

Policy and Legislative, and Conference Committees.

Marty's theme for her Presidency, "Nutrition and Learning, Hand in Hand," depicts her commitment to children's nutrition education, and the positive effect good nutrition has on a child's learning ability. This has been a timely theme because of current interest amongst California families, schools, and Legislators in children's nutrition issues. Marty testified numerous times during the 2001–2002 session in both Senate and Assembly Committee hearings regarding nutrition and training related legislation. Her testimony contributed strongly to reaching compromise on SB 19, the Pupil Health, Nutrition, and Achievement Act of 2001, signed into law by the Governor, and authored by Senator Escutia.

Marty Marshall was born Martha Elizabeth Knecht in Berkeley, California on August 21, 1946. She grew up in Walnut Creek, where she attended Parkmead Elementary School and Del Valle High School, participating in service and leadership activities in both. In Elementary School she was active in Brownies, Girl Scouts, Job's Daughters and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and took lessons in flute, piano, and ballet. She was a member of the Student Council, and gave the commencement speech at her eighth grade graduation ceremony. Attending a new high school, as a member of the second graduating class, Marty was in the Leadership Class and on the Student Council all four years, and was a cheer leader for three years, the last of which she was elected as Head Cheer Leader. She was a member of the Latin and French Clubs, tutored special education students, earned a life membership in the California Scholarship Federation, and was selected as Del Valle High School's "Most Outstanding Citizen" by the school staff.

After graduating from High School, Marty Marshall attended the University of California at Berkeley, where she majored in Dietetics. It is here where she met Marilyn Briggs, current Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for the California Department of Education Director of the Nutrition Services Division, who has become a lifelong friend and mentor in the area of child nutrition. Marty continued tutoring special education students through her college years, and volunteered in a local convalescent hospital, reading to residents and participating in holiday events. She joined the Alpha Phi sorority, which focuses nationally on activities to support heart health, and participated annually in their fundraising drive.

Before working at Fremont Unified School District, Marty worked for two years as an Assistant Dietitian for a chain of convalescent hospitals. She also worked for six years as the Food Service Instructor for a Federal Training Grant Project where she trained functionally retarded and legally blind clients to work in commercial food service. Here, she developed an Independent Living Skills program for her clients, most of who had recently been released from a state hospital that had closed. She also developed a prescreening program for the Business Enterprise Program for the Blind, to help ensure the success of her clients when they entered this business food service training program. Marty still stays in touch with two of her clients from this Federal Training Project after 30 years.

Marty has worked at Fremont Unified School District for over twenty years as the Di-

rector of Nutrition Services. She works hard to combine nutritional integrity with sound business practices, and has earned a USDA Recognition Award each time her program has been audited. She is committed to the children and is known for running her program with the highest of ethics and standards.

Marty is a member of Candle Lighters, a Fremont organization that builds and operates a ghost house each year and donates the proceeds to local charities. She has chaired the Caramel Apple booth and the scheduling of students to work in the house. Over \$1,500,000 has been returned to the community over the past 25 years through the efforts of this organization. Marty's husband Steve, and her two children, Chris, 26 and Nicky, 23, participate with her in many of her volunteer activities.

HONORING SUZANNE MUBARAK,
FIRST LADY OF EGYPT FOR WIN-
NING THE STEPHEN P. DUGGAN
AWARD FOR INTERNATIONAL
UNDERSTANDING

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak, the wife of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, upon her receipt of the Stephen P. Duggan Award for International Understanding on Monday evening of this week. The award, presented by the Institute of International Education and named after the organization's first president, is awarded to distinguished world leaders in the fields of government, education, business and diplomacy in recognition of their commitment to educational exchange and appreciation of other peoples and cultures.

Mrs. Mubarak is indeed a worthy recipient of this honor. She is a sociologist, having received both her bachelors and masters degrees from the American University in Cairo, and she has devoted her efforts to education at all levels. In particular, she has supported the television program *Alam Simsim*, the Egyptian production of the popular U.S. children's series of the Children's Television Workshop, *Sesame Street*. When this excellent Egyptian production began its third year in October 2001, Suzanne Mubarak participated in the opening. As in the American model, *Alam Simsim* helps to build literacy, number skills, education of young girls, and tolerance and understanding.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Mubarak's commitment to education, particularly of young women, is most worthy of recognition, and I am delighted that the Institute of International Education (IIE) has made the decision to honor her for her life's work. The Institute was founded in 1919 by two Nobel Laureates, Elihu Root and Nicholas Murray Butler. The purpose of the Institute, in the words of its Chairman Henry Kaufman and its President Allan Goodman, is to "replace ignorance of other cultures and peoples with knowledge and understanding." To this end, the IIE has fostered and supported study in the United States by foreign students and study abroad by American students.

