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TRIBUTE TO PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a world class hospital and the American Alliance of Healthcare Providers' 2009 "Hospital of the Year," Pikeville Medical Center.

Each year, the American Alliance of Healthcare Providers selects a recipient of its hospital of the year award. This year over 400 applicants across the country participated in this competition. These applicants underwent rigorous on-site surveys and interviews to measure each hospital's standards of conduct, improvement, management and training. I am proud to report that this top notch institution in the heart of Eastern Kentucky was judged to be the nation's most patient friendly hospital.

This distinguished recognition truly reflects an unwavering commitment to world class patient care by every one of Pikeville Medical Center's 1,700 employees. The honor of being named Hospital of the Year is simply the latest example of the Pikeville Medical Center's stellar reputation among its peers and fellow medical professionals; in fact, the hospital was also named a Hospital of Choice by the American Alliance of Healthcare Providers earlier this year. In addition, the hospital has been named one of Kentucky's Top 10 Places to Work for two consecutive years, and one of the nation's Best Places to Work by Modern Healthcare Magazine. The hospital has also been recognized by the Kentucky Center for Performance Excellence and the Commission on Cancer. Simply put, the Pikeville Medical Center is living proof that the best hospitals rely not only on technology, but on a labor force that is committed to their noble mission of "quality, regional health care in a Christian environment."

For 85 years, Pikeville Medical Center has served as a beacon of healing for the people of Pike County, Kentucky and the surrounding regions. Since its humble beginnings in 1924, the hospital has expanded many times over to meet regional needs. Today, the Medical Center complex boasts many specialties and services such as its award winning cancer center, a cardiac rehabilitation center, a sleep studies laboratory, and a neonatal intensive care unit. The Pikeville Medical Center has also fashioned a teaching program that is second to none and will ensure that our talented young medical professionals will not have to leave Eastern Kentucky to learn and develop their skills.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a fine example of patient care and community wellness, the Pikeville Medical Center. I congratulate the Center on this latest achievement and wish the employees and hospital leadership many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA TOY AS THE WALTON COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Patricia Toy upon receiving the Walton County, Florida Teacher of the Year Award. Patricia is a dedicated teacher and public servant, and I am honored to recognize her achievements.

Patricia Toy has an extensive career in education. She earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and her Master's in Education from Georgetown College in Kentucky. Past teaching awards include the Who's Who Among American Teachers Award in 1998, 2000, and 2002, as well as the Outstanding Educator Award from the Kentucky Governor's Scholar Program in 2001. She has been a teacher for over 28 years.

In her third year at Paxton School in Walton County, Patricia now teaches seventh grade language arts and high school Spanish. Her tremendous dedication to the students of Paxton has earned her the Walton County Teacher of the Year Award for 2010.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Patricia Toy as the Walton Teacher of the Year. She is a true community leader and a great educator. My wife Vicki and I wish Patricia and her family all the best for the future.

HONORING MRS. ELEANOR DOUGHTY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special woman who resides in Missouri's 6th congressional district, Mrs. Eleanor Doughty, and congratulate the event of her 100th birthday.

Eleanor was born in St. Joseph, Missouri on January 29, 1910. The daughter of Frank and Maude Culp, Eleanor attended school in St. Joseph and went on to earn a degree in Business Administration from Tarkio College.

In 1933, Eleanor married Gavin Doughty at Wyatt Park Baptist Church in St. Joseph, MO. Together, Eleanor and Gavin moved up north to Tarkio, MO where they remained married for 71 years and raised their four children, Mervyn Fisher, Gavin Jr., Wayne, and Carol. The family grew by leaps and bounds over the years to include 14 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and 8 great great grandchildren.

Eleanor's life has been a testament to the kind of woman she is. Family and friends closest to Eleanor say, more than anything, she is a dedicated wife and loving mother. One of her proudest accomplishments was being able to raise such a wonderful family. These days a person is likely to find Eleanor visiting family, playing Bridge or Tile Rummy, reading a good book, or getting her daily exercise.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to join with family and friends to congratulate Eleanor as

she celebrates her 100th birthday. I congratulate Eleanor for her many contributions to her family, friends, and community and wish her many more joyful years.

