

Donald was born in October 17, 1931 in Brighton, Colorado where he spent most of his childhood and adolescent years. He was a tremendous athlete, who guided his high school football and basketball teams to the state championship in 1949. Donald enlisted in the United States Navy in 1951, and served this country proudly during the Korean War. His humanitarian efforts during the war earned him respect and honor during his tour of duty. After his service, he returned to Colorado and worked in the trucking. Donald excelled in every aspect of his life, and used his hard work and determination to open the Anchor Bar and Café with his wife in 1974. He operated this very successful business until 1989 when he retired.

Donald was known for his dedication to his family and is survived by his wife Pat and their three children: Gregory, Todd, and Jill. Donald had two wonderful great grandchildren Katie and Nathan who were his pride and joy. Although his community mourns the loss of a great charitable man, they celebrate his great accomplishments and achievements.

Mr. Speaker it is a pleasure to praise the accomplishments to an outstanding individual. I am sure his legacy will live on in the hearts of his community and family. Donald Getz was a man of character and compassion and I take this moment to applaud his character and determination before this distinguished body.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, 2002, an event at the White House to which this Member was invited caused this Member to unavoidably miss 4 roll call votes on H.R. 5093, a bill to provide FY2003 appropriations for the Department of the Interior. Had this Member been present, he would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall vote number 315—"no" (the amendment offered by the gentlelady from California, Mrs. Capps); Rollcall vote number 316—"aye" (the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oregon, Mr. Blumenauer); Rollcall vote number 317—"aye" (the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arizona, Mr. Shadegg); and Rollcall vote number 3 18—"aye" (final passage of H.R. 5093).

SHANE BENNETT

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Shane Bennett, a courageous Sheriff's Deputy from my district who gave his life so that others may live.

In the months since September 11, we have seen countless acts of bravery performed by our military, law enforcement officers and firefighters. Shane Bennett added his name to the list of those who paid the ultimate price to protect the people of this country.

Officer Bennett, a resident of Montgomery, Texas, in the 8th Congressional District, was

a nine-year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's Department. Killed June 12 in a shootout after he responded to a home invasion, Officer Bennett saved the lives of a Houston man, his stepdaughters and his 3-month-old grandson.

Shane Bennett left behind his wife of six years, Teresa, and their 20-month-old daughter Alyssa.

The bravery that this young man displayed isn't the only character trait that describes his life. At his funeral, he was described as "caring, loving and compassionate." Teresa described him as "one of the most perfect people you will ever meet."

The sacrifice Shane displayed was not only evident in his final moments on this earth but countless times during his life. When he and Teresa first learned they were pregnant, he quit riding motorcycles because he didn't want to get in an accident. He always wanted his little girl to have her daddy.

When Alyssa was born, he took a month off of work to spend time with her and help his wife.

Teresa also recalls that he never hesitated to help friends and neighbors in need, either. "He would do anything for anybody," Teresa said. This was evident in Shane's last selfless act before he died.

Friends and colleagues remembered Shane as "everybody's friend" and that he was proud to be a sheriff's deputy. Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Bobby Davison said, "He was always there for his partners. Always there to back you up. He always had a smile on his face."

Mr. Speaker, the world would be a better place with more people like Shane Bennett, loving husband and father and a role model for law enforcement officers everywhere.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MONICAL'S PIZZA CORPORATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Monical's Pizza Corporation for receiving the 2002 Employer of Choice Award from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. Monical's Pizza Corporation (Monical's,) is located in Bradley, Illinois and is within my 11th Congressional District.

The Employer of Choice Awards are a component of the Industry of Choice Program. The initiative identifies critical areas to be addressed in the restaurant and food service industry to improve retention and operating performance. The winners of the award are recognized for their "best practices" and are held up as models for others to follow.

Monical's employs 950 people in over 50 locations located throughout Central Illinois with three in Indiana and one in Wisconsin. In 1997, Harry Bond, President of Monical's, began restructuring the company based on Harvard Business School's "Service Profit Chain". The "Service Profit Chain" is based on the idea of employee and guest satisfaction as the key to success and continued growth. Team leaders, support staff, restaurant managers as well as employees, have embraced the guest, and employee focused idea. Monical's has one of the lowest turnover rates in the industry. Many of their employees have been with them for over two decades.

