

against compounded medications in general. I believe that this new policy may have far-reaching and serious consequences for Medicare beneficiaries who rely on nebulizer medications. Eliminating compounding will severely restrict access to these critical medications for Medicare beneficiaries and their prescribing physicians.

The FDA's legal position on compounding medications, its aggressive enforcement policies against several compounding pharmacies and the agency's intervention and influence on CMS's recent policies on compounded medications establishes a dangerous precedent for all pharmacy compounding throughout the United States. Ignoring the recent Federal court decision *Medical Center Pharmacy v. Gonzales*, 451 F. Supp.2d 854, 865 (W.D. Tex. 2006), the FDA reassessed its legal position "that all compounded drugs are unapproved new, and therefore illegal, drugs under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA)". Contrary to the FDA's position, the Federal Court held that "compounded drugs, when created for an individual patient pursuant to a prescription from a licensed practitioner, were implicitly exempt from the new drug definitions contained in the Act".

As a result of the FDA's position and CMS's new policy on compounding, more than 29,000 citizens of West Virginia suffering from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) that depend on these medications as well as the hundreds of compounding pharmacies and their employees, will be adversely affected. For this reason, I am asking that CMS rescind the recent policy excluding compounding medications.

Thank you, for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR I. JACKNOWITZ,  
*Professor and Distinguished Chair,  
Department of Clinical Pharmacy.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST.  
FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL FOOT-  
BALL TEAM

### HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate and pay tribute to the St. Francis High School football team for reaching the Michigan High School Athletic Association 2007 Division Seven State Championship game. It was their fifth State finals appearance in 10 years.

The St. Francis Gladiators lost a hard-fought state championship game to Mendon High School. It was the end to an impressive play-off run in which they outscored their opponents 188-8 in the four games leading up to the finals. They finished their season with a 12-2 record.

The Gladiators accomplishments are a testament to the years of hard work and dedication of these student athletes. They have proudly carried on their school's tradition of excellence. I commend them on a successful season.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I congratulate the St. Francis High School football team on their achievements and wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT NEWELL  
WISNER

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker. I rise today to recognize the retirement of Robert Newell Wisner, after 41 years as an Iowa State University Extension economist.

Since February of 1967, Robert Wisner has provided a remarkable service to the agricultural community in Iowa and across the globe. He is extremely innovative in his methods of presenting market outlooks and analyzing marketing and risk-management strategies. Robert's publications on risk management and genetically-modified crop marketing have been widely used in Japan and China and have benefited countries in Europe as well. He pioneered work on revenue assurance contracts and regularly educated crop insurance agents about different risk management tools.

Robert also has a gift in relating his work to the common farmer. He has converted his highly complicated market research and analysis into an easily understandable format. Robert is known for checking up-to-the-minute information, seconds before presentations, to give his audience the most accurate statistics. He has worked hard to gain the confidence of farmers by conducting over 2,200 extension meetings and authoring more than 1,500 publications. Robert is a trusted source of expert agricultural economic information and for this I offer him my utmost congratulations and thanks.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Robert Wisner for his leadership and service to the farmers of America. I consider it an honor to represent Robert in Congress and I wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING OFFICER ARMANDO ALEXANDER OF THE WAUKEGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

### HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer Armando Alexander of the Waukegan Police Department for his selfless act of heroism.

On February 3, 2007, Officer Alexander was assisting with closing a local bar. At 2:49 a.m., Officer Alexander heard gunfire erupt in the parking lot next to the establishment. Without regard for his own personal safety, he ran toward the gunfire where he witnessed two subjects firing shots at a victim in a parked car. The victim was shot three times before the suspects fled. Officer Alexander then chased the suspects on foot through a residential development and construction site. He apprehended one of the suspects and recovered the firearm used in the crime. The second suspect was later arrested.

Officer Alexander's outstanding efforts took two dangerous gang members off the streets of my district and made Waukegan, Illinois, a safer place.

