

district and throughout the country. Rural hospitals have been especially hard hit, and without the support of two important provisions in the Medicare bill, their livelihood will be threatened.

I support keeping a full market basket for hospitals in HR 1. Without this annual reimbursement adjustment to keep up with inflation, hospitals could stand to lose 12 billion in inpatient payments. For my home state of Illinois, this could mean a loss of \$92 million over three years. Providers, especially those in rural areas like my district, depend on this money to stay open in traditionally underserved communities.

Restoring the Indirect Medical Education payments is another one of my priorities for the Medicare bill. IME payments go to teaching hospitals, whose role is crucial to the survival of our health care system. These payments acknowledge teaching hospitals' higher costs due to the specialized treatment provided to sicker patients. Not only do they provide unique care, teaching hospitals are also producing our next generation of caregivers. Unfortunately, these hospitals will lose more than 4 billion dollars over the next four years because of a cut last year. The reinstatement of the IME to 6.5% would enable these hospitals to continue their mission.

These important provisions will enhance the quality of care and will make a major difference for Medicare beneficiaries all over the country.

I applaud my colleagues on the Conference Committee for the hard work they have done and continue to do to reach agreements for the good of our constituents.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ASHLAND UNIVERSITY ON THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS CHARTER

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to stand before my colleagues in the House to pay tribute to an outstanding institution of higher education. Ashland University is marking a "Year of Celebration" on the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of the school's chartering in Ashland, Ohio.

Ashland, Ohio's original settlers trace their roots back to a small group of "brothers" who emigrated in 1708 from Schwarzenau, Germany in search of religious and intellectual freedom.

Like Ashland's first citizens, the history of this vibrant institution reads as a truly American story. It all began in the summer of 1877 at a town meeting. The German Baptist Brethren Church proposed the establishment of an institution of higher education if the community could raise ten thousand dollars. The resulting fundraising campaign proved successful, and on February 20, 1878, Ashland College was chartered.

Classes started on September 17, 1879 with eight faculty members and between fifty-five and seventy-five students. From this modest beginning, Ashland's enrollment has grown to five thousand six hundred graduate and undergraduate students.

Ashland College became Ashland University in 1989. The University is and remains a lib-

eral arts institution in the finest tradition of higher education. As such, it is a teaching university, empowering its students not only with current knowledge but also with the power of deliberate reasoning to face the challenges and new horizons known only to the future.

I would note that the University's Ashbrook Center for Public Policy is a nationally recognized academic forum for the study, research and discussion of the principles and practices of American constitutional government and politics. The Ashbrook Center's programs are directed to the scholarly defense of individual liberty, limited constitutional government and civic morality, which together constitute our democratic way of life.

Mr. Speaker, truly great institutions of higher education not only educate their students, but also inspire them toward a lifetime of service as well. Indeed, Ashland University's 125 years of teaching provides our state with a rich legacy of intellectual, spiritual, social, cultural and physical development.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ashland University's "Year of Celebration," and to extend to the entire Ashland University family our very best wishes.

HONORING RAYMOND G. BOLAND

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Raymond G. Boland who served as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs for eleven years.

Throughout his tenure, Secretary Boland initiated a number of programs aimed at bettering the lives of Wisconsin veterans. Although it is impossible to quantify all Secretary Boland has accomplished, I would like to highlight three programs that demonstrate his unyielding dedication to veterans.

The 1994 establishment of the Veterans Assistance Program made great strides towards ending homelessness among veterans. In working to better the lives of veterans and increase job accessibility, Secretary Boland implemented the Troops to Teachers Program in 1995. This important program has allowed veterans with baccalaureate degrees to obtain teaching certification at an accelerated pace. Finally, Secretary Boland's dedication to veterans was demonstrated by his 1998 creation of the Wisconsin Women's Veterans program, which continues to focus on the specific needs of women veterans.

Secretary Boland's outstanding work has not gone unnoticed. In 1997, Secretary Boland received the American Veterans Silver Helmet Award as the Civil Servant of the Year. The following year, he was awarded the Department of the Army Distinguished Civilian Service Medal. Most recently, in recognition of his commitment to ending veteran homelessness, Secretary Boland was presented with the second annual Jerald Washington Memorial Founders' Award by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

I am proud today to stand with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and veterans of Wisconsin in recognizing Secretary Raymond G. Boland for his outstanding work and dedication to better the lives of veterans.

