

Most inmates are released after they've served their time; without treatment, these infected inmates threaten the public health of the community upon release. Every year there are approximately 12 million inmates released into the community. We need to recognize the real opportunity for treatment and prevention services in treating the high-risk corrections population as well as the clear public health implications for the community at large.

All of these alarming statistics contribute to the need for the establishment of an Office of Correctional Health within HHS. Such an office would coordinate all correctional health programs within HHS; provide technical support to State and local correctional agencies on correctional health; cooperate with other Federal agencies carrying out correctional health programs to ensure coordination; provide outreach to State directors of correctional health and providers; and facilitate the exchange of information regarding correctional health activities.

Mr. Speaker, with a growing diverse and medically complex population in America's prisons and jails, we must ensure that inmates are provided the health care they need, that staff members operate in a safe working environment, and as a result, that public safety is enhanced.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
JARRETT STATIONARY

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 1, 2002, one of the most respected family-owned businesses in High Point, North Carolina, will celebrate its 100th birthday. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we wish to congratulate Jarrett Stationary on its first century of existence.

"We don't know the exact date when Gene Jarrett started the business, but it was in February 1902," David Wall, the store's president told the High Point Enterprise. Wall, a third-generation owner and a High Point City Councilman, told the newspaper, "I figured holding the celebration on March 1 would help us cover the date properly. Ever since we got to 95 years, it seems like it's taken forever to get to 100 years, so I'm both proud and relieved that this time has finally come."

Because small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy, Mr. Wall, all of us are proud that Jarrett Stationary has succeeded for 100 years. Jarrett Stationary is the 16th oldest business entity in High Point according to the local Chamber of Commerce. Jarrett Stationary has had a rich and colorful history during its century in business.

There have only been three presidents during its 100-year existence. Gene Jarrett ran the company for approximately 45 years. Thurman Wall, Jarrett's son-in-law, served as president before his son, David, assumed the role in 1981. The company also served as a bookstore during its first 40 years before concentrating on office supplies after World War II.

It has been at its downtown North Wrenn Street location since 1929. Despite the glut of national office supply chains, and that many

other small businesses have abandoned the downtown retail core, Jarrett Stationary has stayed and thrived. The future looks equally bright for Jarrett Stationary.

In fact, the very name of the company has come up for discussion in the past. Though a Wall family member has run the business longer than a Jarrett, David Wall said there was never any real consideration to abandon the company name. "Both my father and I thought about all those years that the good name of Jarrett Stationary has been built up in this city," Wall told the High Point Enterprise. "In retail especially, if you have that, that's like money in the bank, so why change?"

We concur that Jarrett Stationary should not change. It should continue to serve the people of High Point the same way it has for 100 years. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate Jarrett Stationary on its centennial celebration, and we offer our best wishes for the future.

WELCOMING MEMBERS OF THE
AMERICAN BURN ASSOCIATION

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to Washington the members of the American Burn Association ("ABA"). The ABA and its over 3,500 members devote their time and resources to promoting and supporting burn-related research, education, care, rehabilitation and prevention. The membership consists of physicians, nurses, occupational and physical therapists, researchers, social workers, firefighters and hospital burn centers.

Many of you may be surprised to learn that there are over one million burn injuries in the United States each year and over 4,500 burn deaths. There are over 700,000 emergency room visits each year for burn-related injuries and over 45,000 hospitalizations. Because burn care is so complex and highly specialized, over half of all hospitalizations are to the nation's 139 specialized burn centers.

Burn injuries are among the most painful and horrific injuries that one can suffer. Even in ordinary times, we would owe a debt of gratitude to these dedicated and highly trained professionals and their institutions for treating and saving thousands of burn victims each year. September 11th brought about an even more profound appreciation of the work done by these burn professionals.

Immediately after the two planes plunged into the World Trade Center and a third plane crashed into the Pentagon, burn center hospitals and medical personnel responded. According to the CDC, about one third of all patients hospitalized in New York after September 11th were burn victims. These victims suffered from 35–75 percent total body burns. Many were in critical condition, some dying, others facing a long road to recovery with several reconstructive surgeries required to repair the damage. Similarly, in Washington Hospital Center.

