

for every retiree. Today only three workers support every retiree and in the next few decades, that number will drop to two. By 2042, the system will become bankrupt and it will only be able to pay 70 percent of promised benefits.

Younger workers can earn additional benefits by giving them the option to invest a small portion of their Social Security taxes in bonds and stocks. Personal accounts will allow them to build a financial nest-egg for their retirement; they can pass on to their loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, personal accounts will give our children and grandchildren the peace of mind that they will be financially secured in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA BARILE

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a close friend and exceptional employee, Cynthia Barile, in anticipation of her last day as Caseworker in my California office. It is with deep gratitude—and more than a little sadness—that my staff and I must wish Cynthia farewell. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her 6 outstanding years of dedicated service to my office and to the residents of the 48th district of California.

Since joining my staff 6 years ago, Cynthia has been a tireless advocate on behalf of Orange County residents. She was first hired in August 1999 as the Office Manager for my California office, and assumed her new administrative duties with great ease. With Cynthia in this critical post, the district office was in the most capable of hands. She quickly demonstrated excellent communication and interpersonal skills and, thanks to her fluency in both English and Spanish, she became a vital link between the staff and our diverse constituency. In 2002, Cynthia was promoted to Congressional Caseworker, a position in which she has excelled for the past 3 years. In this time, Cynthia has personally handled over 2,500 cases and has helped literally thousands of people resolve their problems with Federal agencies. Though she has dealt with nearly every Federal agency during her tenure in my office, she has specialized in cases involving the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service; the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Department of Defense and military branches; the Department of Justice; and the State Department and U.S. Embassies around the world.

Cynthia's career in public service predates her work on behalf of the 48th Congressional

District. Prior to joining my office, she was the Scheduler and Office Manager for former California Assemblyman Bill Campbell. Bill is a close, personal friend of mine, so I know how greatly he valued Cynthia's years of service to him and the constituents of the 71st Assembly District. Although she is now departing my office, she is not leaving the House of Representatives. Cynthia is moving just 25 miles up the road—and saving herself countless hours of commute time in Orange County traffic—to be a Caseworker in the district office of U.S. Rep. ED ROYCE in Fullerton. I have no doubt that she will continue to excel in this new position, and commend my friend and colleague, ED, for his foresight in bringing her onboard.

Over the past 5 years, I have had the privilege of getting to know Cynthia and her family. Her love for and dedication to her two daughters, Brianna and Alexis, are inspiring. While on my staff, Cynthia celebrated her marriage to her husband Mark Barile, and the birth of their son Christian. Along with all those who have had the opportunity to know and work with Cynthia, I have been incredibly impressed by her ability to balance the demands of being a mother, wife and successful career woman.

Cynthia's professionalism, patience, and courtesy in working with her colleagues, constituents, and agency representatives have made her an invaluable asset to my staff. She is a dedicated, diligent and loyal public servant, and she will be missed greatly by all of us who have had the honor of working with her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Cynthia Barile as she prepares to celebrate her last day as Caseworker in my California Office. She will be greatly missed, and I wish her every success in her future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHARITY CARE FOR THE UNINSURED ACT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, there are more than 40 million uninsured Americans today—nearly a million in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Throughout the country, medical professionals and countless others have responded to the need of those who are seriously ill and cannot pay for a doctor, medicine, and other health costs. In many places, this help has come in the form of community free clinics.

Community free clinics, particularly in Virginia, have helped people in communities come together to care for those in need. The health care "safety net" for the poor, like the

community free clinics in my congressional district, exists in communities across America, but often in widely varying degrees.

I am pleased to introduce today "Charity Care for the Uninsured Act." While this legislation alone will not solve the problem of the uninsured, I believe it will help strengthen community "safety nets," like the community free clinics in Virginia, for those in need and will allow doctors recognition for their willingness to give back to their communities.

