

THE MILBANK MEMORIAL FUND CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF INFORMING POLICY FOR HEALTH CARE AND POPULATION HEALTH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the achievements of the Milbank Memorial Fund, on the occasion of its centennial celebration. The Milbank Memorial Fund is an outstanding organization which engages in non-partisan analysis, study, research, and communication on significant issues in health policy, particularly for those people of greatest risk of disease and death. The Fund grew out of Elizabeth Milbank Anderson's philanthropic achievements during the Progressive Era, as she worked to prevent and remedy illnesses linked to poverty. Today, the Fund continues her legacy through an active approach to health care.

Elizabeth Milbank Anderson was committed to disease prevention and public health, recognizing improper sanitary conditions as a major source of disease affecting the poor. She founded the Milbank Public Baths on East 38th Street in New York City in 1904. Anderson made gifts to the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, in Manhattan, and Manhattan's Home Hospital for tuberculosis patients. As a strong supporter of women's education, she was one of the first trustees of Barnard College. She provided the funds for the college's first building, Milbank Hall, and purchased for the college three city blocks that became the Milbank Quadrangle. Acting on the suggestion of her cousin, Anderson created the Milbank Memorial Fund, named for her parents.

In accordance with Anderson's philosophy, the Fund recognizes that the public's health depends not only on conquering infectious diseases but also addressing the underlying causes and problems of these infections, such as housing, nutrition, health care, medical services and poverty. Accordingly, the Fund has been staunchly committed to evaluating and researching the causes of disease, focusing on prophylaxis and prevention in lieu of the more popular health care methods of treatment and suppression. After her death, additional bequests increased the fund's assets to about \$10 million, or \$110 million in 2005 dollars.

One of the Fund's earliest projects included creating models for agencies which would later become neighborhood health centers. Based on the premise that health must be conducted by the people not on the people, three local demonstration centers were erected. The last center to be established, the Bellevue-Yorkville center, on the East Side of Manhattan, for example, tested the effectiveness of organizing big-city public health services at the district level.

Today, the Milbank Memorial Fund undertakes projects in policy development with decision makers in public, private and nonprofit sectors in the U.S. and around the world. Their projects have addressed issues such as the implications for policy of the Americans with Disabilities Act; the adequacy of retirement income for the baby boom generation; the salience of health for foreign policy; and rapidly

growing evidence about the effectiveness of health care intervention. The Fund also conducts policy reviews on topics ranging from Households and Health Services to Opportunities in Prevention Policy.

The Milbank Memorial Fund is also known for its philanthropic commitment. In total, the Fund has spent \$465 million (in 2005 dollars) on charitable purposes. One example of the Fund's charitable work includes a Milbank Scholars Program, which provided five-year fellowships for epidemiology training and research to medical school junior clinical faculty, encouraging advancement of the work of young professionals in the field of community medicine.

Although the health care problems our world faces today are daunting, and at times, may seem insurmountable, it is the work of organizations like the Milbank Memorial Fund which help us understand and then properly combat the health care dilemmas which confront us. That the Fund manages to carry out such critical research and education, is a testament to the legacy left by Anderson, and to the present leadership of Samuel Milbank and Daniel Fox.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the outstanding contribution made by the Milbank Memorial Fund, during its 100 years. May it continue to serve the community for many years to come.

HONORING PASTOR JEROME BRIMMAGE AND THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

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Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Pastor Jerome Brimmage and the congregation of First United Methodist Church of Mineola. In the hours and days before Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the First United Methodist Church began preparing, so when the time came they were able to offer assistance, shelter, and other words of help to victims of these 2 devastating hurricanes.

Members of the First United Methodist Church stockpiled relief supplies for victims, including over 150 hygiene kits. The church itself opened its doors to house evacuees and volunteers and within hours, residents of Mineola began arriving with towels, sheets, blankets, as well as other items for those in need. More than 40 businesses, churches and civic organizations helped by donating money, food, and clothing. Approximately 450 volunteers also gave their time to make the evacuees' stay as pleasant as possible.

I am proud of the residents of the Fifth District who gave their time and energy to help those in need—from individuals cooking meals in the church kitchen to local health care facilities providing free supplies and services to evacuees.

Today, I am pleased to honor Pastor Jerome Brimmage of the First United Methodist Church, and the entire community of Mineola, Texas, for their part in providing relief to the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICE OF WINDSOR FREEMYER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

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Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Windsor Freemyer, a dear friend and undeniably one of the most talented, dedicated and trustworthy individuals on Capitol Hill. As my Chief of Staff for the past 3 years, Windsor has continually proven her ability to advise with confidence, and critique with kindness.

Windsor began her career on Capitol Hill with Senator Hank Brown from Colorado in 1992, served as a Legislative Assistant for Scott McInnis from Colorado, and joined the Nevada delegation with now Senator, then-Representative, JOHN ENSIGN during his freshman year. Windsor quickly advanced and became Representative CHRIS CANNON's Chief of Staff in 1998. Her final stop before joining my staff in 2002, was a tenure with the Sugar Growers of America.

While Windsor's resume demonstrates her ability to serve various members in many capacities, I would like to briefly mention two of her most significant accomplishments. Windsor was vital in the passage of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. Through her efforts, the people of Southern Nevada receive the much needed infrastructure and education dollars that are so important to our dynamic community. I would also like to point to her dedicated opposition to the storage of high-level nuclear waste at the Yucca Mountain Waste Repository. She has proven to be a stalwart force in helping persuade others of the inadvisability of this action. For all of her efforts, I and the people of Southern Nevada thank her.

While I am fortunate that Windsor shared her talents and skills with my office, I have been truly blessed in knowing Windsor Freemyer as a person. She and her husband Allen are the parents of two beautiful and intelligent daughters, Lucy and Lilly. Both are lucky to have inherited the unlikely combination of warmth and sincerity that have made Windsor such a vital member of my staff.

Windsor, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you for everything you have done for me, my staff, and the people of Southern Nevada. I wish you all the best in the coming years and am confident that your past successes will only enhance your talents in the future.

Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress search far and wide for the most qualified and talented staff. I was most fortunate to have found the ideal of this in Windsor. I am honored to pay tribute to Windsor Freemyer as she ends her distinguished service on Capitol Hill. Her contributions to my office and this body are immense and her personal friendship has been immeasurable. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the career of this consummate professional and extraordinary person.