DOLLY MILLENDER

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Ms. Dharathula H. "Dolly" Millender on a momentous milestone, her 90th birthday, which will be on February 4, 2010. Dolly will be celebrating this milestone with family and friends on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at The Stadium Restaurant in Gary, Indiana. For 50 years, Dolly's complete dedication and endless enthusiasm put forth toward her community has allowed her the opportunity to enrich the lives of countless people.

Dolly Millender was born on February 4, 1920, in Terre Haute, Indiana, to Dolly and Orestes Hood, and became a third generation Hoosier. Dolly's grandfather, Nicholas Hood, settled in Indiana after becoming free. From her family, Dolly learned the importance of community. They taught her to work unselfishly for the people of the community because it is "right" and it should not be done for any other ambition. It was during these early years that Dolly was taught to strive to make a difference in the lives of others. In 1941, Dolly went on to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Education with a minor in Music from Indiana State Teacher's College, which is now Indiana State University. It was during her college years that she met her late husband, Justyn Millender. In 1944, Dolly and Justyn were married and later had two children, Naomi and Justine.

The family moved to Gary in 1950, and it was here that Dolly became a librarian at Pulaski Junior High, where she was fondly known as the "library lady." It was during this time that she became enthralled with the history of Gary and its roots. Dolly's passion for history and selfless devotion to her community began to take shape, and her lifelong career as a historian and advocate for the community of Gary continued to grow. In 1967, Dolly wrote and published the first of her five books, Yesterday in Gary, which has become a collector's item today. Continuing her education, in 1969, Dolly went on to graduate from Purdue University with a Master's degree in Educational Media. Dolly then began her active political career as a precinct committeeperson and later became the first elected Gary City Councilwoman-at-large. She has held many impressive political positions throughout her career which include: library trustee, school board trustee, and Chief Executive Officer of the Gary Historical and Cultural Society, an unpaid position she continues to hold today. Dolly's many friends and family members share a common respect for her commendable qualities. For her many years of service dedicated to making the community of Gary a better place, Dolly is to be commended. She is a role model for us all.

Madam Speaker, Dolly Millender has always given her time and efforts selflessly to the community of Gary throughout her illustrious

life. She has dedicated her time and effort to serving and inspiring her community and its people, and for this she is worthy of our deepest admiration. I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in wishing Dolly a very happy 90th birthday.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY SERGEANT JONATHAN SHIVER

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. I rise today to honor United States Army Sergeant Jonathan Shiver, who passed away on January 15, 2010.

Born March 4, 1985 to Paul Edward and Jennifer Ann Shiver in Tucson, Jonathan graduated from Buena High School in 2003 and attended Wyoming Technical College, earning his Associates Degree in 2004.

Jonathan joined the Army in June 2007—a day he said was the day that changed his life. He was an exemplary Soldier, promoted to Sergeant in 2009 ahead of his peers.

His family described him as a caring soul who enjoyed spending time outdoors on fishing trips, listening to country music, playing cards, and spending time with his friends and family.

Assigned to the Army's Third Expeditionary Sustainment Command, he deployed to Iraq where he worked as a mechanic, orderly room clerk, and was later selected to be a General's aide. Jonathan earned numerous commendations and accolades during his career.

We remember Sergeant Jonathan Shiver and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. My words cannot effectively convey the feeling of great loss nor can they offer adequate consolation. However, it is my hope that in future days, his family may take some comfort in knowing that Justin made a difference in the lives of many others and serves as an example of a competent and caring leader and friend that will live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

This body and this country owe Jonathan and his family a debt of gratitude and it is vital that we remember him and his service to his country.

Sergeant Jonathan Shiver leaves behind his beloved wife Jasmine, his parents Paul and Jennifer of Sierra Vista, his sister Danielle of Phoenix, his grandmothers Brenda Jacobson of Sierra Vista and Marian Shiver of Texas and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

HOBART CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2009 AWARD WINNERS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the Hobart Chamber of Commerce award winners for 2009. These distinguished recipients will be honored during the Chamber's annual awards and installation banquet,

which will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at River Pointe Country Club in Hobart, Indiana.