Suzanne Mubarak's commitment to education is consistent with these worthy goals. This was acknowledged in the citation of recognizing her contributions:

"For seven millennia, the world has learned from Egypt. And, even today, we are learning much for your work about the impact that early education has on a child's ability to cope with his or her environment. You have taught us that education must encompass all of life's issues and should enhance the ability of people to interact in society. By your leadership you have demonstrated the overwhelming importance of the education of girls. You have set a new standard for respect and gender equality that will make Egypt and our world safer and more secure for all."

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues in the Congress to join me in paying tribute to Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak for her contribution to international understanding and in honoring her on receiving the Stephen P. Duggan Award.

HONORING HADASSAH

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, on its 90th Anniversary. Since its beginning, Hadassah has contributed to worthy charities around the world both financially and through volunteer work. Hadassah's tireless efforts have aided in the creation of access to quality health care throughout the Middle East, and Hadassah has always strived for the equal treatment of women in the United States and Israel.

Today, Hadassah, with over 300,000 active members organized throughout the United States, has continued its rich tradition of volunteerism by enacting programs to fight breast cancer and other health related issues affecting women. Hadassah has also sponsored numerous programs to increase the quality of the educational system in the United States.

While Hadassah's interests are primarily education and women's rights, this group has been active in educating its membership on a variety of public policy issues and encouraging civic participation. In a time of increased violence in the Middle East, Hadassah has also remained a staunch advocate of peace and tolerance between Arabs and Jews.

Mr. Speaker, Hadassah has worked since its inception in 1912 to create a higher quality of education and equal rights for women in the United States and the Middle East. It is my sincere belief that as Hadassah continues into the Millennium and to its own hundredth birthday, it will continue to fight for women against disease, violence, and injustice.

RESCUE THE UNINSURED FROM
SEA OF UNCERTAINTY

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, the growing epidemic of the uninsured threatens both the social fabric and the economic stability of our nation. If Congress fails to act, soon millions

more Americans will be denied their basic right to health care. The Catholic Health Association represents facilities across this country that provide a safety net for uninsured and underinsured citizens in need of medical care. Led by the Reverend Michael D. Place, its president and chief executive officer, CHA is working actively to increase awareness of this crisis. I urge all my colleagues to heed their timely call to action.

[From the Baltimore Sun, Feb. 19, 2002]

RESCUE THE UNINSURED FROM SEA OF UNCERTAINTY

(By Michael D. Place)

WASHINGTON.—In Manchester, N.H., a 6-year-old girl arrives at Catholic Medical Center unable to eat for several days because of medical complications from dental pain.

Why the wait? The little girl's family did not have health insurance.

This child, and so many others across the country, represent the crisis of vulnerability endured by 38 million Americans without any health insurance.

While the girl in Manchester was fortunate enough to live in proximity to a Catholic health facility with high quality emergency care, there are 22 million Americans who live in rural areas that the federal government calls "health profession shortage areas."

Many of these citizens are without health insurance and without access to medical care of any kind. They are at the apex of this health care crisis of vulnerability.

As we struggle to cope with burgeoning numbers of uninsured across the country, rural areas highlight a disturbing trend of funding "drift"—a drift away from subsidized health care coverage for the poor, the unemployed and the disabled.

Rural hospitals were hit hard by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. It has been estimated that of the \$118 billion that the law directed to be cut over five years, \$16.8 billion was cut from Medicare funds intended for rural areas. Legislation in the past two years has restored only about \$3.8 billion of this money.

For skeptics who believe that rural health care may not be as vital as has been reported, a quick look at a sample state's mortality statistics may be convincing.

In Illinois, rural death rates from all causes from 1992 to 1996 were 1,106.7 deaths for every 100,000 people. This figure compares with 853.8 deaths in Illinois' urban areas.

