

however belatedly, for their noble service and sacrifices."

TRIBUTE TO NORMA LEE CLISE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Norma Lee Clise of Hampshire County, West Virginia for her decades of service to her community. It is an honor to announce Norma Lee Clise as the 2002 "Knight of Olde Hampshire."

Retired from the Central Telephone Company, Norma Lee Clise is a charter member of the Hampshire County "Jaycee-ettes" and active with the Shawnee Girl Scout Council. For 43 years, Norma Lee has served the American Legion Auxiliary Hampshire Unit 91 in Romney, West Virginia. Named Hampshire County Volunteer of the Year in 2001, Norma Lee is a recipient of the Ruby Ward National Public Relations Trophy and was also named "Distinguished West Virginian" in 1970. Always active in local issues and affairs, Norma Lee served for 25 years on the Hampshire County Executive Committee, acting as co-chairman, secretary-treasurer, and Delegate to the State Convention.

In honor of Norma Lee Clise and her long-standing commitment to public service, I ask my friends in Hampshire County and my colleagues here to join me in recognizing Norma Lee Clise.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHASE CANDY COMPANY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of the Chase Candy Company, whose tradition and taste in the production of candy has been enjoyed for over a century.

The Chase Candy Company has been making candy since 1876. Dr. George Washington Chase, who at the time was looking for additional sources of income, created the Missouri-based company. Originally the Chase Company sold fruit and produce, but after listening to the advice of his son, Dr. George Chase soon transformed the business into a candy company. The Chase Candy Company was family owned until 1944 when the Chicago-based investment firm F.S. Yantis bought the company for \$1 million. After the acquisition, the production of Chase Candy moved to Chicago, but in 1961 moved back to the Missouri River Town, St. Joseph, where it remains today.

The Chase Candy Company's most popular product, the Cherry Mash candy bar, entered stores in 1918. This famous treat is America's third oldest candy bar and the best selling cherry candy bar. Cherry Mash and other wonderful Chase products may be found in grocery stores, convenience stores, and mass merchandise outlets mainly in the Midwest, as

well as online. I proudly display and offer Cherry Mash to visitors in my Washington office and wanted to extend my most sincere thanks to the St. Joseph, Missouri-based candy company for their gracious support.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Missouri's own Chase Candy Company, and its 20 full-time employees for the years of dedicated service and production of some of the world's best tasting confections.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TELESCOPE CASUAL FURNITURE, INC.

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a historic institution in the 22d District of New York. Telescope Casual Furniture, Inc. creates "telescoping" furniture that has been used by the United States military and by families throughout the world since 1903.

Owned and managed by the third and fourth generations of the Vanderminden Family, this furniture manufacturing company began as the Telescope Cot Bed Co. Known for its product line of cots and campstools featuring "telescoping" legs, the United States government awarded Telescope a medal of distinguished service for its military products used during both World Wars and the Korean conflict.

After moving to Granville, New York, in 1921 from Telescope, Pennsylvania, the company expanded its product line to beach, folding, and public seating chairs. It even created a Hollywood hit, the Director Chair, in 1953. The Illinois Institute of Technology has since named the chair number 46 in its "100 best designed items of modern times."

Manufacturing not only for the U.S. military, Telescope has also been the favorite of First Families. President John F. Kennedy was often photographed in his Telescope Bentwood Slat Rocker and several first ladies have incorporated Telescope furniture in their home redecorating.

Mr. Speaker, Telescope Casual Furniture, Inc. proudly operates and serves in the community of Granville, New York. The company employs more than 250 skilled crafters in its one million square-foot plant. Telescope is proud to live and work in the Granville area and is dedicated to continue contributing to the growth and prosperity of the town and county.

Mr. Speaker, as a proud resident of the 22d Congressional district of New York, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Telescope Casual Furniture, Inc. for a century of dedication to the town of Granville, the State of New York, and the great nation in which we live.

TRIBUTE TO RYALS FARLESS

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ryals Farless for his quick response

and valor in saving the life of Greg Scott on July 19, 2002. Ryals is the son of Joe and Billie Farless of Princeton, Kentucky.

Ryals was on duty as a lifeguard at the City-County Park in Princeton, Kentucky when Greg Scott, also of Princeton, experienced a possible seizure and sank to the bottom of the pool. Ryals quickly responded by entering the water and brought Greg to the surface. Without his intervention and quick thinking, Greg Scott would not be with us today.

