

Federal law already protects medical professionals who refuse to take abortion training.

Is this what American women can look forward to under the new Republican "mandate?"

The rolling back of their fundamental rights, an elimination of their healthcare options, and an undermining of their representation in Congress.

I, for one, certainly hope not, but this action does not look good and should put us all on alert.

I urge my colleagues to remove the Weldon provision from the FY05 Omnibus spending bill.

IN HONOR OF THE URBAN LEAGUE OF UNION COUNTY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Urban League of Union County for its exceptional service to the community. The Urban League celebrated its 60th anniversary at the 34th Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner on November 12, 2004, in Newark, New Jersey.

The Urban League was originally established to help African Americans secure economic independence and work for civil rights. Decades later, it has grown and expanded to assist the entire community with health needs, employment services, housing assistance, and educational opportunities.

The Urban League offers the residents of Union County a wide range of services to improve their quality of life. The Economic Development and Employment Department offers assistance with interview techniques, job referrals, career counseling, and job placement. In addition, it offers a Summer Youth Employment Program and a Work Opportunity Program for welfare recipients, as well as evening classes on computer literacy.

Working diligently to address important health issues, the Urban League has created the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Assistance Program, which works to positively influence teenagers by educating and counseling them about relationships, sexual development, and other related issues.

The organization has also established a Housing Community Development Department, which provides counseling on a variety of housing issues including mortgages, consumer credit and budget management, weatherization, and rental assistance. Other services include grant programs, emergency homeless programs, and Federal Emergency Management Assistance.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Urban League of Union County for six decades of outstanding service to the community. Its extensive services will continue to help improve the lives of countless individuals and families throughout Union County.

TRIBUTE TO McCULLOUGH WILLIAMS JR. OF YOUNGSTOWN, OH

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, my remarks today are to pay tribute to the life of my friend, McCullough Williams Jr. of Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. Williams has long been active in service to the community. He served as Third Ward Councilman, Housing Coordinator for the City of Youngstown, and President of the Youngstown City Board of Education. He was appointed by the Governor to the State of Ohio Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers where he served as President. Mr. Williams was also a member of the National Board for Funeral Directors.

As well as being the founder of the Sterling-McCullough Williams Funeral Homes of Warren and Youngstown, and the former owner of numerous other businesses, Mr. Williams was a member of the Centenary United Methodist Church, where he served as trustee, the Roberts Deliberating Club, Youngstown State University Penguin Club, Charter Member of the Youngstown Mahoning County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Rising Sun Masonic Lodge No. 90 A&FM, Member of the National Parliamentarian Association, and Life Member of the NAACP.

Mr. Williams has been awarded the Buckeye Elks Community Service Award, the U.S. Small Business Administration Ohio Minority Advocate of the Year, the Ohio Expo Businessman of the Year, the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Leadership Award, the Martin Luther King Jr. Recognition Award, the YWCA Man of the Year Award, NAACP Ebony Man of the Year Award, the Curbstone Coaches Hall of Fame, the Ebony Life Hall of Fame, the YSU Alumni Relations Distinguished Citizen Award, and the Ohio Governor Bob Taft Award for 50 Plus Years of Marriage and Community Service.

Mr. Speaker, I had the honor of attending Mr. Williams' funeral service. It was obvious to everyone who heard his family speak that McCullough Williams was an extraordinary individual who's caring and commitment to the community guided his life of service. His family is a great testament to his life. They will keep his values and passion alive. In short, our community and our country are better off because Mr. Williams lived. My prayers are with Mr. Williams and his family, and we honor his life here today.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 4670

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce letters of endorsement for the Center for Scientific and Technical Assessment Act of 2005 (H.R. 4670). I have introduced the enabling bipartisan legislation with Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. HONDA, Mr. GORDON, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. OLIVER, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. VAN

HOLLEN, Mr. FROST, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. EHLERS.

