

teacher and citizen from my Congressional District.

Stephan is currently serving on active duty with the U.S. Army Reserves at Fort Knox, Kentucky. As Captain, he is responsible for training and mentoring a full brigade. He also serves as an officer for community outreach, equal opportunity, safety and soldier retention. Prior to his current assignment, Captain Walters served for three years as a member of the 3rd U.S. Infantry, also known as the Presidential Honor Guard, performing a range of ceremonial duties at the White House, Pentagon, and Arlington National Cemetery.

Captain Walters has also distinguished himself in civilian life, earning a bachelor degree in social studies and a masters degree in secondary education from the University of Kentucky, graduating from both programs with honors. Walters was a five year member of the University of Kentucky's football team, earning numerous awards and honors for his academic and athletic achievements.

Upon graduation, he accepted a position at Jeffersontown High School in Louisville, KY teaching history and coaching football and track. In 2004, he was nominated by his colleagues for the History Teacher of the Year Award, a special honor he later received from the Kentucky Historical Society.

It is my great privilege to honor Stephan Walters today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his distinguished service to his country and his community. His unyielding sense of duty and sacrifice represent the very best of what it means to be an American soldier. His achievements as a civilian, especially his dedication to developing young minds in the classroom and on the athletic field, are further marks of personal greatness. He is a man of exemplary leadership and dedication worthy of our collective respect and appreciation.

IN CELEBRATION OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor and pleasure to join with my fellow members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. This May marks the 28th year America has recognized and celebrated the many contributions and achievements of Asian Pacific Americans.

America has reached greatness in part by the accumulation of ideas from those with varied heritage and backgrounds. In particular, Asian Pacific Americans have made profound contributions to the arts, education, science, technology, politics and athletics.

Asian Pacific Americans have played an active and crucial role in the development of this country, from knitting together this nation with the transcontinental railroad to bringing the world closer together through development of the latest Internet technology.

This year, Congress will be reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act, including provisions that provide bilingual assistance to voters who need it. These measures protect the ability of

all voters to participate in our nation's political process. Toward this end, I, along with the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, am reaching out to the Asian Pacific American community and speaking to the importance of civic participation and protecting the APA vote.

The Asian Pacific American community remains and always will be an integral and vibrant part of American society. As we take part in the celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, I urge everyone to participate more deeply in the civic life of our nation. The civic engagement of Asian Pacific American's will help define our collective future. By working together we can build bridges, and build upon our great nation's diverse communities. We move forward with determination and unity.

I encourage Congress and the American people to spend part of May absorbing the legacy, culture and achievements of the Asian Pacific American community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM "BILL" CARNEY ALFRED

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker I rise today in honor of Mr. William "Bill" Carney Alfred who died at his residence following health complications on Monday, April 3, 2006.

Many were touched by Bill's dedication, concern for others, and enthusiasm for life. Bill was a proud member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Loyal Order of Moose #1976 in Weston, West Virginia. For many years, Bill worked at the Kroger Company in Weston before retiring as head of the produce department. Bill truly made a difference in many lives and will be fondly remembered by the many people he touched with his kindness. We are fortunate to have had him as our friend.

I want to extend my thoughts and prayers to the Alfred, Rafferty, and Carney families during this difficult time. He is survived by one brother, John Kilker Carney of Springfield, VA, and by many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. We are never prepared for the loss of a loved one, but God is always prepared to help us through that loss. I pray your own faith and fondest memories will give you strength and comfort during such a trying time.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognition of the life of Mr. William Carney Alfred.

HONORING RICK CRANDALL

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a well-known and beloved voice in the Greater Denver community. Mr. Rick Crandall, host of "The Breakfast Club" on AM 1430 KEZW, is celebrating his 15th anniversary on the air on June 17,

2006. This occasion marks a long and storied career dedicated not only to his listeners and fans, but to the community in which he thrives. Rick deserves a moment of pause to reflect on his career, and I join him and his fans in doing so.

