

helped nearly 2 million patients to date, but millions more can benefit.

“The PPA is an overwhelming success,” said Billy Tauzin, President and CEO of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. “But our job isn’t done. We are declaring April 5 ‘Patient Assistance Day’—a day when all Americans can join with us to help patients in need.”

Through a toll-free number (1-888-4PPA-NOW) and user-friendly Web site (www.pparx.org), the PPA provides a single point of access to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs that could provide help on more than 2,500 medicines, including a wide range of generic medicines.

“We are calling on all Americans to help us spread the word,” said Montel Williams, Emmy award-winning TV talk show host and National PPA Spokesman. “All of us know someone who needs assistance. Help could be as close as a single phone call to our toll free number.”

More than 1,300 national and local organizations, including the American Academy of Family Physicians, the National Urban League, United Way of America, Easter Seals and the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, have partnered with America’s pharmaceutical companies to make the PPA a success.

For additional information on patient assistance programs that may meet their needs, patients should call toll-free 1-888-4PP A-NOW (1-888-477-2669) to speak with a trained specialist or visit www.pparx.org.

NEW PROGRAM WILL HELP UNINSURED GET CHEAPER PRESCRIPTIONS

(By Valerie Bauman)

AUG. 2, 2005.—North Carolina residents who must struggle with the decision of whether to pay their rent, feed their families or buy much-needed medications now have a new option.

A partnership of doctors, pharmaceutical companies, patient advocates and other health-care providers launched a program Tuesday designed to help the uninsured and underinsured obtain medicine at a lower cost.

Members of the group assess patients’ eligibility for public and private prescription assistance and gives them options from among more than 475 programs around the country. Sorting through the information can be daunting and time-consuming for many sick or disabled people.

The North Carolina chapter of the Partnership for Prescription Assistance will help doctors and patients access the programs and figure out which will provide the most financial relief.

“It’s wonderful. It’s like a single place to go to,” said Linda Woodall, an advocate for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of North Carolina. “Before you would have to apply to the different drug companies (for financial assistance), and for people with MS especially, it’s important that you stay on the medicine.”

People seeking help can either call a toll-free number or go to a Web site for assistance. After patients answer a few questions a list of programs will be provided to them with a minimum of effort or paperwork.

A TRIBUTE AND COMMEMORATIVE STAMP TO HONOR SUGAR RAY ROBINSON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD a tribute to the legendary six-time world champion boxer Sugar Ray Robinson and to recognize the issuance of the Sugar Ray Robinson commemorative stamp.

Although this charismatic boxer was born Walker Smith, Jr., he is best remembered as “Sugar” Ray Robinson. Born on May 3, 1921 in Ailey, GA, his parents moved the family to New York when Sugar Ray was a teenager to escape the prevalent prejudice in the South. It was there, in a Harlem gym, that he was first introduced to boxing. Sugar Ray visited the gym frequently, using a borrowed Amateur Athletic Union boxing card of a friend. The friend’s name, incidentally, was Ray Robinson.

His natural talent in the ring began to draw attention, and soon crowds gathered to watch Sugar Ray perform. When future coach George Gainford watched him box for the first time, Gainford commented that the young boxer’s style and fluid motions were “sweet as sugar.” Others agreed, and the nickname stuck. After winning the New York Golden Gloves championship in 1940, 19-year-old Sugar Ray turned pro and never looked back. By 1946, Sugar Ray was the world welterweight champion. His reign included a 91 fight winning-streak. He held the title for 5 years, and then moved onto acquiring the world middleweight title, which he held five times between the years 1951–1960. A dominant force in the boxing ring for two decades, Sugar Ray was 38 when he won his last middleweight title.

In the mid-1960s, Sugar Ray exited the ring gracefully.

Sugar Ray’s record was 128–1–2 with 84 knockouts at the pinnacle of his career. Amazingly, in over 200 fights, Sugar Ray was never physically knocked out; though he did receive one technical KO. Altogether, he amassed 109 KOs, and finished with a record of 175–19–6 with two no-decisions. World champion Muhammad Ali called him ‘the king, the master, my idol’ In 1997, The Ring magazine named Sugar Ray “pound for pound, the best boxer of all time.” In 1999, the Associated Press named him both the greatest welterweight and middleweight boxer of the century.

Sugar Ray Robinson passed away on April 12, 1989.

Mr. Speaker, Sugar Ray Robinson is a true legend. I am very pleased to pay tribute to his legacy and also pleased to acknowledge the issuance of a commemorative stamp in his honor scheduled to be unveiled on April 7, 2006.

