

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF BOBBY MOSER
UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS THE
LONGEST-TENURED DEAN AT
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2012

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Bobby Moser upon his retirement from the position of vice president for Agricultural Administration and dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University.

Since its inception, the United States has always been known for its institutions of higher education. Our universities and colleges represent some of the most well-known and respected schools in the world. In my opinion, these heavily lauded institutions remain only as successful as the administrators and professors who make up its faculty. Every American who has attended a school of higher learning can fondly remember one or more faculty members whose impact resonates with him or her today. We must not forget the role of educators and administrators whose unwavering efforts sometimes go unnoticed. It is because of the intelligence and hard work of these men and women that our schools stand today as some of the world's finest places of learning and educational development.

For over 20 years Bobby Moser has represented one such educator and administrator. Since his introduction to The Ohio State University, the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences has gone on to become a well-recognized and respected department nationwide. In light of his efforts, the college has seen an increase in grant awards, issuance of patents and donations. As an alumnus and a former member of the marching band at OSU, I can appreciate the efforts and impact of quality individuals like Bobby. Much of his career has remained dedicated to the development of this college and the students who have devoted themselves to Ohio's oldest and most reputable industry. I am proud to recognize the career of such a supreme leader at OSU and look forward to hearing of his future successes and contributions to our community.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I would like to thank Bobby Moser for his steadfast commitment to The Ohio State University.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2012

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 395, I mistakenly voted "nay" when I had intended to vote "yea."

HONORING THE MUTUAL
MUSICIANS FOUNDATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2012

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to acknowledge the Mutual Musicians Foundation for their tireless efforts in preserving Kansas City Jazz history. Jazz music has greatly influenced the history and culture of the United States and of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, which I am honored to represent. Located in the heart of the historic 18th and Vine Jazz District, the Mutual Musicians Foundation continues to bring the nostalgia of early jazz to the forefront of the music scene for generations to come.

Originally home to the Colored Musicians Protective Local Union #627, the historic venue opened its doors in 1930. Established in 1917, Local Union #627, then known as the "Colored Musicians Union" operated as a social center, engagement clearinghouse, and as a vehicle for grievances against unfair practices from booking agents and band leaders. Some of the jazz music's most influential musicians have walked through their doors, including Charlie Parker, Count Basie, Big Joe Turner, Hot Lips Page, and Mary Lou Williams.

In collaboration with the Historic Jazz Foundation, the Mutual Musicians Foundation has created an educational experience that will be relished for many generations to come. Through my support for congressional funding, the Film Archival Project has been made possible. This project will be beneficial in archiving historical photography, videos, and memorabilia of jazz music's most significant musicians. This project will also make the preservation of important film from jazz musicians possible.

Jazz has been played continuously at the Mutual Musicians Foundation since 1930, making it the longest running jazz location in the United States and in the world. Because it is the place where the Kansas City Style of jazz was born, it has been designated as a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues in the House join me in honoring the Mutual Musicians Foundation for their years of dedicated service to Kansas City's rich jazz community. Continuing to support such a worthy institution is not a duty, but instead an honor.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II
VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II veterans who traveled to

Washington, DC, on June 19, 2012 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II veterans the opportunity to visit the World War II Memorial on The National Mall in Washington, DC. This memorial was built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on June 19 answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Nick Angelopoulos, Olin Apgar, James E. Atkinson, Albert Augustyn, Douglas Babitzke, David Baruch, John M. Campbell, Lester Catlin, John Ciolek, Joseph T. Connelly, Edward W. Connelly, Peter J. Cortopassi, Eldon L. Cueno, Charlie L. Davis, Donald DeKraker, Thaddeus J. Dobrowolski, Francis Duffy, Ladimir F. Dvorak, Bernard Ellman, Melvin Elmhorst, Eugene T. Entrican, Peter Eugenis, Alfred Evinger, Robert M. Flynn, Charles Ford, Rogers P. Freedlund, Wilbur Lee German, Lawrence E. Gilford, Frank J. Gliwa, George Griner, Eugene E. Hainchek, Martin A. Halloran, Harold M. Halsten, William V. Hervoy, Elden E. Holzwart, Ernest Hoskins, Richard H. Hyde, David S. Jameson, Evert P. Johnson, Edward S. Killian, Edward Kozlow, Ralph H. Krichbaum, William E. Krueger, Clarence E. Kuhlman, Walter Leslie, Aaron H. Levin, Louis G. Limperes, Edmund Lozano, Frederick Ruiz Maravilla, Emil L. Marcotte, Donald J. Marsaglia, Henry Alvin Mathews, William McNabola, Robert A. Mortensen,

Frank J. Muehlbauer, James M. Muirhead, John Mullen, Thomas J. Mulligan, Harold Nicodem, Lawrence E. Nielsen, John S. Opitz, Robert D. Pasquale, Angelo J. Pasquesi, William Payne, Sr., Frederick Thomas Pennix, Joseph Persico, Edward Richards, Kenneth Richardt, Walter Schauer, Arthur Shapiro, Joseph W. Sheade, William S. Sherwood, William F. Shipp, Edward Skrapka, Donald Frank Slapak, Calvin Sleeman, Robert N. Smedberg, Arne Sorensen, Salvatore Sparacio, Donald F. Spitzer, Lyle Claude Springer, Robert Steege, Conrad L. Steindler, Lester Strejc, Evan B. Stubbs, Benjamin Sultz, Edward Telman, William L. Tiffin, Alexander T. Valos, Joseph J. Waickus, Reginald R. Watt, Bentley Weitzman, Bobby D. Whisler, Sidney Winters, Richard N. Wunderink.