Ryals is currently a Freshman at the University of Kentucky, having graduated from Caldwell County High School in May. He is pursuing a career in dentistry. While in high school, Ryals was a member of the soccer team, the National Honor Society and the Commonwealth Honors Academy. For the past several years, Ryals has been involved with the Caldwell County Relay for Life. Ryals is also an active member of Southside Baptist Church and participates in mission trips and youth programs.

Mr. Speaker, Ryals embodies the spirit, commitment and sacrifice that we all should strive for in our daily lives. I am proud to represent him in my District. I extend my thanks to him for his efforts, and I am proud to bring his accomplishments to the attention of this House.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP SAMUEL AND MRS. LEE ELLA SMITH

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay well-deserved tribute to Bishop Samuel and Mrs. Lee Ella Smith of Memphis, Tennessee for the example they continue to set as honorable citizens of the Ninth Congressional District of Tennessee and as devoted servants to God and their fellow man.

As a bishop with the prolific, Memphis-based denomination, the Church of God in Christ (COGIC), Bishop Smith has rendered extensive efforts to strengthen and expand the work of this five million member denomination. His history of stewardship and sacrifice dates back to his youth and his service to the denomination's founder, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. From then until now, Bishop Smith has been exemplary in leadership, integrity, and undying loyalty to God. He presently serves as Administrative Assistant to Jurisdictional Bishop, Dr. Jerry L. Maynard of Tennessee, and has worked untiringly with the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, G.E. Patterson. Bishop Samuel Smith also serves as the pastor of one of Memphis' flagship and entrenched congregations, Southside Church of God in Christ. His influence as a pastor and spiritual leader has been a shining light which has illuminated the way for many young ministers who have furthered their service in gospel ministry.

Humble in spirit and rich in faith, Mother Lee Smith has stood with her husband as a noble example of virtue. She is also one firmly committed to the principles of Christian faith with a record of service dating back to her teenage years. Her work with the Church of God in Christ encompasses her commitment in the field of education. Equipped with vast experiences in ministry and earned degrees in religious studies, Mrs. Smith served as Dean of

C.H. Mason Bible College in addition to her other countless capacities within the church—locally, regionally, and nationally. She presently serves as the leader of one of COGIC's Department of Women in the State of Tennessee.

Today, I am happy to salute Bishop and Mrs. Smith as they celebrate 50 years of marriage, Bishop Smith's 75th birthday, Mrs. Smith's 70th birthday, and over 40 years of pastoral ministry.

For their devotion to God and one another, and for the high marks they continue to attain, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives would join with me in honoring Bishop and Mrs. Samuel Smith of Memphis, Tennessee.

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR MERCURIO

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, the destruction wrought by the large fires in Colorado and Arizona make this an appropriate occasion to honor all those who seek to prevent and mitigate the awful destructive power of fire.

Let me take a moment to commend one individual, Arthur Mercurio, for his lifelong service to the cause of fire prevention. He recently received the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Fire Prevention Award for his efforts. As a member of of Collingswood (NJ) Volunteer Fire Company #1 for 52 years, he has been an advocate for fire prevention and safety. As President of the company for 12 years, Mr. Mercurio was instrumental in developing a program to get smoke detectors to elderly and other high-risk citizens.

Mr. Mercurio's lifelong dedication and leadership in the volunteer fire service should serve as a model and inspiration for firefighters everywhere and has strengthened my own commitment and enthusiasm for public service.

A TRIBUTE TO HILDA DUFAUX

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to take this opportunity to share with my colleagues in Congress the news that Mrs. Hilda Willenburger DuFaux will celebrate her 90th birthday next week on September 9, 2002.

Mrs. DuFaux, a resident of Missouri's First Congressional District, was born in the year 1912. In 1936 Hilda married Charles Willenburger. They were blessed with three daughters, Karen, Kathy and Jeanette. She raised her daughters on her own after her husband passed away in 1954. In 1967 Hilda married Vince DuFaux and was devoted to him until he passed away in 1970. Today she is blessed with 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Hilda has lived in the city of Overland, Missouri for the past 64 years. Since moving to Overland, she has faithfully worshipped God at Presentation Catholic Church. Mrs. DuFaux

lives an active life and has a great many hobbies and interests including gardening, playing cards and going to garage sales. She enjoys babysitting her young great-grandson and is truly a cherished and loving member of her family and a treasured member of our community.

