

are being adequately reimbursed. We have only to look to the Medicaid program, which has a long standing history of inadequate payment rates, to see how dramatically payment rates can affect beneficiaries access to care. You can't expect to get the quality of a Cadillac if you only have enough money to cover the cost of a Yugo.

This legislation that we are introducing today will make sure that hospital outpatient departments are being adequately reimbursed under Medicare. First, it will ensure adequate payments for clinic and emergency room visits. Rural and inner city hospitals provide a high volume of these services and are especially vulnerable to low payments. This bill will address that problem. Second, the bill will extend the payment protections for certain hospitals, such as cancer hospitals and extends these protections to eye and ear hospitals as well to ensure adequate rates for these special facilities. Third, the bill would restore the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services with respect to outlier payments for outpatient departments and would ensure the outlier pool is adequate to provide insurance against losses in high-cost cases. Fourth, the bill gives the Secretary additional authority and direction with respect to increasing certain relative payment rates and preventing reductions from pass-through payments and budget neutrality adjustments.

These four points are only some of the key provisions in the bill. All told, this legislation will increase funding for hospital outpatient departments by \$380 to \$480 million over the next five years. This funding will certainly be beneficial to Medicare beneficiaries and others who receive care in these facilities.

Hospitals and their related facilities are important to our Michigan communities. They not only provide excellent health care, but serve as an important part of the local economy by providing quality jobs. Payments to many facilities have suffered in recent years as due to state and federal budget cuts. The direct result has been hospital closures and staff layoffs. The legislation we are introducing today will have a double benefit for Michigan—access to quality health care and access to quality jobs.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to pass this legislation and to improve reimbursement rates for hospital outpatient departments under Medicare.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on July 23, 24, and 25, I was unavoidably absent due to family medical reasons and missed roll call votes numbered 327 through 351. For the record, had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll call 327—Passage of National Aviation Capacity Expansion Act—NAY

Roll call 328—On Agreeing to the Conference Report—2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response To Terrorist Attacks on the United States—YEA

Roll call 329—On Passage—Disapproving the Extension of the Waiver Authority Con-

tained in Section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with Respect to Vietnam—NAY

Roll call 330—HR 5120 On Agreeing to Goss Amendment—YEA

Roll call 331—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Flake Amendment—NAY

Roll call 332—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Flake Amendment—NAY

Roll call 333—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Rangel Amendment—NAY

Roll call 334—HR 3609 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended the Pipeline Infrastructure Protection to Enhance Security and Safety Act—YEA

Roll call 335—HR 4547 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—Cost of War Against Terrorism Authorization Act of 2002—YEA

Roll call 336—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Moran Amendment—YEA

Roll call 337—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Hefley Amendment—YEA

Roll call 338—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Hefley Amendment—YEA

Roll call 339—HR 5120 On Agreeing to the Sanders Amendment—YEA

Roll call 340—H RES 498 On Agreeing to the Resolution Providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 4965; Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act—YEA

Roll call 341—HR 5120 On Passage Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2003—NAY

Roll call 342—HR 4965 On Motion to Recommit with Instructions Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act—NAY

Roll call 343—HR 4965 On Passage Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act—YEA

Roll call 344—H CON RES 188 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, As Amended—Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should cease its persecution of Falun Gong practitioners—YEA

Roll call 345—H RES 495 On motion to postpone consideration In the matter of James A. Traficant, Jr.—NAY

Roll call 346—H RES 495 On Agreeing to the Resolution In the matter of James A. Traficant, Jr.—YEA

Roll call 347—HR 4628 On Agreeing to the Roemer Amendment as Amended—NAY

Roll call 348—HR 3763 On Agreeing to the Conference Report Corporate and Auditing Accountability and Responsibility Act—YEA

Roll Call 349—HR 4546—FY03 Defense Authorization On motion that the House instruct conferees—YEA

Roll call 350—HR 4546 FY03 Defense Authorization On motion to close portions of the conference—YEA

Roll call 351—HR 4946 to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide health care incentives related to long-term care On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended—YEA

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the men and women of the United

States Capitol Police. Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, America as a nation has grown to appreciate the work that the Capitol Police has done to protect its citizens. The FY 2003 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill before us, allows officers to receive most of the back pay that they earned while working overtime since September 11. As you know, House employees, which include U.S. Capitol Police, are prohibited from earning more than Members of Congress. Because Capitol Police pay is calculated quarterly, officers who worked an enormous amount of overtime in one quarter, if annualized, can exceed the existing annual limit on pay. This bill's provisions change this method of calculating pay to permit officers to receive their overtime pay.