As a member of the Significant Incident Group on the Waukegan Police force, Officer Alexander is a leader and a role model for local law enforcement in the 10th Congressional District of Illinois.

I am proud to count this heroic American as a constituent and a friend.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT AND  
ROSALEE WELLING

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this moment to recognize the exemplary and extended service of Bob and Rosalee Welling, who will receive the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Central Missouri.

Bob received his juris doctorate from St. Louis University School of Law. Following law school he spent 2 years in the United States Army and then moved to Warrensburg, MO, to begin a 50-year career in law. In 1985, Bob received the Missouri Bar President's Award.

Bob served as president of the Missouri State Board of Education and as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Boards of Education. He was a former chair on the board's Governmental Affairs Committee and was a mentor in the association. Bob has also presided as chair of the Regional Council for Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO.

Currently, Bob is a member of Children's Mercy Hospital Planned Gift Council and board member of its nonprofit subsidiary, Family Health Partners. He is also serving as a gubernatorial appointee to the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission.

Rosalee graduated from the University of Central Missouri with a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in speech pathology and audiology. Following graduate school, she served as a physical education and health teacher in the Raytown School District and then as a speech pathologist at the Children's Therapy Center. She then joined the University of Central Missouri and taught until her retirement in 2002.

While at the university, she served for 13 years as director of the Early Childhood Communication Special Education Preschool, spent 6 years as the coordinator of Clinical Services in the Welch-Schmidt Center for Communication Disorders, and was guest lecturer in the Department of Phonetics at the University of Helsinki, Finland.

Today, Rosalee is director emerita of the University of Central Missouri Alumni Association Board and the Foundation Board. She also serves as a tutor in the Johnson County Adult Literacy Program.

The Wellings are known in the State of Missouri for their outstanding civic involvement and volunteer service. I trust that Members of the House will join me in wishing Bob and Rosalee Welling and their family the best in their future endeavors.

IN TRIBUTE TO NICK TENAGLIA

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Nick Tenaglia, a native son of Astoria in Queens who has dedicated his energies throughout his life to serving others. In recognition of his selfless dedication to his community, Nick Tenaglia was honored by the Taminent Regular Democratic Club of the Borough of Queens in New York City at its 76th Annual Dinner Dance.

A lifelong Astoria resident, Nick Tenaglia has distinguished himself both for his service to the community and for his proficiency as an outdoorsman and nature lover. After graduating from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Elementary School and LaSalle Academy, he chose a career in the building trades. Nick Tenaglia joined the Carpenters Union, where he served an apprenticeship for four years. In 1985, he joined the staff of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and eight years later was promoted to Supervisor.

It was fitting that Mr. Tenaglia made his professional home at the municipal agency charged with protecting the beautiful and diverse natural environment of the New York City metropolitan area, because he is an avid and skilled angler and marksman. In 1997 and 1998, Nick Tenaglia was named the New York City Fresh Water Fishing Champion, and he has also earned awards from the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. He regularly participates in New York State Rifle and Pistol Club competitions. In his spare time, he can frequently be found at his property in the Pocono Mountains.

In being honored by the Taminent Regular Democratic Club, Nick Tenaglia's achievements were recognized by one of the largest and most vibrant political and civic organizations in our nation's greatest city. The Taminent Club represents voters in the neighborhoods of Astoria and Long Island City in the New York State Assembly's 36th District and is led by its able District Leaders, the Honorable Gloria DeMarco Aloise and the Honorable George Onorato, a distinguished New York State Senator. The Taminent Club, which Mr. Tenaglia serves as a Member of the Board of Directors and as Sergeant-at-Arms, proudly carries the banner of the world's oldest political party in one of the most diverse counties in the United States of America. Borough of Queens.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions to the community made by Nick Tenaglia.

HONORING THE FAYETTEVILLE  
MANLIUS HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S  
CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Fayetteville

Manlius, F-M, High School Girl's Cross Country Team, 2007 Nike Team National Champions. The F-M Girl's Cross Country Team won at the State, regional, and national levels to earn their second consecutive national championship title, and become the first team ever to win back to back Nike National Championships.