Rick Crandall got off to a shaky start on his first day on the air at KEZW when he confused Tommy Dorsey with Glenn Miller, much to the ire of his musically inclined listeners. Over time, though, Rick became as important to his fans' mornings as a cup of coffee, and he was soon the centerpiece of a community of listeners and friends that enjoy music, news, and personal stories throughout the morning hours. "The Breakfast Club" is no mere radio show; it is a collection of like-minded people enjoying one another's company through Rick's engaging personality and love of entertaining his fans.

As if his career in radio wasn't impressive enough, Rick Crandall is also well-known for his stunning devotion to community service and public well-being. Rick has raised enormous amounts of funding for charities and, as a result, has earned both the Colorado Broadcasters Association Citizen of the Year Award and The Colorado Broadcasters Association Harry Hoth Award for Public Service, among many others. Specifically, Rick's work with military veterans is second to none, as he works constantly to assist and honor veterans both with his radio show and by engaging in the veteran community. Rick has also put substantial effort into raising money for and building the Colorado Freedom Memorial, a monument to all Coloradans who have been killed in action. I look forward to seeing the completion of this project, and I honor Rick's efforts to make it happen.

It would be difficult to list all of Rick's accomplishments and projects, suffice it to say that his presence in Colorado has been a blessing for all who know him. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Rick Crandall as he celebrates the 15th anniversary of "The Breakfast Club," and I look forward to many more years of great radio and community service.

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE: THE TIME IS NOW

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to address the serious health care crisis our Nation is facing today. The time is now for Congress to address health care in America. Too many of my constituents, like many other hard working Americans across the country, are suffering unnecessarily due to our flawed health care system. There are now more than 46 million Americans without health insurance. Our system of private health insurance that fails to provide coverage to so many of our citizens also contributes to the double-digit health care inflation that is making America less competitive in the global economy.

The only real solution to this crisis is National Health Care. In this most powerful nation in the world, lack of access to health care should not force local and state governments, companies and workers into bankruptcy, while

causing unnecessary illness and hospitalization. The sentiments that will be shared tonight have been echoed in citizen congressional town hall meetings my democratic colleagues and I have held in 93 cities across the country. The response to our call for stories was tremendous, and the uninsured turned out in great numbers. Colleagues, we must not forget that for every story we hear tonight, there are thousands, even millions of stories that will go unheard.

What follows are excerpts from letters I have received.

(1) Kate L. wrote: I was left with \$70,000 in uncovered medical bills as a result of an episode of severe depression ten years ago. This coverage deficit was not the result of a miserly employer; I was the President of an environmental consulting firm and I chose the policy. I reviewed more than 10 policies and was surprised to find that they all severely limited mental health coverage through higher deductibles and co-pays and restrictive annual and lifetime maximums. The policy we purchased was great for everything except it had a separate \$750 deductible, 50/50 co-pay, \$1,500 annual outpatient maximum and \$2,500 inpatient maximum for mental health treatment.

My bills started to pile up as my psychiatrist and I tried numerous medications and combinations of medications. Because my doctor was concerned about my suicidal behavior, he recommended that I be admitted to a hospital while we continued to experiment with medications. Although I was in the hospital for eight weeks, I spent my inpatient maximum after only several days. It took me over five years to pay of the \$70,000 I owed and the stress of the financial burden slowed my recovery. In addition, the medication that I take to treat my illness costs approximately \$800 per month. I was recently forced to leave a job I loved with a small consulting firm because they could not provide the insurance coverage I needed.

(2) Mrs. White wrote: I am an Army mom, who can't afford health insurance while my husband and I agonize over our son's precarious fate. The psychological and emotional toll on us both is paralyzing. While I frantically look for a job, I still must support my mother and sister financially. I pay \$300 monthly for catastrophic health insurance, but cannot afford prescription drugs, lab tests, and specialist visits. I cannot survive with these stresses for much longer.

(3) Jo L. wrote: I have a brain tumor. Naturally, the health insurance industry has labeled me as having a "pre-existing" condition and will not provide my coverage. I pay \$255 a month for 5 pills to subdue my tumor. For the time being, I am paying for this out of pocket, but I need a permanent solution.

Even health care providers in my District have written to express their concerns.

