

RECOGNITION OF DR. EARLE
NOBLE WAGNER

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Earle Noble Wagner of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, on his installment as the 90th President of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association. Dr. Wagner has distinguished himself as a dedicated physician who continues providing exemplary family medicine.

Following his graduation from Cheltenham High School, Dr. Wagner attended Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, where he graduated in 1951. He went on to graduate from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Since 1956 Dr. Wagner has been in family practice. He has served five hospitals and continues to be on the staff of the Jeanes Hospital where he is the Chairman of the Family Practice Department and a member of the Executive Council. He has also served as the Medical Director of the Luther Woods Convalescent Center for twenty-three years.

Dr. Wagner has been a trustee-at-large of the Pennsylvania Medical Association and a delegate to the American Osteopathic Association. He has received many awards throughout his long career including the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Family Physicians Society Family Physician of the Year Award in 1999.

Dr. Wagner and his wife Helga, have been good friends of mine for many years. I am truly honored to recognize Dr. Earle Noble Wagner for all of his hard work, dedication and significant achievements.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
NOMINATIONS

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, in the honor of Women's History Month, New Mexico residents have sent me the nominations of women in our state who have exhibited exemplary service in their actions, yet who have never received acknowledgement for their contributions to the community.

On Friday, March 29, 2002, I had the honor and privilege of recognizing thirty-eight remarkable nominations describing sacrifices and contributions these women have made for our community. The people who nominated the women describe the dedication they have witnessed: volunteer hours for veterans services, Sunday School Teachers, service on non-profit boards, homeless programs, fund raising for scholarships for at risk youth, healthcare providers going above the call of duty, child advocates, volunteers at churches and synagogues, successful business women, wives, mothers and friends.

Allow me to share information about a portion of this year's nominees:

Fannie Maestas—Mrs. Maestas is a mother of 8 children and a retired special education

teacher (she began teaching at the age of 17!) Mrs. Maestas taught at the Albuquerque Indian School for Bureau of Indian Affairs and taught at Catholic Schools, APS and Bernalillo Public Schools. She helped needy children by providing clothing for them—she even did laundry for one of her students so the other children would not tease him.

Annette Marrs—Annette has devoted many hours and much energy to assist local charities. Specifically, she has given special time and effort to the American Cancer Society's "Look Good, Feel Better", program, which was designed to help breast cancer survivors regain their normal lives. She has also opened her home on many occasions for fundraising events for political candidates and charitable organizations.

Sara Jane Mathis—Sara is the Adoption Coordinator for the Greyhound companions, a greyhound non-profit rescue organization. Sara is known to drive all night to racetracks all over the SW to pick up suffering animals and find them a loving home. She is also very involved with the LTNM Cancer Center, the Symphony Ball and Symphony Guild, and the Youth Diagnostic and Development Center, where she serves on the Advisory Board and works diligently on issues of improving the care for residents.

Barbara McGuire MD—Dr. McGuire is a highly respected physician in the Albuquerque Community. She attends community healthcare quality meetings on a regular basis and she donates the payments she receives to various charities in the city. She has touched the lives of many women in our community.

Barbara McKee—Barbara is a biweekly opinion columnist for the Albuquerque Tribune covering disability awareness issues. She has worked closely with the Governor's Committee on Concern's for the Handicapped on the Journal Pavilion situation. She exposed Ticket Master's practice of not allowing the disabled to order tickets online and provided the US Department of Justice the first complaint involved in coordinating the 2nd Annual State-wide Disabilities Conference. Formerly, she worked for Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless and now works for UNM Center for Development and Disability Studies. Her Feature Column, "What September 11 Means to the Disabled" was re-printed by several newspapers across the country and caused UNM to form a task force to improve evacuation procedures for the disabled.

Barbara Michels—Barbara has served the Girl Scouts for 50 years. Recently, she initiated the "Wider Responsibilities" program, the Girl Scouts premium program for rewarding exceptional scouts with travel and participation outside of the US. She is the former President of the NM Alzheimer's Association and she still travels statewide to give training sessions to caregivers and health professionals. She also provides weekly therapy to a disabled child in a church sponsored program. Finally, she has provided dozens of pies to the NM State Fair's Asbury Café for many years.