I salute Mrs. Hilda DuFaux as she achieves this special milestone. She has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to life. She is a remarkable woman whose strength, determination and spirit serve to inspire others.

SECOND OPINION COVERAGE ACT

HON. SUSAN DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Second Opinion Coverage Act of 2002—legislation that will ensure the accessibility and coverage of medical second opinions.

The Supreme Court's ruling this past June rekindled the debate surrounding managed care coverage. Patient protections and the need for a Patients' Bill of Rights again became topics of everyday conversation. Yet, Congress still has much work to do on crafting a strong Patients' Bill of Rights that can address patient needs.

In my opinion, the first step to enacting any sort of comprehensive health care reform is to provide patients with access to appropriate medical information. This is why I am introducing the Second Opinion Coverage Act.

As a member of the California State Assembly, I heard from a number of patients who saw a gap in their existing health care coverage. They wanted a clear process for medical second opinions. In particular, patients with challenging health conditions encountered difficulty obtaining a second opinion through their health plans. These patients faced complex procedures and wanted to be sure they were well educated about their treatment opinions.

Anyone who has ever experienced the prospect of surgery knows the value of receiving a second opinion. The peace of mind provided by a second professional's opinion, in addition to the value of new information received, is immeasurable. Indeed, second opinions can result in better patient care because of the increased dialogue about treatment options, and can also benefit health plans by potentially reducing the number of invasive procedures.

After meeting with patients, physicians and health groups, I authored a law in California that guarantees coverage of second opinions. If patients meet any one of five qualifying conditions, they are entitled to a timely second opinion by a "qualified health care professional," within 72 hours in cases of serious or imminent health threat. When another expert is not available within the provider group or network, the organization will pay for an appropriately qualified doctor outside of the plan. Patients are responsible for the costs of applicable co-payments.

While I can describe the benefits of this measure, I believe that individual experiences best demonstrate the value of enacting second opinion legislation. John Torres, one of my constituents, shared with me his family's

experience with medical second opinions. In 2000, a surgical procedure was recommended for Mr. Torres's young son, Nicholas. A consultation from another physician confirmed that a less-invasive procedure would effectively treat Nicholas's condition. The second opinion provided the Torres family with crucial information that helped them make the right decision for Nicholas. I am happy to say that Nicholas responded well to the treatment and is now an active seven-year old.

The law in California provides a good first step by offering a straightforward process for addressing second opinion requests for many in my state. Unfortunately, this legislation does not cover 4.3 million Californians enrolled in self-insured, federally regulated health plans. Nationwide, this translates into 56 million persons without guaranteed access to second opinions. All patients should have access to a full discussion and disclosure of their medical options.

I urge you, Mr. Speaker, and all of my colleagues to pass this critical legislation quickly into law.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5120, FY03 TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATION

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, under the Treasury-Postal Appropriations Act of 1998, Congress approved funding for "a national media campaign to reduce and prevent drug use among young Americans."

Following this directive, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) launched the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. We are all familiar with this laudable program, and the powerful messages anti-drug messages it delivers across the airwaves to youth and parents across the country.

The Government Reform Committee has been conducting vigorous oversight on the Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign since its inception; carefully following implementation of the campaign to ensure the billions of taxpayer dollars invested are spent judiciously, efficiently, and legally.

However, from the very beginning of the Media Campaign, allegations of fraud have surrounded the multi-million dollar contract with the media firm Ogilvy & Mather.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) reported to the Committee incidents of false billing practices, sloppy contract management and lax oversight. The charges were so serious, the GAO referred its findings regarding improper billing practices to the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

What is so incredible is, despite significant allegations and evidence of mismanagement, misconduct and outright fraud, the ONDCP and the Department of the Navy, chose to continue to hire Ogilvy & Mather as the campaign's media contractor. This is in light of the fact that the GAO, for close to two years, had been documenting the incidents of suspect charges, falsified time sheets, and disallowed costs.

In February of this year, Ogilvy & Mather North America agreed to pay the government