

IN RECOGNITION OF HELMUT SCHREIBER, M.D., F.A.C.S. UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SAINT VINCENT CHARITY HOSPITAL'S SAINT LUKE SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Helmut Schreiber, M.D., F.A.C.S., upon his induction into St. Vincent Charity Hospital's St. Luke Society, for his pioneering achievements in the area of bariatric medicine, his innovative techniques in the surgical treatment of morbid obesity, and for his natural talents as teacher and mentor.

Dr. Schreiber has been a member of the medical staff at St. Vincent Charity Hospital for the past nineteen years. He earned his medical degree from Ohio State University, and completed his residency and internship at University Hospitals of Cleveland. In 1999, after working for several years as Director of Surgery at Saint Luke's Hospital, Dr. Schreiber accepted the position of Director of Surgery at Saint Vincent Charity Hospital. Motivated by his deep compassion for patients struggling with obesity, Dr. Schreiber founded the Cleveland Center for Bariatric Surgery. Dr. Schreiber has also served as teacher for residency students and, most significantly, he has provided surgical care to countless individuals in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Helmut Schreiber, upon his induction into the Saint Luke Society. Dr. Schreiber's medical excellence, pioneering achievements, and caring and compassionate nature, serves to bring light and hope into the lives of patients, colleagues, family and friends, uplifting our entire community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the vote on H.R. 2262. Had I been present, I would have voted in support of the bill.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIE RACHEL CATRON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I regret that I must inform the House of the passing of a great American in my home community who stood tall on the mountaintop and watched over many people all around her.

Jennie Rachel Catron lived through more tragedy than most people, and in spite of it, showed leadership, stability, strength, love, discipline and direction until the day she left

us at 91, on October 14, 2007. Her lesson to us is that it's not what happens to you in life that matters; it's what you do about it that counts.

To her children, she was their hero. To our community, she was our devoted volunteer. She inspired all of us to never quit and to never be counted out, but to move forward with compassion to put down adversity when it strikes.

Among the many causes Jennie Rachel dedicated herself to were the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Somerset-Pulaski County Rescue Squad, the PTA, the Home-maker's Club, and the Republican Women's Club. Through her efforts the uneducated were taught, the poor got a helping hand, and families were made stronger.

Her life appeared to be that of any wife, mother and then grandmother. But it was not—that life was violently taken away from her. She would lose her husband Harold, the Somerset Police Chief, to a criminal's bullet. And 45 years later, she lost her son Sam, the Sheriff of Pulaski County, the same way. Both times Jennie Rachel was only a few feet away. And both times, revenge was exacted against her husband and son for going after criminal enterprises.

Yet, she managed to build a new life. She devoted herself to her surviving son Lewis, daughter Nancy, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The community organizations she was involved in are too numerous to name.

The order in life that most of us expect, was upended for Jennie Rachel Catron. She rebuilt what was torn down—for her and the rest of us.

Her daughter Nancy read a verse at her mother's request and thus concluded her eulogy. It is a fitting tribute to a fine lady whose spirit is alive when we look across our community and see the good that is there.

Do not stand at my grave and weep:

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight,

I am the soft stars that shine at night,

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

I am not there. I did not die.

We remember Jennie Rachel Catron.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARITY A. KANKAM, M.D., UPON HER INDUCTION INTO THE SAINT VINCENT CHARITY HOSPITAL'S SAINT LUKE SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Charity A. Kankam, M.D., upon her induction into St. Vincent Charity Hospital's St. Luke Society, an honor that reflects not only her superior clinical skills, but most significantly, highlights her daily outreach, care and compassion for the most vulnerable citizens of our community.

Dr. Kankam has been an integral member of the St. Vincent staff for the past seventeen years. She was awarded a medical degree from the University of Toronto, where she completed her residency and fellowship training as well. Dr. Kankam specializes in nephrology and has served as the Director of Nephrology since 1994. She also dedicates her time as a teacher to medical residents and staff. Dr. Kankam's limitless compassion and her dedication to improving the well-being of others reaches from the St. Vincent community to her birthplace, Ghana. When Dr. Kankam learned that Ghana lacked a desperately needed dialysis center, she became the leading organizer in raising funds to build one. Last year, due to Dr. Kankam's determination and focus, a dialysis center was established in Ghana—one of only two in the country.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Charity A. Kankam, upon her induction into the Saint Luke Society. Dr. Kankam's expertise in the area of nephrology is outshone only by her compassion and kindness, raising the spirits and lives of every patient into the realm of healing, strength and hope.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH HILLS HOSPITAL'S NEW HEART CENTER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of North Richland Hills' North Hills Hospital. North Hills Hospital is opening a new Heart Center that specializes in fast and efficient heart attack care.