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OREGON HOME HEALTH CARE AND
MEDICARE

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the House about an issue of particular importance to seniors and health care patients in Oregon's 70,000 square-mile Second District: access to home health care. Some counties in my largely rural district are without a single hospital or physician, meaning finding care can be difficult. Fortunately, however, each of the 20 counties in the district does have skilled, dedicated home health providers willing to care for those in need.

Ninety-six percent of all Medicare spending goes toward patients with more than one chronic disease, and sixty-six percent of the program's funds are used for those with five or more chronic conditions. With ten thousand new Medicare beneficiaries added every day, we must work to ensure the program's long-term sustainability.

Fortunately for Medicare, home health care providers go above and beyond to deliver high-quality, clinically effective, efficient care, and many medical treatments that were once offered in hospital or nursing home settings are now being safely and more cost-efficiently provided in patients' homes. Further, the home health and hospice industry helps fuel the economy with nearly 1.5 million jobs nationwide.

I have seen first-hand the compassionate and highly skilled care home health nurses provide to patients. My wife Mylene and I have seen it on a personal level with our own families, and talked to numerous Oregonians who are grateful for the opportunity to recover in their own home with their spouse and loved ones by their side.

In addition to being good for patients, home health is also good for federal taxpayers. When seniors choose home health, they stay in their own beds, pay their own utilities, do their own laundry, and provide for their own meals. This is also often supplemented by family members who help keep them safe and well in the place they most want to be—their home. When Medicare covers the costs of room and board and 24 hour care in more expensive institutional settings, taxpayers spend thousands of dollars they would otherwise save in home health settings.

Unfortunately, however, for the majority of compassionate, skilled home health providers truly dedicated to the patients they serve, a narrow sliver of operators are tarnishing their good work. MedPAC has found that a small number of bad actors in just 25 counties nationwide are disproportionately taking advantage of Medicare beneficiaries and taxpayers.

According to MedPAC's figures, the total number of home health providers in these top 25 highest spending counties rose from 290 in 2005 to 775 in 2009, an increase of over 167 percent. During this time, Medicare payments to these providers went from \$592 million to \$1.6 billion, a 163 percent increase in taxpayer spending.

In Oregon during that same time period, the total number of providers, as well as overall Medicare reimbursement, actually decreased. These figures confirm what many of us in Or-

egon have been saying for years: when it comes to waste, fraud, and abuse in the health care system, Oregon providers as a whole are not the problem.

So while no State is 100 percent without fault, and while every provider should make it their goal to act only in the best interest of their patients, these figures have shown us the main source of abuse. Therefore, any future home health proposal should target these higher spending counties rather than indiscriminately harming the good players in the industry. Isolating and rooting out fraud simply makes sense for providers, patients, and taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, while we can always do more to ensure access to health care services in rural areas like Oregon's Second District, I take comfort in knowing that there are many home health providers willing to serve seniors in Oregon and elsewhere. Because of these dedicated providers, patients receive the care they need in the comfort of their homes, with their families and loved ones at their side.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAVE THOMAS FOUNDATION FOR ADOPTION

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2012

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

The Foundation was established in 1992 by Dave Thomas as a public charity with one primary goal: to help every child in foster care find a loving, permanent family. Throughout its history, the Foundation has set forth on a mission of dramatically increasing the number of adoptions of waiting children.

For 20 years, the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption has committed itself to finding permanent families for the more than 100,000 children waiting in the United States foster care system.

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption awards grants to public and private adoption agencies all across the country. Last year these grants totaled more than \$8 million and focused on supporting adoption professionals who implement proactive, child-focused recruitment programs targeted exclusively on moving the longest-waiting children from foster care into adoptive families. This signature program is Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK).

The results from an empirical five-year case study on WWK were released in October, 2011. The research showed that children in the program are up to three times more likely to be adopted.

The Foundation also supports employers through the Adoption-Friendly Workplace program, is a founding member of National Adoption Day, and is a proud partner of the annual television special, *A Home for the Holidays*.

The Foundation is an accredited charity of the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, Standards for Excellence certified, and has received the highest possible rating on Charity Navigator. The Foundation has helped more than 3,000 children find their forever families and provided information and support to tens of thousands of potential adoptive families.

For these reasons, I am proud to applaud the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and its dedicated staff for their extraordinary contributions to the people of Ohio's 12th Congressional District and throughout the United States.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2012 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 27

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2345, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to permit the Government of the District of Columbia to determine the fiscal year period, to make local funds of the District of Columbia for a fiscal year available for use by the District upon enactment of the local budget act for the year subject to a period of Congressional review, S. 2178, to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property, S. 2170, to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, which are commonly referred to as the "Hatch Act" to eliminate the provision preventing certain State and local employees from seeking elective office, clarify the application of certain provisions to the District of Columbia, and modify the penalties which may be imposed for certain violations under subchapter III of chapter 73 of that title, S. 2234, to prevent human trafficking in government contracting, S. 2239, to direct the head of each agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses, H.R. 915, to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force program to enhance border security by fostering coordinated efforts among Federal, State, and local border and law enforcement officials to protect United States border cities and communities from trans-national crime, including violence associated with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal alien trafficking and smuggling, violence, and kidnapping along and across the international borders of the United