

identified a total of two undocumented immigrants during this period; meanwhile, 20,000 poor children have gone without health insurance. Data from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities suggests that these children are overwhelmingly African American, hardly the demographic results we'd expect if our colleagues were correct in suggesting that tens of thousands of illegal immigrant children were being denied coverage.

The debate about reauthorizing SCHIP should be about the public health and improving the health of our children. In a recent survey, 90 percent of parents applying for Medicaid for their children indicated that they have no other health coverage available. Allowing state flexibility in citizenship verification is sound public health policy that would enable thousands of American children access to vital health services to help them live better, healthier, and more productive lives. Because Medicaid is now the single largest cost to state taxpayers, we ought to make a concerted effort to support state flexibility. Twenty-four Senators signed letters to Chairman BAUCUS asking him to include this measure in the Senate's bipartisan SCHIP bill, and 51 other House Members joined me in requesting that Chairman DINGELL include this provision in the House version. I thank the Committees for including this important provision in this landmark legislation.

Reauthorizing SCHIP is sound public health policy—research shows that children who have access to health insurance are substantially more likely to access key preventative services, miss fewer days of school due to illness, get better grades, and continue to have superior outcomes later in life. Moreover, the financial benefits of covering children vastly outweigh the costs—one need only compare the cost of a visit to a primary care provider to the cost of a night spent in the emergency room. But above all, covering all our children is a moral imperative—it is the only possible humane, responsible course of action. I urge a yes vote on the underlying bill, and furthermore, would urge the President, in the strongest possible terms, not to veto this vitally needed, responsible legislation to cover the most vulnerable members of our society: our children.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY OF CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR THEIR 2007 ALL-AMERICA CITY DESIGNATION

**HON. MIKE McINTYRE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the community and citizens of Clinton, North Carolina, for being named an All-America City by the National Civic League. Clinton has earned a place among the ranks of more than 500 other communities across the country that have achieved this distinction. In honor of this accomplishment, I am entering into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this special tribute which details the extraordinary efforts made by the people of Clinton and the strong example they have set for other cities in North Carolina and our Nation to follow.

Fully incorporated in the year 1822, Clinton has become a community dedicated to progress, development, and civic engagement. It has become a community committed to a strong system of values and faith. And it is this powerful combination that has helped earn the City of Clinton its All-America designation.

Three community projects in particular set Clinton apart from the other cities in the competition.

First, through the Technology Project at the Butler Avenue School, both students and adults have been given greater access to computers and the World Wide Web. After-school programs and "how-to" classes can now give underserved segments of the community access to modern-day technologies and the advantages that come with them.

Second, the March to a Million campaign raised over \$2 million in donations in just 3 months from professionals, corporations, churches, civic clubs, teachers, alumni associations, and other citizens to help pay for the construction of a new Clinton High School. Students even sold Valentines to help pay for the auxiliary gym, auditorium, and academic programs that could not have otherwise been built and implemented.

Third, the city of Clinton has tackled the obesity crisis head-on by implementing the Fitness Renaissance program in school physical education classes, as well as building a Center for Health and Wellness. These two efforts have given the citizens of Clinton the proper tools to begin and maintain a healthy way of life.

The city of Clinton will be recognized and congratulated for their designation as an All-America City on October 24, 2007, here in Washington, DC. Its citizens are to be commended for this accomplishment. May God bless the people of this great community for the very positive example they have set for the cities around our great Nation.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE TOWN OF BAILEY, NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the centennial celebration of the town of Bailey, NC, in my Congressional District. Bailey was settled in the 18th century and became a charter town in Nash County in 1908. Bailey was named for the first settler in the township, Drewey Bailey.

Bailey is predominately a farming community. A feed mill and lumber mill are located in the town to meet the needs of the agrarian surroundings. There are several established merchants orientated to supplying the farm community with all needed supplies for the agricultural industry. It is estimated that about 80 percent of the town's income can be accounted to farmers in the area. One of the first merchants in Bailey was Malachi Bissette. His store was one of the largest in the area. It was quite typical of the general store carrying "everything needed from birth to death, farm supplies, groceries, clothes, and coffins." Several of the first buildings of the town are still occupied.

