

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. JOHN H.
BETJEMANN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate one of the most selfless and caring citizens of the First Congressional District of Indiana, Mr. John H. Betjemann. John has spent the past 23 years dedicating his life to promoting healthcare development and community service to all of Northwest Indiana. His career as President and CEO of the Methodist Hospitals in Gary, Merrillville, and surrounding communities has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people. In honor of his gracious service to his community, there will be a celebration of his accomplishments on June 26, 2003 at St. Timothy's Church in Gary, Indiana.

John Betjemann has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. He has focused his work on Neuroscience and Oncology medical services for diagnostics and treatment of cancer, brain tumors, and many other diseases. He has also provided Northwest Indiana with the Midlake Campus, which helps in the development services for children and new paramedic training for employees. He has also assured the identification of youth who are at risk of sudden cardiac trauma by providing high school athletic screening programs at no charge. Also in 1999, John established the Smoke-Free Hospital Policy to help promote better healthcare environments for the patients, employees, and visitors of Methodist Hospitals.

Along with the countless service organizations and programs that John has initiated, he has also been involved in many community organizations and projects. He has been a powerful member of the Horace Mann Ambridge Neighborhood Improvement Organization, which rehabilitates homes in the Northlake Campus area for low income, disabled families, and provides resources for repair and maintenance to these homes. He has also been a strong leader of the Adopt-A-Park Project, which along with IVY Tech, Gary Parks Department, and Lake County Job Training, helps to enhance Gary City parks by installing modern play equipment.

Along with his many other accomplishments, John has also received numerous community service and leadership awards. In 1988, John was given the Community Service Award by the Tolle-Mann Business Association. In 1995, he was the recipient of the Crystal Globe Award, which was given by the Asian American Medical Society. The Wellness Council also acknowledged him in 2000 for implementing the Health Institute.

Mr. Speaker, John has given his time and efforts selflessly to his employees and patients throughout his years of service. He has taught every member of his staff the true meaning of service to all members of the Northwest Indi-

ana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. John Betjemann for his outstanding contributions to Indiana's First Congressional District. I am proud to commend him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

SUPPORT NATIONAL PROFES-
SIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, as a social worker, I rise to highlight the beneficial work performed every day by social workers across this country. Social work is a unique profession, which combines a diverse skill set to serve individuals, families, groups, communities, organizations, as well as society-at-large.

Social workers help people address a wide variety of concerns, from homelessness, substance dependence and abuse, and mental illnesses to community development, employee assistance programs, emergency preparedness, and disaster relief. They work directly with individuals, couples, families, and groups to identify and overcome these and other challenges. Many social workers also aid communities, organizations, and systems in the improvement of services and the administration of social and health programs. As a result, social workers may be found in a variety of settings, among them, private practice, health and mental health, education, community, public welfare, agency administration, and policy and planning.

Social workers hold almost 500,000 jobs, with one in three found in State, county, or municipal government agencies, primarily in departments of health and human services, mental health, social services, child welfare, housing, education, and corrections. In the private sector, social workers provide services in hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, and other health centers or clinics. An increasing number have successfully sought elected offices in local, State, and Federal Government, to further contribute to the welfare of our country and our society. I would like to commend our colleagues, Representatives BARBARA LEE, SUSAN DAVIS, and ED TOWNS, who are exemplary professional social workers, and are among the almost two hundred publicly elected social workers serving their communities.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that employment of social workers is expected to increase faster than the average for all occupations through 2010. The elderly population is increasing rapidly, creating greater demand for health and social services, resulting in particularly rapid job growth among gerontology social workers. Social workers also will be needed to help the large baby-boom "sandwich" generation deal with the resulting pres-

ures, depression and mental health concerns stemming from mid-life, career, or other personal and professional difficulties. In addition, continuing concern about crime, juvenile delinquency, and services for the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, the physically disabled, AIDS patients, and individuals and families in crisis, will spur demand for social workers.

Hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home healthcare services will continue to depend on social workers to coordinate and provide aftercare services for their clients. The popularity of assisted-living communities among the expanding senior population requires the expertise of social work gerontology specialists. Social workers with substance abuse and addiction skills offer those seeking treatment a better chance at successful reintegration into society. Employment of school social workers is expected to grow in order to address rising student enrollments. Outcomes-based treatment provided by social workers facilitates the cost effectiveness goals of managed care organizations, enabling those in private practice to be heavily utilized and increase access to services. The increase in employee assistance programs (EAP) has also fueled the demand for private practitioners, many of whom are contracted with small and large corporations, local, State, and Federal agencies. With the September 11 attacks and its aftermath, EAP social workers have helped survivors to deal with the uncertainty and trauma of terrorism and war, and continue to support employees and their families.

Earlier this year, I reintroduced H.R. 844, the National Center for Social Work Research Act. This act would establish a center within the National Institutes of Health to coordinate ongoing social work research, develop new methods to help social workers provide effective services to the public, and promote the use of social work research to improve public policy.

Social work research, through the coordinated efforts of the National Center, will undeniably advance both the delivery and quality of health care and social services in this country. Fiscal responsibility and accountability demand that the best practices are determined through, and grounded in, empirically-based research. Consumers, practitioners, and policymakers must demand service effectiveness and cost efficiency, facilitated by the establishment of a National Center for Social Work Research. Social workers, as front-line professionals, compile information that seeks to understand the dynamics that lead to social issues, provide empirical support for best practice approaches to improve service delivery, and translate them into public policy decisions. With the limited resources available, policy makers must depend on these problem solvers to address many complex social issues such as poverty, welfare dependence, and drug abuse.

The social work profession is truly multifaceted. As dedicated advocates for the rights

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of children, minorities, the disabled, crime victims, workers, patients, women and many others, social workers continue to lead efforts that enhance human, and thereby societal, well-being. They shape programs and policies that strengthen individual lives and improve the society in which we all live.

HONORING CORNELL SCOTT FOR
HIS LIFETIME OF CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and community leaders who have gathered to pay tribute to one of New Haven's most respected community leaders and one of my dear friends, Cornell Scott. His lifetime of dedication and compassion has made a real difference in the lives of thousands.

Chief Executive Officer of the Hill Health Center in New Haven, Scotty has been the driving force behind its success for the last thirty-four years. His tireless efforts have literally changed the face of healthcare in this community and across the nation. I have had the privilege of working with Scotty over the years and I am in awe of his endless energy. He is an inspiration to so many and I consider myself fortunate to call him my friend.

Established in 1968, the Hill Health Center is a private, non-profit community health center—the first of its kind in the State of Connecticut—which provides some of our most vulnerable citizens with the medical, dental, and behavioral health services. Too often, those children, families, and individuals most in need do not have access to critical healthcare programs and services. Now operating in eighteen locations throughout Greater New Haven, Hill Health Center has become an irreplaceable asset to our community. Scotty's leadership, vision, and enduring tenacity has been the backbone of the Hill Health Center—and for that we owe him a debt of gratitude.

In addition to his professional career, Scotty has also played an integral role in many local service organizations—helping to shape our community and improve the quality of life for all New Haven residents. The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, the New Haven Housing Authority, the Connecticut Association for Human Services are just a few of the area agencies which have benefitted from his time and energies.

I am proud to stand today to join the many who have gathered today to pay tribute to my good friend, Cornell Scott, for his lifetime of invaluable contributions. He has left an indelible mark on this community and a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING PATUXENT HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patuxent High School in Calvert County, Maryland for its ranking among the Nation's top 700 most demanding public schools as reported by Newsweek. I would like to commend Patuxent High School on incorporating a curriculum that challenges and advances the abilities of all students who attend this public school.

