

TRIBUTE TO LORRAINE CEPHUS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lorraine Cephus of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and to celebrate her outstanding achievements as a runner.

Lorraine was an avid high school athlete, playing softball and running track. She only began running seriously in her 30s after her two children were born and while her husband Louis, an Army colonel, was stationed in Germany.

At 74 years old, the grandmother of two runs an astonishing six miles everyday. She has completed countless marathons, logging over 100,000 miles. Since 1976, she has completed 28 consecutive Marine Corp Marathons, the only women to ever accomplish this feat. While she competes in other races around the country, the Marine Corp Marathon has special significance to her, as the race passes Arlington National Cemetery where her beloved husband Louis is buried. Every year as she runs past the cemetery, Lorraine salutes and says a prayer for her late husband.

People in her community know Lorraine not only for her extraordinary athleticism but for her friendly nature and sunny disposition. May she continue to serve as an inspiration to all of us to live a healthy and active lifestyle for many years to come.

I congratulate Lorraine on her spectacular accomplishments, and wish her the best of luck as she trains to compete in her 29th Marine Corps Marathon this fall.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE
HOUSE ON ESTABLISHING NA-
TIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTER WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 646, a resolution expressing the sense of the House that the Congress should establish a National Community Health Centers week. I want to commend my good friend and colleague from Chicago, Congressman DANNY DAVIS, for introducing this resolution, to recognize the vitally important work that community health centers do in both urban and rural areas in this nation.

Community, migrant, and homeless health centers play an absolutely critical role in providing quality health care services to the poor and uninsured citizens in this nation. In Illinois generally, and Chicago, especially, these centers provide the only access that some of our citizens have to health care. The providers in these facilities are in the trenches each and every day and our constituents are served well by their dedication and devotion.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that I take a moment while we are debating this issue to commemorate the life of one of the leaders in community health care in the state of Illinois.

Mr. C. Michael Savage, 51, the Chief Executive Officer of the Access Community Health

Network was killed while white water rafting in Alaska while attending a conference on June 24, 2004: all in the Chicago community are mourning his loss.

Mike's dedication, drive and devotion were responsible for turning around Access Community Health Network and making it the largest community health provider in the country. Access is based in Chicago and provides health services to the residents of the First Congressional District and the metropolitan Chicago area. But Mike's work and his impact with Access has been felt all over the country. The Access network is a model for other community health centers around the nation, and much of that reality is because of Mike's unwavering commitment to the challenge of improving health care delivery in this nation.

When I introduced legislation earlier this year designed to make affordable prescription drugs available to low income residents of the First Congressional District, Mike was there. When I created a community-based task force to examine the health care challenges my constituents face everyday, Mike was there. When providers come to Washington every year to urge the Congress to increase funding for community-based health centers, Mike was always there.

Mr. Speaker, on June 24, 2004, not only did Illinois lose a caring, dedicated and supremely empathetic health care provider whose compassion for the poor was unparalleled, but so did the nation. He will be sorely missed.

LUNDY FOUNDATION'S WORK WITH
VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN
EAST AFRICA

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Lundy Foundation (Colorado) for its work, in partnership with Africa Bridge (Oregon), Godfrey's Children (Tanzania) and the Executive Council of Idweli (Tanzania), in building and operating a Children's Center in Idweli, Tanzania.

Idweli is similar to many rural villages in East Africa in that a significant portion of the population consists of children affected by HIV/AIDS. In fact, more than one-third of Idweli's children have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS. As their top priority, the children of Idweli identified building a children's center where orphaned and vulnerable children can feel loved and cared for. The Children's Center has now become a reality. The Center will provide temporary shelter for children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as provide adequate food, healthcare and primary education for orphans and other vulnerable children.

The Idweli Children's Center complex will consist of a small hall with a kitchen, dining room and a space for community gatherings, two dormitories that will provide housing for 48 children and four adults, two lavatories and space for recreation, health care, and education. There is also land available for cultivating vegetables and other crops. Skilled laborers in the village are building the Center by hand. All land used for this complex was donated to the Children's Center by the village of Idweli.