The Center for Scientific and Technical Assessment would be a bicameral and bipartisan resource providing Congress with highly respected, impartial analysis and assessment of scientific and technical issues and would enable Congress better to oversee the Federal science and technology programs, which receives over \$130 billion, annually. Finally, the Center also would help the Congress to better understand complex technical issues by providing timely information to members of Congress and our Committees before we have to make difficult voting decisions and funding tradeoffs. There is growing support for H.R. 4670 among our Nation's best science and technology professionals. I submit the following letter of endorsement by several professional societies for H.R. 4670:

OCTOBER 7, 2004.

Hon. RUSH HOLT,

House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Hon. AMO HOUGHTON,

House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES HOLT AND HOUGHTON: The following engineering professional organizations are writing to express our support for your bipartisan bill, H.R. 4670, to establish a Center for Scientific and Technical Assessment (CSTA).

America's national security and economic well-being demand that the United States remain the world's leaders in advanced technology in the 21st century. However, technological development is advancing with unprecedented speed and complexity in a truly global environment and other countries, for the first time in U.S. history, are now threatening America's scientific and technological preeminence. Members of Congress, now more than ever, need to have access to objective, timely, and sound science, engineering and technology-related assessment pertinent to legislation and the complex policy issues before them.

The sheer volume and complexity of the technological data facing federal legislators necessitate some mechanism for balanced, non-partisan and technologically-informed analysis provided in a judicious manner. A Center for Scientific and Technical Assessment as envisioned in H.R. 4670 would satisfy these criteria by operating under the highly respected Government Accountability Office (GAO), being overseen by a bipartisan, bicameral Technical Assessment Board (TAB) consisting of Members of Congress and the Comptroller General of the GAO, to provide nonpartisan peer reviews of all CSTA reports.

We are encouraged that this bill takes into consideration the GAO's successful technical assessment pilot program as well as the GAO study "Technology Assessment: Providing Independent Assessments of Technologies," for guidance when crafting this legislation. We feel that H.R. 4670, if passed, would provide a valuable service to members of the House and Senate in making informed decisions on the complex technological issues of the times.

We look forward to working with you and your staff in advancing this important legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

American Association of Engineering Societies (AAES).

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

Federation of Materials Societies (FMS).
 The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers—United States of America (IEEE—USA).
 National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE).
 Optical Society of America.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF MRS. LENA ROBERT MURRELL-WHITE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the American mother in the embodiment of Mrs. Lena Roberta Murrell-White. She has raised nine children and has nurtured a throng of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her labor helped to build ships during World War II, supported the effort during the Korean War, sent a son off to the Vietnam War and provided more sons and daughters that have helped to build the American economy. Through her strong faith in a loving God she has brought light to her community in Camden, New Jersey. Mrs. Murrell-White was born and raised in the great State of North Carolina. She spent her formative years in the town of Greenville in Pitt County, North Carolina. Upon graduation from high school she moved to Camden, New Jersey where she married and raised her family. Now, at the age of 84 this paragon of mothers has neither slackened her pace, eased her resolve nor retreated an inch. She remains faithful to the Lord, committed to her family and solidly supports her community. So today she is to be commended for her efforts and receive the heartfelt gratitude of the Congress of the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF NICK STARITA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nick Starita for his exceptional community service and passion for helping others. Mr. Starita was honored at the Bayonne Community Mental Health Center's cocktail reception on October 27, 2004, in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mr. Starita has devoted more than 30 years of service to the United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Association of Hudson County. During his extensive time at UCP, he has helped the organization expand and diversify its services. His contributions include helping UCP establish a second facility, securing greater accessibility to therapy services, and developing new programs to better serve Hudson County residents. The organization also offers an Adult Special Needs Program to help those who are developmentally disabled and require special medical assistance, and a day care program that works with both able-bodied and disabled children. The time and passion Mr. Starita has dedicated to UCP throughout the years has transformed the organization into an extensive network that includes three facilities and serv-

ices ranging from advocacy to accessible transportation. Mr. Starita has demonstrated his strong leadership skills as UCP's executive director for the past 16 years and previously, as a member of the Board of Directors for 13 years.