This bill appropriates a total of \$219 million for the Capitol Police, \$61 million more than the current level. This total includes \$176 million for salaries and \$43 million for general expenses. This level of funding will support 1,454 officers and 326 civilian positions. The bill also includes an additional \$37.5 million for Capitol Police buildings. This bill provides a 5% merit pay raise for Capitol Police, which would be in addition to the 4.1% cost of living adjustment provided to congressional staff.

This bill provides for a tuition payment program for police recruits and officers, as well as a measure to provide extra pay for officers with special duties, such as members of the bomb squad or those who provide protection to Members or visiting dignitaries.

As a former federal law enforcement officer of twenty-six and a half years, I understand first-hand the importance of the duties performed by the Capitol Police. Our officers have been spending numerous days and nights, working long hours, to ensure that Members of Congress, their staffs, and the general public are safe and protected. We certainly owe these officers a debt of gratitude. More than ever, I admire and respect our United States Capitol Police and am glad to see that their hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY D. SMITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to the community and to the overall well-being and safety of the County of Riverside, CA, is exceptional. The County of Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Larry Smith is one of these individuals. On August 1, 2002, Larry will be retiring after thirty-six years of dedicated service to the community as a law enforcement officer. His outstanding work as a police officer and sheriff, in addition to his personal involvement in the community, will be celebrated on August 1st dedicated as "Larry D. Smith Day".

Larry Smith obtained his bachelor's degree in Public Management from Pepperdine University and his first assignment in law enforcement was as deputy sheriff in the Blythe Jail and Patrol. His tenure included a variety of command assignments, including narcotics enforcement, information services, jails and patrol. He served as the County's Search and Rescue coordinator and commanded the department's Emergency Services Team (SWAT).

In 1987 Smith was promoted to chief deputy sheriff. Under his superb leadership as chief of the Corrections Division, two modern jails were financed and built. He guided the division through its largest growth in the history of the Department.

Larry was elected as Riverside County's eleventh sheriff, winning the office in the June 1994 primary and assuming the office of sheriff on December 14, 1994. He was reelected to his second term in December 1998 and he served as the first sheriff, coroner, public administrator and marshal in the history of Riverside County. As sheriff, he procured 365 acres at March Air Reserve Base for a public safety training center, which provides training for law enforcement, fire and paramedics. This paved the way for future centers throughout the United States by enabling the transfer of surplus land from the U.S. Military to the private sector through the legislative process.

Larry has also been actively involved in the community, serving as a member of the board for the American Heart Association and the United Way of the Inland Empire. He presently serves on the Advisory Committee for the Debbie Chisholm Memorial Foundation, a charitable group dedicated to granting the wishes of terminally ill children. In recognition of his outstanding service, Larry has been a recipient of numerous awards such as special recognition in 1996 from the California Narcotics Officers' Association; he was named the outstanding law enforcement officer in 1996 from Veterans of Foreign Wars; the 1997 director's award for partnership from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; and, the 1998 professional of the year from the California Peace Officers Association.

Larry's tireless work as the Riverside County Sheriff has contributed immeasurably to the safety and betterment of Riverside County. His involvement in community organizations makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all of the residents of Riverside County are grateful for his service and salute him as he departs and I look forward to continuing to work with him for the good of our community in the future.

TRIBUTE TO CARMEN IRIS GONZALEZ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great community activist and humanitarian. Ms. Carmen Iris Gonzalez, an exceptional counselor with the South Bronx Mental Health Council, is retiring after over 30 years of community service.

Ms. Gonzalez was born in Manati, Puerto Rico and began her career as an administra-

tive aide to the local police department in Manati when she was a young lady. She also assisted people with securing affordable housing and obtaining Section 8 vouchers. Ms. Gonzalez later came to New York in search of opportunity. She encountered and even created numerous opportunities to improve her community and the lives of her neighbors.