IN HONOR OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DALLAS STARS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 10th Anniversary of the Dallas Stars first regular season NHL hockey game in Dallas. The Dallas Stars had a successful start to their career in Big D, as the Stars defeated the Detroit Red Wings 6-4 at Reunion Arena on October 5, 1993.

In the ten years since the Stars moved to Dallas from their previous home in Minnesota, The Stars have advanced to the playoffs eight years, with playoff berths in 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2003. The Stars won Lord Stanley's Cup in 1999 in a six-game series against the Buffalo Sabres. The championship Stars team was captained by defenseman Derian Hatcher, the very first American born Captain of a Stanley Cup championship team in the history of the NHL. The Stars then repeated as Western Conference Champions the following year.

In addition to the exceptional record of the Dallas Stars over the past ten years, the moving of the Stars to Dallas has created a huge expansion of hockey throughout our schools and communities in North Texas. Before the Stars came to Dallas, it was almost unheard of for schools to have interscholastic hockey teams. The North Texas community has not only fully embraced the Stars, but has taken a heart to the sport of hockey. Without the Stars, none of this expansion of hockey throughout North Texas would have occurred in such a rapid fashion.

Under the leadership of head coach Dave Tippett, general manager Doug Armstrong, and owner Thomas O. Hicks, the Dallas Stars are poised to start another great season. I wish the Dallas Stars all the best for their season opener against the Mighty Ducks on October 8th at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, and for the rest of the upcoming season. Congratulations to the Stars franchise on their 10th year anniversary of their move to the Lone Star State of Texas.

A PRIVATE SECTOR EFFORT TO IMPROVE CIVIC EDUCATION

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the award-winning educational videotapes given free to our nation's high schools, community colleges, and others produced by the Committee for Citizen Awareness (CCA). In particular, I would like to focus on those Americans across the country who are working with the CCA to enable these civic videotapes to be seen free by their fellow citizens in their locale.

All Americans can agree on the need for a well-informed citizenry. The involvement of our people in our republic is the guarantee of our freedom. Surveys have shown that the information contained in these videotapes help our citizens understand and exercise their civic responsibility.

The secret to America's greatness lies in its citizens, as individuals and, when combined, in organizations. A good example of this is the local organizations cooperating with the CCA. Such support for their community's educational institutions and their citizens' civic understanding makes America a better country.

Those of us in Washington, D.C. who do all we can to make sure that our republic functions properly are particularly grateful to those who contribute from the private sector as is the case with the CCA.

John J. Bratsakis, Jr., President of Community Trust Credit Union.

Richard M. Wardrop, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of A K Steel Corporation.

Valdimir E. Ostoich, Co-Founder and Vice President of Abaxis, Inc.

Gary Jester, President of Advancial Federal Credit Union.

Karen Lambert, Chief Executive of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

Marilyn Carp, President of AEGON.

Helen Jimenez Dichoso, President and CEO of Allied Health Services.

Kenneth S. Leonard, President and CEO of America's Credit Union, A Federal Credit Union.

Mr. Tippetts, President and CEO of American Airlines Federal Credit Union.

Douglas W. Kohrs, President and CEO of American Medical Systems.

John R. Gibson, Chairman, President, and CEO of American Pacific Corporation.

Dorinda M. Simpson, President and CEO of American Partners Federal Credit Union.

Bernaldo Dancel, President and CEO of Amerix Corporation.

Brenda Berry, Dean of Student Services of Andover College.

Larry C. Glasscock, President and CEO and Gray Somers, Vice-President and General Manager of Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

Thomas F. Gordon, J.D., LL.M., President of Avila College.

Dan Smith, President and CEO of Bay Area Hospital.

Lois B. DeFleur, President of Binghamton University.

Ronald A. Battista, President of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island.

Michael Cascone, Jr., Chairman, President, and CEO of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Florida.

David Joyner, Senior Vice President, Network Manager of Blue Shield of California.

Craig M. Ames, President and COO of BryanLGH Medical Center.

Dr. Steffen H. Rogers, President of Bucknell University.