North Hills Hospital has been leading the medical world in heart care. It is the first hospital in the United States to accomplish Cycle 2 Accreditation for its Chest Pain Center. The hospital is opening a Heart Center for its patients and will continue to lead the way in top-of-the-line cardiac care.

The Heart Center has been in construction for two years and consists of two operating rooms, 13 cardiac progressive care beds and eight cardiac intensive care beds. All of these rooms are on the same unit, which is helpful for transferring patients, and also for visiting families. The new model of the Heart Center is considered ground breaking in the medical field.

I extend my sincerest congratulations to the City of North Richland Hills and the North Hills Hospital. It is my hope that they will continue to serve patients of the 26th District of Texas with the same care and spirit of service that they have shown throughout the years.

TRIBUTE TO R.J. NATHE & SONS OF DADE CITY, FLORIDA ON 50TH YEAR IN BUSINESS

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 5, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, throughout America, small businesses and entrepreneurs work each day

to help our nation prosper. One of these companies, R.J. Nathe & Sons of Dade City, Florida is celebrating their fiftieth anniversary this year. As one of the outstanding corporate citizens in Pasco County, the Nathe family deserves recognition for fifty years of giving back to the community.

In October of 1957, cousins R.J. Nathe and Walter Gude decided to go into the land clearing business, naming the company Nathe and Gude Landclearing. Using an initial family loan to start the company, the cousins went out and put a down payment on two used bulldozers and two old pickup trucks. Reaching out to the growing citrus crop industry in Central Florida, they had plenty of proposed work until a bad freeze stopped their growing business in its tracks.

Once the cousins got back on their feet, they soon realized that while land clearing would make them money, the real business potential came from logging the timber that came off of the land they cleared. Over the years the business diversified even further to include extensive cattle and citrus operations.

When they incorporated the firm in 1980, the cousins decided to shorten the name to Nathe & Gude, Inc. in 1993 the Nathe family split with Gude, allowing Gude to take the cattle operation and the Nathe family keeping the original logging and land clearing part. The following year J.R. brought his five sons into the business and changed the name to R.J. Nathe & Sons, Inc. A very important part of the growing business is J.R.'s wife, Patsy, who keeps everyone coordinated and productive.

Over the years R.J. Nathe & Sons, Inc. has been recognized for its involvement in business and community activities. They have received numerous awards including Florida Logger of the Year in 1996, continuing on to win the Southeastern title and runner up for National Logger of the Year in 1997.

Along with timber harvesting and land clearing, Nathe & Sons now offers demolition and

custom sawmilling. The business has strived to build strong customer relationships based on fairness, honesty and quality service. With a company motto of, "Treating everyone's land as if our own," it is clear that Nathe & Sons has a commitment to customers that is necessary to maintain an outstanding reputation in the Dade City community. I congratulate Patsy and J.R. and the entire family on their first fifty years of service in Pasco County and look forward to working with them over the next fifty years.

CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO RESPOND TO AND PREVENT RAPE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN DARFUR, SUDAN, EASTERN CHAD AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2007

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 726, to prevent and respond to acts of rape and sexual violence in the Darfur conflict region. This resolution calls on the President and the international community to recognize and respond to the horrific acts of sexual violence that are being committed by the Sudanese armed forces, the associated Janjaweed militia, and other armed combatants with alarming regularity. Women and girls in the crisis-affected region currently lack the medical and psychological services necessary to survive and recover from these personal atrocities.

Today, Congress seeks to provide them with these basic services, and states our belief that the U.S. and the international community must continue applying pressure to the government in Khartoum to stop the use of rape and sexual violence as a tool of war.

The United Nations has recognized that rape is being used as a systematic weapon of war and that combatants are encouraged to employ it as yet another way to brutally terrorize a population. The impact on the individual, however, must not be forgotten. Rape not only brutalizes the woman, it can also rob her of her dignity and privacy, often leading to her being shunned by her family and community. The international community has thus far been unable to prevent sexual violence from becoming an almost daily event in many conflicts, including the one in Darfur. So when Congress has an opportunity to protect and aid the victims of these attacks, we must do so.

This bill calls on the President and international community to develop the Women and Girls of Darfur Initiative that would provide health care services, medical supplies, and psychological counseling to women in the conflict-affected region. The resolution also calls for preventative measures such as ensuring that a hybrid United Nations-African Union peacekeeping force is deployed to protect women and girls from acts of rape and sexual violence. Since the Sudanese Government refuses to provide its own women this protection, the hybrid peacekeeping force must be accorded all the necessary resources, including the \$724 million that the U.S. has pledged to fund the U.N.'s mission in Darfur.

I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me and over 100 other cosponsors of this bill in fulfilling our moral obligation to protect the basic human rights of the women and girls in Darfur and the surrounding region.