

INTRODUCTION OF THE
WAKEFIELD ACT**HON. JIM MATHESON**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Wakefield Act, which reauthorizes the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.

It is the only Federal program that focuses on saving the lives and health of children needing emergency medical treatment.

This year is the program's 25th anniversary and I am proud to be the lead sponsor along with Representative PETER KING.

Unfortunately, millions of kids find themselves in our Nation's emergency rooms every year. Thanks to the Wakefield Act, doctors, nurses, and first-responders now have much greater knowledge about what works and what doesn't work, when these small patients come through the emergency room door.

Since the program began, child injury death rates have dropped 40 percent. The research that resulted from this legislation helped establish pediatric emergency medicine as its own specialty. Data collection and training seminars—including from the Emergency Medical Services for Children Data Analysis Center based in my district at the University of Utah—have been provided to thousands of medical personnel.

The program's authorization expired in September 2005. In the summer of 2006, the Institutes of Medicine released a report which documented the value of the program. It also noted the gaps that remain in providing quality emergency care for children. There is a serious gap between the percentage of kids who end up in the ER and the percentage of emergency rooms that are staffed, trained, and equipped to respond appropriately. The report's bottom line—this program is "well positioned to assume a leadership role" in closing the gap.

It's endorsed by over 50 organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Madam Speaker, this legislation enhances the program by authorizing the funding needed to ensure that progress continues in this specialty. I look forward to working with my colleagues toward its adoption.

A TRIBUTE TO HOWARD WEAVER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Howard Weaver's 40 years of service and journalistic integrity in the newspaper business. Mr. Weaver is retiring from the McClatchy Company leaving a lasting legacy in Sacramento where his leadership and expertise will be deeply missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of our Nation's finest journalists.

After earning his bachelor's degree in social and behavioral sciences from Johns Hopkins University and his masters in philosophy from

Cambridge, Mr. Weaver has spent more than three decades in the newspaper industry. He began his career in 1972 as a reporter for the Anchorage Daily News. In 1977 he founded the Alaska Advocate, a statewide weekly newspaper. After the closure of the Alaska Advocate in 1979, Mr. Weaver returned to the Daily News as an editorial writer. He was named managing editor in 1981 and assumed full editorial responsibility in May 1983.

During his tenure at the Anchorage Daily News, the newspaper won numerous awards including being named one of the world's 25 best designed newspapers, best sports section, and best feature writing. Mr. Weaver twice led the Anchorage Daily News to win Pulitzer Prizes. He was one of three reporters whose coverage of the Alaska Teamsters Union during construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline, "Empire: The Alaska Teamsters Story," won the Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for Public Service in 1976. In 1989 he again was awarded prize for his work as editor and a lead writer on the Daily News' "A People in Peril," coverage of alcoholism and suicide among Alaska Natives and has served as a Pulitzer Prize juror at the invitation of the Pulitzer Board four times. Mr. Weaver is the past president of the Alaska Newspaper Association and the Upper Yukon River Press Club and was a Distinguished Lecturer in Journalism at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

In 1995 Mr. Weaver moved to Sacramento to assume the position of assistant to the president for new media strategies at McClatchy Newspapers and was named editor of the editorial pages for the Sacramento Bee in 1997. Most recently he served as vice president of news and is senior editorial executive for the McClatchy Company. In addition, his writings have been published in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and Time Magazine. While at McClatchy Newspapers, which publishes 31 daily and more than 50 community newspapers and related Web sites, the editorial pages in the Sacramento Bee were named best in California by the California Newspaper Publishers Association and individual editorials won the Best of the West competition. Mr. Weaver was primarily responsible for the opinion content at the Sacramento Bee and for many years he chaired the editorial board meetings at which the paper's editorial positions were decided. His excellent writing and years of expertise has ensured that Sacramento's residents continue to receive up-to-date accurate information about pressing issues in our communities and across the Nation.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Howard Weaver's distinguished commitment to the newspaper industry and keeping Sacramento's residents informed. Mr. Weaver's outstanding leadership and dedication to journalism has allowed the McClatchy Company and the Sacramento Bee to embrace new venues of media and the Internet. As Mr. Weaver's wife, Barbara, colleagues, family, and friends gather to honor his career, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing him continued good fortune in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING WALTER DIAS FOR
HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE ON
GUAM**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Walter Dias for his civic involvement and community service on Guam. Walter Dias, known to his family, friends, neighbors and coworkers, as "Wally," has resided on Guam over the past 15 years and been active in our non-profit community. Wally was recently promoted by his employer, Continental Airlines, and is relocating to Hong Kong to assume the position of Managing Director of Greater China and Southeast Asia.

