

As Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I have joined with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the Native American Caucus, the Women's Caucus and Democratic Leadership to move forward in addressing this problem by cosponsoring the Paycheck Fairness Act.

The Paycheck Fairness Act, introduced by Congresswoman ROSA DELAURO would take the steps needed to eliminate gender based wage discrimination and ensure that women will finally earn what men earn for doing the same job.

I urge you to join me in cosponsoring this important legislation.

We must remember that equal pay isn't just a women's issue—when women get equal pay, their family incomes rise and the whole family benefits. Equal pay is about fairness.

CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my condolences on the passing of Pope John Paul II. For families such as mine, the Pope represented a connection with the larger human community. We felt blessed by his faith, compassion, and the simplicity that he preached in words and deed. As a public figure he not only represented the Roman Catholic Church, but also was a symbol of liberation and strength. Pope John Paul II embodied the spiritual virtue of innocence that allows us, as humans to be loved, respected, and forgiven.

My district, the 47th Congressional District of California, is home to many practicing Catholics who followed and believed in Pope John Paul II, as my family and I did. The Pope was an amazing example of one man who strengthened the hearts and souls of people. John Paul's trust and belief in us, allowed us to trust and believe in others.

John Paul II visited the state of California twice in his life, once in 1976, as Cardinal and the second time in 1987, as Pope. By way of his many travels around the world, he reached out to people, regardless of race, religion, or politics. Pope John Paul II was a leader in uniting nations and people. He believed that through love, we can attain understanding, which can conquer the divisions that still plague the world today. The Pope saw Christian faith as truly Catholic, as truly universal:

“... Christ is Anglo and Hispanic, Christ is Chinese and black, Christ is Vietnamese and Irish, Christ is Korean and Italian, Christ is Japanese and Filipino, Christ is native American, Croatian, Samoan, and many other ethnic groups. . .”

Up to his final days, through his great personal suffering, he maintained his dignity. The passing of Pope John Paul II is a great loss to the global community. He will be missed and his memory will be kept sacred in our hearts.

TRIBUTE TO JAY CUTLER

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Jay B. Cutler—a dedicated advocate of mental health parity, a talented attorney, and a dear friend. Jay passed away on March 4, 2005 at the age of 74. He was a passionate and skillful advocate of the causes he believed in and was recognized as such by all his peers.

A native of New York, Jay graduated from New York University, as a business major, and Brooklyn Law School. He served in the Korean War in Army Intelligence before moving to Washington, DC, where he dedicated his life to improving the treatment for persons suffering from mental illness and substance abuse. He began his career in Public Service Television production and for the former U.S. Senator Jacob Javits as Staff Director of the Senate's Human Resources Committee. He was the lead Senate staff member in the drafting, introduction and passage of the landmark Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616) that established the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Jay joined the American Psychiatric Association in 1978, to begin a 25-year career as Director of Government Relations. He helped broaden Medicare coverage for the treatment of mental illness and blocked government efforts to steer mentally ill patients towards cheaper and less effective medications. Recognized for his remarkable dedication to the education about and destigmatization of mental illness not only to legislators, but also to the public, Jay's involvement helped to change the view of such issues in the public. Thanks to people like him, the Nation has made a remarkable transition from the long-held and destructive view that mental illness and substance abuse are character flaws. He advocated the idea that they are diseases which can and should receive the best treatment that medical sciences can provide. His commitment has been at the core of a profound shift in public awareness and understanding of these disorders.

As an APA lobbyist, Jay had direct impact on virtually every major bill on health policy and mental illness and substance abuse treatment legislation over more than 25 years. The expansion of the Community Mental Health Centers Program, the exemption of psychiatric hospitals and units from the Medicare prospective payment methodology, ensuring their fiscal viability for nearly 20 years, and the increased funding for veterans', children's and Indian mental health services are among the numerous legislative achievements Jay carried on in his career. His role in passing mental health legislation was well depicted in Eric Redman's book, *The Dance of Legislation*, which followed the development of the National Health Service Corps. It featured Jay as one of its subjects and it makes clear with regards to this major legislation that a great deal would not have happened without his dedication.

