

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES
ON H.R. 1, MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION
DRUG AND MODERNIZATION
ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in favor of Representative KIND's Motion to Instruct on the Medicare prescription drugs bill.

The Medicare program presently contains payment disparities that are biased against rural areas such as Northern Michigan, which I represent.

This language instructs the Medicare prescription drug bill conferees to address the inequities that cause many of the providers in Northern Michigan to be paid significantly less than our urban counterparts for the same services.

This problem puts our health providers at a severe disadvantage and adversely affects seniors' access to quality health care in our communities.

As a Member of the bipartisan House Rural Health Care Coalition, I insist that the conferees and the President pay close attention to the rural Medicare fix that is outlined in both this motion and the letters sent by our Coalition to the conferees and the President.

As I've mentioned over and over, rural seniors are generally older, sicker, and poorer than those in non-rural areas.

Why we would turn our backs on the seniors who most need our help is beyond me.

The Kind motion instructs the conferees to select the essential rural provisions from the House and Senate Medicare bills and ensures that rural beneficiaries and providers are not left behind.

TRIBUTE TO TYLER MATTHEW
PINCHOT

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Tyler Matthew Pinchot, a 23-year-veteran of the Buena Park Police Department.

Tyler was raised in my district in the city of Garden Grove and he was a graduate of Golden West College's police program in 1979.

He was the only Buena Park police officer to win the Officer of the Year Award two years in a row in 1991 and 1992.

When not on duty protecting citizens, he volunteered his time for his community. He was a Special Weapons and Tactics team member, station house Santa Claus and a tactical officer at Fullerton College's police reserve academy.

Sadly, on June 13 Tyler was trying to catch up to a traffic violator when a car struck his motorcycle. He later died as a result of his injuries.

Tyler was a great citizen. He was a man who devoted himself to his community. His hard work and dedication will serve as inspiration to others.

DEDICATION OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY MEMORIAL TO THE VICTIMS OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, just a short time ago, the sunlight shone from the heavens and brightened and warmed the names of the eleven beloved members of our county who perished in the awful attacks two years ago. That moment reflected how we will remember them: as eleven individuals, men and women who warmed the lives of their family and friends and brightened our entire community.

This beautiful memorial allows us—each in his/her own way—in solitude or in the company of others, to remember the eleven individuals who gave their lives to our country that day.

And as I read the beautiful passages inscribed on the benches, I was filled with great hope and great faith. For the inscriptions make clear that those who took the lives of the eleven souls two years ago utterly failed in their ultimate purpose. For where they sought to divide us, they have only strengthened our bonds. Where they sought to instill fear, they have seen resolve. Where they sought to sow despair, they have been met with faith. Where they sought to poison our hearts with hate, they have seen the strength of love.

And as the sun shining down on those eleven names has shown, where they first brought darkness, remembering them has brought light and warmth. And America will never forget.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC
SERVICE OF COLE FINEGAN

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Cole Finegan, who for the past sixteen years has made significant contributions to the political, philanthropic, legal and social fabric of Colorado. Cole has recently been selected to serve as the City Attorney for Denver by Mayor John Hickenlooper, where he will serve with distinction.

A native of Oklahoma, Cole graduated from Notre Dame in 1978. He completed his law degree at Georgetown University in 1987, where he worked for the Tax Lawyer Law Review.

No stranger to the House, his public sector experience began with Congressman Jim Jones of Oklahoma, for whom he served as a legislative aide, campaign manager and later as chief of staff.

Cole later served as chief legal counsel and policy director for Colorado Governor Roy

Romer, handling all legal matters for the governor and advising on all judicial appointments. As policy director, he supervised the development of policy on economic, environmental, health care, energy, telecommunications, transportation and education. Those close to Governor Romer will confirm that Cole was highly respected and had the affectionate esteem of the Governor and his staff, in large part because he respected dissenting opinions and always found time to mentor those who were less experienced.

As a senior member of the law firm, Brownstein, Hyatt and Farber, Cole worked on land use issues, regulatory and administrative matters and election law. I am proud to say that he also found time to serve as my counsel, and has been a trusted advisor for the time I have served in Congress. Other members of the House will recognize Cole's involvement with the Democratic National Campaign Committee, and his friendship, political advice and steady support for so many of our colleagues.

Cole's service has not been limited to partisan matters, however. His commitment to educational opportunity is demonstrated by his service as Vice Chair of the Denver Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors, a member of the Board of Directors of the I Have a Dream Foundation, a member of the Urban Land Institute, and a member of the Advisory Board of Directors for the Community College of Denver. He has also served on the Colorado State Board of Agriculture governing Colorado State University and the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges of Colorado.

This long list of public accomplishment for such a young man, however, is not what impresses me most about Cole Finegan. I count him as a friend and a role model because Cole has lived the adage in politics that "one can disagree without being disagreeable." He is a man of accomplishment in the public arena to be sure, but he is also a man with a great and good heart.

One story may suffice to demonstrate my point: I learned only recently that Cole has for many years provided legal service to an indigent man whom he befriended during a past political campaign. Many busy and successful lawyers with high-rise offices overlooking Denver's fashionable 17th street would find it more convenient to pass this work on to a subordinate or even quietly ignore a face from the past. Cole made time to treat this man like a valued human being, and in fact, most of those who've worked with Cole, including those who've found him to be a worthy adversary, will insist that Cole's great gift is that he honors the humanity in people.

In short, I believe Cole Finegan deserves to be mentioned here—not because he is a highly successful public servant—but because he has proven that excellence in public service does not have to come at the expense of being a good and kind human being.

With his unique blend of public, private and nonprofit experience, Cole Finegan will bring wisdom and experience to the office of Denver's City Attorney and assume a leadership role that will build innovative ideas and management to city government. I wish him well in this exciting endeavor and thank him for his commitment to public service and the citizens of Denver and Colorado.

CONGRATULATING NORTH HILLS
COMMUNITY OUTREACH, MILL-
VALE TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate North Hills Community Outreach on their Millvale satellite's ten-year anniversary. Founded in Allison Park, Pennsylvania, in 1987, North Hills Community Outreach is an interfaith nonprofit organization that addresses the basic needs of individuals and families who are in crisis, hardship and poverty. I am

proud of their effectiveness and compassion as they help the people of my district in the midst of difficult times.

The Millvale satellite was established in 1993 and was originally housed in the choir loft at Christ Lutheran Church. Having outgrown that space, the offices were moved to a storefront at 223 North Avenue in 1997. Unfortunately, the need for North Hills Community Outreach's services continues to grow and they are planning to move to an even larger facility. To that end, North Hills Community Outreach is collaborating with Millvale Borough on the potential expansion and refurbishment of the Community Center in Millvale.

I applaud North Hills Community Outreach's holistic approach to helping people. The orga-

nization's case management program includes such services as employment assistance, utility and rent assistance, an emergency food pantry and the Faith in Action program in which volunteers help the frail elderly and adults with disabilities with transportation, yard work and light chores.

Over the past ten years, thousands of people in need have benefited from North Hills Community Outreach's caring, professional staff and dedicated volunteers. I commend North Hills Community Outreach on their mission of "people helping people" and their belief that no one in northern Allegheny County should ever feel hungry, alone or forgotten.

I wish them the best of luck with their move and hope for much continued success.