

designed to target patients with complex chronic diseases through an interdisciplinary team of health professionals. This program showed a reduction in inpatient hospital days by 62 percent, and a reduction in nursing home bed days by 88 percent. This translated into a reduction in the cost of care from \$38,000 to \$29,000 per patient per year for patients enrolled in the program (a 24 percent reduction).

The Medicare program continues to increase in importance in my home state of California, where our senior population is increasing dramatically. The percentage of Californians age 60 and older is expected to grow from 6.4 percent in 2010 to 11.5 percent by 2030, according to the California Department of Aging. In my district, there are currently 63,053 Medicare recipients. I am committed to preserving benefits for current recipients and those nearing retirement, while guaranteeing the program's solvency for future generations of Americans.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of Medicare's Skilled Home Healthcare Services act.

A TRIBUTE TO LYNETTE M.
BROWN-SOW

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynette M. Brown-Sow for her dedication in the field of healthcare and service to the city of Philadelphia. Lynette is a great example how one can use their expertise to achieve success while also contributing to the community.

As Vice President for Marketing and Government Relations at Community College of Philadelphia, a position she has held since 1995, Lynette has engaged communities, businesses, and governments in constructing frameworks that promote progress and prosperity. Her outstanding work was rewarded in 2009 when she was named Communicator of the Year. Lynette has done significant work in the behavioral healthcare field. She serves on the board of Directors of the Consortium, which named its newest service center the Lynette M. Brown center of hope.

In 1991, Philadelphia Mayor Edward G. Rendell appointed Lynette Deputy Mayor of Administration. In 2007, Lynette co-chaired Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter's transition team and was appointed as vice-chair of the Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Lynette is the founder and chairman of the Hardy Williams Education Fund, a nonprofit organization that provides support for educational endeavors and scholarships for people interested in careers in law, government, or social action; and founder of L.M. Brown Management Group, a certified minority/female-owned consultant firm.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring Lynette M. Brown-Sow for her successful endeavors and major contributions to the city of Philadelphia.

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW KENSINGTON AREA ROTARY CLUB

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the New Kensington Area Rotary Club on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. Since its inception, this great international service organization has operated according to its motto of "service above self," providing support to our troops and to laudable philanthropic causes in southwestern Pennsylvania and throughout the world.

In addition to providing support to local chapters of Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and the YMCA, the New Kensington Area Rotary Club has sponsored efforts to promote literacy at local elementary schools, held Santa breakfasts for local needy children, sent clothing, shoes and other needed materials to needy communities in Appalachia and provided computers to St. Joseph's Indian School on the Cheyenne Indian Reservation in South Dakota. It has also worked to improve lives in disadvantaged and medically underserved communities abroad, performing water projects in Uganda, supporting the effort to eliminate the global Polio epidemic and participating in national immunization days in India, Venezuela and elsewhere.

To honor the selfless efforts its members have made to promote peace and prosperity throughout the world over the last 75 years, the New Kensington Area Rotary Club will hold an Anniversary Gala on October 23rd at the Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pennsylvania. It is my most sincere hope that this event brings pride and fulfillment to all those who have had a hand in making the New Kensington Area Rotary club one of Southwestern Pennsylvania's most successful community service organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud to represent the members of the New Kensington Area Rotary Club in Congress; everyone should attempt to emulate their abiding generosity and kindness. I have every expectation that their great organization will continue to accomplish charitable feats of international significance for years to come.

IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE ORAL HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS IN HEALTH CARE REFORM

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because we can no longer afford to treat oral health as separate from general health.

The mouth is a part of the body, and dental care must be part of comprehensive care. Oral diseases and disorders can cause severe pain, malnutrition, and even death if left untreated.

But because oral care has long been excluded from comprehensive care, thousands of families and children are left without dental

care. Twenty-two percent of all out-of-pocket spending in the U.S. is spent on dental care, and dental decay is the most common chronic childhood disease.

Our workforce loses 164 million work hours each year due to dental problems, and close to half of military recruits in 2008 were ineligible for deployment due to dental issues.

This is unacceptable. We can, and must, do better than this.

We must preserve funding for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, and fully fund the many oral health care provisions in Health Care Reform. The mouth is part of the body, and must be treated as such.