Dr. Marilyn C. Beck, President of Calhoun Community College.

David A. Woodle, Chairman and CEO of C-COR.

Gary Oppedahl, President and CEO of Cell Robotics International, Inc.

Trudy Prince, President and CEO of Central Florida Healthcare Federal Credit Union.

Robert Young, President and CEO of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation.

Ronald L. Turner, Chairman, President, and CEO of Ceridian Corporation.

Martha W. Miller, President and CEO of Choice Community Credit Union.

Dr. Thomas W. Cole, President Emeritus of Clark Atlanta University.

Melinda Estes, M.D., CEO of Cleveland Clinic Florida.

Dr. Randal R. Wisbey, President of Columbia Union College.

J. Alan Pughes, President and CEO of Community One Federal Credit Union.

David E. Addison, President and CEO of Constitution State Corporate Credit Union.

Thomas A. Dattilo, Chairman, President, and CEO of Cooper Tire and Rubber Company.

Jim Sinegal, President and CEO of Costco Wholesale.

Father O'Connor, President of DeSales University.

David Nelms, President and COO of Discover Financial Services, Inc.

Victor A. Roque, President of Duquesne Light.

Dr. Stephen M. Jordan, President of Eastern Washington University.

Daniel A. Carp, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Eastman Kodak Co.

Rebecca Rae Stilling, President of EDFUND.

Barrett O'Connor, President of EFS Bank.

Dr. Stafford L. Thompson, President of Enterprise State Junior College.

Joseph E. O'Dell, CEO of First Commonwealth Financial Corp.

Gary Burkart, Director of Public Affairs of Flagstar Bank.

Garry Jones, President of Full Sail Real World Education.

Dr. John A. Davitt, Superintendent and President of Glendale Community College.

Aaron Dobrinsky, Chairman of the Board of Go America Communications.

Bob Ambrose, Manager of Government Affairs of Great River Energy.

Stephen W. Pogemiller, President and CEO of Heritage Community Credit Union.

Patricia J. Ellis, Chairman of the Board of Directors of HEW Federal Credit Union.

Mike Laign, President and CEO of Holy Redeemer Health System.

Dr. John S. Erwin, President of Illinois Central College.

Larry F. Altenbaumer, President of Illinois Power.

Carmella Grahm, Executive Vice President of IndyMac Bank.

Dr. Glen R. Roquemore, President of Irvine Valley College.

Craig M. Bradley, President and CEO of Kane County Teachers Credit Union.

Frank J. Perez, Chief Executive Officer, Kettering Medical Center Network and Kettering Adventist HealthCare of Kettering Medical Center Network.

Dr. Norm Nielsen, President of Kirkwood Community College.

Richard Gifford, CEO of LAFCU.

Susan Ramsey Wilson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations of Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital.

Steve Newberry, President and COO of Lam Research Corporation.

Don Logan, President and General Manager of the Las Vegas 51s.

Bob Armstrong, Vice President of Clinical Services of Lima Memorial Health System.

Susan J. Ganz, CEO of Lion Brothers Company Inc.

Dr. Algeania W. Freeman, President of Livingston College.

Dr. Craig Dean Willis, President of Lock Haven University.

Charlie Etheredge, Principal of Locklin Technical Center.

Stephen Endaya, President and CEO of Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union.

Dr. Tyree Wieder, President of Los Angeles Valley College.

Dr. John A. Rock, Chancellor of LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

J. Dwane Baumgardner, Vice Chairman of Magna Donnelly.

Dr. Mary Cantrell, Director of Manatee Technical Institute.

Keith Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Mannington Mills, Inc.

Michael Minkos, General Manager of Mass. Municipal Wholesale Electric Company.

Martin A. White, Chairman and CEO of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

Lawrence J. Burns, VP for Institutional Advancement of Medical College of Ohio.

Alan Kaufman, Treasurer and CEO of Melrose Credit Union.

John E. Brubaker, President of Members Heritage Federal Credit Union.

David P. Benn, CEO of Memorial Hospitals Association.

Jim Roberts, Vice President, Public Affairs of Minnesota Power (aka ALLETE).

Dr. Drew Bogner, President of Molloy College.

