

RECOGNIZING THE BEVERLY LIVING CENTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to congratulate the Beverly Living Center in Maryville, MO, upon receiving the prestigious "Ten Karat" award, selected by Beverly Enterprise, to honor living centers that have consistently shown excellence through areas such as quality standards, employee retention, recognition and development.

The Beverly Living Center opened in 1977 as a 108-bed skilled nursing facility and in 1986 added an assisted living community consisting of 16 apartments known as "Maryville Chateau." This facility excels in a wide variety of assistance and rehabilitation areas, including physical, occupational, speech and joint replacement therapy.

Also, I want to recognize the great leadership by the Executive Director Kim Bram. I also want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Beverly Living Centers employees as additional keys to success.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending the Beverly Living Center, an exceptional employer in Missouri's Sixth Congressional District for winning the "Ten Karat" award. The Beverly Living Center's commitment to excellence is inspiring, and I am honored to represent so many of its fine employees and officers in the United States Congress.

COPS IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 1700, the COPS Reauthorization Act. This legislation is a much needed and renewed commitment by this Democratic-led Congress to combat crime in our local communities and neighborhoods.

Since its inception under the leadership of the Clinton administration, the COPS program has proven to ensure greater safety for citizens in large metropolitan areas and small communities alike by providing local law enforcement with the ability to hire more police officers, increased technology assistance such as laptops for patrol cars, and new funding for programs to allow prosecutors to go after more criminals. Since 1994 117,000 new police officers have hit the streets in the United States and 414 in the area of St. Paul, which I represent.

According to an independent study done by the GAO, COPS hiring grants were responsible for reducing the crime rate in the United States by roughly 200,000 crimes between 1998 and 2000. Unfortunately, past Republican-led Congresses sharp cuts in over a billion dollars to the COPS hiring grant programs have diminished the capacity of this great program that has been critical to decreasing the crime rate across this country. To make mat-

ters worse, this year President Bush is seeking to zero-out funding for the COPS hiring programs and must not see the value of more law enforcement officers on the streets. This Congress will answer the President's call of zero funding by restoring this important program to a respectable level and add 50,000 police officers in the next 6 years to fight crime.

COPS has provided an avenue to deploy more law enforcement officers in many areas of the United States and unsurpassed technology to assist the growing law enforcement community. It is a first-rate program, I commend the gentleman from New York, Mr. Weiner for bringing this legislation to the floor and I urge all my colleagues to support this bill and the men and women in law enforcement that continue to protect our communities.

IN HONOR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF MARY ELLEN MILLER, JANICE LOSCHIAVO, META PITRELLI, AND CATHERINE ANN THABIT

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor four public servants from Bergen County, New Jersey—four school nurses in Bergen County public schools. Throughout their respected careers they've acted as medical experts and comforting friends to countless students. And, as they retire in a ceremony tonight, they leave with fond memories of all the children on whose lives they've left an indelible mark of kindness.

The days when school nurses tended to skinned knees and the unexpected onset of flu are long gone. For many children today, school nurses are their first real medical relationship. They catch diabetes early when children can still make important behavioral changes. And, far too often, they catch violence in the home while there's still time to save children's lives. They give children the chance to learn trust and to develop healthy living and to mend. And, quite simply, they give children the chance to learn because healthy minds are minds that can absorb all there is around them.

Only days after we celebrated the healing power of nurses with National Nurses Week and National School Nurses Day, it is an honor to commend these women for their service to the parents, children, and teachers of Bergen County: Catherine Anne Thabit—Westwood Regional Public Schools, Mary Ellen Miller—Bergenfield Public Schools, Janice Loschiavo—Glen Ridge Public Schools, and Meta Pitrelli—Bergenfield Public Schools.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
RIDGEWOOD YMCA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ridgewood YMCA, for over

30 years of service to the Parma, Ohio community, and for its efforts in creating a healthier, stronger and more active Northeast Ohio.

