

TRIBUTE TO PAUL LINN, EARL CANTOR JR., AND JAMES DAUGHERTY

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 15, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I recognize Paul Linn, Earl Cantor Jr. and James Daugherty before this body of Congress and this nation. Paul, Earl, and James are all brothers who, due to unfortunate circumstances early on in their lives, have not seen one another in over sixty years. As the three brothers celebrate their reunion, I would like pay tribute to their dedication and resilience in reuniting to once again become a family.

The three brothers were born into a family along with nine other siblings in Boulder, Colorado during the 1930s. After their mother Georgia was abandoned by her husband, her children were separated and placed in foster care because she no longer had the means to support them. Paul was adopted by Arthur and Dorothy Linn, ranchers from Collbran, Colorado. James was placed with another family who owned a ranch just outside of Craig, Colorado. As the elder of the three, Earl remained in Boulder, determined to reunite with his brothers as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately, due to the confidentiality with which adoption records are held, Earl soon lost track of his brothers and did not have the resources to relocate them. Paul was able to locate Earl after finding his name in a Boulder phone book in 1955, but it took the work of Bobbi McKevitt, a professional who tracks down this type of information, for James to locate his two older brothers. Today, the three brothers are determined to find the rest of their siblings and rejoice in yet another family reunion.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize Paul Linn, Earl Cantor Jr., and James Daugherty before the body of Congress and this nation for their profound determination and resilience in their mission to reunite their family. Their story is one of great satisfaction and inspiration, and I wish them all the best in their mission to reunite the rest of their family.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS INTO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES

**HON. ROBIN HAYES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Department of Labor's efforts to integrate faith-based and community organizations into employment and training services and encourage the department to continue and expand this initiative.

In order to most effectively deliver services, especially in the hardest to reach communities, it is essential that the federal government partner with groups that have credibility in needy neighborhoods. Small community and faith-based organizations have a long-

term, personal investment in the community, and are known and trusted to effectively deliver results.

This approach is a necessity because for many of our most needy neighborhoods, faith-based and community organizations are frequently the strongest and most dynamic institutions available. Often, in the most distressed neighborhoods, they are not just the best partner, they may be the only partner available to us.

I want to recognize the work that has already taken place at the Department of Labor. The Department has created several pilot programs and innovative grant programs designed to better utilize the unique skills of community and faith-based organizations in its employment and training efforts. I urge the Department to continue and expand these efforts and I call on the Senate to pass H.R. 7 to ensure that the Federal government no longer ignores this critical partnership.

**DR. MICHAEL W. PARKER**

**HON. EARL F. HILLIARD**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives a story of Dr. Michael W. Parker, Sr., a citizen of the state of Alabama who has served our country with bravery, commitment, and distinction in the armed services and continues to serve us with his work as a professor and researcher at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Members of our military are unique individuals who put their lives on the line to protect the very freedoms that many of us take for granted. Since September 11, 2001, we have been reminded of the perils of war and the dedication of those who fight to protect us. I want to remind the House that many of our veterans return to civilian life and do great deeds for our country in various professions.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Parker, LTCR, DSW, BCD (Board Certified Diplomate) has been named a John A. Hartford Foundation Faculty Scholar in Geriatric Social Work and serves our community in many ways. He is a National Institute on Aging (NIA) Post Doctoral Fellow from the University of Michigan. He is currently on faculty at the University of Alabama Medical School, Center for Aging, Department of Geriatrics and Gerontology & the University of Alabama, School of Social Work. He is a research scientist with the U.S. Air War College in Montgomery, AL. Dr. Parker is the founding Chair of Aging Veterans and their Families which is part of The Gerontological Society of America, and serves as the Primary Investigator on NIA and Department of Defense funded research related to health promotion, successful aging, and spirituality.

Dr. Parker has also been recognized for his classroom abilities and is a recent recipient of the University of Alabama's Frank R. Egan Award for teaching and exemplary practice. His military honors include the Order of Military Medical Merit and the Legion of Merit. Dr. Parker is dedicating his civilian career to addressing the long-term care needs of our society.

Today, I would like to discuss the Military Parent Care Project on which Dr. Parker and

his colleagues are working. I want to describe the family care plans that the United States military uses to assist surviving family members, a modification of that plan that Dr. Parker is researching to include older and disabled loved ones, and how this may lead to better planning for caregiving for all American families.

