

HONORING PVAMC DIRECTOR
RICHARD CITRON

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise before you to honor Director Richard S. Citron on his retirement from the post of Director of the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Mr. Richard S. Citron was appointed Director of the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center in August 2007. The Philadelphia VAMC is a tertiary care facility for the eastern half of VA Healthcare—VISN 4, providing care to 60,000 Veterans in America's sixth largest metropolitan area including the city of Philadelphia and surrounding six counties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He has led more than 2,000 dedicated staff working at the main campus in West Philadelphia and community-based outpatient clinics in Fort Dix, NJ, Gloucester County, NJ, Camden, NJ, Center City Philadelphia, and Horsham, PA (the Victor J. Saracini Community Based Outpatient Clinic). Philadelphia VAMC operates 140 inpatient beds and a 135-bed nursing home known as the Philadelphia Veterans Community Living Center.

Mr. Citron has 38 years of VA healthcare experience, beginning in 1971 at Long Beach, CA. He has since served at medical centers in Newington, Loma Linda, Richmond, Brockton/West Roxbury, and VA Central Office. Mr. Citron served as Assistant Director of the VA Medical Center (University Drive) in Pittsburgh, as Acting Director of medical centers in Murfreesboro and Cleveland, and Director of the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago. Prior to arriving in Philadelphia, Mr. Citron was Director of the Wilmington, DE, VA Medical Center.

Mr. Citron served in the US Army from 1968 to 1971, including one year at a MASH hospital in Chu Lai, Vietnam. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the College of William and Mary and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE).

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Director Citron for his commitment to ensuring the well-being of our nation's Veterans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DALY
CITY YOUTH HEALTH CENTER'S
20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 20th anniversary of the Daly City Youth Health Center, a health and youth development program linked to the Jefferson Union High School District. Since its inception this facility has served over 37,000 youth and currently provides services to more than 600 teens each month. Clearly, we are a better community because of the dedication, caring and expertise of the center's staff.

The center, a satellite office of the San Mateo Medical Center, offers primary medical care, reproductive health care, mental health counseling, sexuality education, case management of pregnant teens, vocational guidance and life skills training. This center has been highly effective in helping girls and boys from low-income backgrounds where individual needs require a multi-service response.

I would like to point out that over 5,000 teens seek medical services from the clinic during the year and that most of the care revolves around reproductive health. These services are free although staff will work with these young people in terms of helping them apply for health insurance.

The center has been hailed for its development of programs covering mental health counseling, teen pregnancy prevention, peer leadership and the always challenging transition from school to a career. We would all do well to adhere to the center's mission to increase resiliency, encourage responsibility and promote self-determination among youth and young adults.

Madam Speaker, while this body has engaged in long and spirited debate on the issue of health care, it is important that we recognize and honor a 20-year-old program that has enriched thousands of young people in my district.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF WJER
1450 AM

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, WJER 1450 AM was founded and began broadcasting in 1950 and is celebrating its 60th anniversary; and

Whereas, WJER AM has served as "the Voice of the Valley" by connecting the citizens of Dover, New Philadelphia, and Tuscarawas County for sixty years; and

Whereas, WJER is committed to continuing their work of bringing news and entertainment to the communities of Tuscarawas County in years to come; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend WJER for six decades of service to the Tuscarawas Valley through the broadcast of national and local news, sports, and entertainment.

JESUS GUEVARA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jesus Guevara who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jesus Guevara is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jesus Guevara is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jesus Guevara for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF VOLUNTEERISM

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in favor of H. Res. 1276, commemorating the anniversary of the signing of the landmark service legislation, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.

Since its enactment 1 year ago, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act has cemented the importance of volunteerism and community involvement in American society. This legislation reflects the willingness of Americans to dedicate their time and effort to help their neighborhoods through a common goal of community improvement.

The success of the Serve America Act is apparent not only in its progress so far, but in those results yet to come. The creation of 175,000 new volunteer opportunities, through existing service programs such as AmeriCorps, is increasing volunteerism in America to the highest level since 2003.

The Serve America Act has demonstrated that even in this period of economic uncertainty, investment in communities continues to reap the highest rewards. The Serve America Act has allowed Americans to play an active role in our economic recovery through their volunteerism by empowering individuals to initiate real and lasting development within their communities. And by rewarding those who volunteer their services even during their full-time education, this legislation has enabled countless diligent students to combine community activism with greater educational possibilities.

I am particularly proud that this legislation created the Musicians and Artists Corps that I championed to train and deploy skilled musicians and artists to low income communities, schools, health care and therapeutic settings, and other areas, where they promote music and arts engagement programs. As someone who knows firsthand the proven social benefits of music and creative arts programs, I believe this program will have tremendous rewards.

The Serve America Act has been a call to service to all Americans, and undoubtedly it has inspired American citizens from all walks of life to give back to their communities. The Musicians and Artists Corps allows musicians and artists who are eager to serve to contribute their special skills and diverse talents to this community of activism.

The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act has contributed significantly to increasing service in our country, and I am proud to commemorate its passage and support its continuing good work.

HONORING FORMER NORTH CAROLINA SENATOR JOSEPH BRYANT RAYNOR, JR.