Jackie Kerby Moore—Jackie is the Director of Sandia Science and Technology Park and she is leading the effort to develop this premier research park, which will create thousands of jobs in NM. The Sandia Science and Technology Park enables commercialization of Sandia Labs technologies through private industry collaborations. From an empty 217-acre

multiple landowner piece of desert, the park has become a national model of public-private sector partnering in economic development, containing 10 companies and employing over 590 employees. Jackie is making a difference in our community.

Susan Musgrave—Susan worked at the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce when the Cerro Grande Fire occurred. She worked tirelessly to help the community get back on its feet. Currently, she is the President of the Community Bank of Los Alamos. She works hard in the community and serves as a role model for her daughter, Audrey.

Susan Otero Nuanes—Mrs. Nuanes has volunteered at the Barel Community Center, served as a Brownie Leader to provide life-serving skills to young girls, and she served as a Scout Den Mother to give young boys from the Barel neighborhood an opportunity to participate in wholesome activities. She is very active at the Office of Senior Affairs Multicultural Center for the City of Albuquerque. She continues to be a strong lobbyist for all seniors. In addition, she works during national and local elections as a presiding judge and as a clerk for 40 years and is a recognized expert in her precinct.

Mo Palmer—Mo is the Photoarchivist at the Albuquerque Museum. She is responsible for the largest and one of the most important collections, as the Photoarchive now contains over 100,000 images related to the Albuquerque and Middle Rio Grande Valley. Mo is arguably the most knowledgeable scholar of Albuquerque's history. She is an excellent lecturer and thorough researcher, which makes listening to her a truly engaging experience as she makes history come alive. Mo is also a member of a number of professional associations, among them the Albuquerque Historical Society, the City of Albuquerque Cultural Heritage Council, the NM Route 66 Association, the Society of American Archivists and the SW Society of Archivists.

Carol Radosevich—A founder of Enchantment Land Certified Development Company and WESST Corp., Carol has worked in economic development for more than 20 years. She was instrumental in establishing the PNM Chair in Microsystems, Technology and Commercialization at the University of New Mexico. Carol has been recognized with local, regional and national awards for her work to improve the state's economic climate.

Pamela Ripka—Pamela is a Physician Assistant at the Gallup Indian Medical Center. She goes well over her way and beyond the call of duty. On numerous occasions, she has purchased meals for the hungry and bought clothing for those in need, using her personal funds, and having done so without recognition in the workplace or the community.

Bertha Winona Johnson Salisbury—Mrs. Salisbury was a Farmington Police Officer for 14 years, from 1956 to 1970. She was a fully commissioned officer and her duties included serving warrants, making arrests taking finger prints and her favorite duty, comforting lost children. She carried a service revolver and she won a number of shooting trophies on the target range, but she never had to shoot anyone during her duties. Upon the death of Mrs. Salisbury, the Farmington Police Department has two Motorcycle Policemen attend her services as an honor guard.

Sister Blandina Segale—Sister Blandina, a Sister of Charity, is one of the founders of St.

Joseph Healthcare. In a personal account of her journey through the SW, she describes a legendary episode where she came face to face with Billy the Kid. Sister Blandina helped to treat one of his gang member who was ailing on condition that Billy the Kid promised to always protect the Sisters of Charity from harm from his gang. While in Santa Fe, Sister Blandina realized a need for a facility to treat miners and railroad workers and she assisted in soliciting money for Santa Fe's first hospital, St. Vincent Hospital. While in Albuquerque, Sister Blandina provided much needed education for children by opening Albuquerque's first public school, our Lady of the Angels. In addition, she saw a need for a hospital in the growing community of Albuquerque. She solicited the funds to build the first hospital in the city, the St. Joseph Sanatorium.

Lily Timmons—Lily's service to our community began when she was the Chair of a Mother's March of Dimes campaign in the 1950's. She served as Executive Director of the NM Multiple Sclerosis Society for 25 years and patient services were always her top priority. She served on the Governor's Committee on Concerns of the Handicapped, on Albuquerque's Sun Van Committee for transportation for the handicapped and on a citizens advisory committee to the NM Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. She worked with UNM to develop a swim program for people with MS at the therapeutic pool and started the lock and Roll Wheelchair Bowling Team.