Sadly, the rural patient base tends to be older, poorer and less medically privileged. For such patients, the small rural hospital is indeed a lifeline in need of preservation.

Whether in rural or urban areas, our cities have no shortage of uninsured and desperate families. In Des Moines, Iowa, a single Catholic hospital—Mercy Medical Center—operates a free clinic through its House of Mercy program. More than 600 people a month come in without insurance, many with acute illness.

In the South Bronx, the Dominican Sisters Family Health Services is a safety net provider in what has been designated the nation's poorest congressional district. Hospital admission rates in that community for children with asthma and pneumonia—conditions that can be prevented with adequate primary care—are five to seven times the rates in more affluent areas of New York City.

Emergency access to basic health care is a stopgap. The emergency room or free clinic is not a substitute for health insurance coverage for access to the same health-care services enjoyed by the more privileged in our society.

And such access is critical not only to ensuring quality of life but also term of life.

The heart or cancer patient, treated early and with our best tools, can be offered a much different prospect than the critical care patient who arrives without benefit of early therapy.

During this congressional legislative session, it is increasingly important that we tackle the health care needs of our nation's uninsured. When Congress failed to adopt an economic stimulus package in February, the growing numbers of the recently unemployed and uninsured were dealt a dose of legislative paralysis.

Added to the diminishing set-asides for the "permanent" uninsured, the health care outlook for our nation's poor, uninsured, and under-served population is truly bleak.

We must and can do better.

American society must ensure that each person has access to affordable health care. At a crossroads moment, let us engage in a new national conversation on systemic health care reform, a dialogue from Main Street to Pennsylvania Avenue.

It is time for our nation's public and private leadership, health care providers and faith-based groups to come together and to join all Americans in a search for real and meaningful solutions to this health care challenge.

CONGRATULATING REVEREND BOBBY RAY MORRIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reverend Bobby Ray Morris of Lawson, Missouri. Reverend Morris has been the pastor of the Lawson Assembly of God Church for the past 42 years, providing spiritual leadership to generations of Missourians.

In addition to caring for his congregation, Reverend Morris is a positive influence on the community of Lawson. During his distinguished tenure, 25 individuals became pastors, youth leaders, and missionaries. The dedication and guidance of Reverend Morris enabled these individuals to answer their calls to the ministry.

This well-loved and respected man of God is retiring on March 16. Although the Reverend will relinquish his role as leader of the Lawson Assembly of God Church, he will remain a spiritual leader in the community and continue to guide and inspire future generations. Please join me in honoring Reverend Bobby Ray Morris for his life of service to the community of Lawson.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote number 46 on H. Con. Res. 305 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I had to travel to my Congressional District for an important event on February 28, 2002. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 46.

HONORING ABRAHAM FROST

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of Abraham Frost, who came to this country from Poland in 1912. Mr. Frost was an individual who was constantly in awe of everything he saw in the United States. For his entire life, he had a deep appreciation for the opportunities this great nation provided to him, and truly enjoyed his work and time spent raising his family. Mr. Frost marveled at the development of modern conveniences such as automobiles and airplanes. He was truly captivated with the possibility of realizing the American Dream. Abraham Frost died in 1976 in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, the accomplishments of Abraham Frost are a testament to his dedication and his passion for life. He leaves a lasting legacy for both his family and friends.

HUNTING MADE EASY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I encourage you to read the Time Magazine article entitled "Hunting Made Easy" which describes the "slaughter" of "captive animals to mount their heads on a wall."

It is a very disturbing article which also raises the question, "Should Congress step in?" The answer is a resounding yes. You can step in by cosponsoring H.R. 3464, the "Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act of 2001", a bill to combat the unfair and inhumane practice of "canned hunting." Even hunters are objecting to this gruesome practice.

HUNTING MADE EASY

(By Jeffrey Kluger)

The exotic Corsican ram trotting about the 100-yard-long pen in central Pennsylvania paid little mind to the men approaching across the field. People were always walking in and out of the pen, as often as not with food for the flock. So the ram didn't resist when the men drove all the animals toward one end of the enclosure. It was only when the first arrow—fired from just yards away—struck it in the haunch that it realized something was up. The ram hobbled off and was struck by a second arrow, then a third. It stood for a moment staring beyond the fence line and then settled onto its haunches, bleeding. A gunshot to the abdomen finished it off—preserving its head as a trophy.