

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM
DILLS MCKEE

HON. E. CLAY SHAW JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, this past week, Cashiers, North Carolina, lost an institution. With a memory that stretched across decades and generations, William McKee who served as Cashiers' resident historian and gatekeeper, slipped away from earth, just days short of his 90th birthday.

I first met Bill as a guest of his family's famous hotel; the High Hampton, Inn. As was his way, Bill turned guests quickly into friends. My wife Emilie and I were no exception and soon after our meeting, developed a personal friendship with Bill. When I mentioned to Bill that I might be interested in buying a lot in Cashiers for a family summer home, Bill quickly did a thorough background check to determine my merit as a potential resident. By the time I returned, Bill knew more about me than many members of my family. It seems I was acceptable.

It appeared no one was exempt from his scrutiny. In one of my favorite stories about Bill, years later when my brother-in-law wanted to purchase property in the area, Bill rang me up and asked, "Clay, you want him in here?"

Beyond watching over the area like a shepherd to his flock, Bill entrenched himself in the enrichment of his community. He was a trustee of the Cherokee Historical Society, and instrumental in the establishment and flourishing success of the Cherokee Historical Museum. He also served as a trustee and officer of the Highlands Biological Association, as well as Chairman of the Jackson County Morehead Scholarship Foundation. He was also a member of the Biltmore Forest Country Club, a former member of the Pen and Plate Club, and the Zeb Vance Debating Society.

If the measure of a man is his ability to affect the lives of others, few among us measure up to William McKee. The life he led touched so many others. Indeed, we will feel the ripples of his influence throughout this community well into the future.

As we remember Bill, let us remember the warmth he radiated and his gift for hospitality that made each of us feel right at home in his beloved home of Cashiers, North Carolina.

HONORING 2004 RN OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT ALLEN GILES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Allen Giles on the occasion of receiving the Central Valley Coalition of

Nursing Organizations' 2004 RN of the Year Award for Clinical Practice. A banquet honoring him and three other award winners will be held Friday, May 7th at the Radisson Hotel in Fresno, California.

Allen Giles consistently provides the highest quality care to all of his patients. He started his career with Community Medical Center in 1978 as a Registered Nurse and later became a clinical instructor. Allen is currently employed by Community Home Health as an RN. Allen demonstrates proficiency in assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating the delivery of patient care. He has a proven track record for accurate assessment and appropriate treatment plans, which has earned him the respect of the physicians and colleagues.

Allen is an expert in IV management. He is a Certified Registered Nurse in Infusion and provides IV infusion training to other health care professionals on his own time. Allen reviews IV cases to determine if additional staff are needed. He assists in introducing new technology to the Home Care field by reviewing new product literature, field testing of the product and practical application in the Home Care setting. He collaborates with members of the health care team to formulate, implement and develop techniques for nursing care. Mr. Giles is a genuine humanitarian. He attends case conferences even on his days off so that he can communicate an accurate summary of care to his team members. Allen truly cares for every patient and does so with courage and poise that only a leader in the field of nursing could possess.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Allen Giles for his excellence in the field of Clinical Practice. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Allen many years of continued success.

COMMENTING ON THE UPCOMING
ELECTIONS IN THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, just 200 miles off the coast of Florida lies the island of Hispaniola, an island that contains two politically diverse countries, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. While Haiti is slowly emerging from civil unrest and developing democratic institutions, their Dominican neighbors will once again exercise their right to elect their nation's next President on May 16th. Since 1966, a little less than 4 decades, the Dominican Republic has elected its President in free and fair elections, and 2004 will likely be no different.

Particularly in light of recent events in neighboring Haiti, it is important for us to recognize this notable moment of democracy in the Dominican Republic. I believe it is essential that we applaud these worthy developments in the

Dominican Republic as a noble example for other Caribbean and Latin American nations of the power and strength of democracy.

Relations between Washington and Santo Domingo are strong, and the Dominican Republic is an important ally in the global war on terror. Indeed, they have been a partner in the war against Saddam Hussein's despotic and terrorist regime and the Dominican Republic has also been a committed ally in the war against illegal drugs. Dominican officials have provided invaluable assistance to our immigration officials and have worked closely with our law enforcement agents to cut off the flow of illegal narcotics to our shores.