J. Stewart Fuller, CEO of Monterey Credit Union.

Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., President Emeritus and Nigel Harris, M.D., Dean and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs of Morehouse School of Medicine.

Tim Hayward, Administrator and CEO of Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital.

Michael Leggiero, President and CEO of North Hudson Community Action Corporation.

Dr. Robert C. Ernst, President of Northcentral Technical College.

Ray Ferrero, Jr., J.D., President of Nova Southeastern University.

Bruce M. Elegant, President and CEO of Oak Park Hospital.

Dr. Richard Thompson, Chancellor of Oakland Community College.

Gerald D. Fitzgerald, President and CEO of Oakwood Healthcare Inc.

Dan Evans, Dean of Ohio University Southern Campus.

Gary Wehrle, President, and CEO of Pacific Crest Bank.

Bruce Markowitz, CEO and President of Palisades Medical Center.

James McNulty, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Parsons Corporation.

Chester A. Wynn, President and CEO of Passavant Area Hospital.

Dr. Ann M. Williams, Campus Executive Officer, Lehigh Campus and Asst. Dean for Academic Affairs, Burns-Lehigh Valley College of Penn State Lehigh Valley Campus.

Michael P. Falcone, CEO of Pioneer Companies.

Jeff Sterba, Chairman, President and CEO of PNM Resources, Inc.

Richard E. Yochum, President and CEO of Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center.

Paul Bonell, President and CEO of Premier Community Credit Union.

Earnest Gibson III, Administrator and CEO of Riverside General Hospital.

Jeffrey Philipps, President and CEO of Rosauers Supermarkets, Inc.

Sam W. Downing, President and Chief Executive Officer of Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System.

Christopher W. Evenson, President of Salt Lake City Credit Union.

Frank T. Beirne, CEO of Samaritan Hospital.

Jeffrey H. Farver, President and CEO of San Antonio Federal Credit Union.

John J. Smolinsky, President and CEO of Saugus Federal Credit Union.

Dr. Richard L. Behrendt, President of Sauk Valley Community College.

Nancy Layton, Marketing Manager of Service Credit Union.

Kelby Krabbenhoff, President and CEO of Sioux Valley Hospitals and Health System.

Vincent J. McCorkle, President and CEO of Sisters of Providence Health System.

Louis Giancola, President of South County Hospital.

Ingo Angermeier, President and CEO of Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.

Ernest G. Clark, Executive Director of Spencerian College.

Dr. Andrew A. Lasser, Dr. P.H., President and CEO of St. Joseph Hospital.

Dr. Charles L. Cotrell, President of St. Mary's University—San Antonio, Texas.

John Maher, CEO of St. Vincent's.
Dr. Vic Morgan, President of Sul Ross
State University.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during rollcall votes 524, 525, and 526. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 524 and 525. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 526.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND JOSEPH
P. SHEA

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. Schiff. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Father Joseph Shea, Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church, for receiving the Spirit of Giving Award in recognition of his selfless dedication to the Glendale Community.

Father Joseph Shea is a graduate of St. John's College Seminary where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. He is also a graduate of the Continuing Formation in Ministry Program at the University of Notre Dame. He was ordained into the priesthood in 1978. Prior to joining the Holy Family Parish, Father Shea served as associate pastor of St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Highland Park until 1982. He was subsequently transferred to St. John Vianney Church in Hacienda Heights where he was also associate pastor. In 1989, Cardinal Roger Mahoney appointed Father Shea as the Director of the Office of Vocations. He worked in this office until 1995, promoting and encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Father Shea has been the Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Community since July of 1996. Under Father Shea's leadership, the parish engineered a Strategic Plan 2000 to build a strong vision for the new millennium. The plan's mission is for all registered parishioners to dedicate themselves to the support of the spiritual, educational, cultural, youth, and community outreach programs through active participation.

Father Shea is highly dedicated to civic affairs. He serves on the Verdugo Mental Health Board of Glendale, the Board of Directors for Glendale's Community Center, Catholic Charities Loaves and Fishes, and the Institute for Urban Research and Development. He is an active member of the Glendale Human Relations Coalition, Kiwanis Club of Glendale, and the Recreation Facilities and Open Space Committee for the city. He is a newly appointed member to the Advisory Board of Glendale's Adventist Medical Center. Additionally, he is a member of the Board of Directors for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity, serves on the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Department of School Board, and Dean of Deanery 6 of the L.A. Archdiocese. Father Shea is

a remarkable man with an unwavering passion for community service and limitless energy.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in commending Father Joseph P. Shea for his commitment to service throughout the community and for his incomparable Spirit of Giving.

