) of San Mateo, California, on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary. For the past 30 years, this outstanding organization has been addressing the need for affordable housing.

Founded in 1972, HIP Housing was established to create programs to assist the disadvantaged and disabled living within San Mateo County. In 1979, recognizing a lack of affordable housing in the community, HIP Housing developed its "Homesharing Help and Information Program" and began to focus on expanding the pool of affordable housing in the community. Since then, HIP Housing has made over 12,000 homesharing placements and today serves over 2,500 people each year, 500 of which are children.

Mr. Speaker, the high cost of living in my congressional district is well documented. High housing prices have forced some out of their homes, leaving many with only expensive temporary housing options. HIP Housing has come to the rescue of thousands of people, finding permanent housing for seniors, single-parents and their children, persons with disabilities, the homeless and working persons.

Fortunately, HIP Housing has long been recognized for its great work. In 1985, the organization received the "Best Practices Award" from the American Society on Aging; in 1990 HIP Housing was appointed the Northern California liaison to National Home Equity Conversion Counseling Task Force; the California American Institute of Architects awarded the organization the "Community Assistance" award in 1991; and in 1998, HIP Housing received HUD's Blue Ribbon Best Practices Award.

Mr. Speaker, I would again like to emphasize just how vital HIP Housing has been to San Mateo County. Through its wide variety of housing programs and incredible generosity, HIP Housing has made a world of a difference for tens of thousands of people and it continues to do so every day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, from June 17 through 19, 2002 I had the honor of traveling to the United Kingdom on a Congressional Delegation as the Vice Chairman of the Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations. While in London, visiting the British Parliament's House of Lords, I had the opportunity to discuss policy-related issues and the ongoing war on terrorism with some of my distinguished British counterparts. Specifically, we held the first U.S. Congressional hearing ever in British Parliament on the subject of Gulf War Syndrome. I was excused by the Speaker to participate in this extraordinary experience, which prevented me from voting on legislation that came before the floor of the House of Representatives during that time. Had I been available to cast my vote I would have done the following:

Rollcall Votes: (1) #230—Journal—Yea; (2) #231—H. Con. Res. 415—Recognizing National Homeownership Month and the Importance of Homeownership in the United States—Yea; (3) #232—H. Con. Res. 340—Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Meningitis Awareness Month—Yea; (4) #233—H.R. 327—Small Business Paperwork Relief Act—Yea; (5) #234—H.R. 4794—Designating the Ronald C. Packard Post Office Building—Yea; (6) #235—H.R. 4717—Designating the Jim Fonteno Post Office Building—Yea; (7) #236—Journal—Yea; (8) #237—H.R. 3389—National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments of 2002—Yea; (9) #238—Hastings of Florida Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3295—Help America Vote Act—No.

CONGRATULATING NAVY LEAGUE OF UNITED STATES ON ITS CENTENNIAL

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2002

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support House Concurrent Resolution 416 and congratulate the Navy League of the United States for 100 years of outstanding service.

The Navy League is a civilian organization that provides a valuable service to military communities across the United States. Their programs, such as the Naval Sea Cadet and the Navy Junior ROTC programs, are dedicated to increasing the educational and life experiences of this country's youth. Each year, many deserving high school students are the beneficiaries of generous Navy League scholarships and awards.

I am fortunate enough to have 2 separate Navy Leagues in my district, the Jacksonville Navy League and the Mayport Navy League. The members of both of these organizations dedicate their time, skills, expertise and other resources to help improve the lives of the men and women of the Navy, Coast Guard and

Marines and their families. The Mayport League has sponsored commissioning of local new ships, most recently the USS *Roosevelt*; and both leagues have honored local Navy, Coast Guard and Marine personnel through the Sailor of the Year luncheon and the annual Midway Memorial Dinner. This resolution allows Congress to honor the commitment to this nation by the Navy League and its dedicated members.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride today that I say happy 100th birthday to the Navy League, especially the local Jacksonville and Mayport councils.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2002

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey as it celebrates its 90th Anniversary Year as the region's premier provider of community health services, serving more than 100,000 clients each year. The organization that is now VNA of Central Jersey began with a meeting of volunteers on June 24, 1912 at Brookdale Farm, Geraldine Thompson's estate in Lincroft, NJ.

First known as the Monmouth County Branch of the State Charities Aid and Prison Reform Association, the young organization set out to improve prison conditions and achieve a more humane approach to public assistance. It successfully campaigned for a tuberculosis hospital (Allenwood Sanitarium), and was appointed agent for the NJ Tuberculosis League.

From the beginning, the health care needs of women and children were a paramount concern. In its first decade, the agency completed a study of mentally handicapped children in the public schools; it launched child welfare programs and established mobile dental clinics and mobile mental hygiene clinics. Public health nurses were added to the social work staff, and the agency established a county district health office.

The name was changed to the Monmouth County Organization for Social Service in 1918. However, the agency has always been a voluntary, nonprofit organization and is not a branch of county government.

Accomplishments of the second decade included the addition of three satellite health centers and a continuing focus on services for children: well-child conferences, nutrition and parenting programs, and establishment of a children's shelter.

The 1930s brought a training program for student nurses, nursery and play schools at the Hartshorne Health Center in Belford to assist working mothers, and an expansion of services for handicapped children. The agency also assisted Fitkin Hospital (now Jersey Shore Medical Center) in establishing a social service department.

During the war years, MCOSS spearheaded a medical-dental plan for veterans. In the late 1940s the agency participated in organizing the Cancer Society, Heart Association and Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center in the county. The agency's program to provide health