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senator Joseph Bryant Raynor, Jr. for his continued service to his community, county and State.

Born and raised in Fayetteville, NC, Senator Raynor learned early the value of hard work. Joe, like myself, grew up working on a farm and in his father's store stocking farm supplies and groceries. While attending 71st School in Fayetteville, Joe was active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and also worked an after school job as a baggage boy at Efrid's Department Store. After graduation he pursued a career in business, eventually leading him to start Raynor Business Supply Company, which has thrived for over 60 years.

In addition to being a successful businessman, Joe Raynor served in the North Carolina General Assembly for 22 years. First in the House, and then in the Senate, Joe strongly supported the criminal justice system and advocated for law enforcement and first responders. Serving as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Law Enforcement and Crime Control, he introduced bills to benefit law enforcement, including subsidizing losses for families of police officers slain in the line of duty. He also found innovative, fiscally responsible ways to help the community, supporting halfway houses with his "nickel a bottle tax" on liquor sales, and expanding community efforts treat those suffering from alcohol addiction. After more than two decades of focusing his energies on serving police officers, the mentally ill, and the elderly, Joe Raynor retired from the General Assembly in 1992.

Throughout his life Senator Raynor has served on a number of boards, commissions and committees in North Carolina, notably his position as Cumberland County Special Deputy Sheriff and Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Elections. He has served the people of Cumberland County, the Sheriff's Department and the first responder community for over 50 years and has made a lasting impression on his county and the face of the North Carolina criminal justice system.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the service and achievements of a good friend and former colleague of mine, Senator Joseph Bryant Raynor, Jr. He is a hard-working man and a beacon of justice and service. Like many of my fellow North Carolinians, I am proud to call Joe Raynor my friend.

CONGRATULATING TRENT STEELE

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kearney High School's Trent Steele, who has recently been named assistant principal of the year by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals.

Trent supervises and advises the senior class, curriculum, and is in charge of teacher evaluation and supervision. In addition, he co-chairs the Kearney High School Behavior/Safety Committee, which is responsible for development and implementation of school wide behavior policy.

Prior to his service at Kearney High, Trent served as assistant principal at Beatrice Middle School, and as K-12 principal at Anselmo-Merna Public School.

With a background in education myself, I know the dedication and responsibility required by Trent and other educators. He is a credit to Kearney High and the people of Nebraska.

JESSICA BOWLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Bowler who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jessica Bowler is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jessica Bowler is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jessica Bowler for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1208, which expresses support for World IP Day.

April 26, 2010 was the 10th annual World IP Day. This day was designated by the member nations of the World Intellectual Property Organization in order to raise awareness of how patents, copyright, and trademarks impact daily life, to raise understanding of how protecting IP rights helps promote creativity and innovation, to celebrate the contributions of creators and innovators to societies around the world, and to encourage respect for the IP rights of others.

When the Founders of our great Nation crafted the U.S. Constitution, they saw fit to include provisions to provide for the protection of intellectual property. They believed that if authors and inventors had the exclusive ability to use and reap a return on their creations for a limited time, then those artists and inventors

would have the financial incentive to create new and exciting products that would benefit society and our economy. And it worked!

Today, America is the world leader in innovation and creativity precisely because of our Founders' foresight and our Nation's exceptionally strong intellectual property laws. Furthermore, the IP industries in America are a major driving force and job-creating engine of our economy.

Recently I had the opportunity to talk with a famous American author who told a story that hammered home how much the creative ideas of one man, if properly protected by intellectual property laws, can multiply into real jobs for real people. He wrote a best-selling novel. That novel then needed to be edited, reviewed, printed, marketed and distributed. The novel then became a movie, which needed to be produced, reviewed, distributed and shown in movie theatres, then in movie rental shops all across the country. The protected idea of one man helped to create all these jobs down the line. It is stories like this that need to be told on World IP Day.

In today's digital world, the Internet's fast connections can be used to download, upload and otherwise share illegal copies of songs, movies, games, and software at unprecedented levels. As we continue our journey into the digital age, it is even more important that we continue to jealously guard creators' intellectual property rights in order to foster new content, innovative products, and American jobs.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SILVER DOLLAR CITY IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the 50th Anniversary of Silver Dollar City in Southern Missouri. On May 1, 1960, this attraction was established in Branson, Missouri, and a whole community has grown up around the many visitors who are drawn to Taney County every year. Not only is Silver Dollar City a mainstay of the local economy, the park is also an annual destination for families throughout the region.

Silver Dollar City owes its success and its continuation as a family business to the leadership of its co-owners and co-founders, Mr. Jack Herschend and Mr. Peter Herschend. Since the founding of their company 50 years ago, they have always stayed true to the principal values of our State and our Nation. By being diligent in their business, kind to their employees and loyal to the customers who return to them year after year in increasing numbers, Herschend Family Entertainment is a great example to aspiring entrepreneurs in every sector of our economy.

As this House of Representatives labors in the best interests of Americans like the Herschends and ideas like Silver Dollar City, we must keep in mind the policies that will enable others to achieve similar success through their good ideas and hard work. I'm honored to congratulate all of the employees and guests at Silver Dollar City, past and present, on their 50th Anniversary. Each of them is a