In the 1970's, Ms. Gonzalez worked as a community worker with the Puerto Rican Community Development Project, which is no longer in existence. This work intensified her commitment to community development and made her a familiar face in local affairs. Politically empowering the Latino community became one of her main priorities and as a result she became a pivotal agent in the Voters Crusade Registration Project. She was also very active in the Voter Registration Campaign sponsored by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. She was awarded the top prize for registering more than 10,000 new voters citywide.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Gonzalez has dedicated the majority of her adult life to serving her community. For six years, she headed the kitchen at the Gilberto Ramirez Senior Citizen Center, supervising the preparation of wholesome, nutritious meals for its elderly residents. For nearly twenty years, she has lent her time, energy and caring spirit to mentally ill residents in the South Bronx who benefit from the services of the South Bronx Mental Health Council, where she serves as a counselor.

When she bought a home on Melrose Avenue in my district in 1995, Ms. Gonzalez promptly established the Melrose Block Association of Homeowners, empowering her neighbors and vastly improving the neighborhood.

After years of hard work and dedication, Ms. Carmen Iris Gonzalez is going to retire and enjoy the sunshine of Orlando, Florida. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a model citizen and in wishing her rest and relaxation.

ROYAL BOLLING SR.

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I shared with my colleagues an editorial from the Boston Globe about the death of an outstanding former Massachusetts State Legislator, Jack Backman. Today I am saddened by the fact that I feel called upon to memorialize here another former legislative colleague who performed extraordinarily important service for his own constituents and the people of Massachusetts in general.

When I arrived at the Massachusetts House in 1972, one of the leaders was Royal Bolling Sr. Then Representative Bolling was one of the early political leaders of the African American community in Massachusetts, and I—along with my current Massachusetts Congressional colleague (Mr. MARKEY), who was then a Massachusetts House colleague—had the great honor of working closely with him in an effort to establish for the first time in Massachusetts history fair legislative districting that established a state Senate seat that pulled together the various efforts of the African American community.

No one was surprised when Royal Bolling was the first winner of that seat. He was for years a leader in the fight against racial discrimination in our state, as well as a strong advocate for social fairness in general. As the following article from the Boston Herald shows, Royal Bolling was a pioneer. He launched a career in elected office at a time when racism was a serious obstacle, and through his personality, intelligence and energy, he was one of the most successful in confronting those prejudices.

Royal Bolling Sr. was also a patriarch of an important political family—two of his sons followed him into elected office, inspired by the model he provided of how one effectively fought against prejudice and for basic values for which America ought to stand.

Mr. Speaker, Royal Bolling's family is entitled to be enormously proud of the great contribution he made to Massachusetts and I ask that the Boston Herald article about him be printed here.

[From the Boston Herald, June 25, 2002]

FRIENDS BID FAREWELL TO COMMUNITY LEADER

(By Jules Crittenden)

Neighbors, fellow veterans and politicians came out to pay their respects yesterday to a man they say served as an inspiration and a role model to his community.

Royal Bolling Sr.'s body lay in state yesterday at the Reggie Lewis Center at Roxbury Community College, the school he helped found as a state senator.

Bolling died last week at the age of 82, retired from a long career as a neighborhood Realtor, legislator and decorated war hero.

Emmanuel Horne, a fellow member of the William E. Carter American Legion Post 16, was taking turns with other members standing in a guard of honor by his friend's casket.

"His impact as a role model was immeasurable," said Horne. He cited Bolling's example as an active father of 12 in a community where many families had one parent; his success in business; and his legislative career. "When we had so few leaders, it was important for young people to see someone who had attained a position, so they could realize that they might someday achieve that."

John Canty, owner of Walnut Cleaners, said, "He was a standard for this community, for the morals of this community. He was firm in his beliefs. When Royal believed in something, he stood up for it."

House Speaker Thomas Finneran and Senate President, Thomas Birmingham paid their respects yesterday. Sen. John Kerry, former Gov. Michael Dukakis and former speaker and attorney general Robert Quinn were expected to attend a memorial service last night.

"He was relentless in trying to create a level playing field," said his son Bruce Bolling, a former City Council president. "He refused to accept anyone having to be a second-class citizen."

As a Realtor, Bolling said, his father experienced "red-lining," when some sellers, banks and insurance agencies refused to deal with blacks or black neighborhoods. In the Legislature, he helped pass laws that made the practice illegal.

"There was an expectation that these are things you have to do," Bolling said. "He didn't look at it as being a pioneer, but as trying to correct a wrong."