

health care system that forces patients to let their health problems escalate into full fledged emergencies before it will provide them care. Wouldn't it make more economic sense to cover preventive services rather than let illnesses develop into painful and expensive complications? Most importantly, should the federal government be telling states and localities how they can and can't spend their own health care dollars?

That is why I am introducing legislation which would allow—not require—state and local programs to provide the most cost effective preventive and primary health care to undocumented aliens. This legislation would not provide a new benefit for undocumented residents. However, it would make sure that our health care dollars are spent more wisely by preventing emergencies—not treating them.

TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST CON-
GREGATIONAL CHURCH OF
SOUTH PUEBLO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a landmark institution from my district. The First Congregational Church of South Pueblo, Colorado has served its parishioners and the Pueblo community for over 125 years. By working to promote a spirit of unity and cooperation, the church has shaped our community for the better. For its many years of service to the community, I am honored to pay tribute to the First Congregational Church of South Pueblo here today.

Founded in 1878, the First Congregational Church has been dedicated to meeting the need of its parishioners and the community at large. Its work includes everything from buying shoes for orphans to hosting Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls. First Congregation also hosts the Pueblo Interfaith Hospitality Network, a program to house homeless families in need of shelter.

Mr. Speaker, First Congregational Church's efforts to meet the needs of the community and foster a spirit of generosity are an inspiration to us all. The First Congregational Church of South Pueblo is an institution that numerous Puebloans turn to for guidance and encouragement in their daily lives. I am honored to join with my colleagues today in honoring the First Congregational Church of South Pueblo for its dedication to improving the community.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR JON BRYK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Father John Bryk, as he celebrates the 50th year of his Priestly Ordination. We also honor Father Bryk's celebration of thirty years of service to the St. Hedwig Parish Community of Lakewood, Ohio.

Father Bryk was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and attended Benedictine High

School. After attending Our Lady of the Lake Major Seminary in Cleveland, Father Bryk was ordained at St. John's Cathedral on December 19, 1953.

His service to others brought him to parishes in Cleveland and Lorain. He served as Pastor of St. Casmir for two years, and in 1973 was named Pastor of St. Hedwig Church in Lakewood, where he has since served.

For the past thirty years, Father Bryk has transformed St. Hedwig's Church into a spiritual haven of support, faith and hope—a place where he continues to create lasting bonds with hundreds of individuals and families. Father Bryk's outreach into the Lakewood community serves as a beacon of hope and guidance for generations of individuals and families.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Father John Bryk, celebrating fifty years of service to our community. Father Bryk's contributions throughout his ministry, especially to the people of St. Hedwig's parish, are significant and immeasurable—his leadership, expertise, guidance and concern for others serve to uplift our corner of the world and beyond. His gift of faith and compassion will forever light our community.

TAIWAN'S 92ND NATIONAL DAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Taiwan for its 92nd National Day. Taiwan has been a reliable friend and ally of the United States for more than fifty years. The United States has a large and very active Taiwanese-American community. Hundreds of thousands of Americans of Taiwanese descent live in the U.S., the largest number living in and around New York City.

The United States and Taiwan share important values and strengths which have engendered close ties between our people. Both countries are committed to a strong democratic form of government with constitutional guarantees of rights and freedoms for all citizens including speech, residence, travel, assembly, religion and association. Taiwan is a shining example in Southeast Asia of the importance of respecting civil liberties and the rule of law.

Like the United States, Taiwan has a prosperous, market-based economy. It is the eighth largest trading partner of the United States and the twelfth largest economy in the world. U.S. exports to Taiwan make it one of the largest export markets for many states including my own state of New York. A clear sign of Taiwan's importance to the world economy was its accession into the World Trade Organization last year.

Both countries have demonstrated a commitment to the well-being of the world at large. Taiwan's humanitarianism has included assistance for rebuilding Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kosovo, and funds to assist the fight against AIDS worldwide. It has also dispatched rescue teams following natural disasters in El Salvador, Turkey, and Nicaragua.

Both Houses of Congress have recently endorsed Taiwan's desire for a wider international role, specifically membership in the

World Health Organization and in the United Nations. Taiwan is a responsible citizen of the world and friend to the United States. I heartily congratulate its 23 million citizens on the celebration of their National Day, October 10, 2003.

