

alone. These are children whose families have incomes that are too high to qualify for Medicaid, but who do not receive health insurance through their employment and can't afford it on their own. SCHIP is based on a simple premise: Insuring kids is the right thing to do. And it's much cheaper to insure a child, who is relatively healthy, than an adult or a senior citizen. The experience of the 10 years since SCHIP was originally created proves the wisdom of providing health insurance for children.

In addition to reauthorizing the program, this bill improves SCHIP by creating new incentives to seek out millions of children around the nation who are eligible but not enrolled. It includes a group of seven best practices, developed and implemented in states, that should be followed to get kids into the program and keep them there. That's the right approach. In the past, I've called for a simplified enrollment system so that families applying for a range of means-tested benefits, such as subsidized school lunches, can automatically apply for SCHIP. We accomplish that with this bill, and it will mean that more kids who are eligible will get enrolled and stay enrolled for a benefit that they are entitled.

The Committee on the Budget has certified that this legislation complies with the PAYGO rules we set earlier this year to ensure fiscal discipline. It pays for these important reforms to children's health and Medicare by an increase in the tax on cigarettes a provision that I hope will help discourage youth smoking. And it cuts back on subsidies to privately run Medicare plans. Contrary to the statements of the minority, we are not cutting one dime from Medicare. In fact, this bill today will extend the lifespan of the Medicare Trust Fund.

A vote for this bill is a vote for an America that takes care of its children. In the richest Nation in the history of the world, it is simply wrong that millions of children, our most vulnerable citizens, go without basic access to health care. With a "yes" vote, five million more children will enjoy the benefits of a healthy future and a real chance in life. I urge a "yes" vote.

TRIBUTE TO DEKALB COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many community organizations are called to aid in sustaining a healthy lifestyle for all citizens.

Under the leadership and guidance of the Dekalb Community Service Board, thousands have been assisted with treatment and support for Mental Health, Development Disabilities and Addiction Services.

The Dekalb Community Service Board has demonstrated the will and desire to aid citizens in need since 1994 and continues today to be a beacon of light to our country.

Our beloved county and community benefit from the fruits of the labor that the Dekalb Service Board members and staff have invested.

This unique board has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to preserve in-

tegrity, uplift their fellow citizens and make this a better place.

The community service board has created an Annual Walk of Heroes to allow everyone to come out in support of the work of the Service Board.

I was pleased to proclaim July 21, 2007 as Dekalb Community Service Board Foundation Day in the 4th Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO APPLEWOOD PLUMBING, HEATING, AND ELECTRIC

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric for being the recipient of the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric has adhered to high standards of business ethics for over 35 years and employs ethical behavior as a philosophy in daily business.

Owner John Ward is the principal source behind this philosophy and serves as the role model for over 40 employees. To maintain the high code of ethics at Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric the company has weekly customer service sessions that address the best way to resolve issues that may arise in addition to trainings specifically devoted to ethics. As a result of these training sessions, the company has received zero complaints from customers regarding customer service.

Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric is listed as one of the top 10 service companies in the Nation with a spotless record with the Better Business Bureau. This is due to their dedication to high ethical standards.

The Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric model for outstanding ethics in business is an example for all business in America to emulate. I once again congratulate Applewood Plumbing, Heating, and Electric for their receipt of this award and encourage them to keep doing "the right thing."

CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON THE AMIA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, IN JULY 1994

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, in 1994, a terrorist bomb destroyed the headquarters of the Argentine Jewish Mutual Association, known by its Spanish acronym, AMIA, killing 85 people and wounding 200. To this day, the attack on the AMIA remains the deadliest anti-Semitic incident since World War II, and as of yet, the perpetrators of this act have not been brought to justice.

I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 188, which not only condemns this heinous attack, but also applauds the Government of Argentina for speeding the pace of this investigation and calls on other responsible nations to support Argentina in its efforts to finally bring this case to a close.

