

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF DANIEL DAVID CAMERON**HON. MIKE MCINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2005

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding leader in Southeastern North Carolina, Mr. Daniel David Cameron. Mr. Cameron passed away on July 2, 2005, after a lengthy battle with cancer. However, his legacy and contributions will live on in the hearts and minds of many for generations to come.

Born and raised in his beloved City of Wilmington, Dan served his city, state, and nation with distinction, dedication, and determination. As a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, and as a Major in the U.S. Army, Dan was a part of the distinguished "Greatest Generation" serving in World War II, having landed at Normandy during the Allied invasion of France following "D-Day". He understood the price of freedom and risked his life so others can rest peacefully each night.

After the war, Dan came home to Wilmington and began a decades long career that truly made a difference in the city and community. From his position as Mayor to his work in forming the Committee of 100, from his affiliation with WECT-TV to his love for the Boys and Girls Club, from his support for the University of North Carolina at Wilmington to his contributions to the Salvation Army and the United Negro College Fund, the efforts of Daniel David Cameron have truly been a foundation on which Wilmington and New Hanover County have blossomed.

Samuel Logan Bringle, the legendary leader in the Salvation Army, once said some very important words that reflect the character and life of Dan. He said, "The final estimate of a man will show that history cares not one iota about the title he has carried or the rank he has borne, but only about the quality of his deeds and the character of his heart." Indeed, Dan Cameron has reflected this through his sacrifice and commitment. He was known by persons of all races, ages, and religions for both his kind deeds and his loving, unselfish heart.

Mr. Speaker, dedicated service to others combined with dynamic leadership has been the embodiment of Dan's life. May we all use his wisdom, selflessness, and integrity as a beacon of direction and a source of true enlightenment for many, many years to come. Indeed, may God bless to all our memories the tremendous life and legacy of Daniel David Cameron.

IN REFERENCE TO HALL
RESOLUTION (H.R. 261)**HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2005

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, my distinguished colleague from Texas, Mr. HALL is to be commended for authoring a resolution to get a sense of the Congress on the issue of extending the CMS quality of cancer care demonstration project. I share his concern to preserve

this country's cancer care treatment system and expressed this, in a bipartisan letter sent to the President, along with Mr. HALL and 95 of my House colleagues.

For the record, I note that Mr. HALL's resolution makes no mention of extending the demonstration project at the current funding level of \$300 million. Additionally, as mentioned in our letter to the President, the resolution does not mention the real problems with the new Medicare payment system for cancer care, but only addresses the short-term fix of extending the demonstration project.

Among other problems, the new Medicare system pays closer to market rates for cancer drugs. This is a step in the right direction. However, it now does not pay for the pharmacy costs related to those drugs. As another example, Medicare does not pay community oncologists for the treatment planning that provides for each new cancer case.

I implore my colleagues to support the extension of the cancer care demonstration project at the level of \$300 million. I also ask my colleagues to direct CMS to work with community cancer care on permanent solutions. American's access to quality, affordable, and accessible cancer treatment needs to be preserved.

COMMENDING THE CONTINUING
IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 18, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 364, commending the continuing improvement in relations between the United States and the Republic of India. This historic relationship is exemplified by the current official visit of the Prime Minister of India, His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh. This important resolution recognizes the benefits of our two nations working together towards our common goals of promoting peace, prosperity, and freedom among all countries of the world.

The Fifth District of Illinois is enriched by the presence of long-time residents and recent immigrants from India. Indian-Americans have proven that America is made stronger by their contributions to our cultural richness and diversity.

I am also pleased to recognize the continuing and growing friendship between the nations of India and the United States. India is the most populous democratic country in the world and has historically been a steadfast ally and loyal friend of the United States. We have benefited from our close and mutual friendship with India, through cooperation on security, trade and technological advancements which improve lives in both countries and help promote safety throughout the world.

It is a particular pleasure to pass this Resolution on the occasion of His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh's visit. His Excellency has, in his previous capacity as Finance Minister, helped shape India's economic policies to permit the growth of free markets, which has led to much greater economic prosperity for many

people in India and the creation of a large middle class.