IN APPRECIATION OF DR. GLEN FENTER

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to one of my great friends, Dr.

Glen Fenter, President of Mid-South Community College, and the vision behind the economic renaissance converging in Arkansas’ Delta. Glen is a true leader, who has accomplished more over the past decade than most will accomplish in a lifetime.

As a graduate of Hendrix College with an Ed.D. from the University of Arkansas, Glen is committed to bringing educational opportunities to some of Arkansas’ poorest counties. A former principal of West Memphis High School, Glen accepted the challenge in 1992 to establish a new community college in Crittenden County. After securing local funding, and working with architects and board members to develop a master plan for \$40 million of renovations, construction, and equipment, Glen led MidSouth Community College toward accreditation in 1998.

Glen’s vision has not only enhanced the quality of education in Arkansas’ Delta, but made a considerable impact on the surrounding business community. Since Glen accepted the position of President at Mid-South Community College, automobile companies have begun to notice the great possibilities in the region. They watched Glen secure millions of dollars for workforce training programs at the college, and they are excited at the possibility of working with highly skilled graduates prepared for careers in the automobile industry.

Thanks to the tireless commitment of Glen and his staff at Mid-South Community College, the Arkansas Delta has transformed into a place full of economic opportunity. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in thanking Glen for his selfless work on behalf of all the residents in our community. We are fortunate to have such a strong leader, a true friend, and a great American working to improve the quality of life in Arkansas.

IN HONOR OF JEAN BURNS SLATER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible career of one of my constituents, Jean Burns Slater, of Hollister. Jean is retiring as superintendent of San Benito High School after a 34-year career in education. I believe that education is critical to the strength of our Nation. The children who are in our schools now will be leading our country before we know it. I am grateful to Jean for her hard work in this department.

In Jean’s 3½ years as superintendent of San Benito High School, she has made great improvements to the district and kept a strong focus on the well-being of her students. She has improved the lines of communication between the district, staff, students and the community. She has brought about the introduction of a leadership team and a superintendent’s advisory council for parents who choose to take an active role in their children’s education. She understands that the people in the community need to have a voice in the education of their youth, and she is confident that this has been achieved in her district.

In addition to this, Jean has worked with the board of trustees to improve the health of her

students through the introduction of a new wellness policy which includes strict dietary reform. Reform such as this throughout the district will not only help to curb the growing childhood obesity rate, but will also help to improve the performance of students in the classroom. I believe the central coast is an ideal area for the implementation of a policy of this type. We produce an abundance of fresh produce within our district and if students are eating what we are growing right here at home, complying with these new regulations will be a simple, healthy undertaking.

I commend Jean on her contributions to her district and her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for the children who are the future of our country.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of tolerant, effective, comprehensive immigration reform.

Half a million people, if not a million people, marched peacefully in Los Angeles to let the Senate know that enforcement and border protection-only approach will not solve our broken immigration system. 300,000 people in Chicago, 40,000 in Washington, DC, and 20,000 in Milwaukee and Phoenix marched to defend the hopes and dreams of immigrant families. Nearly 40,000 students across Southern California, including students at several schools in my district, marched for the rights of immigrants.

I urge my colleagues in this body and in the Senate to listen to the message which reverberated across the country and support a tolerant and effective immigration policy. We need effective legislation that strikes the right balance between national security and reforming our current immigration system.

This should include a path to permanency for the millions of law-abiding and taxpaying immigrants who call the United States home. It should reduce the long lines in the family immigration system to promote family unity and include measures to control the future flow of immigrants by providing them with legal avenues to live and work in the United States.

Several proposals under consideration by Congress have a different approach. Rather than fixing the broken immigration system, they worsen the myriad of enforcement only measures which have already been tried and which have failed.

For example, between 1990 and 2000 the size of the border patrol tripled, yet the number of undocumented immigrants increased. Between 1999 and 2004, the number of border agents in the Tucson, Arizona sector of the border increased by 56 percent, while the number of arrests increased by only 4 percent.

This enforcement only approach has done nothing to protect our Nation's security. It merely encourages immigrants to cross in remote areas where it is more difficult to be caught and where they are more likely to die. We must secure our borders. We need to know who is crossing our borders and living and working in our country for our national se-

curity. But, enforcement alone will not accomplish this goal.

I hope the U.S. Senate follows the lead of its Judiciary Committee and adopts legislation that will truly reform the system and enhance our Nation's security.