RECOGNIZING UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Union County Vocational-Technical High School of Union County, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The Department of Education acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Union County Vocational-Technical High School is proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement, and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

This is a prestigious award to receive and Union County Vocational-Technical High School is proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, on September 19, 2012, I missed rollcall vote No. 585. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall No. 585, "aye."

FREE SPEECH, UNJUSTIFIED VIOLENCE AND HYPOCRISY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the recent death of several American diplomats is an outrageous example of wholly unjustified violence that must be unconditionally condemned. The fact that some people were angry because of what other people put into a movie does not begin to be a justification for violence, even against those who made the movie, and it is certainly, not remotely in any

logical world, an excuse for the murder of people wholly uninvolved in this.

The question of the judgment of the people who made that terrible movie must be kept entirely separate from the question of whether or not there was any justification for any of the violence that it caused. The answer is, without any doubt, that there was not.

It is bad enough when some leaders of the Muslim world suggest that there was some justification for killing people because someone felt that their religion was insulted. This error is compounded by the extraordinary hypocrisy involved when many of those who declaim what they found insulting are themselves guilty of equal vituperation of other religions and ethnic groups.

In an extraordinary, eloquent and thoughtful column in the New York Times for September 19th, Thomas L. Friedman, a balanced commentator on the Middle East who has often been very sympathetic to the legitimate concerns of Muslim people, wrote an excellent column on the essentiality of free speech, the absolutely unjustified nature of violence, and the hypocrisy to which I just alluded—and to which, to be honest, I was not paying enough attention until I read Mr. Friedman's column.

As Mr. Friedman says, "an insult—even one as stupid and ugly as the anti-Islam video on YouTube that started all of this—does not entitle people to go out and attack embassies and kill innocent diplomats. That is not how a proper self-governing people behave. There is no excuse for it. It is shameful." Mr. Friedman goes on to note, with regard to some in the Muslim community who have been demanding that America apologize for this, said "they might to look at the chauvinistic bile that is pumped out by some of their own media . . . insulting Shiites, Jews, Christians, Sufis and anyone else who is not a Sunni, or Fundamentalist, Muslim."

Thomas Friedman's column should be very widely read, both because he has earned the right to be taken very seriously on the crisis in the Middle East, and because of its wisdom and eloquence.

[From the New York Times, Sept. 18, 2012]

LOOK IN YOUR MIRROR

(By Thomas Friedman)

On Monday, David D. Kirkpatrick, the Cairo bureau chief for The Times, quoted one of the Egyptian demonstrators outside the American Embassy, Khaled Ali, as justifying last week's violent protests by declaring: "We never insult any prophet—not Moses, not Jesus—so why can't we demand that Muhammad be respected?" Mr. Ali, a 39-year-old textile worker, was holding up a handwritten sign in English that read: "Shut Up America." "Obama is the president, so he should have to apologize!"

I read several such comments from the rioters in the press last week, and I have a big problem with them. I don't like to see anyone's faith insulted, but we need to make two things very clear—more clear than President Obama's team has made them. One is that an insult—even one as stupid and ugly as the anti-Islam video on YouTube that started all of this—does not entitle people to go out and attack embassies and kill innocent diplomats. That is not how a proper self-governing people behave. There is no excuse for it. It is shameful. And, second, before demanding an apology from our president, Mr. Ali and the young Egyptians,

Tunisians, Libyans, Yemenis, Pakistanis, Afghans and Sudanese who have been taking to the streets might want to look in the mirror—or just turn on their own televisions. They might want to look at the chauvinistic bile that is pumped out by some of their own media on satellite television stations and Web sites or sold in sidewalk bookstores outside of mosques—insulting Shiites, Jews, Christians, Sufis and anyone else who is not a Sunni, or fundamentalist, Muslim. There are people in their countries for whom hating "the other" has become a source of identity and a collective excuse for failing to realize their own potential.

The Middle East Media Research Institute, or Memri, was founded in 1998 in Washington by Yigal Carmon, a former Israeli government adviser on counterterrorism, "to bridge the language gap between the Middle East and the West by monitoring, translating and studying Arab, Iranian, Urdu and Pashtu media, schoolbooks, and religious sermons." What I respect about Memri is that it translates not only the ugly stuff but the courageous liberal, reformist Arab commentators as well. I asked Memri for a sampler of the hate-filled videos that appear regularly on Arab/Muslim mass media. Here are some:

ON CHRISTIANS Hasan Rahimpur Azghadi of the Iranian Supreme Council for Cultural Revolution: Christianity is "a reeking corpse, on which you have to constantly pour eau de cologne and perfume, and wash it in order to keep it clean." <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/1528.htm>—July 20, 2007.