Brenda Yager—Brenda, Manager of AAA's Government Affairs Office, has worked hard to improve traffic safety and awareness in NM. She has led coalitions that led to Changes in NM's child passenger safety laws and established NM's Graduated Driver's License law. She has kept the community informed on numerous safety and consumer issues. She has taken the initiative to improve school age children's awareness about school bus, pedestrian and bike safety.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOB MEISNER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Bob Meisner and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to his community and to his State. As a resident of Rifle, Colorado, Bob has dedicated himself to improving the Rifle community and the State by selflessly giving his time and energy to his job, his family, and his community. His remarkable business and philanthropic accomplishments are surpassed only by the hard work and dedication that he has poured into each and everything he has done. As we celebrate his tremendous accomplishment of earning the Rifle Chamber of Commerce, John Scalzo Lifetime Achievement Award, let it be known that I, along with the people of Rifle, applaud his efforts and are eternally grateful for all that he has done for his State and his community.

At the age of 72, Bob is most deserving of this lifetime achievement award, and I am honored to be able to bring his achievements to light. He began his extraordinary career in

reality in 1955, beginning with a service station, and later a Phillips 66. After working for some time in the real estate business, he started Rifle Realty in 1973. Originally intended to capitalize on the shale boom in Rifle, the company was forced to reinvent itself as a property management company after the shale boom in 1982. Bob's ability to guide the business through both good times and bad is what truly differentiates him, and helped make him an unparalleled business leader in his community. He recently sold the business, so he could spend more time traveling with his wife, Lois.

Throughout his career, Bob has been active in the Rifle Chamber of Commerce, serving as president in 1973 and being named person of the year in 1975. He has also been active in the fire department, the hospital district board and has served on both the Rifle home rule charter committee and as a council member. His philanthropic interests have further served to set him apart in his community, and have earned him much well deserved respect throughout Rifle. Bob is truly a remarkable man, always eager to give his time and energy to the community, through both his professional and philanthropic endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Bob Meisner is a man of unparalleled dedication and commitment to his job, his community and his family. It is his unrelenting passion for each and every thing he does, as well as his spirit of honesty and selflessness with which he has always conducted himself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. Bob Meisner has achieved extraordinary things and enriched the lives of so many people, and it is my privilege to extend to him my sincere congratulations on earning the Rifle Chamber of Commerce, John Scalzo Lifetime Achievement Award, and wish him all the best in the future.

TANF REAUTHORIZATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I believe we all have one goal in mind when it comes to re-authorizing welfare, and that is to improve the system so that more people can make the transition from welfare to work. We all want welfare recipients to move from assistance to jobs and self-sufficiency.

But the fact is that we need to take the necessary steps to ensure that people can stay in the workforce. I am disappointed that the Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce Subcommittees have chosen to ignore the roles that poverty reduction and child care can have in helping people move from welfare to work.

In Connecticut, we have the "Jobs First" program that imposes a 21-month limit on welfare benefits, but allows recipients to retain their benefits if they find employment. It is among the most effective state programs in the country.

But a recently released study also warns strongly that the gains we have made in Connecticut are at risk unless we do more to alleviate the tremendous financial stress young mothers are burdened with when they move from welfare to work while raising young chil-

dren. It found that families were cutting back on the size of meals and had problems paying the rent.

That is why we must approach welfare as a two-generation program that makes a substantial investment in quality child-care. That is why we must also make vocational education count as credit toward work activity—not eliminate it as the Republicans have proposed so far. That is how we can help families move up the economic ladder.

Mr. Speaker, these people are trying. Let's let them succeed.

OPPOSING GOP WORKFARE IN TANF REAUTHORIZATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, Education and training which lead to good-paying jobs makes welfare to work work.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, I have personal experience with this issue. I know that real training and education is the best way to lift public assistance recipients and families out of poverty, so they can succeed at whatever career they choose—even in the United States Congress.

However, instead of helping TANF recipients have access to these vital job preparation and education programs, a minimum wage, and a guarantee of civil rights, the GOP welfare reform plan makes it significantly more difficult for families to transition off of welfare. Denying parents on welfare access to those educational and technical skills to make them self-sufficient is counterproductive.

Instead of making it easier for parents to prepare themselves for better jobs, the Republican welfare reauthorization plan eliminates the current law's ability to count up to a year of full-time education or training. This goes completely in the wrong direction.

Support real jobs, not workfare!

CORPORATE AND AUDITING ACCOUNTABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2002

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3763) to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws, and for other purposes:

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to criticize the wholly inadequate auditing reforms passed today by the House. We in the Congress must stand up to big business and protect working Americans and their retirement savings.

HR 3763 will not make the wholesale changes necessary to restore investor confidence. This legislation will not hold corporate