TRIBUTE TO 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH
STUDIES

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Ms. Norton. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to recognize one of the nation's premier schools of nursing and health studies, here in the District of Columbia, the Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies, as it celebrates its centennial anniversary.

In December 1903, a committee at Georgetown Hospital formally created the Georgetown University Training School for Nurses. One hundred years later, now called the School of Nursing & Health Studies, the school is celebrating its long-standing traditions as well as its continued status as a leader in health care education.

The School of Nursing & Health Studies, located in the newly renovated St. Mary's Hall, has been at the forefront of the health care field, preparing future leaders to respond to the growing complexity of health care delivery at all levels. Graduates pursue various health professions within nursing, medicine, law, health policy, health management, and public health, among many other careers. Students have an opportunity to study and intern at health care facilities and agencies throughout Washington, D.C., including Georgetown University Hospital, the National Institutes of Health, and the World Health Organization.

Both the Nursing and Health Studies majors focus on *cura personalis*—the care and development of the whole person—by educating students for a meaningful life, challenging them intensively, but also supporting them in their learning. The School embraces the Jesuit inspired principles shared by the entire University community, which emphasize the pursuit of knowledge with a responsibility to contribute to the common good.

Mr. Speaker, one hundred years have seen remarkable changes and advances in health care, yet the School of Nursing & Health Studies continues its core mission of developing exceptionally qualified health professionals who can recognize and respond to the full human experience encountered in the health field. I hope you will join me in congratulating the School of Nursing & Health Studies and Dean Bette Keltner on this auspicious occasion.

TRIBUTE TO ALTHEA GIBSON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I pay tribute

to the memory of a remarkable woman who was the first black player to win Wimbledon and a pre-eminent figure in women's tennis, Althea Gibson. I would like to extend my greatest sympathy to the Gibson family by taking a moment to reflect on the rich life of this fine person.

The eldest of five children, Gibson was born in South Carolina but raised in the Harlem section of New York City. While her future opponents were developing their tennis on the courts of country clubs she was getting into trouble on West 143rd which was a play area blocked off to traffic. She learned paddle ball, a sort of poor-girl tennis with solid wooden rackets.

She was a self-described "born athlete" who broke racial barriers not only in tennis but in the Ladies Professional Golf Association. She even toured with the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team after retiring from tennis in the late 1950s.

On Aug. 28, 1950, three years after Jackie Robinson had broken the color barrier in major league baseball, Ms. Gibson became the first black player to compete in the precursor to the U.S. Open.

Ms. Gibson dominated women's tennis from 1956–58, winning 11 Grand Slam titles: five in singles, five in doubles and one in mixed doubles.

She captured the Wimbledon and U.S. championships in 1957 and 1958, and also won the French Open, and three Wimbledon doubles titles (1956–58).

After the circuit, she launched herself into the business of supporting herself. She toured with the Harlem Globetrotters. She was a proud member of a community service organization, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Gibson was known as a proud woman who for years declined to take money from friends who tried to help when she was living on Medicare and Social Security payments. Her front door bore a simple plaque: "Bless this home and all who enter."

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the honorable and gracious memory of Althea Gibson. I am certain that her legacy will endure for years to come.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOSEPH M.
FERRAINA

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. Pallone. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of Mr. Joseph M. Ferraina, a man of true character and compassion. Mr. Ferraina is being honored as "Man of the Year" by the Long Branch Elks in New Jersey for the many contributions he has made to his community. I can think of no one more deserving to receive this award.

Mr. Ferraina's accomplishments are extensive. Through his "can do" attitude and determination he has overcome many obstacles in life. At age thirteen, Mr. Ferraina emigrated from Argentina to America. At the time, he did not know any English and found himself in third grade classes when he was the age of a ninth grader. Despite a lack of faith and encouragement from school counselors, Mr. Ferraina persevered, ultimately earning his