Sheik Al-Khatib al-Baghdadi: It is permissible to spill the blood of the Iraqi Christians—and a duty to wage jihad against them. <http://www.memri.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/0/5200.htm>—April 14, 2011.

Abd al-Aziz Fawzan al-Fawzan, a Saudi professor of Islamic law, calls for "positive hatred" of Christians. Al-Majd TV (Saudi Arabia), <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/1992.htm>—Dec. 16, 2005.

ON SHIITES The Egyptian Cleric Muhammad Hussein Yaaqub: "Muslim Brotherhood Presidential Candidate Mohamed Morsi told me that the Shiites are more dangerous to Islam than the Jews." <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/13466.htm>—June 13, 2012.

The Egyptian Cleric Mazen al-Sirsawi: "If Allah had not created the Shiites as human beings, they would have been donkeys." <http://www.memritv.org/clip/en/13101.htm>—Aug. 7, 2011.

The Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan video series: "The Shiite is a Nasl [Race/Offspring] of Jews." <http://www.memri.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/0/6208.htm>—March 21, 2012.

ON JEWS Article on the Muslim Brotherhood's Web site praises jihad against America and the Jews: "The Descendants of Apes and Pigs." <http://www.memri.org/report/en/10/0/0/0/51/6656.htm>—Sept. 7, 2012.

The Pakistani cleric Muhammad Raza Saqib Mustafai: "When the Jews are wiped out, the world would be purified and the sun of peace would rise on the entire world." <http://www.menui.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/0/51/6557.htm>—Aug. 1, 2012.

Dr. Ismail Ali Muhammad, a senior Al-Azhar scholar: The Jews, "a source of evil and harm in all human societies." <http://www.memri.org/report/en/10/0/0/0/0/51/6086.htm>—Feb. 14, 2012.

ON SUFIS A shrine venerating a Sufi Muslim saint in Libya has been partly destroyed, the latest in a series of attacks blamed on ultraconservative Salafi Islamists. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-19380083>—Aug. 26, 2012.

As a Jew who has lived and worked in the Muslim world, I know that these expressions of intolerance are only one side of the story and that there are deeply tolerant views and strains of Islam espoused and practiced there as well. Theirs are complex societies.

That's the point. America is a complex society, too. But let's cut the nonsense that this is just our problem and the only issue is how we clean up our act. That Cairo protester is right: We should respect the faiths and prophets of others. But that runs both ways. Our president and major newspapers consistently condemn hate speech against other religions. How about yours?

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SAUL MINTZ

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Mr. Saul Mintz, whose ardent presence as a family man, business man, and philanthropist in Monroe, La., will be sorely missed.

Mr. Mintz was brilliant in business, opening the very successful Strauss Interests with his wife, Jean, many years ago, but he will be remembered more for his community philanthropy than his genius for the market. A family man and mentor by nature, many of his crowning philanthropic works bettered the lives of children in 12 parishes in our area.

The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana received their first donation 15 years ago from the Mintz family, and Mr. Mintz was with the Coalition every step of the way thereafter, lending not only financial, but also social and philosophical support. Similarly, he and his wife were steadfast supporters of the Strauss Theatre and were integral to the establishment of a children's theatre, among many other institutions.

In reflecting on his life, Mr. Mintz said "I don't think too many people have been submitted to so many opportunities as I. So, it would be irresponsible if I didn't take advantage of what God [has] given me to try to leave a better future for others." His grateful spirit and humble generosity have won him a spot in the hearts of everyone who knew him, and he serves as a reminder of the responsibility that we all have to give what we can and take care of one another in our families and communities.

When we look back on Mr. Mintz's life, we see a life of giving. Not only did he personally do everything he could to better our community, he also preached about the joy of giving generously and helping others to anyone who would listen. For his three children, 10 grandchildren, one great grandchild, and for all of us, the way in which Mr. Mintz led his life should be emulated. We are all grateful to have known him and will never forget what a beautiful and civic-minded person he was.

To say Mr. Mintz left his fingerprint on the world would be an understatement. Countless lives have been changed for the better by his efforts, and he will stay in the hearts of Louisianians forever.