The Charity Care for the Uninsured Act would provide a personal income tax credit of up to \$2,000 for doctors who provide between 25 and 50 hours of uncompensated, pro bono charity care to the uninsured in a single calendar year. This legislation would encourage the many physicians who have treated patients who were not able to pay, either in their offices or in community clinics, to continue to do so.

The Charity Care for the Uninsured Act also will help provide a valuable tool—a personal tax credit—to community clinics in recruiting physicians as well as helping motivate countless specialty doctors to take community clinic referrals. Free clinics have contributed to reduced emergency room (ER) utilization among the uninsured, helping save taxpayer dollars. A safety net in which the uninsured can access specialists and medications will improve their health and guard against catastrophic illnesses and trips to the ER.

All of the cost savings and health benefits can be traced back to the commitment and the compassion of the doctors and community partners, and their concern for those who cannot afford insurance. The Charity Care for the Uninsured Act of 2005 recognizes and encourages these caring acts made to help those who need a helping hand. This legislation can be an important tool for communities as they seek to strengthen or build the health care safety net available to their uninsured residents.

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Charity Care for the Uninsured Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. CHARITY CARE CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal credits) is amended by inserting after section 25B the following new section:

"SEC. 25C. CHARITY CARE CREDIT.

"(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of a physician, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for a taxable year the amount determined in accordance with the following table:

"If the physician has provided during such taxable year:

The amount of the credit is:

At least 25 but less than 30 qualified hours of charity care	\$1,000
At least 30 but less than 35 qualified hours of charity care	1,200
At least 35 but less than 40 qualified hours of charity care	1,400
At least 40 but less than 45 qualified hours of charity care	1,600
At least 45 but less than 50 qualified hours of charity care	1,800
At least 50 qualified hours of charity care	2,000

“(b) QUALIFIED HOURS OF CHARITY CARE.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) QUALIFIED HOURS OF CHARITY CARE.—The term ‘qualified hours of charity care’ means the hours that a physician provides medical care (as defined in section 213(d)(1)(A)) on a volunteer or pro bono basis.

“(2) PHYSICIAN.—The term ‘physician’ has the meaning given to such term in section 1861(r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(r)).”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 25B the following new item:

“Sec. 25C. Charity care credit.”

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 18, 2005, personal business kept me from casting votes on rollcall Nos. 380, 381, and 382. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on all three votes.

IN PRAISE OF THE NEW POSTAL STAMP COMMEMORATING FRANK GEHRY'S WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate famed architect Frank Gehry for the selection of the Walt Disney Concert Hall as one of the Masterworks of Modern Architecture for this year's United States postal stamp collection. The Walt Disney Concert Hall stamp will be part of a collection of twelve masterworks of modern American architecture that includes Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum, the concrete Yale Art and Architecture Building, the Chrysler Building in New York, and the East Building of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. The Walt Disney Concert Hall is the newest structure in this series and the only architectural masterpiece from our country's West Coast to receive this honor.

The Walt Disney Concert Hall is located in my congressional district, at the intersection of First Street and Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles. This beautiful masterpiece, situated on historic Bunker Hill, is home to the Los Angeles Philharmonic. The hall's bold and unique exterior is comprised of enormous curved shapes of stainless steel. The magnificent and magical architecture of the exterior is matched by that of its interior. The hardwood-paneled main auditorium, designed by world-renowned expert Yasuhisa Toyota, has been lauded for its state-of-the-art acoustics. In the auditorium, guests sit on all sides of the orchestra. Private boxes, typically present in concert halls, do not exist.

The Disney Concert Hall further welcomes a community atmosphere with its expansive

transparent doors and windows that stretch along Grand Avenue. Occupying a full city block, the 3.6 acre site is also home to California's smallest state park.

Frank Gehry's Disney Hall masterpiece has drawn national attention to Los Angeles and has served as the centerpiece of successful efforts to revitalize downtown L.A. and its diverse artistic and cultural offerings.