Substantial evidence attributes the attack on July 18, 1994, to the terrorist group Hezbollah, based in Lebanon and sponsored by Iran. Evidence indicates that the tri-border region where Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil meet was used to channel resources for the purpose of carrying out the AMIA attack by terrorists linked with Iran. Regrettably, the scheming of international terrorist organizations, such as Hezbollah and al-Qaeda, are not confined to the tri-border region. In fact, much of the Western Hemisphere is ideal for international terrorist groups to establish bases due to the ill equipped and poorly trained security agencies across the region.

Almost daily, we hear reports of terrorist threats from organizations including Hezbollah and al-Qaeda. It is more important than ever to vigorously pursue and prosecute these criminals at every given opportunity. Unfortunately, while the AMIA case has been officially under investigation for over 13 years, the responsible parties have not yet been apprehended. Massive judicial and investigative irregularities, destruction of evidence, and cover-ups have already distorted the long-delayed trial. Make no mistake about it, failure to duly punish the culprits of the AMIA attack serves to reward terrorists and help spread terrorism.

I strongly applaud the recent efforts by the Government of Argentina to fulfill its international obligations and its promise to the Argentine people by aggressively pursuing the local and international connections to this act of terrorism, wherever they may lead, and to properly punish all those who are involved. However, if the last few years have taught us anything, it is that no nation can effectively combat terrorism on its own. While it is up to the Argentine government to conduct a thorough investigation, it is also the responsibility of the international community to cooperate fully in this effort.

Argentina owes it to itself, its people, and the human family to conduct an intense, fearless, and comprehensive investigation that will lead to the identification and prosecution of the principal criminals. We in the international community owe it to Argentina to cooperate with its efforts to bring this dark chapter of its history to a close.

H. Con. Res. 188 is not only a much needed reminder of this tragic event, but it is also a reminder of the truly international scope of the war on terror.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP EDDIE L. LONG

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service.

Bishop Eddie L. Long has given of himself since August of 1987 to lead New Birth Missionary Baptist Church.

Bishop Eddie L. Long, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained New Birth Missionary Baptist Church as an instrument in our community that betters the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens.

This remarkable and tenacious man of God has shared his time and talents for the betterment of our community for the past 20 years by preaching the gospel and living the gospel.

Bishop Eddie L. Long is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a man of great courage, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared with not only New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, but with Dekalb County and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am pleased to proclaim August 17, 2007 as Bishop Eddie L. Long Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF GENOA NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Genoa National Fish Hatchery for 75 years of dedicated aquatic resource conservation.

Established in 1932 through the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Act, Genoa National Fish Hatchery is one of 69 Federal hatcheries managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The location was selected because of its proximity to the Mississippi River and its reliable source of broodfish and artesian well water, both of which are used to raise fish and fill ponds. Hatchery construction was completed in 1939 by Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression.

To support ongoing fish management and restoration programs, Genoa provides millions of eggs, fry, and fingerlings to State fishery stations, Federal hatcheries, National Wildlife refuges, Department of Army installations, and seven Native American Tribes.

Genoa's location and its ability to create different rearing environments and water temperatures makes it one of the most diverse hatcheries in the Nation. Nineteen ponds ranging in size from one-tenth of one acre to thirty-three acres, six raceways, and seven intensive rearing buildings make it capable of collecting, culturing, and rearing cold, cool, and warm water fish species. Genoa raises, holds, and rears more species of fish and freshwater mussels than almost any other Federal fish hatchery in the Nation.

Genoa's mission has changed and evolved over the years. Initially, its purpose was to raise bass and panfish for area waters. In the 1950s, it evolved to sportfish restoration, predominantly northern pike and walleye. As science developed and needs for fishery conservation in the country changed, so did the hatchery's mission. In the 1990s, the value of hatcheries as important tools for recovering and restoring threatened and endangered fish and aquatic species was recognized. Genoa expanded its traditional missions to include recovering and restoring endangered mussels, lake sturgeon and coaster brook trout. Today, eggs, and fry are still provided to State conservation agencies to assist them in their fishery management programs.