Bailey has two garment factories—the Bailey Garment Plant and Quality Textiles—which employ 150 persons combined. The leading non-agricultural industry of the area in Neverson Quarry of the Superior Stone Company. The Quarry came into existence in 1913 by an act of Congress. In that year Congress authorized a harbor of refuge for ships in case of storms at Cape Lookout on the North Carolina coast. This necessitated the erection of two long sea walls behind which ships could seek protection. Furnishing stone for this breakwater lead to the opening of the Quarry.

In 1948, the company changed its name to Bryan Rock and Sand Company. Under this and the Superior Stone Company leadership, the quarry has become one of the largest and most modern granite crushing plant, in the South. There is an average of two train loads of stone shipped from the quarry daily. This large shipment makes Bailey the fourth largest freight origination point on the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. Economically, the Bailey community benefits from this increased stone output. Approximately 100 workers are regularly employed, with local labor being used when possible.

Civic life has always been an important part of the community. For many years there has been a masonic lodge in the town. In the early fifties, the masons constructed a building for their own use and for the recreational use of the town. Other established civic organizations include the American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, the Lions Club, the Order of Eastern Star and Chamber of Commerce.

Bailey has been host to several leaders on both the national and international level. President Harry S. Truman made a visit to the city when he was in office. In 1954, Bailey was host to President and Madame Bayar, President of the Republic of Turkey, and the staff of approximately 35 aides and press representatives. After Bayar's visit, officials of the high school and the staff of the school paper were entertained at the Turkish Embassy in exchange for the hospitality offered the president when he visited the town.

Madam Speaker, Bailey has a rich history that makes it one of shining stars of Nash County and the State of North Carolina and I am proud to have the honor of representing this great town. It is fitting that we take a moment today to honor the centennial celebration of the town of Bailey.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 19, 2007*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Amendments Act.

It is critical that the FDA has the authority and resources it needs to protect the health and safety of American families. Recent highly-publicized tragic events linked to prescription drugs, such as Vioxx, have highlighted the importance of the mission of the FDA and the improvements necessary to ensure its effectiveness.

This bill strengthens the FDA's oversight of drug safety by establishing a new program

within the FDA exclusively for the purpose of monitoring the safety of drugs and allowing the FDA to examine drug safety after a drug has been approved and is on the market. It also significantly increases penalties for companies that violate safety standards. Additionally, H.R. 3580 reauthorizes through 2012 both the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) and the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act (MDUFMA), programs essential in expediting FDA's review of new drug and medical device applications and helping to avoid backlogs.

To regain the public's trust in the drug and device approval processes, The FDA Amendments Act imposes strict conflict-of-interest provisions to help ensure that FDA's advisory committees are medically qualified, independent, and acting on behalf of the health and safety of the American people. H.R. 3580 increases transparency and accountability by requiring that all drugs, devices, and biologics be included in a clinical trials registry and in a results database. All registry data on the safety and effectiveness of drugs and devices will be posted on an Internet site accessible to the public.

H.R. 3580 also improves health care and begins to address the high cost of prescription drugs by imposing penalties on pharmaceutical companies for false or misleading direct-to-consumer advertising (DTC) of prescription drugs. Studies have shown that spending on DTC advertising from pharmaceutical companies has tripled in recent years and plays a role in the unsustainably increasing cost of health care. DTC advertising has also changed the doctor-patient relationship with an increased number of patients requesting a specific drug or treatment, even in cases where a less expensive or different medication would be appropriate. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to further address DTC advertising of medications.

The safety of the drugs and devices on which so many Americans rely must be a priority for Congress. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 3580.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
ROBERT JUBELIRER

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the winner of the distinguished Rehabilitation Advocate award from the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Altoona, given annually to recognize those who have been a source of encouragement and advocacy for the center and its patients. This year's winner is the Honorable Robert Jubelirer.