While \$70,000 in private funds has been raised for construction and operation of the complex, \$81,000 is still needed to complete the project. A matching grant of \$35,000 has been pledged, if \$50,000 can be raised from other sources. Additionally, grants have been submitted to the Tanzanian government and USAID for matching grants to cover ongoing costs of operating the Center.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic is particularly serious in Africa as millions of children and adults are living with the disease without adequate support or resources. I would like to commend British Airways and First Data Western Union Foundation for their support of the project and expression of social responsibility. It is vital that public and private funding from the United States continues in order to slow the spread of this epidemic in Africa, while ensuring those infected with the disease receive proper care.

I would like to praise the Lundy Foundation for its tremendous efforts in East Africa. It has not only financial resources to the project, but also project management and organizational development expertise. Through its work, the Lundy Foundation has been able to support the partnership in managing change, resolving conflict, and encouraging effective communication, as bridges are built between two different cultures.

The Lundy Foundation has achieved a great deal not only in East Africa, but throughout the African continent. I know that the Lundy Foundation will be successful as it continues in its quest to make the world a better place.

THE ACCUTANE SAFETY AND RISK
MANAGEMENT ACT

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleague, Congressman BART STUPAK of Michigan, to introduce legislation that will help improve the safety and health of thousands of Americans who may be using the acne medication Accutane.

Accutane has been documented as causing severe birth defects and miscarriages in pregnant women using the drug, and its side effects can result in the onset of depression, psychosis, and even suicide. Four years ago, my colleague and friend Mr. STUPAK had to endure the tragic suicide of his teenage son, who was using Accutane at the time.

Despite the fact that the significant and serious side effects associated with Accutane are well known, the Food and Drug Administration has yet to mandate a program to better monitor the use of this drug and to document its effects in patients, despite the fact that such a registry has been recommended by FDA advisory panels on two separate occasions.

The Accutane Safety and Risk Management Act is common sense legislation that will build upon a safety plan first proposed by the makers of this drug themselves. It will still permit doctors to prescribe Accutane, but will also institute several additional patient safety and protection measures and ensure patients and their families know the full risks before beginning treatment.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation we propose will permit physicians to prescribe Accutane only

for "severe, recalcitrant nodular acne" that has been unresponsive to other forms of treatment. Severe acne is the condition for which Accutane was originally approved to treat. For patients with severe acne, Accutane may be the only medication that can successfully treat their affliction. But in far too many cases, Accutane is prescribed in an overly cavalier manner, and patients are being placed at risk to the drug's side effects for no medically valid reason. Many teenagers suffer from acne, and doctors and patients need to be cautious and not treat this drug lightly.

The legislation will also register all doctors, physicians, and pharmacists who prescribe and dispense the drug, and institute an education campaign to ensure these providers are well-informed about the potential risks associated with Accutane. All patients will also be educated and be required to receive similar information before starting treatment with Accutane and throughout the treatment regimen.

Prescriptions will only be written for 30 days and will not be permitted via the telephone, Internet, or mail. Female patients will also have to undergo a monthly pregnancy test before receiving a renewal on their prescription, and all patients will be required to take a monthly blood test.

The makers of the drug and all practitioners who dispense Accutane will also be required to file prompt reports with the Department of Health and Human Services anytime they learn of a negative reaction, including a death.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, let me just add that I commend my good friend BART STUPAK for having the courage and fortitude to turn a heartbreaking family tragedy into an effort to spare others from suffering a similar loss. I look forward to working with him to advance this important, common-sense health reform.

TRIBUTE TO THE FINALISTS IN THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AWARDS

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge four extraordinary young people and their teacher for becoming one of eight teams competing nationally as finalists in the Christopher Columbus Awards. The four students, Emily London, Renee Millar, Alexandra Macho, and Sara Weaver, are all eighth-graders who attend River Bluff Middle School in Stoughton, WI. Coaching the team is dedicated teacher Breinne Carroll. Through this team's efforts, they have discovered a way to change their community by using science and technology.

The students from River Bluff were concerned about blind pedestrians in their area and the risks that were involved when blind pedestrians crossed the street. The four students developed a raised strip that rests in the middle of crosswalks in order to help blind pedestrians walk in a safe manner from one side of a street to the other. The team calls their idea the "Uni-Bump."