On multiple occasions, I toured this amazing facility and witnessed the ongoing and award-

winning research performed by its hard-working, dedicated staff. Two staff members have received awards this year through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Doug Aloisi received the Project Leader of the Year Award for his leadership on imperiled native mussels and lake sturgeon and his strong outreach efforts. Roger Gordon received the National Recovery Champion Award for being the driving force behind mussel conservation. I am proud to have the hatchery in Wisconsin's Third Congressional District.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE CREW'S NEST ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. GILLMOR. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to pay tribute to a special facility in the great State of Ohio. This year, The Crew's Nest in Put-in-Bay, Ohio celebrates thirty-five years of dedicated service.

Madam Speaker, the Crew's Nest in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, is one of the finest destinations on the Great Lakes. Located in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, on South Bass Island, the Crews Nest is part of the rich and historic past of Lake Erie.

Dating back to the War of 1812, Put-in-Bay and South Bass Island served our great Nation as the key base of operations for Commodore Oliver H. Perry. Through this port-of-call, Commodore Perry was able to ensure our independence and our place among nations. Even today, we acknowledge the heroic actions of Commodore Perry with a granite memorial that towers some 352 feet above the island.

And, it is in this very harbor, with Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial as a backdrop, that you will find one of the Great Lake's finest private boating clubs. From the time of its inception in 1968, the Crew's Nest has continued to provide vacationers with the finest accommodations on Lake Erie. Today, the Crew's Nest provides members and non-members alike with a safe and enjoyable stay on this historic island.

Madam Speaker, the real success of the Crew's Nest facility comes not only from its first class accommodations, but its employees. I have visited this facility many times with my family and can tell you first-hand what makes the Crew's Nest in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, so special are its employees. The staff's attention to service and boundless enthusiasm continue to make the Crew's Nest a required visit for guests to Put-in-Bay.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the employees and the legacy of the Crew's Nest in Put-in-Bay, Ohio. As all who benefit from this fine establishment gather to celebrate its 35th anniversary of service, I am confident that the excellent employees will continue the success of The Crew's Nest into the future.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today applaud the action of the House of Representatives in standing up for our children. H.R. 3162—Children's Health and Medical Care Protection Act of 2007 provides needed additional funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) nationally, and in my State, it will allow the continuation of the successful PeachCare program currently serving 270,000 children.

Early on, I advocated for the full reauthorization of SCHIP, at a minimum, so that childhood healthcare is not compromised. This bill accomplishes that and even expands the program. However, this particular bill also forces cuts to Medicare Part C, a program in which over 8,000 seniors in my district are enrolled.

I have heard from these seniors in person, through the mail, on the phone, and over fax about their support for this program and the difference it has made in their lives. I wish there were another option for House consideration today that would enable this program to continue in its current state. While I am supporting this legislation today to expand SCHIP, I want to assure the seniors from the 4th district that their words have not fallen on deaf ears.

I believe Congress will have an opportunity to take another look at this legislation after conferencing with the Senate, and I hope the package presented will take care of those in greatest need at both the dawn and dusk of their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAPTAIN LARRY G. WEDEKIND

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I wish to congratulate Assistant Solicitor Larry G. Wedekind of Lexington County's eleventh Judicial Circuit for being sworn in as a Captain in the South Carolina Army National Guard. He will be joining the Judge Advocate General Corps.

Captain Wedekind of Chapin has devoted his career to public service. After graduating from The Citadel—The Military College of South Carolina, he served 8 years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a communications officer and as a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy. A 1997 graduate of the University of South Carolina's School of Law, Captain Wedekind has worked as a lawyer for the Fifth and Eleventh Judicial Circuit courts as well as in the office of the Attorney General.

As a soldier and lawyer, Larry remains committed to the citizens of his country and his State of South Carolina. He is a true role-model. I applaud his tremendous sense of duty. I want to wish him and his wife, Angie, all the best in the years to come.