Since its groundbreaking in 1971, Ridgewood has been an invaluable resource for Ohioans of all ages. Regardless of circumstance, Ridgewood and its dedicated staff have gone to all ends to ensure community members have the resources and motivation to get fit and lead healthier lives.

Their latest program, the Y Express, has just completed its first year with resounding success. As a program aimed at meeting the needs of today's busy families the Y Express, from its strategic location in the Parmatown Mall, has logged over 40,000 member visits and continues to build partnerships and programs for its members.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Ridgewood YMCA and its successful Y Express program, as well as the efforts and energies of its committed and enthusiastic staff. Northeast Ohio is fortunate to have them.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. J.C. WADE,
JR.

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and sincerity that I wish to honor Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade, Jr. on the 50th anniversary of his ministry, as well as his 42 years of service at Zion Missionary Baptist Church in East Chicago, Indiana. Zion Missionary Baptist Church will be honoring Reverend Wade on Friday, May 25, 2007, at the Pastor's Anniversary Banquet, which will take place at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. There will also be an anniversary service at Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, May 27, 2007.

Reverend Wade was born in Memphis, Tennessee and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. As a young child, Reverend Wade accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was licensed in 1957 and ordained in 1961 at the Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska. In 1961, he pastored at Samaria Baptist Church in Van Alstyne, Texas; then from 1964 to March 1965, he served the congregation at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Van Buren, Arkansas. In 1965, Reverend Wade relocated to the Zion Missionary Baptist Church in East Chicago, where he has been serving as Pastor and leader for 42 years.

Reverend Wade has held many prominent positions within the community. He is the former President of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Indiana and the State Vice President of the National Baptist Convention, for which he also serves on the Board of Directors. In addition, Reverend Wade serves as a Devotional Leader for the National Sunday School and is involved with the B.T.U. Congress—Pastors Division. He is a current member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Operation Push, and he is active with the Northwest Indiana Food Bank and the Twin City Ministerial Alliance. As if this were not impressive enough, Reverend Wade has also

found time to travel on a Foreign Mission's Preaching team to Africa. Further, he was Vice President of the East Chicago Board of Safety for 6 years, consultant to the Mayor of East Chicago from 2002–2004, and coordinator for "Operation Too Great to Wait" Hurricane Katrina Survivors, which took place at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary on September 11, 2005.

A true scholar, Reverend Wade has had a wide range of academic training. His degrees include a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Theology, Doctorate of Bible Theology, Master of Religious Education, and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity, and he has had extensive International Studies in Oxford, England.

Reverend Wade has also received many accolades throughout his lifetime. To name a few, Reverend Wade has received a proclamation from the City of East Chicago. In May 2000, the City of East Chicago dedicated and renamed Drummond Street to Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade Street for his many years of service and dedication to the community. On March 22, 2007, the Indiana State Senate also issued a proclamation in his honor for his dedicated service. Reverend Wade has also been recognized nationally as he was selected to travel on 3 pilgrimages to the Holy Land as a Nationwide Evangelist, and he has conducted a workshop at the District Association Board Meeting in Germany.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Reverend Dr. J.C. Wade, Jr. as he is honored for his service and ministry. His 50 years of service have touched and improved the lives of all whom he has served. His unselfish and lifelong dedication is worthy of the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

TRIBUTE TO ROBEY THEATER

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the historic Robey Theater, one of the longest continuously operating motion picture theaters in the United States. Since its establishment in 1907 as the Dreamland Theater, it has been central to the lives of the citizens of Spencer, WV. The theatre actually changed locations 4 times across Main Street during its first decade.

When it first opened, the Robey family had to run movies as many as 6 times a night to meet demand. The facility mixed live theater with silent pictures by putting scenery around the screen.

Even remodeling couldn't keep the theater from entertaining locals. Upon refurbishment in 1926, Mr. Robey moved the screen to a local school field and created a 'tentorium.' The movie star Little Jackie "Hoo" Ray performed at this event. Later that year, the theater hosted Congressman Harry Woodyard to celebrate its grand reopening.

