

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.**

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather, I was not present for rollcall votes Nos. 6 and 7. Had I been present, on rollcall vote No. 6, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall vote No. 7, I would have voted "yea."

## MEDICAL DEVICES TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT

**HON. MARK E. SOUDER**

OF INDIANA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3493, the Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act of 2003. This bill will help ensure medical devices are quickly approved and sent to market as intended by the Medical Device User Fee Modernization Act of 2002. In particular, the bill will clarify FDA third-party inspection requirements to ensure companies can use third-party inspectors for two consecutive inspections. Additionally, the legislation will authorize HHS to conduct a study to identify barriers to market entry for pediatric products, which often help small populations and, therefore, are not profitable to manufacturers.

These clarifications are critical to the medical device industry in the United States, which leads the world in the development and manufacturing of medical technology. Medical device companies produce nearly \$78 billion annually and generate nearly 6 percent annual growth. The products produced by these companies have a tremendous impact on our country's economy by creating great high-paying American jobs and consistently generating annual trade surpluses in the billions of dollars.

Advances in medical technology are improving the quality of life for people around the world as new and more effective treatments for various diseases and medical conditions are developed. New medical technology also helps reduce the cost of health care and Medicare as health problems are prevented and treated more easily through early detection, less invasive procedures and faster recovery times for the patient.

The medical device industry is critical to the economy of Indiana as well as the district I represent, Indiana's 3rd district. A large majority of the nation's orthopaedic devices are produced in Warsaw, Indiana, where DePuy, Zimmer and Biomet, three of the Nation's leading companies in orthopaedic devices are located. These companies control roughly 40 percent of the global market share of orthopaedic joint replacements and generate \$4 billion dollars annually in sales. The combined economic and societal impacts of these three companies to my district and the state are highly significant. I commend the House for summarily passing H.R. 3493 and I encourage my colleagues in the other body to vote in favor of H.R. 3493, the Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act of 2003.

## NATIONAL NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK

**HON. MAC COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, during this week, the fifth annual National Nurse Anesthetists Week, I recognize the work of nurse anesthetists and the important role they play in the delivery of safe and effective health care. This year, millions of Americans will undergo surgery or deliver a baby, and most of them will receive their anesthesia care directly from a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). During this week devoted to recognizing the work of CRNAs, CRNAs are celebrating their long history of providing safe anesthesia care.

I would like to thank the more than 30,000 members of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA), AANA's president, Tom McKibban, AANA's Executive Director, Jeffery Beutler, and the staff of the AANA for their effort in promoting measures to ensure that Americans across our nation have access to quality health care services at the times they need it most. More than their promotion of commonsense legislation, though, I want to thank the AANA and its members for the work they do everyday in providing excellent care for their patients in what are often challenging and trying times for these Americans and their loved ones. In addition, CRNAs practice in every setting and are the sole anesthesia provider in more than two-thirds of all rural hospitals, ensuring that most Americans can have access to care within their own community.

In addition to being a main provider within America's borders, CRNAs are also the main provider of anesthesia care to American service men and women stationed around the world. Overseas, CRNAs have been on the front lines supporting U.S. troops since World War I, and presently more than 165 nurse anesthetists are on duty in Iraq, comprising nearly 80 percent of the anesthesia providers serving in the conflict. For their service to their country and our men and women in uniform, our nation and this Congress will always be grateful.

In my own state of Georgia, there are currently 793 AANA members who provide care for the people of Georgia. I would also like to thank these CRNAs, Martha Kral, the President of the Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists (GANA), and Janice Izlar, GANA's Federal Political Director, for the quality health care services they provide to the people of Georgia.

It is my honor to recognize National Nurse Anesthetists Week and the work of CRNAs across the country. In the year ahead, I look forward to continuing to work with the AANA, that GANA, and CRNAs from across Georgia and across the nation to promote patient safety and to educate patients and their families about their anesthesia options and nurse anesthesia providers.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like the RECORD to show that I was unable to attend votes yesterday, January 27, 2004, due to inclement weather in Washington, DC that prevented my return. Should I have been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.R. 1385. I would have also voted "yea" on H.R. 3493, the "Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act."

## RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FREDERICK AND BARBARA MCGEHAN

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two faithful public servants who are constituents of mine, Barbara and Frederick McGehan.

Fred McGehan, the Public Affairs Officer and Director of the Boulder Public Affairs Office at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Boulder, is retiring in February after 30 years of service at NIST. Barbara McGehan, the Public Affairs Officer for the NOAA Research Laboratories in Boulder, retired at the end of 2003, after 21 years of service to the Federal Government, 18 years dedicated to serving the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Boulder. I've had the pleasure of working with both Fred and Barbara for the last five of their many years in the Federal Government.

After earning her Bachelor of Arts in History and Government at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Barbara worked for U.S. Rep. Richard McCarthy in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1965 to 1968. She worked for the Maryland Democratic Party from 1971 to 1973. She and Fred moved to Colorado in 1977, where Barb worked at the Sacred Heart of Mary Church, first on the church newsletter and later as a substitute teacher at Sacred Heart School.

In November 1985, Barbara started at NOAA in Boulder with the program that became the NOAA Forecast Systems Laboratory (FSL). She worked for FSL until 1994, when she accepted the position of Public Affairs Officer for NOAA in Boulder.

Fred graduated from Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1963 with a B.A. degree in English, and afterward from Columbia University with a graduate degree in journalism. Fred put his education and training to good use by working as a general assignment reporter at the Providence Journal in Rhode Island, and then covering science, space and medicine for Newhouse National News Service and the Baltimore Sun. With his experience in news reporting under his belt, Fred began his "next career" in public affairs at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (then known as the National Bureau of Standards) in its headquarters laboratory in Gaithersburg, Maryland, in 1974.

When he and Barb moved to Boulder in 1977, Fred continued his work at NIST as a science writer and public affairs specialist before taking over as Public Affairs Officer and Director of the Boulder Public Affairs Office. In his public affairs capacity and also while serving as Executive Officer and Acting Director of the NIST Boulder Laboratories and at various times during his nearly 30 years at NIST, Fred also has devoted enormous energy to working with the community.

Fred and Barbara have three grown children and are active in St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Boulder. Fred is an avid fan of Colorado Rockies baseball.

Of course, after so many decades of service, Fred and Barb deserve to have all the time in the world to spend with their children, be active in their community, and go to ball games. I'm sure they plan a very active retirement.

But Barb and Fred will be missed by their colleagues and by the millions of Americans who benefit every day from NOAA and NIST research and services. They were outstanding public affairs officers and advocates for their respective labs. During my visits to NIST and NOAA, they both helped me understand the many ways in which the labs influence people's everyday lives.

More importantly, Fred and Barb inspired me to continue my fight for Federal funding for research activities at NOAA and NIST and for infrastructure improvements that these labs so direly need. Fred and Barb have my assurance that I will continue to work in Congress to advance the needs and promote the tremendous achievements of Boulder's NIST and NOAA labs.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JIM  
DAUBEL FOR HIS DEDICATED  
SERVICE TO THE NEWS-MES-  
SENGER

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman, and good friend, from Ohio. Jim Daubel is set to retire after a 26-year tenure as president, publisher, and editor of the Fremont News-Messenger.

Mr. Speaker, when Jim was just a boy, his father, Don Daubel, would take him to the old Fremont News-Messenger building on Arch Street. Jim remembers climbing up on the newsroom desks where he'd bang away on the typewriters the reporters would use every day. As exciting as those memories were for Jim, they were just the beginning.

The Daubel family has been a journalism institution in Fremont dating back to 1925 when Jim's grandfather, F.J. Daubel, purchased the Fremont Messenger at a bankruptcy sale with his brother-in-law L.E. Kinn and associate J.N. Kinn. In 1937, the family purchased the Fremont News, creating the News-Messenger that Jim Daubel would know his entire life.

By the time Jim was in the 8th grade, he was working part-time in the print shop, a job he would hold through high school. After he went off to Marquette University in Wisconsin, where he would receive his journalism degree in 1963, he moved into the newsroom.

After almost 50 years in journalism, of which the last 30 were spent with The News-Messenger and Port Clinton News Herald, Jim said it was "just time" to step down and leave the business—and the paper—that has been such a part of him for as long as he can remember.

