

VA may not be able to meet demand for medical services.

Mr. Speaker, with the introduction of the Veterans Health Care Full Funding Act, H.R. 2475, we hope to move beyond debate and discussion and finally get on the fast track to legislative action. It's time to fix the funding system for veterans' health care. I urge all my colleagues to carefully review and consider supporting the Veterans Health Care Full Funding Act, H.R. 2475, to provide dependable, stable and sustained funding to meet the health care needs of veterans of our armed forces. They deserve no less from a grateful nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF WILLITS, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Memorial Baptist Church of Willits as this congregation celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding.

W.F. Harrison, a Baptist layman who worked in a Leggett sawmill, identified the need for a Baptist Church in Willits. Ralph Rummings, a seminary student studying for foreign missionary work, was persuaded to start the mission and work at the sawmill for \$25 a week. So, a few logging families formed the hub of the church, which has since grown to a congregation of 150 people.

Memorial Baptist Church became an official congregation on June 21, 1953. The church's first minister was Pastor Russell R. Morris, a seminary student who later became a missionary to Lebanon, Jordan and Israel. The first church services were held at the Leake Recreation Hall. Land was purchased in 1954 and the church building was completed in 1956.

Over the course of the past 50 years, the church has played an important spiritual role in Willits and has enriched the lives of many people. Although the congregation has endured philosophical differences over the years, it has remained united in its ministry, serving the needs of the congregation and the community.

Memorial Baptist has provided humanitarian assistance to people through local, national and international programs and activities. Currently, the church is an active participant in the Brown Bag Lunch Program of Willits, the Willits Community Services & Food Bank and the Community Benevolence Fund. The Women's Mission/Ministries group supports overseas projects, assists women in becoming self-supporting and provides funds to teach English to new immigrants.

Mr. Speaker, we honor this church for its many contributions to our community. For fifty years the church has been a shining example of patriotism and valor, a place where all are welcome. It is appropriate at this time that we recognize Memorial Baptist Church on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO OJAY HANSEN WORRELL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and passing of Ojay Hansen Worrell, an outstanding citizen from my district. Ojay was an active member of the Glenwood Springs community and he will be remembered as a respected businessman, an honored veteran, and a dedicated family man. Ojay passed away recently at the age of 79, leaving a legacy of leadership for his community to follow.

Ojay was born in Oklahoma City but moved to Glenwood Springs, Colorado when he was only four years old. He graduated from Garfield County High School and later married his high school sweetheart Marcella. Ojay joined the Navy and served our country during World War II, returning home to receive his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado. Ojay found success in the business field, owning and operating Holland Auto Parts for over 30 years.

Ojay eventually began work in public service, serving on the Glenwood Springs City Council, as well as serving two years as the city's mayor. He was also involved in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks Lodge, and the Kiwanis Club. When not working in the community, Ojay enjoyed fishing, hunting, and area athletics.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ojay Worrell before this Congress and this nation. His hard work, enthusiasm, and leadership in the community will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ojay's family and friends as they mourn his loss.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK MODICA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to Frank Modica, an outstanding citizen from my district. Frank was an active member of the Trinidad community and he will be remembered as a respected businessman, an honored veteran, and a dedicated family man. Frank passed away recently at the age of 79, leaving a legacy of leadership in the Trinidad community.

Frank was a lifelong resident of Trinidad, graduating from Trinidad High School in 1938. Two years later, he married his wife Jane, a union that would last for the next 62 years. Several years later, Frank answered his country's call to duty, serving in the Army during World War II. Upon his return to the states, Frank worked with a number of companies, eventually owning Modica Trucking, The East Side Inn, and Modica Brothers Red-E-Mix.

Frank was also active in the Catholic Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Trinidad Planning Commission. When he

was not busy within the community, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and gardening.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Frank Modica before this body of Congress and this nation. His hard work, enthusiastic attitude, and leadership will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Frank's family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO IRVING JAQUEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Irving Jaquez, the long-time warden of the Trinidad Correctional Facility in Trinidad, Colorado. Irving will soon be retiring as warden of the prison, where his leadership will be truly missed. I want to honor his many contributions here today.

Irving worked his way up through the ranks of the Colorado Department of Corrections, starting as a correctional guard. From there, he served as a correctional sergeant, lieutenant, case manager, admissions officer, housing supervisor, deputy warden, and warden. During his time at the prison, Irving was responsible for a mass transfer of prisoners, as 326 inmates had to be moved into the new maximum-security prison in Canon City. Like all of his work, the transfer was carefully planned and went off without a hitch.

Irving saw the prison system go through numerous changes through his many years of service. Irving worked hard to eliminate the potential for escapes from his facility. Recently, however, he has focused on the problem of contraband in prisons. As always, Irving works hard to protect the safety of his guards and protect the safety of the prisoners as well.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of Irving's contributions to the Colorado Department of Corrections. His detailed and efficient management style has led to a well-run, well-organized prison, providing the utmost safety for prisoners and Trinidad citizens alike. Thank you, Irving, for your hard work and dedication.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF GARY CAMPBELL

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Gary Campbell, who is retiring after 34 years of service to education in Southwest Michigan. Earning his degree through Western Michigan University, the largest institution of higher education in Michigan's Sixth District, Gary has shown his commitment to the education of countless children over a four-decade span. Gary began his career at Edwardsburg Public Schools where he taught high school courses for three years. His keen intellect and strong work ethic soon propelled him to school administration. He has served as Superintendent

of Lakeshore Public Schools for over 10 years. Behind the scenes, Gary has been extremely active within the communities of Southwest Michigan, becoming involved with such organizations as the Lakeshore Rotary Club, Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, Council for World Class Communities, Community Partnership for Lifelong Learning, and the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. Constantly working to contribute to his community, Gary has truly earned my admiration and the respect of the entire South West Michigan Community. Congratulations, Gary! We wish you continued success! Go Lancers!