Wally is the eldest of five sons and two daughters of Walter Sr., and Virginia Dias. He grew up in a small town in the resort area of the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania and earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Accounting from Pennsylvania State University before beginning his career at Price Waterhouse and later at Geo Source Inc. In 1987, Wally started his airline career in the finance division of Continental Airlines, and in 1993, he moved from its corporate headquarters in Houston to Guam to serve as the Director of Marketing for Continental Micronesia. Wally was later promoted to Vice President of Sales and Marketing, a position through which his involvement with our non-profit community on Guam grew.

Wally promoted travel to the Pacific islands of Micronesia through a "Warmth of Paradise" campaign that he developed while at Continental Micronesia. Through this campaign, the cultures of the Pacific islands, including of the Chamorro people of the Marianas, is showcased. Wally also sought to foster greater relations between the civilian and military community on Guam, and to support education initiatives focusing on Guam's military history. When Guam celebrated its 50th Annual Liberation Day in honor of the island's liberation from Imperial Japanese Forces in 1944, Wally helped coordinate the travel of more than 2,000 liberators to Guam for this special event. Wally also worked with the Military Historical Tours to fly veterans from the Battle of Iwo Jima for the battle's 50th anniversary commemorative program.

His work in our community extended beyond those of us who call Guam home. Wally helped coordinate the transportation of 2,000 Kurdish refugees from Iraq to Guam, and later from Guam into the mainland of the United States for settlement, in 1996. He was instrumental in the founding of the Ayuda Foundation, a humanitarian organization that has helped thousands of people from the Micronesian islands access medical supplies and health care. Wally also helped establish the Wings for Life One Pass medical account program. To this day, the program has helped transport more than a hundred patients to receive proper medical treatment. These are lasting examples of Wally's efforts on behalf of our community on Guam and the greater Micronesia region.

It is on the occasion of his promotion and relocation to Hong Kong, that the people of Guam recognize him for his community service and his leadership in helping to develop our visitor industry.

HONORING MACE MCINTOSH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mace McIntosh upon his retirement as the Sonora Chief of Police. Chief McIntosh will officially retire on December 30, 2008 and will be honored on January 3 at a retirement dinner.

Mr. McIntosh was born and raised in Tehama County, California to John and Donna Lee McIntosh. He was raised on his family's cattle ranch. In 1978, he was hired by Red Bluff Police Department in Tehama County. He worked patrol, investigations and all traffic related issues. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1992 and promoted to Commander in 1995. He served as the interim Chief for the Red Bluff Police Department from September 2000 to October 2001. From there he served at the rank of Captain until his appointment as Chief of Police with the city of Sonora in June 2004.

The Sonora Police Department is a full-service, community policing organization that includes 25 sworn and non-sworn staff. They also have 5 reserve police officers, a 12 member senior volunteer program and 14 active explorers. Chief McIntosh has implemented a new program that has helped his team cover the city more efficiently. He developed the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving program; the city is divided into two "Areas of Responsibility" with a Patrol Sergeant for each of the two areas. The Sergeants are responsible for any problems that might occur within their Area of Responsibility.

Outside of the police department, Chief McIntosh has always been involved with the community. He has been a member of the Elks Club of Red Bluff for over 30 years. He also served on the Plum Valley School District Board for 12 years and the Tehama County Board of Education for 14 years; he served as Board President for each organization twice. He is the Past President of Tehama County Peace Officers Association and the Tehama County Police Activities League. He was also a member of the Tehama County Mentoring Committee.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Chief Mace McIntosh upon his retirement from the Sonora Police Department. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Chief McIntosh many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Ms. GRANGER, Madam Speaker, on rollcall No.'s 7 and 10 I was absent from the House on official District business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CONGRATULATING JOE MADDON FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL AND FOR HIS SUPPORT IN HELPING RESTORE THE HAZLETON "CASTLE" AUDITORIUM

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joe Maddon, from Hazleton, Pennsylvania, the manager of the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team and a leader of a citizen effort to restore the auditorium of the former Hazleton High School, now an elementary and middle school that has, for more than 80 years, been a landmark in the Hazleton area that is fondly referred to as "The Castle."