Dr. Scott wrote: As a physician in Michigan I see many patients with no health care and it saddens me. Many people who cannot afford health care will delay going to any health care provider if injured, or shorten treatment plans due to the lack of funds. Many insurance companies have raised premiums out of reach here and even Medicaid and Medicare have decreased coverage due to the lack of funding. We need to rally together to get every citizen health care. By doing this we can help eliminate discrimination in health care and this can lead to eliminating other forms of discrimination.

How many stories do we have to read before Congress realizes that it is time for change? We can do better for our citizens. My bill, H.R. 676 and National Health Care is the answer.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MICHAEL
CRILEY, MD

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, everyday, people's lives depend on the quick reaction and competent care of emergency medical technicians and paramedics. Whether it is an automobile accident, heart attack, drowning or gunshot wound, EMTs and paramedics provide vital attention as they care for and transport the sick or injured to a medical facility.

The modern EMT and paramedic programs across the nation would not exist without the significant contributions of Dr. Mike Criley.

Dr. Criley developed the Los Angeles County Paramedic Program in 1969. The program trains first responders to provide critical life support to heart attack victims. Pre-hospital advanced cardiac care was a major innovation in the field of emergency medical services. It was also controversial, as it placed firefighters in a medical role, something both firefighters and many in the health field resisted.

But the program showed its value when paramedics were dispatched to provide onsite medical services after the 1971 Sylmar earthquake. The next year, the television show 'Emergency!' followed the experiences of two fictional Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics. This legitimized the effort and led to communities across the country instituting their own paramedic training programs modeled after Dr. Criley's innovation.

As a result of Dr. Criley's efforts, the Los Angeles County Paramedic Training Center is named in his honor.

Dr. Criley also discovered a valuable life-saving technique known as cough CPR. He documented that coughing during cardiac arrest or life-threatening heart rhythm disorders pumps oxygenated blood to the brain and maintains consciousness while help is summoned.

Dr. Criley has also been instrumental in training over 100 cardiologists and has taught cardiology to over 6,000 medical students and residents throughout his career. He has developed interactive multimedia programs in three languages that are used around for medical and nursing education programs around the world.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Criley has served on the faculty of two of the nation's most prestigious medical institutions. After serving as Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories at Johns Hopkins Hospital, he returned to his native California to join the faculty at the UCLA School of Medicine. He is now Chief of Cardiology at Los Angeles County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he continues to care for patients, teach, and perform research.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to share how proud I am to have Mike Criley working in one of my district's premier biomedical research facilities, the Los Angeles

Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. His contributions have saved many lives in Los Angeles, and across the Nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE
T. WONG

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lawrence T. Wong and his associates at Arcata Associates, Incorporated for their being honored by the United States Small Business Association, as Prime Contractor of the Year for Region IX.

Under Mr. Wong's leadership, as President/CEO of Arcata Associates, the organization has maintained its commitment to quality and excellence. The Prime Contractor of the Year for Region IX award honors the organization for the outstanding goods and services that they have provided the government and industry as prime contractors. Arcata Associates being awarded the Small Business Association Prime Contractor of the Year for Region IX award is a testament to this commitment. Mr. Wong's hard work, innovative ideas, dedication to the community and professional excellence has led to his being celebrated by the Small Business Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Lawrence T. Wong and his associates at Arcata Associates, Incorporated for their outstanding success. I congratulate them for the recognition they have so rightly earned, and thank them for their contributions to our Nation's economy and communities.

HONORING COMMUNITY
ALTERNATIVES KENTUCKY

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Community Alternatives Kentucky, an exceptional organization in my Congressional District that delivers community-based supportive services to persons with disabilities.

The noble mission of Community Alternatives Kentucky is to enhance the lives of the individuals they serve by helping them become active members of their communities and realize their personal goals. They provide a wide range of day-to-day residential and employment services to assist disabled individuals with health needs, personal care, physical and speech therapy, transportation, housekeeping, recreation and other personal management services.

Community Alternatives of Kentucky advocates self determination, civil rights, and community inclusion for people with special needs and developmental disabilities. They play an important role in local communities, promoting an inclusive quality of life that allows all people, regardless of personal challenges, to reach their potential as happy and productive members of society.