The team has plans for the future as well. They have applied for a provisional patent, which will give the team a year to get a proto-

type designed and built before a "plant patent" can be granted. Also, a company based out of New Jersey, Trellborg Engineered Systems, has even offered to develop the first functional prototype for the team.

With imagination, teamwork, and the will to do kindly unto others, I am proud to say the team from River Bluff Middle School has not only made an impact on those in their own community, but will subsequently make a positive impact for others across the Nation.

CONGRATULATING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY FULLERTON TITANS BASEBALL TEAM ON 2004 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATH- LETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 12, 2004

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a strong supporter and co-sponsor of H. Res. 704—a bill to congratulate the California State University, Fullerton Titans baseball team for winning the 2004 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I, College World Series.

Many of the Titans' student body live in my district, and they must be equally proud of the Orange and Blue.

The Titans' defeat of the Texas Longhorns, ranked No. 1 in the country, was just the latest victory in the school's history of overcoming the odds. The Titans have never had the resources of the great Big West teams, but they've made up for it in their spirit, drive and determination.

Special kudos go out to Coach George Horton for his third career award as Big West Coach of the Year, and to Kurt Suzuki and Jason Windsor for being named "All Americans."

Coach Horton and his team have set a high bar for future Titans baseball teams, but I'm sure that they will be up to the challenge, in the best tradition of Cal State Fullerton athletics.

TRIBUTE TO THE CALLOWAY COUNTY LADY LAKERS

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge a group of high school students from my District congratulate them on winning the State of Kentucky Fast Pitch Softball Championship. The Calloway County Lady Lakers won their first state softball championship this year when they defeated Owensboro Catholic by the score of 3 to 2 on June 13th. This was only the second State Championship in the school's history.

I would first like to recognize the team, beginning with the coaches. They include Head Coach, James Pigg, and Assistant Coaches: Eddie Morris, Tom Fox, Troy Webb, Pat McMillen, and Cija Vaughn. Your hard work

and dedication is admirable and greatly appreciated. Your team is celebrating this accomplishment today because of your efforts.

The players' teamwork and athletic abilities are also evident with this victory. The players are: Whitney Hendon, Kaysin Hutching, Traci Rose, Kalyn Fox, Aimee Dial, Ashley Chadwick, Chelsea Morris, Marcy Bogges, Danielle McMillen, Megan Starks, Carrie Radke, Jessica Greer, and Jessica Dial. Congratulations on this impressive athletic achievement. Your will and determination are obvious, especially since you were playing the championship game at 2:00 in the morning. This is a honor for your families, your team, your school, and the First District of Kentucky.

Congratulations Lady Lakers, and I wish you continued success in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HARRY AND DAVID COMPANY

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to a wonderful company whose roots are deeply immersed in the history of southern Oregon and our nation. Harry and David, a mail-order food-gift company located in Medford, Oregon, is celebrating its 70th anniversary, a milestone that speaks to America's enduring fondness for Harry and David products and services.

Well-known nationwide for their direct marketing of gourmet food and fruit gifts, the Harry and David Company is also known as a valuable member of the southern Oregon business community. Countless southern Oregon families have worked for Harry and David over the years and have helped shape their successful growth as a company.

Mr. Speaker, over the years the Harry and David Company has expanded from its initial gourmet gift fruit offerings to include fine chocolates and confections, as well as baked goods, meats, snack foods and home décor items. Today Harry and David ships more than 7.5 million gifts each year, including a staggering 4 million packages during the holiday season.

When you look back and consider the company's history, its accomplishments are even more impressive. After inheriting their father's Medford, Oregon, orchard in 1914, brothers Harry and David Holmes established a successful business shipping their signature fruit, the Royal Riviera Pear, to the grand hotels and restaurants of Europe. For 15 years, the brothers' business expanded as demand for their luxury fruit grew until the Great Depression impacted the market. Through extraordinary perseverance, the Holmes brothers pushed on and in 1934 built the foundation for the famously successful company we know today.

Mr. Speaker, Harry and David has truly grown to become one of the crown jewels of Oregon, and I am proud to offer my congratulations to the Harry and David Company on its 70th anniversary. Oregon is fortunate to host such a magnificent enterprise, and I am confident the next 70 years will bring the company continued success.