The Dominican Republic's democratic elections will impact the future of the island of Hispaniola, the greater Caribbean, Americans of Dominican descent, and the foreign policy of the United States. I sincerely hope that the Dominican Republic, its current government and the respective presidential candidates will continue to demonstrate their commitment to democratic stability, and the transparency of the electoral process.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I salute the Dominican people for their willingness and passion to support and promote a free and fair democratic process in their country, and for sharing our common ideals of liberty and the rule of law.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY FRANCIS

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resident of Vermont, Kathy Francis. I am not the first to recognize her merits. She has already been honored by the Vermont Foster and Adoptive Family Association as the Vermont Social Worker of the Year. In a week she will be recognized by the National Foster and Adoptive Families Association as National Social Worker of the Year.

We all know that our nation's future lies with its children. The young of today will be the adults of tomorrow. But being young is not always an easy or comfortable position: many children in America are at risk, and need adults—parents, relatives; teachers, social workers, families—to support and guide them.

Perhaps most at risk are those without birth parents. And it is toward these children that Kathy Francis has made a major, ongoing commitment. A child protective social worker for Vermont's Social and Rehabilitative Services Department for the past ten years, Kathy has worked overtime, and with great dedication, to make sure that the children she serves, and the families they are placed with, have support of every kind. That these children will move forward to live rich and productive lives, and that the families they live with will surround them with support and love (and will receive love in return), has much to do

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with Kathy's ardor, perseverance and devotion to these Vermont children.

She is profoundly deserving of being honored Social Worker of the Year, and Vermont is greatly proud of her.

A TRIBUTE TO WAYNE PHILLIPS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Wayne R. Phillips, an extraordinarily gifted teacher of Geography, World History, Government, Economics, and International Relations at the San Mateo and Mills High Schools located in my Congressional district. During the past 32 years, Wayne Phillips has demonstrated a caring, supportive concern for each of his students and has profoundly influenced the lives of over 5,000 individuals with his extensive knowledge and wisdom, and his innovative teaching methods.

Even from the early days of his career, Wayne Phillips had a talent for creating and implementing innovative classes. For example, while at San Mateo High School, he helped to create and teach the Social Science freshman curriculum. In addition he created and taught a course titled, Government In Action, which required students to intern in different types of governmental agencies in order to acquire a first hand knowledge of the realities of public service. When he taught economics, his students participated in a San Francisco Bay Area stock market simulation. His instructions proved so successful that many students went on to win the competition. Currently, at Mills High School he created and is teaching a stimulating elective for Junior and Senior students in International Relations. In addition to his teaching duties, Wayne Phillips has served as the Social Science Department Chairman for the past 12 years, where he has helped to bring positive changes to the curriculum, teaching methods, and organization of Mills High School. For his diligent efforts, Wayne Phillips was recently selected as the San Mateo Union High School District's Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, beyond devoting countless hours in the classroom, Wayne Phillips has also selflessly dedicated himself to extra-curricular activities that have enriched the school environment, in particular working tirelessly to create an understanding of, and tolerance for the many ethnic and cultural groups on the campus. Along with other school and community leaders he helped to create a unique all day program to understand, appreciate, and celebrate cultural diversity. He was also the driving force behind the production of assemblies to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, the Chinese New Year, and the Japanese Cherry Blossom festival. Connected to the production of the Chinese New Year celebrations, students created a one hundred-foot dragon that has appeared in the San Francisco Chinese New Year's Parade for the past six years. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of participating in a very special event Wayne coordinated to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, and needless to say I was very

impressed with what I saw. For the last 24 years he served as the Freshman Class Advisor and assisted students with planning get-acquainted evenings, welcome dances, homecoming parades, class competition activities, holiday decorations, class elections, fund raisers and much more.

