

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained in traffic on Tuesday, January 29 while returning to the Capitol from my congressional district. This forced me to miss the vote on House Resolution 335, a resolution commending Catholic schools. Had I been present, I certainly would have voted for the bill.

As a graduate of Catholic elementary school and one well acquainted with the many first-rate Catholic educational institutions in my congressional district, I would have been delighted to vote for a resolution that "congratulates Catholic schools, students, parents and teachers across the nation for their ongoing contributions to education." I regret that I missed this opportunity to celebrate the merits of a Catholic education.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IMMEDIATE HELPING HAND DRUG ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2002

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I believe most of us agree that the modernization of the Medicare program must include prescription drug coverage for seniors. Senior citizens are right to be concerned about having to pay for prescription drugs out of their own pockets and they are right to wonder when lawmakers will take action.

Congress seems poised to take action. But what if? What if Congress doesn't pass a Medicare reform bill that includes a drug benefit? What if partisan politics cause inaction? Then what?

I believe the solution lies in my legislation, the "Immediate Helping Hand Prescription Drug Assistance Act of 2002," which closely mirrors the plan President Bush put forth in early 2001. My bill will provide \$48 billion over seven years to states to help seniors afford prescription drug coverage. This national program is similar to the state of Connecticut's "ConnPACE" program and other state-funded prescription subsidy plans that help seniors purchase medication at a low cost.

Under my legislation, states would receive block grants to provide a drug benefit for low-income Medicare beneficiaries, either through the creation of new state drug assistance programs or through the expansion of existing programs. With this targeted approach, states would be able to provide much-needed dollars to drug programs, allowing more of our nation's seniors to afford prescription drugs.

While I would prefer adding a prescription drug benefit to a modernized Medicare sys-

tem, election-year politics may make this task virtually impossible. We cannot wait any longer—we must act now to provide seniors with a "helping hand" toward providing real prescription drug coverage.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce this bill with three of my colleagues—Mrs. HART, and Messrs. KOLBE and MANZULLO. I urge others who truly care about providing prescription drug coverage to our low-income seniors to cosponsor my Immediate Helping Hand legislation.

ESTABLISHING FIXED INTEREST RATES FOR STUDENT AND PARENT BORROWERS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2002

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1762. This bill helps expand opportunities for higher education by establishing fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers.

Our country is the land of opportunity, where one can go from rags to riches. A few land unique and rare opportunities for successful ventures that reap them financial security. The majority of the population, however, rely on a college, or more advanced, education.

The future of our Nation lies in educating the next generation of young people. But the cost of an education these days is phenomenal—tens of thousands of dollars per year for tuition alone. Add in the cost of books, room and board, and maybe a movie now and again. And for those who continue on to law or medical school, a significant amount of expenses is added on.

Most students get through college by working and taking out loans. Education loans are good investment in our economy and in our citizens. College graduates earn an average of 80 percent more than individuals with only a high school diploma. Over a lifetime, the earnings difference individuals with high school and college degrees can be more than \$1 million.

Education loans give everyone and anyone the opportunity to a college education because they are guaranteed. This legislation is crucial to ensure that education loans are accessible to help future generations realize the American Dream.

IN HONOR OF DAVID P. LEMAGNE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true hero. On the tragic day of Sep-

tember 11, 2001, David P. Lemagne of New Jersey, working along side the Port Authority Police of New York and New Jersey, sacrificed his own life for the lives and well being of others. Today, I would like us to join together in a moment of silence to recognize the life of a truly outstanding man.

Since childhood, David Lemagne has helped those in need. In 1985, he worked as an Explorer in Post 525 with the Union City Volunteer Ambulance Corp. This was just the beginning of a career dedicated to assisting others. In 1990, he received his EMT Certification from the Bergen County EMS Training Academy and started working with the Union City Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Upon completion of high school, he was hired as an EMT with the Jersey City Medical Center, and worked as an EMT for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey through 1993.

David studied hard and worked his way through the ranks, earning him respect, seniority, and greater responsibilities, including: a position as a Paramedic with the Jersey City Medical Center; as Ride Master of UMDNJ EMS Bike Team in 1995, where he served through 1999; as Tour Chief of the New Jersey Medical Center in charge of Emergency Services; and as a Team Paramedic of the NJSEA Meadowlands Arena. David saved countless lives throughout his selfless service to the community.

David Lemagne graduated from Hudson Catholic High School in 1992; received an Associates Degree in Paramedicine from UMDNJ in 1994; and began studying Sports Medicine at Kean University.

David is survived by his parents, Ruth Myriam and Prudencio, his sister, Magaly, his brother-in-law, Salvatore Alfano, and his grandmother Lupe, and grandfather Guillermo.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the life of David P. Lemagne, forever a hero in the eyes of all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO MS. CLAIRE SALVIANO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a woman I am proud to represent in Congress and even more honored to call my friend, Ms. Claire Salviano. Claire was recognized on Thursday, January 31, 2002 for her 25 years of dedicated service at the Department of Transportation for the Paterson Board of Education.

It is only fitting that she be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for she has a long history of caring, leadership, and commitment to the children of her hometown.

Claire Salviano was born in Paterson, New Jersey to Herbert and Clara Huntington. After

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

graduating from a local high school, Claire married Virgil Salviano and raised five children. Once her children were grown, Claire decided to continue her education at Rutgers University and William Paterson University.

Her intense involvement in the Paterson community began while her children were in elementary school. Claire served on the School #9 PTA as a member, organizer and a 10-year officer. As Claire's interest in serving the needs of children grew, she became deeply engaged in the Paterson Boys Club. She founded the New Jersey Auxiliaries of Boys Clubs and was the first woman to serve on the Board of Directors for the Boys Club. During her tenure as a board member, Claire led the fight to admit school-aged girls as full members of the club. She was successful in her crusade, thus beginning a new era, the Paterson Boys and Girls Club.