The Hobart Chamber of Commerce utilizes members of the community in order to improve and develop business, industry, and the professions. Each year, the Chamber members and friends gather together to honor outstanding businesses and volunteers, and to commemorate specific accomplishments within the community. This year, the Chamber will honor the memory of Nancy Norris and Shirley Campbell, two remarkable individuals whose impact on the Hobart community will leave a lasting impression.

Continuing a tradition that dates back more than fifty years, the Chamber will honor its 2009 Outstanding Businesses. The first of the 2009 Outstanding Business award recipients is Alligator Construction. Alligator Construction first opened its doors nine years ago. Owners Dave and Maryann Ferner credit the support of their community for allowing them to grow from a window and siding company to a total remodeling company. Throughout Hobart and beyond, Alligator Construction's quality craftsmanship and commitment to meeting the customers' demands can be seen in the many successful projects they have undertaken. Regional Federal Credit Union, founded in 1961, is also being recognized as an Outstanding Business for 2009. Regional Federal Credit Union continues to flourish as a company committed to community involvement and volunteerism, as well as the promotion of financial education in the school system. The company has seen success and growth throughout Northwest Indiana by providing the community with excellent service in meeting the needs of their customers. The final Outstanding Business for 2009 is Strack and Van Til. What began in 1959 as a partnership between Nick Van Til and Ernie Strack, two local grocery store owners, has emerged as an organization now boasting an astonishing thirty supermarket locations throughout Indiana and Illinois. Priding itself on quality products and quality service, Strack and Van Til has been a leader not only in the grocery business but in the Northwest Indiana community as well. Each of these fine businesses is truly worthy of this tremendous honor.

During this year's banquet, the Hobart Chamber of Commerce will honor Ms. Virginia Curtis with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Curtis, a longtime resident of Hobart, has been a member of the Chamber for more than thirty years and currently serves on its board of directors. Ms. Curtis is credited as the driving force behind the city's Independence Day festivities and was even selected in 2009 as the Grand Marshal for the parade. Well known for her work as a staff writer for several local newspapers, Ms. Curtis also owned a local restaurant and now serves as the president of the Hobart Community Improvement Committee. For her selfless commitment to her community, I congratulate Ms. Virginia Curtis on this prestigious award.

The Hobart Chamber of Commerce will also congratulate Saint Mary Medical Center for an astonishing 103 years of service to the Northwest Indiana community. The hospital continues to be a leader in the healthcare field and has maintained excellence in providing quality care to those in need. For its outstanding service, Saint Mary Medical Center has received countless awards, including the

Distinguished Hospital for Patient Safety Award and the 2008 Hobart Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year award. For their many years of service and for the many lives its dedicated staff has improved, I commend the Saint Mary Medical Center.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the Hobart Chamber of Commerce 2009 award winners. For their dedication and commitment to the community of Hobart as well as Northwest Indiana, they are all worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Aircraft Evaluation Readiness Initiative (AERI)

Provided: \$2,400,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Air Force

Recipient: Iowa State University

Recipient's Street Address: 1750 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011-2035

Description: This project would continue a program to address a range of aircraft inspection needs to help extend the life of the aging Air Force fleet, as part of a partnership between the Center for Nondestructive Evaluation at Iowa State University and the Air Force Materials Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Project Name: Galfenol Energy Harvesting

Amount Provided: \$2,800,000

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation—Army

Recipient: ETREMA Products, Inc.

Recipient's Street Address: 2500 North Loop Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010

Description: The US Navy has a goal of reducing crew sizes, moving toward all-electric designs and increasing survivability of its vessels. A key strategy is the use of remote sensors to monitor areas and functions of a ship normally covered directly by personnel. The objective of the project is to develop this technology. Magnetostrictive materials like Galfenol offer a unique capability to harvest stray energy from routine ship vibrations and other sources which can power these sensors and the wireless radios used to transmit the data. Remote sensors would communicate information to a central processing station using a wireless network and thereby avoid adding the weight and complexity of additional wiring. An important benefit is the increased survivability of such a vessel in the event of an emergency or attack. By decentralizing command and control functions of a vessel through virtual control centers, damage to any one section of a vessel can be circumvented.