For Mr. Phillips, the classroom extends beyond the campus and he has consistently encouraged young people to participate in many types of educational opportunities. I am always delighted to see his students in Washington, DC, as part of Project Close-Up, which brings young people to Washington to see their government in action. His students also traveled to the Southern part of this country to learn first hand about the Civil Rights movement with the "Sojourn to the Past" program. As a long-time member of the World Affairs Council of Northern California, Mr. Phillips reads scholarship applications for the Council, leads "Great Decisions" student discussion groups on foreign policy issues, and chaperones students to Council meetings, special events, and the annual conference on world affairs at the Asilomar in Pacific Grove, California. Mr. Speaker, Wayne Phillips' influence spreads even to the United States House of Representatives, where we have benefited from an outstanding Congressional Page whom only became involved in the page program due to Mr. Phillips' encouragement and recommendation.

Throughout Mr. Phillips' entire career, he has been an example of the best in the teaching profession, earning the respect and admiration of students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators, and members of the community. It is not hyperbole to suggest that the teaching profession is losing one of its giants with his retirement. Every student learns from him and knows that he values them and is there for them whenever and however they need help. He truly loves his kids, and his crowded classroom during non-class time is but one expression of his students' respect and love for him. Wayne Phillips may be retiring from his formal classroom responsibilities, but to paraphrase the famous Dr. Seuss book, Oh, the Places You'll Go, he will continue to learn and share knowledge, and continue his commitment to education.

Mr. Speaker, as a former educator, I am proud to honor Wayne Phillips on his extraordinary career, to thank him for his contributions and dedication to public service, and to wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING 2004 RN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT NANCY SCHREIBER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Schreiber on the occasion of receiving the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2004 RN of the Year Award for Advanced Practice. A banquet honoring her and three other award winners will be held Friday, May 7th at the Radisson Hotel in Fresno, California.

Nancy Schreiber is a skilled, experienced nurse practitioner who provides exemplary

care. She is currently a Perioperative Advanced Practice nurse at Community Medical Centers in Fresno and is an adjunct faculty member at Fresno City College. Nancy was a clinical nurse educator and neurosurgical coordinator. She holds a Master of Science degree in Nursing.

Ms. Schreiber has been a significant part of Community Medical Center's surgical services for over 17 years. She is a genuinely thoughtful person who is not only doing her job to help others, but also, trying to make an impact on their lives. She is a founding member of the Fresno/Clovis/Madera OR Educators Group. Nancy is fluent in Spanish and provides classes in Spanish for Perioperative Services Providers and has developed an English-Spanish phrase manual for use in the Perioperative areas. She is also a "hands-on" educator and has been involved in the design and implementation of the Operating Room Scrub Class.

Nancy has been involved in the process of writing two nursing standardized procedure manuals, The Nurses Pre-operative Screening of Patients by Criteria, and Assisting Endoscopic PEG Insertion. She has also contributed to nursing research in numerous projects and provided legal consultation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Schreiber for her excellence in the field of Advanced Practice. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Nancy many years of continued success.

HONORING OUTSTANDING EXAM- PLES OF PUERTO RICO YOUTH: MÓNICA CRISTINA MAYOL SABATIER AND RIDGE OLIVIERI

HON. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary achievements of two young constituents that have excelled with particular success in community service. Mónica Mayol and Ridge Olivieri, both of San Juan, Puerto Rico, have been selected as Honorees of the prestigious Prudential Spirit of Community Awards representing the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This is an honor bestowed to only two students per jurisdiction, and as such is a very treasured award in our Island and in the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Mónica Mayol is a 17-year old senior from Academia María Reina High School in San Juan. She serves as the activities coordinator at Centros Sor Isolina Ferré, one of the most renowned charity institutions in Puerto Rico. She tutors disadvantaged children and teenagers in several subjects, organizes drives to obtain food contributions, and even coordinated an awards ceremony and a Christmas party to bring happiness to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, the other student recognized by the Prudential Awards is 11-year old Ridge Olivieri, a sixth-grader at Saint John's School. Ridge is a very motivated sixth-grader who established a project to collect gently used clothing for disadvantaged children in Haiti. He felt that it was important to foster a sense of citizenship in his fellow peers, and his program got off to a very successful start with the help