

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),

Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Humanitarian Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Senior Army Aviator Badge.

Madam Speaker, I commend Colonel Richardson for her well-deserved, historic achievement. I am truly honored to have her as a constituent and wish her all the best as she commands the Fort Meyer military community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAXTON, NORTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING FACILITY

### HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to a special company in Robeson County, North Carolina. Next week, the Campbell Soup Company celebrates the 25th anniversary of its soup manufacturing facility located in the town of Maxton.

Maxton is a small community of about 2,500 residents. But the combination of abundant resources, a strong transportation network and a terrific work force all helped bring Campbell to Robeson County.

The economic future of Maxton and Robeson County is tied to the progress of Campbell's facility. Only 25 years ago, the first cans of soup came off one of two manufacturing lines. Today, nearly 10 manufacturing lines fill more than 5 million cans or microwavable bowls of soup, canned pasta, beans and Swanson broth every day—more than 1,000 cans every minute.

But the economic impact of Campbell's facility here is much more than its 800 full time and hourly employees, and the 220 different products that they make. Campbell also uses some 300 different ingredients, including more than 40 million pounds of potatoes, 28 million pounds of carrots, and 25 million pounds of beef, chicken and seafood, much of it from our fertile region.

With almost 25 acres under roof, including nearly 1 million square feet to manufacture, warehouse and distribute Campbell's trademark soups, the Maxton facility remains among Campbell's and the food processing industry's most modern and sophisticated facilities. In almost every year since 1982, Campbell's has invested in new technology at Maxton that has helped to reach the heights of efficient, quality production that it is legendary for today. Most recently, microwavable soup bowls began being processed in Maxton that are designed to meet the needs of busy, time-pressed consumers.

Furthermore, the real success of Maxton's Campbell Soup Facility comes not only from its products, but also from its people. I have walked this plant, greeted employees working the lines and sampled a day's production. I can tell you that what makes the Campbell Soup plant in Maxton special is the dedication of its employees.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the employees and the legacy of Campbell's Maxton facility.

Campbell's Maxton facility has a wonderful history of contributions made by thousands of North Carolinians who have made their careers there. We're proud to have such a terrific company like Campbell's in North Carolina and look forward to many more years of success.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES'S VOTE ON THE MOVEON.ORG ADVERTISEMENT ON GENERAL PETRAEUS

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, like many of my colleagues, I believe the MoveOn.org advertisement in the New York Times about GEN David Petraeus was both wrong and counterproductive. I also agree with all of the findings in H.J. Res. 52 that praise General Petraeus's exemplary military career, for which he has received numerous awards for his service to our country. However, I decided to vote against this resolution as a matter of principle and because it is a diversionary tactic by the Bush administration and the congressional Republicans. As a legislative body determining important issues affecting our citizens, the Congress should not be in the business of passing resolutions supporting or opposing political ads. Adopting such a practice would consume all our time and divert our attention from important issues like the war in Iraq.

The MoveOn.org advertisement was wrong to question the integrity of General Petraeus. It was also counterproductive in that it took the focus off of President Bush's failed Iraq policies and made General Petraeus the political face of the war. That is exactly what the Bush administration wanted. Moreover, by shifting the focus from President Bush to a political attack on General Petraeus, the Republicans have cleverly attempted to divert attention from the President's responsibility and the real security issues we are facing in the world, like the re-emergence of al-Qaeda along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. I would have supported the resolution that was put forward by Senate Democrats which reaffirms our strong support for the men and women of our Armed Forces, and which condemns all attacks on those who are serving or who have served in the Armed Forces.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably absent yesterday afternoon, September 25, on very urgent business. Had I been present for the 11 votes which occurred yesterday evening, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 1400, rollcall vote No. 895; "aye" on H. Res. 584, rollcall vote No. 896; "aye" on H. Can. Res. 210, rollcall vote No. 897; "aye" on H. Res. 663, rollcall vote No. 898; "aye" on H. Res. 548, rollcall

vote No. 899; "aye" on H. Res. 642, rollcall vote No. 900; "aye" on H. Res. 557, rollcall vote No. 901; "aye" on H. Res. 675, rollcall vote No. 902; "aye" on H. Res. 675, rollcall vote No. 903; "aye" on H. Res. 675, rollcall vote No. 904; and "aye" on H. Res. 95, rollcall vote No. 905.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

### HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the SCHIP bill that will provide millions of children in America with health coverage. The bill passed Tuesday, 265–159.

The bi-partisan compromise will include \$35 billion more for the SCHIP program allowing Congress to cover 4 million more additional children, bringing the total number of children covered to 10 million. Next year alone, this new SCHIP bill will provide Minnesota with \$50 million in additional dollars to help insure Minnesota's children.

This compromise reauthorizing SCHIP is supported by 43 Governors, 16 of them Republican, including Republican Governors Arnold Schwarzenegger and my home state Governor Tim Pawlenty.

But unfortunately, Madam Speaker, it has been widely reported that the President has promised to veto this bill to provide children with health care.

Last February, I spoke on the floor of the House to criticize the budget cuts contained in the President's budget. Like the budget, we could easily look at the SCHIP bill and say, this is all about numbers, it is just a plan and it is an impersonal thing. But, in fact, Madam Speaker, this bill is a moral statement about who matters in our society.

This bill is a reflection of our own humanity. It talks about who counts, who doesn't, who matters, who doesn't, and what are our priorities.

As the late Senator and former Vice President Hubert Humphrey from my State of Minnesota stated so eloquently:

"The moral test of any government is how it treats those in the dawn of life, the children; those in the dusk of life, the elderly; and those in the shadow of life, the disadvantaged."

The SCHIP bill brought to the House floor today clearly shows the priorities of this Congress.

We are for children having access to health insurance.

We are for providing health care for 4 million additional children.

We are for families not having to worry about the health care for their children.

This SCHIP bill is a clear measure that Congress values the hardworking energy, the blood, sweat and tears of Minnesotans or Americans.

Mr. President, let's not play politics with the health care of our nation's children. Step up to plate and truly leave no children behind by signing this SCHIP bill into law.