The Challenge Index rated each school by analyzing the number of advanced placement or International Baccalaureate tests taken by students in the high school and the number graduating from that school in a given year. Those schools that received a rating of 1.0, which meant that the number of students graduating was less than the number of tests given, were considered above average and included in the index. Based on this ratings scale, Patuxent High School achieved the ranking of 697th of schools across the Nation who met this 1.0 rating.

The Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB), a European based program, are courses students can take which have a challenging curriculum and prepare the students for their endeavors at the collegiate level. In addition, these exams allow the individual students to earn college credits depending on what score they receive on the exam.

In 2003 the Patuxent High School student body numbered 1775 students with a senior class of 371. It offers fifteen AP courses as well as numerous honors courses that challenge their students. This year twenty-seven percent of the graduating class will attend a four-year college or university with forty percent attending a two-year college. In 2001, Patuxent High School was honored for receiving the top average SAT scores in Calvert County.

Principal Robert F. Dredger along with the four Vice Principals: Nancy Highsmith, Steve King, Christian Hodge, and Robert Lawrence, have established an environment that motivates and challenges each and every student. Without the hard work of the administration, staff, and students this honor could not have been obtained.

Mr. Speaker, Patuxent High School has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to its entire student body by offering numerous courses that provoke the minds of each and every student. I would like to congratulate Patuxent High School on achieving such an honor and wish the faculty, staff, and students continued success in the future.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO
SPANGLER DUM DUM POPS® ON
OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to

an outstanding Ohio corporation, Spangler Candy Company, and the 50th anniversary celebration of the Spangler Dum Dum Pop. Considered the largest selling penny pop in the Midwest, the Dum Dum Pop came to Bryan, Ohio in the spring of 1953, when Spangler purchased the machinery, equipment and trade name from the Akron Candy Company of Bellevue, Ohio. By 1956, the Dum Dum Pop was a nationally acclaimed candy.

Mr. Speaker, on June 4, 1953, Bryan celebrated the acquisition of the Dum Dum Pop with a declared "Dum Dum Day." On this special occasion, thousands of free lollipops were distributed to children and families gathered on the front lawn of the Spangler plant.

In August 1957, Spangler announced its "largest production day ever" of 1,545,750 Dum Dum Pops. In 1959, Spangler introduced a new program, encouraging children to save their Dum Dum wrappers and send them in with money for prizes. Today, the "save wraps" continues to function in a modified version.

By 1979, Spangler was producing 2.8 million Dum Dum Pops on a daily basis. By 1989, Dum Dums were the third largest selling lollipop in the country.

During the summer of 2001, a warehouse in Archbold, Ohio burned to the ground, costing Spangler more than 110,000 cases of Dum Dum Pops ready for shipment. In the months following the devastating fire, Spangler employees worked long hours to replace the loss, producing approximately 10 million Dum Dum Pops a day. After the Archbold fire, Spangler workers proved their dedication to the industry of Dum Dum Pops in their efforts to compensate for the lost products. Demonstrating pride and civic duty, factory workers and distributors proved their allegiance to Spangler and Dum Dum Pop consumers.

Today, Spangler generates about 8 million Dum Dum Pops each day, distributing cases of lollipops world-wide. Available in a variety of packaging sizes, ranging from 7 ounces to bulk cases of more than 2,000-count, consumers can purchase Dum Dums in food, drug, and mass market retail stores, as well as on the Spangler Candy Co. website.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Spangler Candy Co. In producing Dum Dum Pops®, the Spangler Candy Co. has provided jobs and a positive work environment not only for the Bryan community, but for members of communities nationwide. We wish Spangler Candy Co. all the best as we acknowledge one of our State's finest companies and all of their accomplishments.

HONORING MR. WALLACE E.
EVANS

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker it is with great pride and honor that I congratulate Mr. Wallace E. Evans on his contribution to the residents of Northwest Indiana. Wallace will be retiring on July 1, 2003 as Local 881 United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) International Union's Executive Vice President. There will be a celebration dedicated to honoring his achievements on Friday, June 27 in Oak Brook, Illinois.