Senator Jubelirer has made a life out of serving others as a leader, humanitarian, and advocate. He served over thirty years in the State Senate, working tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania. The Senator served nearly 21 years as President Pro Tempore of the State Senate and served briefly as Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania. He has been instrumental in securing funding for key initiatives for Central Pennsylvania and has truly helped the area and community thrive.

Numerous organizations have recognized the Senator over the years, for both his official duties and his work for numerous community causes.

For the past 13 years, Senator Jubelirer has taken time out of his hectic schedule to host and present HealthSouth's "Aim Higher" awards to members of the HealthSouth community who have overcome great obstacles. He personally recognized each recipient of the "Aim Higher" awards with a Commonwealth proclamation and touching personal message. He left the attendees of each ceremony encouraged and inspired.

Senator Jubelirer has brought joy and hope to the HealthSouth community. I, along with the staff and patients of HealthSouth would like to thank Senator Jubelirer for his efforts in bringing recognition to those who have overcome great challenges. He joins today's winners as sources of inspiration, bringing encouragement to all who cross their paths. I congratulate Senator Jubelirer and thank him for all he has done in reaching out to others and bettering the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, due to an unpreventable transportation problem while on official Congressional business, I was unable to vote on one measure on the House floor on September 24, 2007.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on House Concurrent Resolution 193—Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety.

RECOGNIZING THE SECOND BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF DOYLESTOWN

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Second Baptist Church, in Doylestown, Pennsylvania on its one-hundredth anniversary. For 100 years, the Second Baptist Church has served, with dedication, the Bucks County community.

Initially chartered on April 29, 1874, the Second Baptist Church also has its roots in the St. Mark C.M.E. Church of Doylestown, Pennsylvania. A church that originally consisted of a small congregation first expanded and purchased its own building from Abraham Geil on October 1, 1887. Then, on September 26, 1907, the St. Mark C.M.E. Church changed denominational affiliations and was incorporated under the present name of Second Baptist Church of Doylestown. Since that day, the Second Baptist Church and its congregation have been committed to improving the community.

Madam Speaker, a strong community can shape the lives of children and young adults—something I saw firsthand growing up in a working class family in Northeast Philadelphia.

The Second Baptist Church provides a place for our community to come together and work together, especially with the ongoing growth of the congregation.

Over the last century, the Second Baptist Church has grown in numbers and in spirit. They have formed deep connections to our community that are significant to so many. The Second Baptist Church has many friends and neighbors across our area. When the Second Baptist Church was constructing a new building and was in need of a place to worship, the Christ Community Church of Plumstead, Pennsylvania opened its doors. Their impact on our community is hard to measure but it is all of our hope that it will only grow over the next 100 years.

Madam Speaker, the Second Baptist Church is a model for our community and our Nation. Those who worship there today are continuing the legacy of their founders a century ago. I join many in Doylestown and across the 8th District of Pennsylvania in offering congratulations to the Second Baptist Church of Doylestown on its 100-year anniversary.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL RICHARDSON AS THE FIRST FEMALE GARRISON COMMANDER OF THE FORT MYER MILITARY COMMUNITY

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 26, 2007*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished individual who will take command as the 100th Garrison Commander of the Fort Meyer Military Community. Colonel Laura Richardson assumed command of Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia and Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, DC on July 24, 2007. Colonel Richardson is the first female Garrison Commander in the history of the two installations.

Colonel Richardson grew up in Colorado and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant Aviation Officer upon graduation from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado. Colonel Richardson's military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Army Rotary Wing Course, UH-60 Blackhawk Course, Air Assault School, Airborne School, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Among her many accomplishments, Colonel Richardson served in Washington, DC as Military Aide to Vice President Al Gore. Later, she served as Commander of the 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following battalion command, Colonel Richardson was assigned to the Army Staff and served as deputy director and director of the Army's Transformation Office. Following the Pentagon tour, she was assigned to the Industrial College of Armed Forces at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington, DC.

Colonel Richardson's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal (seven),