Always striving to help others, Mr. Starita has volunteered at the A. Harry Moore School and served on the boards of numerous community and civic organizations, including the State Interagency Coordinating Council, the Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities, the Center for Enabling Technology, and the Boy Scouts Council, to name a few.

Mr. Starita has received awards from numerous organizations for his work, including the United Way of Hudson County, the PTA, the New Jersey State Parent Advisory Council for the Handicapped, and the Latin American Kiwanis Club of West New York.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nick Starita for his outstanding service and tireless efforts to help the United Cerebral Palsy Association successfully achieve its mission to serve the people of Hudson County.

HONORING WORK AND LIFE OF DR. MELVIN DYSTER

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor the work and life of Dr. Melvin Dyster of Niagara Falls, New York, a family practitioner, who this past weekend was honored by the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for 50 years of practicing medicine.

Dr. Dyster is 77 years old and still makes early morning rounds seven days a week at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, sees patients at his office, and students at Niagara University in Lewiston, New York.

Dr. Dyster has had many accomplishments over the years. He started a Family Practice Residency Program in 1976 at the hospital to avert a shortage of primary care doctors. He became involved with a fledgling migrant worker clinic 25 years ago. He secured donated drugs for the clinic, and encouraged residents and medical students to become involved with the clinic, the County Health Department, and Memorial Medical Center, which now sends its mobile clinic to the farms in the area.

His accomplishments have led to many honors and awards. In 1995, Dr. Dyster was recognized as Doctor of the Year by the New York State Academy of Family Practice. He has received an honorary doctorate degree from Niagara University and the University of Buffalo Medical School Dean's Award for community involvement. He also received the Niagara University College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for his establishment of the Dr. Melvin B. Dyster Health Science Resource Center in 2003.

Dr. Dyster goes out of his way to provide services for those in need, working at the Hamilton Mizer Primary Care Center in Niagara Falls, which serves predominantly inner city residents.

Dr. Dyster is a consultant for the Niagara Falls City Task Force for Bioterrorism Pre-

paredness, a member of Niagara County's Health Emergency Alert Response Team and an advisor on Memorial's Disaster Planning Committee.

Dr. Dyster's efforts on behalf of the Niagara Falls community extend beyond the medical world; he was instrumental in saving the former Niagara Falls High School from demolition, which has become a well used arts and cultural center.

Dr. Dyster is a retired full colonel in the Army Reserve and was chief of staff at the 865th General Hospital at the Niagara Falls Air Base.

I am honored to have such a caring and compassionate man as Dr. Dyster live and work in my district.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN AMO HOUGHTON AND CONGRESSMAN JACK QUINN

SPEECH OF

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to one of my distinguished colleagues from the State of New York, Congressman JACK QUINN. In his six terms as Representative of the 27th District of New York, Congressman QUINN brought a strong and well respected voice to the United States Congress. His good nature and approachability made him a pleasure to work with, for both sides of the aisle. As Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Railroads, Mr. QUINN fought to preserve Amtrak as part of our Nation's infrastructure and worked tirelessly towards ensuring the safety of our railroads. He has used his seat on the Committee on Veterans to bring about needed reforms for our veterans and to raise awareness and appreciation of our Nation's heroes and their sacrifices. His role as Chairman of the House Republican Working Group on Labor provided an important link to keep the lines of communication open between labor leaders and the Republican party. Beyond his legislative accomplishments, Congressman QUINN made service to his constituents the cornerstone of his office, and it is this service that will be his legacy. On behalf of the residents of New York, I would like to thank Mr. QUINN for his exceptional service to the United States Congress. His presence, both in the House and within the New York delegation will be greatly missed. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. QUINN on 12 remarkable years of service, and in wishing him and his family all the best in the years to come.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2004 EXCEPTIONAL MERIT IN MEDIA AWARDS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the winners of the 18th Annual