According to President Harry Bond, "The company is constantly striving to improve planning and operations with the help of team members and their ideas. The best ideas come from our own staff. Monical's believes in hiring the best people and keeping them happy and productive."

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other companies in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's communities and workforce.

TRIBUTE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S ATHLETIC TEAMS IN PITTSBURG, KANSAS

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the high school boy's athletic teams in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Last fall, the St. Mary's-Colgan Panthers began their school year by taking the state championship in football. They followed that by winning the state basketball championship in double overtime.

The eyes of people all over Kansas turned to this small school recognizing their amazing accomplishment. The Panthers then attempted to complete the trifecta with a baseball championship. They finished the state baseball tournament a respectable second.

However, the Panthers already had a rich baseball tradition, including state championships in four of the past six years.

As a former Olympian, I can appreciate the hard work, perseverance and grit that it takes to reach this level of athletic achievement.

I want to add my congratulations to this outstanding school and let them know that I, along with the rest of Kansas, eagerly anticipate their next season.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOB WALLACE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to pay tribute to the accomplishments of Bob Wallace. It is a great pleasure of mine to honor his hard work and determination, which led to the establishment of the Wallace Oil Company in 1962. Mr. Wallace contributed selflessly to the betterment of his community, which is why he is deserving of our admiration.

Bob Wallace graduated from Regis College in Denver, where he was an All-American on the school's basketball team. Following his graduation, he spent 15 months in the Air Force, where he was stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma and was ranked as an All-American in the 1952 AAU Tournament. Mr. Wallace later participated in the Phillips company basketball team, the '66ers,' where he played at least 60 games a season.

Mr. Wallace created the Wallace Oil Company in 1962 from nothing more than \$15,000

in savings and a loan of \$10,000. After fifty years of devotion and hard work, Bob is officially retiring as an independent distributor, although he frequently consults with his sons who now own the company.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you to offer my appreciation to Mr. Wallace for being an outstanding inspiration for the Wallace Oil Company. I wish him the best with all of his future endeavors and applaud the many efforts he has made over the years to provide leadership and guidance to the La Junta community—he is an invaluable citizen! I wish Bob the best of luck in his future endeavors.

H.R. 4691

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, last week, the Health Subcommittee held a hearing on the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, H.R. 4691. The bill clarifies existing federal conscience protections that prohibit discrimination against health care entities that object to participating in abortion. This bill has the support of both faith-based and secular health care providers.

At the hearing, the subcommittee heard testimony from Karen Vosburgh, who serves on the board of Valley Hospital in Palmer, Alaska. Valley Hospital is a private non-sectarian hospital. But in 1997, the Alaska Supreme Court held that Valley Hospital was a "quasi-public hospital" and ordered it to open its doors for elective second trimester abortions.

Most hospitals do not participate in abortions. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 86% of all hospitals choose not to get involved in abortions. These are religious hospitals of all denominations, non-religious private hospitals, and even public hospitals. There is a reason why: abortion is not health care. It is elective surgery that takes the life of an unborn child.

Abortion advocates are trying to force hospitals to perform abortions against their will. This is wrong. No hospital should be forced to take the life of an unborn child against its will. Religiously-affiliated hospitals and hospitals that simply don't want to offer the elective procedure shouldn't have to.

I hope the Congress acts quickly to pass the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, and I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this legislation. I submit for the record a list of supporting organizations, and letters we have received from two of these organizations: the Catholic Health Association, and the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons.

THE CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES,

June 17, 2002.

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKAS,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN BILIRAKAS: On behalf of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA) I am writing to express our support for HR 4691, the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act. Provisions in this legislation would provide Catholic Health providers safeguards to continue operating in a manner consistent with their moral beliefs and principles.

