

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

to settle claims under the False Claims Act and other administrative claims that the firm overcharged the government \$1.8 million.

Moreover, the company is reportedly under criminal investigation by the Department of Justice! Yet, notwithstanding this company's disgraceful track record, just a few weeks ago, the Navy once again entered into a lucrative contract with Ogilvy & Mather, to continue providing services in support of the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign.

By the time this new contract expires in July of 2003, this firm could potentially receive more than \$770 million dollars of taxpayer dollars. Given the massive funds already dedicated to a highly suspect company, I consider it an affront to the U.S. taxpayer we continue throwing good money after bad. This matter is rapidly turning into the Enron of the War on Drugs.

Here we have a firm with a documented track record of fraud and mismanagement, and how does the government respond? By rewarding it with yet more taxpayer dollars. Not only is this an insult to the taxpayer, think of the message we are sending to the youth of America—the very same youth, I might add, that we are trying to keep off drugs—"Cheat once, ok. Cheat twice, fine. Cheat three times; we'll keep on giving you another chance, and rewarding you in the bargain." Is this the kind of message you are comfortable sending to American school children? Character and integrity counts across the board, not just in selective circumstances.

Let me be perfectly clear I am a supporter of an effective public media campaign to help fight drug use across this nation. This campaign is an important part of the war against mind altering drugs, delivering a powerful message to youth and families across the nation about the dangers of illicit drugs.

My amendment will not end the Media Campaign. I in no way seek to prevent the anti-drug message from being delivered loud and clear.

In an era of moral relativity, we should be sending a clear message to the kids we are trying to keep off drugs: character and integrity counts across the board, not just in selective circumstances.

I ask all Members to join me in passage of my amendment. No more excuses. We must do all we can to salvage a workable program, and spend public money responsibly. Should we find another approach to reach this goal, the Chairman has my commitment to work with him and refine the language appropriately as we move through the conference process, and I thank Chairman ISTOOK and Ranking Member HOYER for working with me to ensure this issue is addressed appropriately.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH F.
WARNER

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Joseph F. Warner for his many years of service to the Illinois communities of Bloomington and Normal along with the County of McLean in Illinois. Mr. Warner was an outstanding leader in the civic, po-

litical, and charitable activities of these communities. Tragically, Mr. Warner lost his life on the morning of July 21 in an airplane crash. His strong leadership and enthusiasm for working to improve the quality of life in these Central Illinois communities will be very deeply missed.

A strong advocate for the welfare and good health of senior citizens, Mr. Warner was the president and chief executive officer of Heritage Enterprises in Bloomington—a major senior service company with high quality senior residential facilities throughout the State of Illinois. Further evidence of his interest in health care—a field he served for 32 years—was Mr. Warner's work as past president, vice president and director of the Illinois Health Care Association; as a member of the Governor's task forces on long-term care insurance and long-term care reimbursement; as a trustee of the Mennonite School of Nursing and as the past McLean County chairman of the American Heart Association.

Another key aspect of Mr. Warner's leadership was his interest in the providing of educational opportunities for young people—as demonstrated by his work as the fund-raising chairman for the innovative Challenger Learning Center for Science and Math; his service on Illinois State University's Board of Directors' legislative committee; his presidency of the Redbird Education and Scholarship Fund at Illinois State University and his membership on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Wesleyan University Association.

Mr. Warner's wide-ranging interest in charitable and community service work was perhaps a natural extension of his strong spiritual beliefs which led to his directorship of the United Campus Christian Foundation and his leadership role as the ruling elder of the First United Presbyterian Church.

As an exemplary citizen and veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Warner believed in playing a very active role in the political process. His role included both work at the grassroots level as a Republican Precinct Committeeman with leadership service as the Chairman of the McLean County Republican Party.

Mr. Speaker, despite the tragic circumstances, I am proud to offer to you the fellow Members of the House of Representatives the extraordinary life of Mr. Joseph Warner as the ultimate example to us all of American citizenship and service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOB CARLINO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a master craftsman and brave veteran who bravely fought for our country during World War II. Bob Carlino, of Pueblo, Colorado has repaired thousands of shoes for Coloradans since he became an apprentice shoe repairman at age fourteen. He continues to repair shoes today with his wife, Mary, at their shop in Pueblo. Bob has provided his services to Pueblo for over 60 years, including serving his country, and I am proud to tell of his accomplishments before this body of Congress today.

Bob, age 81, grew up on Pueblo's Goat Hill and learned the craft of shoe repair from his uncle at E. Pfost's Shoe Repair shop, where he received fifteen cents a week which he used for a Saturday movie. Bob joined the military after World War II began and became a member of the 224th Quartermaster Company where his work helped to contribute to the repairing hundreds of thousands of soldier's boots. During the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, Bob's unit dropped their shoe repair equipment and picked up their rifles to fight and defeat the Germans. In the aftermath of the war, the 224th Quartermaster Company disbanded and Bob returned to Pueblo in early 1946 to reopen his shoe business. Bob was a devoted father and husband. He was an example for his community, ethically, morally, and honorably.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize Bob Carlino and his contributions to the community of Pueblo and this nation. I would like to thank him for his years of hard work and dedication to this nation. His efforts deserve the recognition of this body of Congress. Thank you Bob and I look forward to your continued service in your community.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL 4-H CLUBS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor the Centennial Anniversary of one of the premier youth organizations of the world, the National 4-H Clubs. One of the foremost youth organizations in Colorado, as well as the rest of the nation, 4-H is the youth education branch of the Cooperative Extension Service, a program of the United States Department of Agriculture. Since its founding in 1902, the National 4-H Clubs have been at the forefront of the effort to both educate and develop our nation's youth. Over the past century, the 4-H program has evolved from its predominately agricultural roots to offer a variety of educational programs for young people in both rural as well as urban areas. As it celebrates 100 years, this remarkable organization continues to enable young people to learn new life-skills, build self-confidence, and set and achieve goals, while at the same time having fun and meeting new people. In Colorado, I've witnessed numerous examples of how 4-H clubs have encouraged and inspired young people with programs ranging from environmental preservation to career exploration and preparation. The 4-H's, which stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, comprise the centerpiece of the 4-H motto, "To make the best better," toward which each young person recites: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world." I congratulate the 4-H Clubs of Colorado, and commend the National 4-H organization on its first 100 years dedicated to developing our nation's leaders of tomorrow.