With this bipartisan resolution, the American people recognize that we will be more effective and successful with India as a partner in achieving our mutual objectives to promote democracy, combat terrorism, pursue nuclear non-proliferation, strengthen the global economy and trade, and slow the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this concurrent resolution and I look forward to continue working with my colleagues on all of our efforts to promote peace and cooperation between these two great nations.

RECOGNIZING LARRY SIGLER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of Larry Sigler for his lifelong dedication and commitment to the education and development of our youth.

After attending North Texas to receive his math degree and Master's in secondary education, Larry taught at Dallas Hillcrest High School and at Lewisville Middle School, now DeLay Middle School. He then served as assistant principal at DeLay, Hedrick Middle School, and Lewisville High School. He also served as principal of Hedrick before serving as the first principal of Marcus High School.

After 19 years as principal at Marcus, Larry retired in 2000. While there, he helped to develop the school into one of the best academic schools in the state. Also, despite graduating from and playing football for the rival school, Lewisville High, he helped to build Marcus's strong athletic program. The Marcus High athletic program has been recognized with both state and district championship on many occasions.

It is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize Larry Sigler for his contributions in improving the quality of our secondary education. His commitment serves as inspiration to others in his field and those who wish to make a positive difference in the lives of young people.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE
MEMBERS OF HEADQUARTERS
BATTERY FORWARD, FIRST BAT-
TALION, 109TH FIELD ARTILLERY
DIVISION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the 44 members of the Headquarters Battery Forward of the First Battalion of the 109th Field Artillery, based in Kingston, Pennsylvania, who have returned after service in Iraq.

We welcome home our brave soldiers with gratitude for their selflessness. During times of

war, it is important that we realize the sacrifices our troops endure. Through voluntary military service, Americans proudly uphold ideals, consistently emerge as leaders and valiantly ensure democracy.

The 109th Field Artillery enjoys a rich heritage. It is one of the oldest units in continuous existence in the United States Armed Forces. It was organized under Col. Zebulon Butler in the Wyoming Valley of northeastern Pennsylvania on October 17, 1775, nearly a year before the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Since the Wyoming Valley was then part of Connecticut, the unit was formed as the 24th Regiment, Connecticut Militia. The Regiment carries both the Connecticut and Pennsylvania state flags in its color guard. It is also officially named "The Wyoming Valley Guards."

The 109th, under various unit designations, fought in the Revolutionary War, mustered into service for the War of 1812, fought in the Mexican-American War, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I in France and in World War II in both France and Germany.

In World War II, the unit distinguished itself during the Battle of the Bulge when the 109th fought valiantly to oppose the German Ardennes Offensive. After its guns were destroyed, the unit fought as infantry often in vicious hand-to-hand combat. For its valor, the battalion was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, the highest decoration a unit can receive.

On September 5, 1950, the 109th was mobilized for the Korean War. On September 11, 1950, the unit was en route to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, when a passenger train struck the battalion's troop train in Coshocton, Ohio, killing 33 soldiers and wounding scores.

On April 26, 2004, the unit lost its first soldier in combat since 1945 when Sgt. Sherwood Baker was killed after a building he was inspecting in Baghdad, Iraq, exploded.

The Headquarters Battery consists of: Christopher A. Barnes, James J. Belusko, Clinton R. Bollinger, John D. Borger, Raymond T. Bozek, Benjamin B. Chamberlin, Daryl A. Crawford, Matthew J. Deacon, Joseph A. Didino, Mark A. Gordon, John Gowin, Travis L. Haldeman, Kevin M. Hayes, Shaun A. Hinehine, John L. Hosey, Louis F. Johnson, Dean C. Jones, Terry D. Ketchem, William H. Maclunney, Jeffrey E. Marriott, Jeffrey Martin, Joseph J. May, Joseph A. McHugh, Jonathan Mitchell, Brian J. Moore, Troy D. Mueller, Armando Pascale, Casey J. Poeth, Robert R. Rae, Roger E. Reed, Evan L. Reibsome, Michael R. Shoffler, John Shulskie, Michael K. Skonieczki, Damien J. Smith, Stephen S. Stankavage, William P. Verbyla, Brian J. Vest, James E. Waldrop, Patrick L. Walsh, Ralph M. Watkins, Valroy Williams, Michael Wisniewski, and Michael Yavorski.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in thanking these soldiers for their courage and love of country. It is truly an honor to serve them in the United States Congress. Please join me in welcoming these fine Americans home.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESERVING PATIENT ACCESS TO INPATIENT REHABILITATION HOSPITALS ACT OF 2005

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2005

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the "Preserving Patient Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals Act of 2005." This important piece of legislation will ensure that patients across America will continue to have access to the rehabilitative care they need, and that experts in this community are organized to advise and make recommendations to Congress and the appropriate federal agencies based on the realities and challenges facing the rehabilitative field today and in the future.