Robey Theater was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. Despite numerous technological updates and the addi-

tion of new releases to the theaters' showings, the theatre remains a small intimate setting to watch a movie, just as it was 100 years ago.

I join with the residents of Spencer and Roane County to recognize the Robey Theater for its 100 years of service.

RECOGNIZING JOHN IGO FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Igo, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years John has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Igo for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

H.R. 1684

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 1684, the Department of Homeland Security, DHS, Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008. The legislation makes clear that this Congress is dedicated to providing the Department of Homeland Security with the proper tools to protect American citizens, and to ensure accountability and proper oversight of DHS.

With many entities rolled into the Department of Homeland Security at its inception in 2003 the bureaucratic structure of the department has consistently needed improvement. DHS has come under intense scrutiny and yielded many questions regarding its bloated size and its ability to function smoothly. This legislation will take necessary steps to correct large problems associated with the agency that includes streamlining the contracting and procurement process, and require the department to conduct comprehensive quadrennial reviews of its operations.

H.R. 1684 is a bipartisan effort to restore huge cuts by the Bush administration to important programs. The 52 percent cut to the State Homeland Security Grant Program, which funds first responder preparation and response, has been reinstated. The 55 percent cut to firefighter assistance grants has been added back into the bill. This bill also restores

the previously eliminated Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program to its entirety, and reverses the elimination of the SAFER program. Fully funding these crucial first responder programs dictates a dedication from Congress that is unparalleled.

The most important job of Congress is to keep America safe, and this legislation takes important steps to protect our communities. I want to commend the Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, the gentleman from Mississippi, Mr. THOMPSON, for his work on this legislation and I urge all my colleagues to support it.

IN HONOR OF THE STUDENT GRADUATES OF PARAMUS' D.A.R.E. PROGRAM AT YAVNEH ACADEMY

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, last week, the Paramus Police Department held its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony with the students of Yavneh Academy. More than 70 students are participating in this important program that gives young people the support they need to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our Nation's school districts and in more than 43 other Nations. It uses positive peer pressure to help children defeat the negative cultural influences that bombard them daily.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program at Yavneh Academy, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship: Hannah Ash, Benjamin Atwood, Hadassa Bendavid, Simcha Borodach, David Carr, Shimon Cohen, Orly Davis, Shoshana Edelman, Oriel Farjun, Nicole Feigenblum, Alexander Feldman, Jacob Felig, Jacob Finkelstein, Joshua Finkelstein, Michael Finkelstein, Miryam Fischer, Aaron Fox, Jacob Furer, Sheri Goldman, Ayelet Golubtchik, Marlee Goodman, Akiva Gottlieb, Abigail Greenbaum, Rochal Greenberg, Tova Greenberg, Yosef Greenfield, Yehoshua Hanfling, Justin Hod, Leora Hyman, Michael Kahan, Ilana Noa Karp, Rami Laifer, Jason Lang, Yael Ledner, Jacob Levy, Shmuel Levy, Miriam Lichtenberg, Sara Linder, Benjamin Marans, Ally Margulies, Joshua Meier, Esther Meir, Leo Metzger, Philip Meyer, Daniel Nagar, Jennifer Nir, Shaya Oster, Elisha Penn, Jordan Plaut, Noah Potash, Ori Putterman, Rebecca Raab, Daniel Raykher, Daniel Rehanian, Jake Reichel, Samuel Rochlin, Micayla Rosenbaum, Elan Samoochi, Liana Sandor, Risa Scharf, Eli Scharlat, Hillel Sebwow, Dafna Secemski, Gabriella Shankman, Mira Shapiro, Alan Socelof, Lauren Stein, Tamar Weglein, Judah Wertenteil, Solomon Wiener, Jonathan Wietschner, Shira Wolff, Alan Yomtobian, and Yehoshua Zirman.