

community, I extend a heartfelt thank you to Jay and wish him many wonderful years as he moves on to the next phase of his life with his wife, Cathy, and son, Keiran.

ON TALMADGE E. KING, JR., M.D.
OF UCSF RECEIVING THE ED-
WARD LIVINGSTON TRUDEAU
MEDAL

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and offer my personal congratulations to Talmadge E. King, Jr., MD. The American Thoracic Society has awarded Dr. King the Edward Livingston Trudeau Medal to recognize Dr. King's lifelong contribution to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of lung disease. Dr. King, throughout his career, has made significant contributions to pulmonary medicine, in-patient care, research, specialty organization, and academic medicine.

As a scientist Dr. King has contributed greatly to the fundamental understanding of interstitial lung diseases. His contributions have served to bridge the gap between basic investigations and clinical science and have guided both research and clinical care. He has been instrumental in developing and leading rigorous clinical research in interstitial lung diseases. The studies, many of which involved multiple centers and were led by Dr. King, have served to define specific diagnostic criteria and to determine the role of various tests in establishing a diagnosis. Dr. King has played a major role in creating the international classification system now used to make sense of the different interstitial lung diseases and also to define histological-radiographic correlations that now enable many diagnoses to be established without biopsy. Currently, Dr. King is involved in a reassessment of the histopathologic basis of classification that will permit even further refinements of therapeutic trials.

Dr. King has made great strides in clinical and academic medicine. He has been a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine, Subspecialty Board on Pulmonary Disease and is currently on the board of directors of the American Board of Internal Medicine, as well as serving as the ABIM representative to the American Board of Medical Specialties. He either has served or is currently serving on several NIH-wide advisory and/or governing groups, including the board of governors of the Clinical Center at NIH, the board of external advisors, and the advisory board for clinical research. Dr. King has received numerous awards and was recently named to the Institute of Medicine.

In all of these roles, Dr. King has not only excelled as a clinician and academic, but has taken a leading role in calling attention to the inequality of health care and lack of diversity in its own ranks. We expect Dr. King will have a significant and far-reaching impact. He has written about disparities in health care as, for example, with his editorial in the American Journal of Medicine, "Inequality in health care: Unjust, inhumane, and unattended!" More recently, Dr. King led a group of faculty at San Francisco General Hospital in writing a text-

book devoted to diseases of vulnerable and underserved populations.

Dr. King continues to serve as a mentor to young enthusiastic investigators, obtaining funding and building a clinical base of operations and he continues to publish prodigiously.

Dr. King is recognized in the scientific community for his teaching and lecturing skills. He is prized as a lecturer all over the world. He is equally impressive when teaching students one-on-one as when lecturing to a packed crowd in the largest auditorium at an international meeting. During his career, he has trained many pulmonologists, a number of whom now have assumed leadership roles in academic pulmonary medicine and in the field of interstitial lung disease.

As a clinician, Dr. King is truly exceptional. He has incredible experience and clinical judgment honed by years of caring for patients with interstitial lung disease. In his interactions with patients, he demonstrates intelligence, skill and respect and, in so doing, inspires countless students to aspire to the role of clinician. His calm demeanor and straight-forward approach fosters near immediate rapport. He maintains the highest standards of excellence in patient care and expects that from all his colleagues and trainees. His professional competence has been recognized at all levels. He is on multiple lists of the finest doctors, such as the Top Doctors and Best Doctors in America. Above all, he is sought after for his opinions by pulmonary specialists all over the world. Dr. King is the epitome of the clinician's clinician.

It is truly my pleasure to join the American Thoracic Society in recognizing my constituent, Talmadge E. King, Jr., MD for his receipt of the prestigious Trudeau Award.

TRIBUTE TO JIM HORNAK

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I take this time to remember one of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Jim Hornak of Hammond, Indiana. On Monday, May 14, 2007, Jim passed away at the age of 56 as the result of an automobile accident. Known for his commitment to his union and his community, Jim will surely be missed by his family, friends, and the people with whom he worked.