Rehabilitation hospitals provide essential care to patients recovering from conditions such as stroke, hip replacement, and cardiopulmonary disease. They treat patients young and old, temporarily and permanently disabled. They allow their patients not only the chance to recover quicker, but to resume active and high quality lifestyles.

Unfortunately, with each passing month fewer and fewer Americans will have access to the unique care and services that rehab hospitals provide. A Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) policy, commonly known as the "75% Rule", is being enforced in such a way that many patients, often regardless of their unique and pressing needs, are being turned away from facilities that could otherwise provide them with the best available care.

The "75% Rule" requires a rehab facility to ensure that a percentage of its patients are receiving treatment for one or more conditions as specified by Medicare. When the current rule went into effect in July of 2004, 50% of a rehab facility's admissions were required to fall within the list of conditions, on July 1st this percentage rose to 60%, and will continue to rise until it returns to 75% in 2007. According to a Government Accountability Office report, many rehab facilities will not be able to meet this 75% threshold required at full implementation of the rule.

In an effort to comply with the 75% Rule over the past year, thousands of patients across the country have been turned away from the care they desperately need. Rehab hospitals have been forced to tell patients recovering from cancer and strokes to look elsewhere for care, and have been forced instead to leave beds empty and reduce their staffs so that they can continue to provide care to the patients they are still able to treat. And with each coming year the situation will only get more dire.

The "Preserving Patient Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals Act of 2005" will help ease this problem by allowing hospitals additional time to figure out how to ensure they are in compliance with CMS's rules, while still providing the unique care and services they are able to provide to the patients most in need. It will also create a National Advisory Council on Medical Rehabilitation to ensure that future policies created by Federal agen-

cies and Congress reflect the realities and challenges facing the field of rehabilitative care without denying needed care to patients.

The American Hospital Association, American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association, Federation of American Hospitals and numerous other associations and advocacy groups join me in supporting the "Preserving Patient Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals Act of 2005." Their members are seeing first hand the devastating effect the "75% Rule" is having on those in need of rehab care today and the enormous impact further implementation of this Rule will have.

Each and every day, patients across America are being denied the rehab care they need and deserve and which could be available to them. I urge you to speak for them and to support the "Preserving Patient Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals Act of 2005."

RECALLING THE INFAMOUS ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 21, 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recall the tragic anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

On July 20, 1974, the nation of Cyprus was viciously attacked by Turkey. This abominable act of violence against the people of Cyprus has never been undone. To this day, Turkish troops illegally occupy Cyprus, splitting the nation into two areas.

Since 1974, the nation has been divided, but progress is being made toward the reunification of Cyprus. In late April 2004, the people of Cyprus went to the polls to vote on a plan of reunification. Unfortunately, this reunification proposal was rushed, allegedly to coincide with the ascension of Cyprus into the European Union. Because of many legitimate concerns, including security, and in a demonstration of great courage and independence, approximately 75 percent of Greek Cypriots opposed the plan. However, this rushed and unfortunate effort must not, and will not, be the end of attempts to reunify the island. A lasting and equitable solution for the people of Cyprus, and the goal of a united Cyprus, is too important to abandon, now or ever.

The goal of the process must be to attain a just and lasting solution, not a rushed or imposed solution. Currently, the Republic of Cyprus is seeking a plan that truly reunifies both its society and economy, while allowing each community to retain its own identity and culture, without foreign occupation.

I remain committed to achieving a solution to this problem so that we never have to gather again to commemorate an anniversary of this condemnable and unjustifiable invasion. Mr. Speaker, I pray that this will be the last year of a divided Cyprus. It is my fervent hope that, 31 years after Cyprus was torn asunder, all Cypriots can be reunited, living in peace and freedom forever.