Mr. Speaker, all military personnel with dependent family members are required to complete, prior to deployment, a family care plan that makes provision for the medical, legal, and spiritual welfare of surviving family members in the event the service member—soldier, sailor, airman, or Marine—does not return. Dr. Parker believes that the composition of the family care plan must be expanded to make it an intergenerational family care plan to assist in the care of the aging parents of military personnel who do not return from service to our country.

We know that the demographic changes in the U.S. population have significant implications for all of us, including military families. Women, the traditional caregivers, have increasingly entered the military. It is my understanding that women—wives, daughters, and daughters-in-law—provide seventy percent of home care. Forty percent of women providing care to aging relatives are also providing care to children at the same time because of delayed childbearing. In addition, nowhere are the effects of parent care more apparent than with senior military members and their families because they typically live long distances from their aging parents.

Mr. Speaker, I think most of our colleagues would agree that it is imperative that we all work with our aging and disabled loved ones to plan for future care needs. This is particularly important for at-risk military personnel. Otherwise, care might not be provided the way we would like.

Under the sponsorship of the John A. Hartford Foundation and The Gerontological Society of America, Dr. Parker and his team have developed tools to help active duty military careerists complete a family care plan that includes aging parents. They have used focus groups of military personnel and experts from the fields of medicine, law, theology, and caregiving to create and test a Parent Care Readiness Assessment Instrument. This tool assists a family in identifying and prioritizing specific tasks associated with providing care to their aging family members.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, this Congress has conducted many hearings exploring the long-term care crisis in this nation. A long-term care crisis at the family level can thrust military and civilian family members into a bureaucratic maze of trying to make successive care arrangements in a badly fragmented long-term-care system. The nation's patchwork of nursing homes, foster homes, adult day centers and home health care agencies offer a dizzying array of often-unsatisfactory options. Practical help is needed so that a formal family care plan can be developed that could be put into place even if an adult son/daughter was not present to help execute the plan. Our Parent Care Readiness Assessment Instrument can serve as the first step toward this end.

They have also developed a two-hour educational workshop covering four key aspects of preparing an intergenerational family care plan. They are medical, legal/financial, social/

familial, and spiritual/emotional plans. Families are also given access to an interactive Website with caregiver information, and compact disks with caregiving information and additional resource material.

Mr. Speaker, we do not have the all the results yet, but Dr. Parker's project has tested these products and workshop on military careerists and spouses at midlife. This research includes the use of a control group and a post-assessment of the test and control groups. Many of these tools have the potential for assisting millions of American families prepare for unforeseen events.

It is impossible to fully prepare for the consequences of an act of terrorism like 9/11. However, military families have already taken steps through our family care plans to reduce the long term consequences of any trauma, whether it is a result of military service, auto accidents, or other health crises. The civilian population could adopt this approach. Planning for such contingencies with the addition of the intergenerational component could become one of our individual contributions to homeland security and our family's security.

Mr. Speaker, helping civilian families take the same precautions as military personnel who enter harm's way has great potential for millions of American families. I believe that this good work taking place in the great state of Alabama will lead to better preparation for those unforeseen events in our lives and to protecting the future of our aging parents. I am proud to bring this important development in the field of aging and the distinguished work of Dr Michael Parker to the attention of my colleagues in the House.

#### TRIBUTE TO KEVIN WAGNER

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize Kevin Wagner of Grand Junction, Colorado for his courage, optimism and generosity in the face of some of life's most disheartening circumstances. Kevin has been battling cancer for several years but remains determined to overcome his illness and refuses to let it interfere with his daily life. While Kevin continues his fight toward recovery, I would like to pay tribute to this dynamic individual and to the irreplaceable contributions he has made to the community of Grand Junction.

Kevin moved to Grand Junction in 1967, where he attended St. Joseph's Elementary School and Fruita Monument High School. He graduated from Mesa State College in 1983 and got his masters degree from Colorado State University in 1985. Throughout his childhood, Kevin always remained active in sports and, like a true Coloradan, is one of the Denver Broncos' biggest fans.