Always a champion of developing the minds of young people in the community, Jim served as School Board President for the School City of Hammond. As a member of the board, Jim was fully committed to establishing and continuing educational programs that would afford the children of Hammond with the best opportunity for a productive future. Jim was focused on providing students the tools necessary to be successful in their academic careers. Furthermore, Jim was a firm believer that in order for students to achieve success and reach their full potential, they need the best teachers to serve as their guides. For this reason, Jim was a strong advocate for these teachers when it came to their professional development, and he constantly sought opportunities that would help make them better and more

efficient in their position to help shape their students' futures.

Not only was Jim focused on improving his community's school system, he also played a major role in the betterment of his union, Carpenters Local 1406. Though he retired in 2006, Jim was a true leader among the carpenters of Northwest Indiana. For 20 years, Jim served as a business agent for the union. During that time, he also served as a board member for regional organizations and the Northwest Indiana Joint Carpenters Apprentice Program, as well as President of the Northwest Indiana District Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

From his involvement in improving the school system in Hammond to his unwavering commitment to his fellow carpenters, Jim always has been a pillar of the Northwest Indiana community. Evidence of his devotion to his community was further demonstrated in his service as board chairman for the Millennium Project and his participation in several organizations, including: the Pirates, Lake Area United Way, Calumet Project for Industrial Jobs, Hammond Parks Foundation, and the Hammond Education Foundation.

Jim's commitment to the community and his colleagues is matched only by his devotion to his family. Jim leaves to cherish his memory his wife, State Senator Linda Lawson; parents, Paul and Theresa Hornak; sister, Paula (David) Barancyk; and daughters, Heather Hornak, Jennifer (Jeff) Bacino, and Laura Wozniak. Jim's adoring grandchildren, Jake Hornak, Maya Strong, and Genavive Bacino, also will treasure the memories of their grandpa, as will many other family members, colleagues, and friends whose lives he has touched.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Mr. James Hornak for his outstanding devotion to his community. His dedication to his family, friends, colleagues, and to all students in Hammond, Indiana, is worthy of the highest admiration. Jim's selflessness, his commitment to improving educational opportunities for children and improving the workplace for his fellow union members, as well as his devotion to his family are an inspiration to us all, and he will sorely be missed.

HONORING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS' YOUTH
ART MONTH

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the efforts of Prince William County Public Schools during the 2007 Youth Art Month.

Youth Art Month is an annual effort to recognize and promote art education in schools across the country. Specifically, this program seeks to emphasize the importance and benefits of incorporating art into youth education. Since 1984, the Council for Art Education has acted as a primary sponsor of Youth Art Month alongside fellow organizations, such as the National Art Education Association, to consistently make this effort a success.

Prince William County has a strong tradition of promoting art education and has been celebrating Youth Art Month for 29 years. The Virginia Art Education Association, working in concert with Prince Williams County Public Schools, selected "Start with Art, Learn for Life" as the 2007 theme and launched this year's celebration on March 10, 2007, by exhibiting student artwork on the Manassas Mall. This year's Youth Art Month saw tremendous participation from county elementary, middle, and high schools and highlighted the works of many talented student artists.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who contributed to making this year's Youth Art Month a success. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable young artists and congratulate them on a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House of Representatives last week due to the birth of my son, I would like to state how I would have voted on the following pieces of legislation if I had been able to be present:

H.R. 1873, to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, and for other purposes, rollcall No. 319, "yea"; rollcall No. 320, "yea"; rollcall No. 321, "yea"; rollcall No. 322, "yea"; rollcall No. 323, "yea";

H.R. 1684 To authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, rollcall No. 314, "nay"; rollcall No. 315, "nay"; rollcall No. 316, "nay"; rollcall No. 317, "yea"; rollcall No. 318, "yea."

Ordering the Previous Question for H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization Act, rollcall No. 324, "nay."

Providing for the consideration of H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization Act, rollcall No. 325, "nay."

Providing for the consideration of H.R. 2237, H.R. 2206, and H.R. 2207, on ordering the previous question, rollcall No. 326, "nay."

Providing for the consideration of H.R. 2237, H.R. 2206, and H.R. 2207, on agreeing to the resolution rollcall No. 327, "nay"; on holding a secret session rollcall No. 328, "yea."

H.R. 2237, to provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq, motion to recommit, rollcall No. 329, "yea"; on passage, rollcall No. 330, "nay"; on holding a secret session rollcall No. 331, "yea."