Born in Hazleton in 1954, Mr. Maddon graduated from "The Castle" where he was a star athlete before moving on to graduate from Lafayette College in 1976 where he played baseball and football.

Mr. Maddon then went on to distinguish himself in the world of professional baseball for more than three decades, first with the California/Anaheim Angels and, since 2006, with the Tampa Bay Rays, a team which he led to the 2008 World Series that was won by the Philadelphia Phillies.

After the 2008 season, Mr. Maddon was named the American League Manager of the Year.

During his remarkable career, Mr. Maddon has won accolades from *Sports Illustrated*, which described him as a "Renaissance man from down-to-earth roots." The *New York Times* described him as "one of baseball's more purely intelligent men in uniform." And the *Boston Globe* called Maddon "the genuine article . . . universally respected, intelligent, wordily, eloquent and well-read."

Mr. Maddon has been a leader in the Tampa Bay area in raising awareness to the plight faced by those who are homeless and has actively worked to feed and shelter the victims of homelessness.

Frequently praised as a man who has never forgotten his roots, Mr. Maddon has been committed to helping raise the funds necessary to renovate the auditorium of his former high school so that it can serve as a Community Arts Center.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Joe Maddon for his personal and charitable achievements and also for the positive attention he has brought to his hometown of Hazleton and all of northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Maddon's example is an inspiration for others to emulate especially our young people who can look to him as a true role model.

RECOGNIZING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST ATTACKS FROM GAZA

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 9, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I wish to express my strong support for House Resolu-

tion 34, recognizing Israel's universal and sovereign right to defend itself from acts of war and aggression, and reaffirming the United States' strong support for Israel in our mutual fight against terrorism.

The cause of the present crisis is clear. Hamas, a terrorist organization committed to the destruction of Israel, has continually violated the territorial integrity of the State of Israel, a member of the United Nations, by launching thousands of rocket attacks from Gaza for the purpose of terrorizing and killing the citizens of Israel.

Hamas has received substantial support in its campaign of terror from other rogue nations, most notably Iran, which has provided Hamas with the material and expertise to conduct their rocket attacks.

In responding to these attacks, Israel is exercising its sovereign right to self defense, a legitimate right recognized by the international community.

Unfortunately, rather than lay the blame for this crisis where it belongs, with Hamas and its leadership, too many of our international allies have instead criticized Israel.

Blaming Israel for this present situation is akin to blaming the victim of a crime for the actions of a criminal. These criticisms of a sovereign state exercising its legitimate right to self defense will only embolden Hamas and terrorists everywhere.

House Resolution 34 recognizes that it is Hamas that is responsible for this present crisis and expresses our nation's solidarity with our friends and allies in Israel during their time of great danger. It is for this reason that I wish to express my strong support for House Resolution 34.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
RETIREMENT OF DR. JIMMY CHEEK

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, along with my friend Congressman ADAM PUTNAM, it is a great honor for me to rise today to recognize the retirement of Dr. Jimmy Cheek from the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, IFAS. Since 1975, Dr. Cheek has been instrumental in agricultural education at the University of Florida, where he was a mentor of mine.

Jimmy Cheek's career with the University of Florida began as an assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, and now, over 30 years later, he is retiring as a senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources. Through the course of his career, he served in a number of positions, but all of them were dedicated toward instilling an understanding of the importance of agriculture in his students. Dr. Cheek also received numerous awards and recognition not only for his dedication to teaching but also his vast knowledge of agriculture.

His leadership in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, CALS, as well as IFAS, helped expand the programs offered and the student enrollment, making CALS the fourth-largest college at UF. Dr. Cheek took an outstanding program and improved upon it even further as he oversaw the addition of new programs and research opportunities, and he has