Besides being a devoted Broncos fan, Kevin also remains loyal to his fellow citizens and community through active civic participation. Kevin joined the Grand Junction Lions Club in 1997, which is a volunteer organization that raises money for local community programs. In his first year in the organization, he was named the top fundraiser among all of the club's new members. Since then, Kevin has

been the leading fundraiser for the entire organization for the last five years, and has served on the club's board of directors and on many committees.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect that I recognize Kevin Wagner before this body of Congress and this nation for the unrelenting commitment he has displayed toward the betterment of his fellow citizens and community. Even amid the most challenging of personal circumstances, Kevin has never been deterred from putting others before himself, and has never demanded or expected any personal rewards or recognition. Courage and generosity are Kevin's hallmark—he lives his life with unusual determination. I wish Kevin the very best of luck in his treatment and recovery.

#### TRIBUTE TO SISTER JOAN McKENNA, RSCJ ON BEING AWARDED THE 2002 ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT AWARD

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Joan McKenna, a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart and a distinguished educator and citizen. Sister McKenna is being honored on October 16, 2002, by the Sacred Heart Schools of Atherton, California, with the prestigious 2002 St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Award.

Sister McKenna is a truly remarkable woman who has given much to education in ways almost too numerous to recount. She was born and raised in San Francisco and educated in a parish school. As a high school student she was given a full scholarship to Sacred Heart Schools Broadway where she continued to excel and where she developed her deep respect for the Religious of the Sacred Heart and their dedication to educating the "whole child."

Sister McKenna received her B.A. and her M.A. in History from the San Francisco College for Women. She later received her M.A. in Theology and her J.D. from the University of San Francisco. From each of these institutions she received training that developed her inborn talents, and to each of them she returned what she received tenfold, or more.

After joining the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Sister McKenna taught history and religious studies at Sacred Heart Schools in El Cajon, San Francisco and Atherton. In addition to her teaching, she was Dean of Students and Assistant to the President at the San Francisco College for Women. After receiving her law degree she spent three years working as a legal assistant for the San Francisco City Attorney's Office in the Juvenile Court. She served as Principal at Sacred Heart Broadway and Director of Schools at Sacred Heart Atherton. Over the years she has served tirelessly on the Boards at each of these institutions, as well as the Oakwood retirement home for the Religious and for Catholic Charities of San Francisco. She is currently a lecturer in theology and religious studies at the University of San Francisco. Hers has been a life of learning and helping others to learn, in a tradition of values-based education that she treasures.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Sister Joan McKenna as she receives the 2002 St. Madeleine Sophie Barat Award. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her and thanking her for her extraordinary service to our community which has made us a stronger and better nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANGELINE LOUISE SAMUELSON

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Angeline Louise Samuelson of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Mrs. Samuelson recently passed away in October and, as her family mourns their loss, I would like to pay tribute to her life and the exceptional way in which she lived it.

Angie Samuelson was born in Osage City, Kansas, where she spent her childhood days living on her family's cattle ranch. She attended Osage City High School where she was a cheerleader and a member of the drama club. In 1940, Mrs. Samuelson graduated from nursing school and began working at Children's Hospital in Kansas City and at the University of Kansas Clinic. In 1944, she enlisted into the Naval Nursing Corps, and served in Coronado Island in San Diego, California through the duration of World War II.

In 1947, Mrs. Samuelson, along with her husband John Samuelson, began publishing the Glenwood Post newspaper. Mr. and Mrs. Samuelson were co-owners of the paper until they sold it in 1970, but Angeline stayed on with the paper until her retirement in 1982. Outside of work, Angie Samuelson stayed busy participating in a variety of volunteer activities. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Valley View Hospital Auxiliary, and was a volunteer at the Frontier Historical Museum. She also liked to spend her free time in the company of friends and family, skiing, playing golf, and traveling. With a personality befitting a nurse, Mrs. Samuelson was constantly helping people and freely gave her time and energy to those she in need.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize the life and passing of Angeline Louise Samuelson before this body of Congress and this nation for the outstanding contributions she made to the Glenwood Springs community throughout her life. I extend my sincere condolences to her husband John and their children Lauraine, Chris, David, Paul, and Glen. Angie Samuelson lived her life with enormous energy and passion, and her goodwill and optimism are an inspiration to all who knew her.

#### RECOGNIZING COACH BOB BENNETT

#### HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my fellow colleagues to join