I am pleased that the bill approved by the Committee includes the DREAM Act. As a member of the California Assembly, I authored the first bill to allow in-state tuition for outstanding California students.

Immigrant families are an important part of our social fabric and our economy. Undocumented workers contribute as much as \$7 billion a year into the Social Security system yet do not collect benefits. They fill an increasing share of jobs in labor-scarce regions and fill the types of jobs native workers often shun.

Immigrants and their families serve and sacrifice as members of our Nation's Armed Forces. There are more than 35,000 people defending our Nation who are not U.S. citizens, and another 28,806 members of the military who have become U.S. citizens since the events of 9-11. Since September 11, 73 servicemembers have been granted posthumous citizenship. One of them, Francisco Martinez Flores of Duarte, was a constituent of mine. Their sacrifice is no less important to our country because of their immigration status. Undocumented immigrants are our neighbors, co-workers, fellow worshipers, and friends. Many of them want to stay in America and become full-fledged members of our society.

President Bush said "Immigration is an important topic. . . . We need to maintain our perspective. . . . At its core, immigration is a sign of a confident and successful nation." I hope the Senate keeps this in mind and does not let itself be influenced by the demagogues in our media and in Congress.

As the proud daughter of immigrants, I value America's history of treasuring the contributions that immigrants have made to America. For generations, immigrants all over the World have been welcomed by the Statue of Liberty's message: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, . . ." We should not forget that our ancestors struggled and yearned for the American dream as much as immigrants do today.

Today, I was pleased to join the Progressive Caucus in sending a letter to the Senate asking for real and comprehensive immigration reform. I urge my colleagues to adopt legislation which provides a real solution for our broken immigration system and reject enforcement only proposals.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF GEORGE EDWIN 'JETTY' STEEL

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of George Edwin 'Jetty' Steel, a dedicated lawyer and long-standing pillar of the Nashville, Arkansas, legal community and Howard County. He passed away on March 3, 2006, at the age of 89. I wish to recognize his life and achievements.

Jetty was born in Ashdown, Arkansas, on August 16, 1916. After graduating from Nash-

ville High School, he attended Hendrix College and received a law degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Jetty then began an impressive 67-year legal career in Nashville, where he served as the City Attorney of Nashville, Prosecuting Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Arkansas, and a partner of Steel and Steel Law Firm.

Jetty's commitment went far beyond the legal community; he led a life of public service by offering unwavering support for institutions throughout Nashville. He served on the Arkansas State Police Commission for 19 years, Board of Directors of First National Bank in Nashville for 20 years, Board of Directors of Diamond State Bank, Board of Directors of Nashville Federal Savings and Loan Association for 33 years, Board of Directors of the Bank of Glenwood and Board of Directors of the University of Arkansas Alumni Association. He was also a member of the Arkansas State Racing Commission and a member of First United Methodist Church in Nashville.

Jetty will be remembered for his lifetime of dedication to his community. While he may no longer be with us, his spirit and legacy will live on in the hearts he touched throughout Nashville. My deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences are with his son, George Steel; his daughter, Donna Kay Steel Yeargan; his grandchildren, George, Linsley, Ashley, and Nate; his great-grandchildren; and to all those who knew and counted him as a friend.

IN HONOR OF NEWSPAPER OWNER CONE MAGIE

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Cone Magie of Cabot, Arkansas, a great journalist and businessman who devoted his entire life to public service. As an owner of five newspapers, Magi provided reliable and trustworthy news to Central Arkansas for more than 50 years.

Magi's love of the newspaper business began as a young boy when he delivered papers for the Arkansas Gazette. He went on to serve as editor of the England High School newspaper, published a newsletter during his service in World War II, and upon leaving the service, studied journalism at the University of Arkansas. Magi took his first reporting job at the Madison County Record and eventually traveled to Washington, DC where he published a newsletter for the Arkansas and Iowa Farm Bureaus.

After mastering reporting, Magi bought the Cabot Star-Herald in 1955 and eventually added four other newspapers to his company, Magie Enterprises, Inc. His other newspapers include the Carlisle Independent, the Lonoke Democrat, the Sherwood Voice, and the Jacksonville Patriot. Magi served as president of the Arkansas Press Association in 1967 and frequently testified before the Arkansas Legislature on issues impacting the media. Magi and his wife, Betty, were inducted into the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville's Walter J. Lemke Department of Journalism Hall of Honor in 2005 for their significant contributions to Arkansas' newspaper industry.