As bad as this situation was, the medical community prepared for even greater horror. The ABA immediately alerted the 139 U.S. burn centers and began an assessment of the

maximum burn bed availability for possible victims. By early afternoon on September 11th, the ABA had identified 1,500 available burn beds for potential victims and communicated specific information regarding this situation to relevant federal agencies.

The ABA also reached out to the Office of Emergency Preparedness, which manages the National Disaster Medical System ("NDMS"). NDMS is a partnership between FEMA, HHS and other federal agencies and private organizations that can provide emergency medical and support care during a disaster. Burn doctors formed Burn Specialty Teams under NDMS' auspices to ensure that all victims received the best care possible.

One story that deserves particular mention relates to the ABA's role regarding providing allograft that is critically important in burn treatment. There was simply not enough allograft available in Washington after the Pentagon attack. The Washington Hospital Center contacted a Dallas skin bank, which had 70 square feet of skin available to send to Washington. The problem was that all air transportation had been grounded. Despite these obstacles, the skin was packed in a truck and two young men drove from Dallas to Washington, arriving late afternoon on September 12th. Lives were saved as a result of this heroic effort.

We know from incidents dating back to Oklahoma City up to the World Trade Center and the Pentagon that disasters can strike at any time. If we are to respond to such disasters, we must strengthen the nation's National Disaster Medical System, including fully integrating the nation's burn centers into any disaster preparedness plans. Burn care is unique and requires a cadre of multi-disciplinary professionals to ensure a favorable outcome from these horrific injuries.

Mr. Speaker, we thank the dedicated medical professionals of the American Burn Association for what they do every day and, most especially what they did to treat the victims of September 11th.

RECOGNIZING OLYMPIC SILVER
MEDAL WINNER LEA ANN PARSLEY

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, countless Americans are proud of Olympic medalist Lea Ann Parsley, but none more so than her friends and neighbors in central Ohio.

America knows Lea Ann as the athlete who sped to a silver medal in the first-ever women's skeleton event at the Salt Lake City winter games. But her friends in central Ohio know her as much more than that. She's a full-time firefighter at the plain township fire department in Franklin County and a volunteer firefighter in her hometown of Granville. And she's completing her work at the Ohio State University on a doctorate in community health nursing.

No wonder that Granville assistant fire chief Stan Nicodem said that Lea Ann "embodies not only the ideals of the Olympics, but the ideals of volunteerism and of firefighting. This just highlights that she's a very special person."

So special, in fact, that she was selected as one of the athletes to carry the American flag that had flown over the world trade center in the opening Olympic ceremonies. She persevered to win her silver medal despite an injured hamstring.

If boys and girls across our country are looking for a role model, all they need to do is look to central Ohio and Lea Ann Parsley. She's a true champion, both in the Olympics and in life.

BATTERED IMMIGRANT FAMILY RELIEF ACT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Battered Immigrant Family Relief Act.

Violence against women is a profound and extremely pervasive problem, striking across economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and across all age groups. It is an epidemic that affects not only women, but children and families as well.

We, in Congress, should be proud that we were able to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act last session. I was particularly pleased with the inclusion of critical provisions of relief to battered immigrant women that came from my bill, H.R. 3083, the Battered Immigrant Women Protection Act. However, there are still important groups that were left out of last year's negotiations. That is why this legislation is so critical.

There are still battered immigrants, like asylees and the elderly, who are forced to remain in abusive relationships, unable to appeal for protection from law enforcement and the courts for fear of deportation. The Battered Immigrant Family Relief Act will allow them to safely escape their abusers without fear of deportation or other negative immigration consequences. This legislation would also provide a safety net for battered legal immigrants and their children by allowing them access to health insurance, food, and other benefits required to escape their abuser and gain economic self-sufficiency. We can no longer allow immigration status to be used as a tool of control in abusive situations.

I urge my colleagues to support this effort and this bill. While there is still even one woman out there who endures violence, our work will not be complete.

RECOGNIZING PEACE CORPS DAY 2002

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention that tomorrow, Friday, March 1, 2002, is Peace Corps Day. Tomorrow throughout the country, former volunteers will bring their experiences to work, school, places of worship and recreation. They will share with their colleagues, friends and community members the story of their years

as volunteers and how it changed and shaped their lives. Since 1961, more than 163,000 volunteers have served in 135 countries and, in so doing, have served their country and the cause of peace and friendship across the globe.