Increasingly, Catholic and other faith-based health care providers have come under

attack for not offering so-called "reproductive health services (e.g.—abortions, etc.). In recent years, we have seen orchestrated campaigns to force Catholic health providers to offer services that conflict with our values and moral principles. These campaigns have led to legislation in several states and localities that could force Catholic hospitals to close or substantially reduce their services to the community. These threats continue and fundamentally effect the ability of Catholic Providers to deliver services to their communities.

In several states and for certain federal programs, Catholic and other faith-based providers have been able to secure "conscience clause" protection against mandatory provisions of objectionable services. Unfortunately, these approaches are often inadequate and require "year after year" reauthorization. They fail to provide permanent protection and assurances the Catholic providers can continue to operate unencumbered.

In addition to supporting HR 4691, CHA supports legislative efforts to establish a permanent and comprehensive federal conscience clause. We look forward to working with you and the Committee to achieve these ends.

Sincerely,

REV. MICHAEL D. PLACE, STD,
President and Chief Executive Officer.

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING THE ABORTION
NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT (ANDA) H.R. 4691/
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Americans United for Life
Association of American Physicians and Surgeons
Catholic Health Association
Catholic Medical Association
Christian Coalition
Christian Legal Society
Christian Medical Association
Christus Medicus
Concerned Women for America
Democrats for Life of America
Eagle Forum
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission,
Southern Baptist Convention
Family Research Council
Feminists for Life of America
Focus on the Family
Lutherans for Life
National Council of Catholic Women
National Organization of Episcopalians for Life
National Right to Life Committee
Presbyterians Pro-Life
Seamless Garment Network
Seventh Day Adventists, World Headquarters
Susan B. Anthony List
Traditional Values Coalition
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

HONORING ANDREA MYSLENSKI

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrea Myslenski, a special young girl in my Congressional district who suffers from a very rare and serious disease, "Post Viral Dysautonomia." This is a condition that affects the autonomic nervous system and renders her very tired and unable to go to school or have the normal social life of a 15-year old girl. Andrea was home tutored due to

Dysautonomia the second half of eighth grade. She completed all of her work and was awarded the Presidential Award for academic achievement. Andrea began 9th grade with the hope of completing the school year, but a virus caused a relapse of Dysautonomia. She was unable to attend school in October, 2001, and home tutored for the rest of the school year.

Dysautonomia is manifested by symptoms of fatigue, weakness, forgetfulness, brain fog, and mood swings, etc. It has been a very trying time for the family. Perhaps one of the biggest challenges was actually making a definitive diagnosis of Dysautonomia. It took several visits to multiple doctors before a definitive diagnosis was made, making it quite apparent why it is called an "invisible disease."

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my support to Andrea and many children like her that suffer from Dysautonomia. It is my hope that we become educated about this disease and become strong supporters for the research and treatment of this invisible illness. I am proud to have Andrea as a member of my district and hope that one day a cure for this disease will be found.

COMMENDING THE U.S.-ASIA INSTITUTE

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2002

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives the work of the U.S.-Asia Institute, which plays an important role in improving understanding between the United States and China. This nongovernmental organization promotes an ongoing exchange of views between policy makers in the U.S. and China.

Since 1985, a principal vehicle for furthering this dialogue has been the congressional staff delegation visits to the People's Republic of China organized by the U.S.-Asia Institute and hosted by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs. These official visits serve to increase awareness, knowledge, and understanding of U.S. and Chinese policies. The 50th delegation will travel to China in August 2002.

To commemorate this milestone, the U.S.-Asia Institute is hosting special events in Washington, D.C. in July 2002. The Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs will reciprocate by hosting special events in Beijing in August 2002.

Since its inception, this program has hosted more than 400 congressional staff members who have traveled throughout China—from Heihe in the north on the Russian border to Hainan Island in the south; from the dynamic coastal cities of Shanghai and Guangzhou to the remote city of Urumqi, an oasis on the ancient Silk Road; from Tibet to Kunming to Beijing and other places in between. Over 150 congressional office and committee staff members have benefitted from fact-finding and the opportunity to discuss in depth issues of mutual interest to our great nations. The progress of the U.S.-Sino relationship rests on dialogue and engagement, and this program provides participants with an unparalleled first-hand view of China, its culture, its government, and its people.