HONORING DAVID B. CASTRO

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to David B. Castro. He has worked tirelessly in behalf of the Hispanic community. David Bedoya Castro was born in Sonora, Arizona and spent his youth as a farm worker following the crops in California with his family. He made use of the schooling available to farm workers in the early 1930's with the knowledge even then that it was education that would improve the quality of life for himself and his family.

In 1942, David volunteered to join the Marines and received two honorable discharges for service in World War II and Korea. Upon returning to his home in Hayward, California, David began working in the local cannery, became a shop steward and moved through the ranks to become a union official and labor organizer. He was the first union Hispanic Secretary Treasurer. His main focus was to improve the wages, and working conditions of workers in the eleven western states. David would go beyond the duties of his job, and would help those in need by providing clothing; necessities and jobs.

In 1997, David became a Field Representative for Alameda County and was responsible for recruiting Hispanics for employment. At the beginning of his career with Alameda County, only 3 percent of Hispanics were employed in the County. When he retired in 1989, that number had risen to 23 percent.

David continually looked for ways to improve conditions for Hispanics. He knew that education and community involvement was the key to success. His inspiration led to founding of the Hispanic Community Affairs Council (HCAC), an organization dedicated to the betterment of Hispanic communities. HCAC recently celebrated its 26th anniversary and continues its goal of fostering a better education for Latino youth. HCAC has awarded over \$1 million in scholarships to Latino students.

As a visionary and dedicated community activist, David recognized another need. Businesses in the East Bay needed a way to meet and hire qualified Hispanics. This spurred the idea for HEBAN, The Hispanic East Bay Area Network, which brings prospective employers and job seekers together.

After retiring in 1989, David began researching his family history, which led him to a village in the Sierra Madre called Mezquital Del Oro, Mexico. In the church of this small town he discovered his family genealogy in ancient documents tracing his heritage back to 1660. He also discovered people in need and began providing support through donations of clothing, household, school and medical supplies.

David, with the help of friend Librado Perez and cousin Isidro Magallanes provided an ambulance to the town of Mezquital Del Oro. The ambulance was a life saver for the town because previously the injured or seriously ill

had to find available transportation, usually a truck, to drive them 100 miles to the nearest hospital.

I am proud that David Castro is one my constituents and a longtime friend. His caring, motivation and tenacity have provided numerous contributions to many. I applaud his good work and join his friends, colleagues and admirers in thanking him for all he does for others. David is a humanitarian and community leader in every respect.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AGNEW DAVIS
OF ALLENSVILLE, KY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Helen Agnew Davis of Allensville, Kentucky.

Helen passed away on September 27, 2003 at the age of 76. Along with her family, I am pleased that Helen will now receive the national recognition that she deserves for her dedication to School Food Service in Kentucky.

Helen Davis served the children of western Kentucky as the Food Service Director for the Todd County Public Schools. Helen was a member of the American School Food Service Association (ASFSA) and the Kentucky School Food Service Association (KSFSA). She joined those organizations in 1957 and I am told that she holds the record for continuous active membership in the KSFSA. As the 12th President of the FSFSA, long-time Chair of the KSFSA Public Policy and Legislative Committee, and Treasurer of the ASFSA, she truly was a leader in School Food Service.

Helen was the Kentucky representative when ASFSA held its first Washington, D.C. "Fly-in." In addition, she continued to lead the Kentucky delegation during the annual trek to D.C. for two decades. She was a teacher and mentor to anyone interested in learning the legislative process and she always taught the values of legislative activity and other civic duties.

Her wisdom and insight born of experience and careful deliberation were highlighted in the KSFSA's 1988, Futures Seminar and the 1998, Strategic Planning Meeting. The results of those meetings helped KSFSA win the ASFSA President's Award of Excellence for three straight years.

In the mid 1950's, Helen Davis signed on to feed the children of Todd County. Her direction, goals, priorities and challenges have been KSFSA's own. She encouraged all of us to remember why we are here and to always finish what we start. She did just that when she helped finish the new Todd County High School kitchen and cafeteria.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring the accomplishments and wonderful life of Helen Davis to the attention of the House.