This landmark project began in 1987 when Walt Disney's widow Lillian Disney gave a \$50 million gift to Angelenos to build the concert hall and to demonstrate Walt Disney's commitment to the arts. Mr. Gehry was selected as its architect the following year. Construction on the hall began in 1999 and the Disney Concert Hall opened its doors in 2003.

The building of the Walt Disney Concert Hall was a collaboration of efforts throughout the County of Los Angeles. Talented ironworkers crafted the remarkable exterior. Corporations, foundations, and individuals, in conjunction with the State of California and the Disney family, partnered to provide the funding for this incredible undertaking.

Open daily to the public, Angelenos and visitors alike now enjoy an internationally renowned architectural masterpiece and one of the most remarkable concert halls in the world. Since its opening, the Walt Disney Concert Hall has had more than 450,000 visitors.

Frank Gehry's masterpiece is a fitting contribution to the U.S. Postal Service's collection of the Masterworks of Modern Architecture. On behalf of all Angelenos, I congratulate him and all who helped to make the Walt Disney Concert Hall a reality, worthy of this prestigious honor.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK EXPANSION ACT OF 2005

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to authorize expansion of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park located on the Island of Hawaii.

This bill would authorize expansion of the park's boundaries to allow the National Park Service to acquire 656 additional acres between the 1,000 and 2,000-foot elevation marks in the Kahuku district makai (ocean-side) of State Highway 11. This property, which is a part of the historic Kahuku Ranch, most of which has already been added to the Park, includes extensive natural and cultural resources. These Kahuku lands encompass the southwest rift zone of Mauna Loa, one of the most massive volcanoes in the world.

The geologic features of the proposed acquisition—three large pit craters—provide vestiges of native forest and other unique attributes. The property also includes ranch buildings, walls, and pasture lands that are reminiscent of nineteenth and early twentieth century ranching and contain remnant ranchlands that are not currently represented to the public by any National Park in Hawaii. These buildings would provide public, office, educational, and research space for a much-needed satellite headquarters for this portion of the 333,000-acre park. And locating these serv-

ices in these historic structures will preserve more of the natural resources of the park in an unspoiled condition.

The property also provides magnificent open landscape views and vistas that offer a glimpse into a cultural landscape that has remained unchanged for decades.

The geologic, biologic and cultural resources contained on this property will also enhance the quality of the park for its legislated purpose and as a World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve. In addition, the park has a well-developed partnership with adjacent landowners in management of native ecosystems and historic landscapes and acquisition of this makai section of Kahuku will help to facilitate this partnership.

The Hawaii House of Representatives passed H.R. No. 56 in the 2001 session supporting acquisition of the Kahuku Ranch as part of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and the Hawaii State Senate passed a similar resolution.

I would be very grateful for the support of my colleagues for this important bill.

IN HONOR OF DANIEL ELLSBERG

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Daniel Ellsberg, a true patriot who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, dedicating his life to the service of his country. An expert economist with two years in the Marine Corps and two years at the State Department in Saigon, he is best known for revealing the truth about the Vietnam war through what became known as the Pentagon Papers. After his many years of dedicated service, he recently received the Rollo May Award, given to an individual whose life's work demonstrates his faith in human possibility.

Daniel is a man who has had the courage to stand up for his beliefs and speak the truth even in the face of great adversity. In bringing the Pentagon Papers to the public's attention, he took a risk that no member of Congress was willing to take, despite their immunity. Daniel leaked the information to the press in a desperate attempt to get out the truth, knowing that he would likely spend the rest of his life incarcerated. But for Daniel the loss of American lives was too great a sacrifice to be allowed to continue needlessly.

A man always looking out for the injustices of the world, Daniel has become a lecturer, writer and activist on the dangers of unlawful interventions and the nuclear era. He is there to remind us of our greater responsibilities to mankind, and I applaud his heroism and fortitude.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Daniel Ellsberg for his years of outstanding service to his country. His strength and dedication to the ideals of this country are to be commended and admired.