

HONORING DONNA LLOYD

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Executive Director of Community Home Health Hospice, Donna Lloyd. Donna is leaving her position after sixteen years providing end-of-life care.

Donna Lloyd has worked tirelessly to ensure the dying are given comfort and a high quality of life. Under her direction Community Home Health and Hospice has maintained a significant place in the health care community of Michigan. Aiding patients in Genesee, Oakland, Livingston, Shiawassee and Lapeer Counties, it has served as a role model for other community based hospices. Currently occupying a 19,000 square foot facility, patients may live out the remainder of their days in a familiar and home-like setting.

Over the years, Donna has been recognized as a leader in the hospice movement. She was nominated for the "Heart of Hospice" award by the National Hospice Organization in 1993. She helped write the standards and regulations for Hospice Residences in Michigan. Her experience organizing, and expanding a hospice gave her a unique perspective for this work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me today in congratulating Donna Lloyd as she begins a new phase of her life. Her compassion for the dying has benefited everyone.

RETIREMENT OF PITTSBURGH POLICE COMMANDER GWEN ELLIOTT

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe that Pittsburgh Police Commander Gwendolyn J. Elliott is retiring after more than 25 years of service with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police.

Commander Elliott has a long and commendable career of public service. She served from 1964 until 1969 in the United States Air Force. She subsequently served in the Air National Guard from 1969 until 1973 and in the Army Reserves from 1974 until 1979. She worked as a Crisis Intervention Counselor at a Massachusetts community-based treatment center, and as a mental health counselor, before joining the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police in May 1976. After working as a Patrol Officer for eight years, she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Two years later, she was promoted to Commander and served as the Night Watch Commander commanding five precincts until June 1990. From June 1990 until October she served as Commander in Charge of the Office of Family Violence, Youth, and Missing Persons, where she supervised 30 Detectives. She also served as Assistant to the Mayor for Youth Policy from January 1994 to January 1996. Most recently, she served as the Commander in Charge of the Zone 3 Station.

Commander Elliott has also been actively involved in a number of community activities.

She has served as President of the Women Police of Western Pennsylvania and of the East Liberty Business & Professional Women's Club. She has served on a number of boards, including the boards of Pittsburgh Community Services, the Center for Victims of Violent Crimes, United Cerebral Palsy, Three Rivers Youth, and the Parental Stress Center. She is a member of a number of other civic organizations as well.

Today is Commander Elliott's last day on the job. Upon her retirement, she will be working on a new project—Gwen's Girls, a local agency with a mission to reach out and help at-risk adolescent girls. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I want to commend Commander Elliott for her many years of dedicated public service and wish her well in this new endeavor.

TRIBUTE TO RON CAWDREY

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Ron Cawdrey, a remarkable community activist and public servant who recently passed away at the age of 65. As we join his family and friends and mourn for their loss, it is only appropriate that we remember Ron and his significant contributions to the community.

Ron Cawdrey served as an officer on almost all the civic organizations in the City of Redondo Beach: the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Redondo Beach Roundtable, the Eagles, the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, and most importantly, the city council are greatly indebted to a man whose mission in life was to serve his fellow citizens. Few individuals have been more devoted to their hometown than Ron has to Redondo Beach, a fact that was recognized when he was presented the first Mayor's Lifetime Community Service Award.

It is rare to find people whose sense of civic duty, are on par with Ron Cawdrey. At the young age of 19, Ron began his journey of public service by managing youth baseball teams. He had a six-year interruption when he was drafted and proudly served in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. Upon his return, Ron continued to pursue his passion in community service and became actively involved with local Democratic politics along with the local union, where he ultimately served as vice president of the Communications Workers of America, Local 9400, representing 10,000 members in California.

Ron Cawdrey will be remembered and missed not only by his family but also by a grateful community. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ron Cawdrey for his exemplary service to his community and his country.

RECOGNITION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WHITEHEAD INSTITUTE

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, twenty years is not a long time as historic institutions go in Cambridge, Massachusetts, but it's an epoch in a rapidly evolving field like biomedicine. In the past 20 years, science has begun to understand diseases, such as cancer and HIV/AIDS, at the molecular level and illuminated the processes that impel human growth and development. It has begun to use the regenerative powers of the body's own stem cells for therapeutic purposes.

The Whitehead Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been significantly involved in all these advances. Jack Whitehead, a visionary businessman and entrepreneur, made possible its creation. Endowed by a major gift from Mr. Whitehead, and with continuing support and guidance from the Whitehead family, the Whitehead Institute celebrates two decades of remarkable progress and looks forward to a future on the very frontiers of science.

Researchers at Whitehead are among the Nation's best competitors for competitive research dollars. Often, their work pushes the boundaries of established academic disciplines and explores problems that are part chemistry, part biology, part engineering, part computing, not quite "owned" or funded by any single field. Yet it is this kind of inquiry that often yields the greatest breakthroughs: the whole may be far greater than the sum of its parts. The Whitehead encourages and participates in important collaborations—between disciplines, between institutions, and even between countries.

For the past 20 years, the Institute has developed innovative ideas and methods that have been adopted by the world scientific community. Perhaps the most noteworthy has been an entirely new way to sequence the human genome and uncover the genetic codes that make our bodies what they are. The Center for Genome Research at Whitehead was a principal contributor to the human gene map unveiled two years ago at the White House.

While the Institute's reach is national and global, I want to note and commend its work in Massachusetts. Its distinguished staff finds time for an annual program of activities for high school teachers and students, helping them understand and benefit from their research. Every year, hundreds of local residents attend the Whitehead's science symposium and a regular series of colloquia on issues in science and public policy.

On the occasion of its 20th Anniversary in 2002, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to commend the generosity of the Whitehead family that created this great research institute and recognize also the many subsequent donors who have sustained it. The faculty and staff of the Whitehead Institute may take credit for many biomedical advances that promise to assuage human suffering and prolong human life. We can look forward with great anticipation to its future discoveries.