H.R. 2206, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, rollcall No. 332, "yea"; rollcall No. 333, "nay"; on motion to table the motion to hold a secret session, rollcall No. 334, "nay."

H.R. 2207, making supplemental appropriations for agricultural and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2007, on motion to recommit with instructions, rollcall No. 335, "nay"; on passage rollcall No. 336, "yea."

H.R. 2082, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, rollcall No. 337, "yea"; rollcall No. 338, "yea"; rollcall No. 339, "nay"; motion to recommit, rollcall No. 340, "yea"; final passage, rollcall No. 341, "nay."

ENERGY SAVINGS AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1427

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the "Energy Saving Mortgages Amendment" to H.R. 1427. This amendment calls on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac work with lenders to quantify a household's monthly savings for purchasing an energy-efficient home or from living in a neighborhood providing transit and other transportation alternatives and shifts those savings into the "shelter" category of expenses. The amendment forces lenders to recognize the added purchasing power homebuyers generate by saving on energy and transportation costs. This allows the homebuyer, based on their enhanced buying power, either to qualify for a mortgage or to qualify for a larger mortgage.

By requiring lenders to quantify these savings, the amendment helps lower-income or first-time homebuyers qualify for mortgages to purchase homes located in transit-friendly locations or for homes that incorporate greater energy efficient building technologies. It also increases the lending ceiling for homebuyers purchasing a home in a neighborhood that allows for transportation savings from access to transit or other forms of transportation and for home buyers purchasing an energy efficient home.

THE COPS IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of The C.O.P.S. Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 1700. I am a proud cosponsor of this legislation that would allow The Community Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.) program to hire an additional 50,000 police officers to walk the beat in our local communities.

The creation of the C.O.P.S. program was a breakthrough in law enforcement. By funding additional officers, critical technologies, and valuable training, C.O.P.S. has been a catalyst

for the revolutionary shift to community policing. However, limits on hiring new officers has hindered the ability of the C.O.P.S. program to address the rise in violent crime.

Between 1995 and 2005, the C.O.P.S. program helped put 117,000 additional officers on the beat across every state and in most communities in our Nation. Unfortunately, in 2006 the then Republican-led Congress decided to eliminate the ability of this program to help hire additional law enforcement officers. This was a tragic mistake.

According to the General Accountability Office "C.O.P.S. funded increases in sworn officers per capita were associated with the declines in rates of total index crimes, violent crimes, and property crimes." The same GAO study showed that between the years of 1998 and 2000, C.O.P.S. hiring grants were responsible for reducing crime by about 200,000 to 225,000 incidents—one third of which were violent.

It is appropriate that in the wake of the tragic events at Virginia Tech, we are reauthorizing the C.O.P.S. program and restoring the program's ability to help local law enforcement agencies hire additional police officers. Earlier this week, I met with state and local law enforcement officials, school safety officers, and gun control advocacy organizations to learn what more the Federal Government should be doing to prevent gun crime. All the participants understood the importance of the C.O.P.S. program and the positive effect that community oriented policing has had on crime rates.

Across the state of New Jersey, approximately 4,790 officers were hired by local police departments using C.O.P.S. funds. This meant an additional 628 police officers and/or sheriff deputies walking the beat in the local communities of my Congressional District. Further, 33 school resource officers were hired to ensure that our children's schools are safe.

A Congressional Report, indicates that when The C.O.P.S. Improvements Act of 2007 becomes law there will be 268 more police officers on the beat, approximately \$13 million more for law enforcement grants, 14 additional school resource officers, and an additional \$3.6 million in technology grants for law enforcement officers in the 12th Congressional District.

This legislation has been endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriff's Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Police Organizations, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National League of Cities.

The C.O.P.S. program and community policing have put us on the right track. The police chiefs and sheriffs in my district consistently tell me that we could have never achieved this much without the additional officers and technology funded under the COPS program.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot afford to under fund this program anymore. The COPS program has been vital to our local communities. Our police departments can do only so much with the resources they are given. At a time when we are asking our law enforcement officers to do more to reduce crime and protect our hometowns from potential terrorist related threats we should do everything we can to increase the funding of the COPS program. H.R. 1700 is an essential first step.