TRIBUTE TO CRYSTAL CUCKOW

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a dedicated educator from my district. Crystal Cuckow is an extraordinary art teacher from La Junta High School in La Junta, Colorado. Through her dedication and hard work, Crystal shapes the lives of the youth of her community, and I am honored to share her story here today.

Crystal began her career as an educator by teaching art but was soon assigned to teach "stage craft" as well. Throughout her career, Crystal has reached out to many different types of students and encouraged them to express themselves. Crystal has been able to bring the art and entertainment of the theater to students who otherwise would have had little or no exposure to it. Her work with the La Junta theater program earned Crystal the Senior High Theater Educator of the Year Award from the Alliance for Colorado Theater.

Mr. Speaker, Crystal Cuckow's dedication and devotion to her students enriches the lives of Colorado's youth and molds our future leaders. By reaching out to so many students, Crystal has created a diverse environment where creativity is allowed to flourish. I am honored to join with my colleagues here today in extending my congratulations to Crystal for the honor she has received and wishing her all the best in her future endeavors. Thank you, Crystal. Keep up the good work!

IN HONOR OF ST. WENCESLAUS
DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 80th Anniversary of the observance of the Feast of St. Wenceslaus Day at St. Wenceslaus Parish. The celebration will begin with the Eucharist Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. on September 28, 2003.

St. Wenceslaus is the patron saint of Bohemia. He was born near Prague in 903 and his father was the Duke of Bohemia. As Wenceslaus was growing up, his grandmother, also a saint, taught him the values of Christianity. In the year 922, when an anti-Christian faction killed Wenceslaus's father and took over the government, Wenceslaus staged a coup and was named the new ruler. During his reign, Wenceslaus attempted to reduce the oppression of the peasants by the nobility and promoted Christianity.

His younger brother, Boleslaus, joined a group of dissenters after he lost succession to the throne as a result of the birth of Wenceslaus's son. Boleslaus invited his brother to a religious festival, and while Wenceslaus was on his way to mass on the morning of September 28, 929, Boleslaus and a group of followers ambushed him. Wenceslaus's last words were, "May God forgive you, brother." Wenceslaus was immediately venerated as a martyr, and was celebrated as the nation's patron saint by the end of the century.

Today, St. Wenceslaus is remembered for his concern for the poor in a popular Christmas carol, where he leaves his castle with a page during a winter storm to deliver food and wood to a peasant. As the storm worsens, the page follows in Wenceslaus's footsteps, which miraculously warm his freezing feet. By following the path of righteousness, Wenceslaus was led into sainthood, and the page was led out of the storm. The worshippers at Saint Wenceslaus Parish also try to follow the path of righteousness and St. Wenceslaus's example. They are celebrating his feast day this weekend with a Eucharistic Liturgy, a traditional Czech Pork and Dumpling Dinner, and dancing to traditional Czech music.

SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN'S ASPIRATION
TO BECOME UNITED NATIONS
MEMBER

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for Taiwan in its aspiration to become a member of the United Nations (UN). Taiwan has all the qualifications: a sound political system, a much-admired economy, and a genuine desire to maintain peace and prosperity in East Asia and the world.

Being the world's 17th largest economy, Taiwan will most certainly be able to carry out all United Nations Charter obligations. Taiwan's economic model is especially valuable for developing nations. Taiwan has always been willing to share this experience with the world by contributing to multilateral aid programs. Taiwan's efforts to help other countries would be much more effective if they could be coordinated with international efforts sponsored by the UN and its specialized agencies. Perhaps one of the best reasons for supporting Taiwan's membership in the United Nations is that Taiwan is willing and anxious to be a full contributing member of the United Nations.

Also, with membership in the United Nations, Taiwan will be able to incorporate itself into the international system of human rights protection, abide by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action. It is heartening to know Taiwan's commitment to human rights is very serious by establishing a National Human Rights Commission in accordance with the principles outlined by the UN.

Taiwan has been denied a voice in the United Nations for too long. I urge my colleagues to support Taiwan, our friend and ally, on their latest bid to return to the United Nations.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 21ST CENTURY
JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit, with eight of