This year, former volunteers will also be carrying with them the message of the President of the United States—that the Peace Corps is more important and relevant in the world today than it has ever been. I applaud the President's initiative to double the number of Peace Corps volunteers to 14,000 by the year 2007, and to bring Americans to parts of the globe where volunteers have yet to serve—parts of the globe that Americans need to know more about, and which need to know more about Americans.

Of course, Mr. Speaker, every day is Peace Corps day for me. My experience as a volunteer in Colombia is one that I draw upon and share with everyone I meet. Tomorrow will be no different.

I urge all Members of Congress, whether they were volunteers or not, to honor the Peace Corps tomorrow, and to share the spirit of volunteerism and international peace with everyone they come in contact with that day.

REPORT ON NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I am appalled by a recent report on National Public Radio linking the Traditional Values Coalition with the Anthrax letters that were sent to Senators TOM DASCHLE and PATRICK LEAHY. I am outraged by this biased and unsubstantiated attack.

I have personally known the leadership of the Traditional Values Coalition for many years. Even if I was not personally acquainted with members of TVC, I would still find this type of malicious and biased reporting completely outrageous.

NPR linked an organization that represents 43,000 churches across the nation to criminal activity with absolutely no evidence or fact. As the basis for their accusation, NPR cited a press release that TVC issued criticizing Senators DASCHLE and LEAHY for a policy that they disagreed with. If a policy disagreement is enough to speculate on a taxpayer-funded national radio program that a group has tried to murder members of Congress, then the list of suspects for this unspeakable crime would take NPR days to report. Instead NPR chose to mention only TVC in connection to the Anthrax with absolutely no evidence linking them to the crime. This is slander, and NPR should be held accountable for such blatantly biased reporting.

TRIBUTE TO CARLOS J. BADGER

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carlos J. Badger on the occasion for his

100th birthday and to honor him for a lifetime of service and community leadership.

Carlos J. Badger has had a distinguished career as a lawyer and he is currently the oldest practicing attorney in Stanislaus County, California. His legal career started after he graduated from Stanford University Law School. He argued his first case before the United States Supreme Court in 1949. His love for the law and concern for his clients keeps him still practicing today.

Carlos J. Badger also distinguished himself as a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He was a classmate with Admiral Hyman Rickover when he graduated in 1922. He served honorably until he was forced to leave the Navy due to tuberculosis. He reenlisted during World War II and passed the California Bar while in the service. He is the oldest living veteran in Stanislaus County that served in both World Wars.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor and privilege to honor Carlos J. Badger for his service to our country and his dedication to the people of Stanislaus County. He is a shining example of professionalism in the legal profession. His selfless acts and professionalism reflect great credit upon himself.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me in honoring Mr. Carlos J. Badger.

RECOGNIZING RUTH SWIGGETT'S LIFELONG COMMUNITY SERVICE TO EL SERENO

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and extend birthday wishes to an inspirational African-American woman from my district who has demonstrated a life long commitment to the community of El Sereno. For several decades, Ruth Swiggett has been a pillar in one of the most diverse communities in my district. The life of Ruth Swiggett takes on monumental significance as we will be celebrating her 99th birthday on Friday.

Ruth Swiggett has worn many hats in her lifetime—wife, mother, and community activist. She is the co-founder of the El Sereno Coordinating Council and has also served as advisor and president of the El Sereno Seniors. She has also been heavily involved with the El Sereno Youth Center, a community-based organization that fosters an educational enriched program and provides an after-school literacy based technology center for the children of the surrounding school community. As a proud Benefactor of the El Sereno Youth Center, Ruth has always worked tirelessly to help raise funds and coordinate supplementary educational resources for this important youth center.

Our nation is always in search of positive and meaningful role models to enrich our lives and foster innovative approaches that embrace positive character and virtue. One need not look any further than the community of El Sereno—for there is a sweet, caring woman who continues to make monthly visits to the El Sereno Youth Center where she celebrates every holiday with the children from the neighborhood who love and respect her.