Claire Salviano's service to the City of Paterson continued to grow as she founded and organized the South Paterson Neighborhood Association and the citywide neighborhood Crime Watch Program.

In 1977, Claire was appointed to serve as a Commissioner on the Paterson Board of Education. As a member and later President, she brought honor and distinction to the Board. Her efforts there did not go unnoticed as the Federation of Italian Societies recognized Claire as the Outstanding Woman of the Year.

Claire initially served as the Supervisor and eventually became the Director of the Department of Transportation for the Board of Education. In this new position, she was responsible for overseeing the transportation of 7,500 students. She joined the School Transportation Supervisors Association and was President from 1995–1997. As President she chaired the annual state conference and was elected to represent the Eastern Division of the State Directors Association.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of individuals like Claire Salviano. Her concern for the safety and well being of children is unparalleled and we are grateful for her years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the Children of Paterson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Paterson. Claire's family and friends, all those who have been touched by Claire and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of Ms. Claire Salviano.

HONORING OLIVER GALE AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and constituent, Oliver Gale, who will be formally honored on February 20 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnatian. The recipients of this prestigious award are selected on the basis of special achievement in the world of work, but the criteria also includes an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

Oliver Gale is a 92-year old Cincinnati legend—and Cincinnati is his adopted hometown! He has been a major force behind every Cincinnati civic improvement project over the past forty years. After graduating from Choate in 1937 and Harvard in 1941, Oliver began his career as a reporter and writer for the Boston Herald. He spent twenty years at Proctor & Gamble, joining the company in 1937 and rising to becoming an assistant to the company's legendary president, Neil McElroy. In 1957, Oliver became a special assistant during Mr. McElroy's tenure as U.S. Secretary of Defense under President Eisenhower.

In November, 1960, Oliver turned his attention to assisting Cincinnati landmark institutions. He has served as trustee and president for the Cincinnati Zoological Society at the time when the Cincinnati Zoo became internationally recognized. Oliver led the effort to join the Cincinnati Historical Society with the Museum of Natural History to establish the Cincinnati Museum Center at historic Union Terminal. With the Museum of Natural History, Oliver served as trustee, secretary, president and chairman. He served on the Museum Center board for twelve years, and he remains an honorary board member.

His civic associations do not end there. Oliver also dedicated his talent to the Cincinnati Ballet Company, the Oral History Foundation and the Friends of the Parks.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati thank Oliver for his service to our community, and congratulate him for being named a Great Living Cincinnatian.

HONORING THE 32 YEARS OF SERVICE OF TED EILERMAN TO SAINT ELIZABETH'S MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 32 years of service of Ted Eilerman to Saint Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City, Illinois.

Ted Eilerman's accomplishments are considerable. He has served for more than 32 years as an administrator at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, including 17 years as President and CEO. He has also served on the boards of Union Planters Bank, the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Foundation, Junior Achievement and FOCUS St. Louis.

He is past president of the Granite City Optimist Club, past Chairman of the Southern Illinois Industrial Association and Tri-City Civic Alliance and the Tri-Cities Area United Way Campaign. He is also the past president of the Leadership Council of Southern Illinois and is past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Hospital Association. Ted's awards include the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1970; the Illinois Hospital Association's Outstanding Public Service Award in 1979 (this award was given out only 5 times in the Association's history); the Department of Health Care Administration's Honorary Membership Award-St. Louis University in 1986; the De La Roche Award from the Board of Directors at St. Elizabeth's Medical

Center in 1991; and most recently the Chamber of Commerce of Southwestern Madison County's Citizen of the Year in 2001.

Last year, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center treated more than 27,000 people in the hospital's Emergency Room. The hospital is a 193-bed full-service medical center and provides medical care for the entire metro-east area.

Ted Eilerman's leadership has been outstanding. His vision, commitment and tenacity have made him a local, regional and statewide health care advocate. His commitment to providing quality health care to all people, regardless of their ability to pay, leaves a legacy of caring in Granite City, Illinois and all surrounding communities.

Ted will continue to serve as a consultant to the hospital, which is now under the management of Community Health Systems.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 32 years of service of Ted Eilerman to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center and wish both he and his family the very best for the future.

HONORING SGT. DWIGHT MORGAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, last September 14th I spoke on this floor and said that my dream as a Member of Congress was to never have to vote to send our American men and women into combat. At that time, our nation had just been victim to a horrific attack, and I joined my colleagues in Congress in voting to authorize our government to use military force to prevent the terrorists from striking again. I return to the floor today, saddened but proud, to honor a brave young man from my district who gave his life to protecting our nation.

Dwight Morgan, a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, died in a helicopter crash near Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. Dwight was only 24 years old, and was a native of Napa and Willits, California. He was a proud, hard-working Marine. His life-long gift for mechanics led him to be a specialist in helicopter hydraulics and electronics.

All those who knew Sergeant Morgan praised his work ethic, his sincerity, and his dedication to his family. School principals, football coaches, and teachers who had the opportunity to have Dwight under their guidance are unanimous in their respect for the way he conducted himself as a student, an athlete, and a young man.

Before Dwight died aboard a CH-53E "Super Stallion" helicopter, the Marine Corps had nominated him for a promotion to Staff Sergeant, which will now be awarded posthumously. His promotion is testament to his dedication to the Marine Corps. Since high school, his dream was to be a United States Marine. He served for over 5 years, and was most recently a member of the Flying Tigers, a helicopter squadron based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

Dwight was highly regarded by those who knew him because of his commitment to his family. Soon after high school, Dwight married Teresa Morgan, who is pregnant with their