HONORING AMERICA'S FATHERS
FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO
THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to America's fathers.

Mr. Speaker, we often hear negative comments about fathers and fatherhood. We hear a lot about "deadbeat dads" and absent fathers.

It's easy to forget that there are millions of American fathers who love their wives and their children. They get up every morning and go to work to support their families. They go to baseball games and ballet performances and school plays. They help their kids with their homework, chaperone proms and mow the lawn. They treat their wives with respect and model healthy relationships. They make sacrifices and invest in the next generation.

Current research shows that these daily acts of responsibility and faithfulness have a major impact on child well-being. We also know that marriage is the foundation of responsible fatherhood, and that fathers who are married to the mothers of their children are more likely to be involved in their children's lives.

According to the National Fatherhood Initiative:

The best predictor of father presence is marital status. Compared to children born within marriage, children born to cohabiting parents are three times as likely to experience father absence, and children born to unmarried, non-cohabiting parents are four times as likely to live in a father-absent home.

In a longitudinal study of 2,500 children of divorce, twenty years after the divorce less than one-third of boys and one-quarter of girls reported having close relationships with their fathers. In contrast, seventy percent of youths from the comparison group of intact families reported feeling close to their fathers.

But, we don't need statistics to tell us that committed, involved father's are essential to the preservation of the family.

Yesterday, thousands of families in my district celebrated Father's Day. Amid all the distractions of our society, many stopped, for just a minute, to honor "Dad."

It seems that politics and social change and the faddish nature of our culture have not been able to erase the enduring value of fatherhood and the imprint that father's have in my district and across this great nation.

TRIBUTE TO TIMOTHY TYMKOVICH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Timothy Tymkovich, who will soon become the next federal appellate judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit. A Colorado native, Timothy has spent his career practicing law and serving the people of Colorado. I am proud to stand today and congratulate Timothy on his appointment.

Timothy began his distinguished law career at the University of Colorado School of Law, where he became the managing editor of the University's Law Review. Upon graduation in 1982, Timothy worked for Chief Justice William H. Erickson of the Colorado Supreme Court. He was appointed as Colorado's Solicitor General in 1991, working with both Republicans and Democrats effectively. He left that post in 1996, returning to practice law in the private sector. In addition to his time in the courtroom, Timothy has served on the Governor's Columbine Review Commission and currently chairs the Colorado Board of Ethics.

Mr. Speaker, Timothy Tymkovich is an outstanding member of the Colorado community who certainly deserves the praise of this body of Congress and this nation. The commitment he has given to Colorado and to the practice of law clearly shows his dedication to justice. Timothy will be a fantastic judge in the Tenth Circuit and it is my pleasure to congratulate him here today.

TRIBUTE TO SARAH SHANK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to a courageous and benevolent young woman from my district. Sarah Shank of Durango, Colorado was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer three years ago at the age of eleven. When the disease went into remission the following year, Sarah decided she wanted to dedicate her time and efforts to help other affected children and their families combat cancer.

With the help of her family, Sarah founded "Country Kids With Cancer," an organization that provides emotional support to kids battling cancer and financial help to their families. People who live in rural areas, such as Sarah's family, often have to travel long distances to get treatment. "Country Kids With Cancer" works with Children's Hospital in Denver to identify and help such families with travel related expenses, which can be very expensive and are rarely covered by insurance.

Even though Sarah still deals with health-related problems stemming from cancer, she works hard to raise funds by speaking to neighbors at the local mall, hosting chili cook-offs, and organizing a charity golf tournament. Her efforts have directly helped nine families so far, and she is working to help more.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to recognize Sarah Shank here today. That she would

work so hard on behalf of others—after all she has been through—speaks volumes about her character. Sarah embodies the spirit of sharing and service that helped build this great nation, and I commend her for her leadership, thank her for her community service, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE MCGUIRE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to Mike McGuire, a Colorado State Patrolman who will be retiring after eight years of distinguished service. Mike served in Durango, Colorado as a Community Resource Officer, where he worked with area schools to promote automobile safety.

Mike joined the State Patrol in 1995, and was quickly promoted to Community Resource Officer. It was there that Mike worked with organizations such as the Colorado Department of Transportation and Mothers Against Drunk Driving, teaching the virtues of seat belt use and driver safety. He works as an instructor in the "Alive at 25" program, which gives ticketed drivers the option of a lesser fine if they attend a safety class. Mike was also instrumental in the formation of the Victim Impact Panel for Drunk Drivers, a panel that consists of family and friends of people who have been killed by a drunk driver.

Mr. Speaker, Mike McGuire is the type of person whose dedication and commitment to improving safety has made a difference in the lives of many young Coloradans. The Durango community has greatly benefited from Mike's hard work and perseverance, and I thank him for his efforts. Good luck, Mike, in all of your future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IRAQI
FREEDOM FROM DEBT ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today with my colleague Representative JIM LEACH, I am introducing the Iraqi Freedom from Debt Act. This legislation consists of 'findings' and two major initiatives. It requires the U.S. to negotiate in the IMF, World Bank and other appropriate multilateral development institutions for relief of the debts owed by Iraq to these institutions. Secondly, it includes a sense of Congress that the President should urge France and Russia and all other public and private creditors to relieve the debts owed to them by Iraq.

I will speak in more detail on the merits of the bill later this week. I urge my colleagues to support this worthy legislation.