On behalf of the people of New York's 25th Congressional District, I congratulate these young women on their outstanding athletic achievement and praise head coach William Aris, and assistant coaches John Aris and David Davis on their team's success. I look forward to another exciting year when the Hornets defend their title in 2008.

The team members are Kathryn Buchan, Katie Buchan, Mackenzie Carter, Courtney Chapman, Hannah Lubber, Molly Malone, and Jocelyn Richards.

SUPPORTING THE FEDERAL FOOD  
DONATION ACT

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I am proud to support the Federal Food Donation Act, an important piece of legislation that will help address the scourge of hunger in America.

Each year, 35 million Americans, including 12 million children, go hungry, even though we live in the richest nation in the world. In many ways, the situation is getting worse, as increasing costs for food, energy and housing mean that increasing numbers of working families have difficulty affording sufficient food. According to a report by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 80 percent of cities studied reported increases in requests for emergency food assistance during the last year. Despite this increase in need for food assistance, too little has been done to ensure that food banks, pantries and other charitable organizations have sufficient resources to address the needs of their hungry clients.

The Federal Food Donation Act will help alleviate the shortage of food among organizations that work to serve the hungry. This important bill will amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation to provide that contracts will contain provisions encouraging the donation of excess, apparently wholesome food to non-profit organizations working to combat hunger. The bill will ensure that excess food acquired for the use of the federal government does not go to waste and instead goes to help feed the hungry.

The Federal Food Donation Act represents an important step forward in the effort to combat poverty. I am hopeful that the bill will also spur more organizations in the private sector to follow suit and to ensure that they make good use of excess food. Additionally, I am hopeful that Congress will soon pass legislation strengthening the Food Stamp program by substantially increasing benefits and easing access to the program for eligible beneficiaries, to help ensure that the 25 million Americans who receive Food Stamp benefits each year receive sufficient assistance to prevent them from becoming hungry.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to express my support for the Federal Food Donation Act. Our country must no longer tolerate the presence of widespread hunger and I believe that this legislation will play a critical role in combating hunger. I am proud to express my full support for this legislation and I thank my friend and colleague, Mrs. EMERSON, for her sponsorship of the bill and for her leadership in fighting hunger.

A TRIBUTE TO DADY BELFORT

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dady Belfort. Dady, one of four children, was born in Les Cayes on the Island of Haiti to Rose Nostalgie and Joseph Santiford Belfort. In 1977, she migrated to the United States enrolling in Erasmus Hall High School. After her high school graduation in 1980, she attended Kings Borough Community College and is currently enrolled at John Jay College, pursuing a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Dady became a police officer for the City of New York in 1989. Since joining the force, she has received numerous citations during her 18 years of service. In 2002, she became the force's Community Affairs Officer and in 2005 she was promoted to Detective.

Dady is very active in her community. She is a regular participant in the New York Cares coat drive as well as numerous toy drives. Dady walks each year in the Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Parish's walk-a-thon for the Knights of Columbus, and the walk for breast cancer at Jones Beach. She is a member of the Canarsie Lions Club, and the Haitian American Law Enforcement Fraternal Organization. Dady coordinates with various organizations' outreach programs to help the less fortunate by collecting food for the homeless, adopting a family for the holidays, and frequently assisting at the Gerald R. Ryan Outreach Center Soup Kitchen.

As a young girl, Dady has always wanted to make a difference in her community. She lives her life by one simple saying, "Happiness is not an individual matter. When you are able to bring relief or bring back the smile to one person, not only that person profits but you also profit. The deepest happiness you can have comes from the capacity to help relieve the suffering of others. So if we have the habit of being peaceful, there is a natural tendency for us to go into the direction of service."

Dady is married to Cecil Ramsay and they have three children; Rodnny, Samantha and Christopher.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize this pillar of New York who has set the bar extremely high for individual service to her community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this Dady Belfort.