Over the years, Jay Cutler became synonymous with the cause of mental health parity

and was well known by many Members of Congress. By combining his tremendous experience with a charm and wit that he generously shared with all whom he encountered, Jay was extremely effective. Because of his relentless efforts, millions of Americans received better care. His commitment to protecting patient confidentiality and broadening coverage for psychiatric and substance abuse treatment make him a role model for others to emulate.

Jay was not only a committed and effective advocate; he was an excellent teacher. It was my great privilege to work closely with Jay on numerous occasions and learn from his immense knowledge. He taught me a great deal about mental health policy and the history of behavioral health. And I can assure you that every lesson from Jay Cutler, just like every encounter of any kind with Jay Cutler, was a joy.

While being always at the forefront of efforts to eliminate discrimination against mental illness, Jay remained a loving husband and father. He understood the importance of being a doting father and grandfather, as well as a devoted husband. As in his professional activity, Jay Cutler was respected and appreciated by his friends and relatives.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing condolences to Jay's wife, Randy, his two daughters, Hollie S. Cutler and Perri E. Cutler, and his granddaughter, Makayla Lipsetts. We are deeply saddened by his death, and we are warmed by the memory of his remarkable life.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF ROBERT H. MCKINNEY

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the position of Chairman of First Indiana Corporation, I rise today to commend Robert H. McKinney for his distinguished career of service to our country and his and my hometown community.

First Indiana Corporation is a publicly traded holding company that operates the First Indiana Bank, the largest homegrown bank in Indianapolis. It was established in 1915 by Mr. McKinney's father, the highly respected E. Kirk McKinney.

It is entirely and delightfully fitting that tribute be paid to Robert McKinney and his illustrious career as a devoted national and local public servant who is truly an inspiring community leader.

His achievements are breathtaking.

A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, the Naval Justice School, and the Indiana University School of Law, Mr. McKinney served in the Pacific during World War II and the Korean War. He has received Honorary Doctorates of Law from Marian College and Butler University. He has served as a member of the Indiana University Board of Trustees.

Bob McKinney has served as chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the

Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation, and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation. He has also served as the presidential-appointed director of the Federal National Mortgage Association. Following his federal service, he returned to Indianapolis where he was instrumental in securing federal grants for the revitalization of Indianapolis neighborhoods, most notably the 29th Street corridor on the Near Westside.

Bob McKinney was appointed by U.S. Senator EVAN BAYH to the Naval & Merchant Marine Academy Selection Committee, and by the Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives to the Government Efficiency Commission of the State of Indiana.

Our honoree is a member of the Presidential Advisory Board for Cuba and director of the minority investment fund Lynx Capital Corporation. He is a trustee of the Hudson Institute, the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, the Indiana University Foundation, and the Sierra Club Foundation.

In our mutual hometown of Indianapolis, Bob McKinney is the director of several civic organizations including the Indianapolis Economic Club, the Indianapolis and Indiana Chambers of Commerce, and the Indianapolis Committee on Foreign Relations, as well as the Chief Executives Organization and the World Presidents' Organization. He has served as director of the Young Lawyers Section of the ABA, director of the Indiana State Bar, and treasurer and director of the Indianapolis Bar Association.

McKinney is the recipient of the 1994 Junior Achievement Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame Award, the 1995 Hoosier Heritage Award, the 1999 Indiana University Academy of Law Alumni Fellows Award, and the 2000 Indianapolis Archdiocese Spirit of Service Award, and, well, he's just a very nice guy.

Robert McKinney's involvement in national politics began when he became the Indiana chair of John F. Kennedy's presidential committee. He has subsequently served as chairman of the Indiana presidential campaigns of Candidates Muskie, Carter, and Mondale, serving also as a member of the Indiana delegations to the National Democratic Conventions beginning in 1972.

Bob McKinney and his wife Arlene "Skip" McKinney live in Indianapolis and have five children and five grandchildren. On behalf of my fellow citizens of Indianapolis and the Seventh Congressional District of Indiana, I thank this great man for his service to our country and his warm friendship to me. Knowing Bob McKinney as I do, I am sure his retirement means even more work for his community and his company. That said, I wish him continued happiness with his wonderful wife "Skip" and the rest of his family during a long, long time in his brand of retirement.