Jim will leave big shoes to fill in the halls of Fremont's News-Messenger. His wisdom, honesty, and forthrightness are attributes to which all in journalism should aspire. He has set an example for everyone on how to live a life of service, putting the greater interests of the community before one's own.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Jim Daubel. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Jim, who care about their well being and stability. We wish Jim and his family all the best as we pay tribute to one of our district's finest citizens.

HONORING R.H. "ANDY"  
ANDERSON

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a man with a distinguished record of community service in the state of Washington. R.H. Anderson is set to retire after an exemplary career that has spanned six decades. His colleagues and friends know him as Andy. The people of the Second Congressional District also know him as a dedicated public servant who has worked to improve the quality of life for thousands of residents and businesses in Washington State.

A graduate of Seattle's Lincoln High School, Andy began his career as a photojournalist. He began learning about the world of politics as a student at the University of Washington when he was assigned to cover the HUAC hearings being held in Seattle.

Andy developed a love of radio and began spending time at a local jazz station. Soon he was doing odd jobs such as pulling records for late night disc jockey Bill Apple at KRSC, a radio station in Seattle. Apple soon recognized that Andy had real talent and a tremendous voice for radio. Andy began doing some news stories on the air, unpaid at first, before landing a job on the 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. slot.

Andy was then hired at Seattle radio station KVI, which had a jazz format at the time, as a temporary replacement for their regular disc jockey. Upon the return of the regular broadcaster, Andy found a niche at Everett station KRKO, where he was hired as a newscaster. His love of politics had been ignited while covering the HUAC hearings, and Andy was delighted to be covering the political world.

Andy began working at Bellingham radio and television station KVOS in 1955. He was on the cutting edge of the television era, and began covering politics and elections on camera. Andy could finally show his community the political universe that he had been describing with his voice for nearly a decade. In 1956, KVOS hired a young radio announcer by the name of Al Swift. Andy and Al formed a close friendship during their work together.

In 1965 Andy worked in Canada as an assistant to the president of Canawest Film Pro-

ductions, an arm of KVOS. Andy wrote scripts and produced feature films, commercials, and corporate films. Andy moved back to Bellingham in 1976 and back into his role as news director after Al Swift left KVOS to work for Representative Lloyd Meeds.

Andy set up a major news organization at KVOS TV. His efforts brought a sizable viewing audience to local news programming, providing a great lead-in audience to the CBS evening news. The news department ran soundly under Andy's direction until 1983, when KVOS was sold and the news department eliminated.

Andy's old friend Al Swift, meanwhile, had been serving as a Member of Congress since 1979. Swift's District Manager, Bill McDonald, had passed away and Al Swift hired Andy as his new District Manager.

While serving as District Manager for Congressman Al Swift, Andy was instrumental in creating the PACE (now NEXUS) lane for frequent travelers between the United States and Canada. This expanded trade and reduced waiting time at the border. Thousands of individuals and businesses benefited from Andy's involvement in bringing rapid travel between the two nations.

After Congressman Swift chose to retire in 1994, Andy began a consulting business that he successfully ran for several years. Andy then retired but still maintained a burning desire for public service.

After I won election to Congress in 2000, I asked Andy to come out of retirement to join my team. For the past three years, he served as director of my Bellingham office, representing me in the northern area of my district. His tireless and outstanding efforts on behalf of the people of Washington's Second Congressional District are legendary and will be truly missed.

Andy's career in public service can be measured not only in economic benefits, but also in the amount of improved quality he brought to the lives of those in the region. He was always available to answer a question, investigate and solve a problem, and to champion programs to help the residents of Washington state.

Mr. Speaker, Andy's friends, colleagues, and family are holding numerous gatherings to celebrate his great career. I am honored to pay tribute to Andy Anderson, a true friend and a dedicated public servant. His direct work with the public may be ending, but the public will always know the impact of his service. The achievements of Andy Anderson will be felt for many decades due to his passion for improving the lives of his fellow residents. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Andy on his fine career and his unwavering commitment to Washington State, and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO DON HARRIGER, GEN-  
ERAL MANAGER, WESTERN MU-  
NICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 2004*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community