THE ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN HEALTH COMMUNICATION

HON. JOHN J.H. "JOE" SCHWARZ

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the role of libraries in addressing the health information needs

of the American people. In doing so, I also recognize the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, NCLIS, for its efforts in encouraging libraries to play a key role in educating American citizens about healthy lifestyles.

The Commission is a permanent, independent agency of the United States Government, established with Public Law 91-345, 20 U.S.C. 150 et seq. signed July 20, 1970. The law includes the following statement of policy:

SEC. 2. The Congress hereby affirms that library and information services adequate to meet the needs of the people of the United States are essential to achieve national goals and to utilize most effectively the Nation's educational resources and that the Federal Government will cooperate with State and local governments and public and private agencies in assuring optimum provision of such services.

The Commission's purpose is stated in the legislation: "The Commission shall have the primary responsibility for developing or recommending overall plans for, and advising the appropriate governments and agencies on, the policy set forth in section 2." As its first function, the Commission is charged to advise the President and the Congress on the implementation of national policy with respect to library and information science.

One of the Commission's current goals is to strengthen the relevance of the libraries and information science in the lives of the American people. Toward this goal, the Commission has undertaken an initiative designed to recognize libraries as their communities' knowledge source for consumer health information.

The overarching objective of this initiative, referred to as the NCLIS Libraries and Health Communication Initiative, is to identify best practices in libraries that excel in providing health information, and to publish these best practices for the benefit of all library managers and information providers. As part of this effort, and to meet its statutory responsibility, the Commission will then provide policy advice to the President and the Congress recommending how national policy in this area can be implemented.

In order to identify best practices, the Commission has developed an awards program that recognizes libraries that have successfully created or participated in exemplary programs in the delivery of consumer health information. On May 2, at a reception at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, MD the Commission will announce a major award. This award, the 2006 NCLIS Health Award for Libraries, is designed to mobilize the resources of libraries to help citizens learn how to live healthy lifestyles and to provide citizens with consumer health information, particularly when they require health information in a critical or unusual situation. The purpose of the award is to encourage libraries to put forward their best efforts in matching the Nation's critical need for authoritative, unbiased, and readily available consumer health information with a practical means of responding to that need. Libraries in every community are already providing citizens with a wide variety of consumer-focused information. The provision of consumer health information falls naturally in libraries' information-delivery function.

This Commission initiative is of particular benefit to the American people, for it provides citizens with quality consumer health information through their libraries, trusted sources of information that are already acknowledged and respected for the quality of the information they provide. We already know that health information that results in lifestyle improvements lowers costs for health care. Additionally, the initiative will benefit the entire library and information science profession and related profession, businesses, and industries, as it provides documented best practices that can be adapted and replicated and, when required, customized for particular local needs. As stated above, a specific product of the initiative will be the development of a recommended statement of policy on the subject of libraries as health communication centers for American citizens, to be delivered to the President and the Congress as required by Pub. L. 91-345.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO CLEAR TITLE TO TWO PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED ALONG THE RIO GRANDE IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act on behalf of myself and Representative UDALL and Representative PEARCE. This legislation would assist the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico (City) clear title to two parcels of land located along the Rio Grande.

The Albuquerque Biological Park is a distinctive environmental museum comprising four facilities: Albuquerque Aquarium, Rio Grande Botanic Garden, Rio Grande Zoo and Tingley Beach Aquatic Park. In 1997, as part of an effort to improve these facilities, the City purchased two properties from the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) for \$3,875,000.

The City had been leasing the first property, Tingley Beach, from MRGCD since 1931. The City had been leasing the second property, San Gabriel Park, from the MRGCD since 1963. Both properties had been used as public parks.

In 2000, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation interrupted the City's plans when it asserted that it had acquired ownership of all of MRGCD's property associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project in 1953. This called into question the validity the City's title to the properties. The City cannot move forward with its plans to improve the properties until the titles are cleared.

The legislation is narrowly drafted to affect only the two properties at issue and leaves the main dispute concerning title to project works for the courts to decide. This important legislation will allow the City to move forward with a project that will provide residents and visitors with exciting new recreational opportunities.