

TRIBUTE TO CIRO GIUSEPPE
RANDAZZO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ciro Giuseppe Randazzo, for receiving the prestigious Federazione Siciliana Del New Jersey "Trinacria D'Oro" Award and for his contributions to the State of New Jersey. As a distinguished medical professional, professor, and lecturer, Dr. Randazzo has dedicated his life to bettering the lives of others.

Dr. Randazzo graduated from John's Hopkins University in 1997, receiving his Bachelor's degree in Biology. Not stopping there, Dr. Randazzo went on to receive both his Master's in Public Health and Doctor of Medicine from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Upon graduation, Dr. Randazzo started as an intern and ultimately became a fellow at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Currently, Dr. Randazzo serves as an Assistant Professor at Thomas Jefferson Medical College. Dr. Randazzo also serves as the Division Director for Neurology at the Thomas Jefferson Medical.

Dr. Randazzo is a distinguished lecturer and has been invited to speak on numerous occasions regarding pressing neurological issues and breakthroughs. He is also a published author and a well respected resource on neurological issues throughout his profession.

On March 11, 2012, Dr. Randazzo will be receiving the Federazione Siciliana Del New Jersey "Trinacria D'Oro" Award. This award is the Federazione Siciliana Del New Jersey's highest honor.

Federazione Siciliana Del New Jersey is a non-profit organization based in Bergen County, New Jersey. They aim to promote a harmonious relationship between the Region of Sicily and the State of New Jersey. As the proud Chair of the Italian-American Congressional Delegation, it is a great honor to recognize Dr. Randazzo and Federazione Siciliana Del New Jersey.

Dr. Randazzo and Federazione Siciliana Del New Jersey are shining examples of the continued contributions Italian-Americans make in communities in the State of New Jersey and throughout the country.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the achievements of individuals like Dr. Ciro Giuseppe Randazzo.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Dr. Randazzo's family and friends, all those whose lives he touched, and me, in recognizing Dr. Ciro Giuseppe Randazzo.

JUMPSTART OUR BUSINESS
STARTUPS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3606) to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies:

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Chair, I rise to support H.R. 3606, the Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act, but in lending my support, I must insist that we do more to protect consumers and investors than this bill currently provides.

Small businesses are the backbone of Oregon's economy and many have been devastated by the recent recession. This Congress must take swift action to ensure that they have access to capital and can invest in job creation. This bill recognizes that a one-size-fits-all approach to regulation can stifle small business growth. The JOBS Act will ease the cost and complexity of some securities regulations, and open greater access to capital so that startups and emerging companies can thrive. This bill is a good, but small, step in the right direction.

More work must be done to accelerate hiring, and more work, still, must be done with this bill to improve consumer and investor protections. A number of my colleagues offered amendments with this goal in mind. I supported those amendments, and I am disappointed that they were not accepted. By ensuring that we are expanding flexibility for the smallest startups where it is most needed, and establishing and encouraging standards for transparency and disclosure, we can both help small businesses grow while also protecting consumers and investors. These are achievable goals, and I remain committed to working with my colleagues in the House and the Senate on these issues as this bill moves forward.

Strong consumer and investor protections strengthen our economy by building confidence in the market. Our work to stand up for consumers and reenergize the economy cannot and must not stop here.

CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, on the anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848–1849, I would like to salute the people of Hungary, a trusted ally of the United States, for the great heritage of those freedom fighters who stood up against tyranny and risked their lives in the name of liberty. I know that Hungarians today are no less committed to the principles of freedom, self-reliance and national sovereignty than our heroic ancestors.

As an American of Hungarian origin I recognize that celebrating 1848 is nothing less than

celebrating freedom. And indeed, it is the ideals of freedom and liberty that have linked our countries so inextricably together for centuries.

It is a little known fact, that after the Revolution was crushed with the help of the Russians, it was the United States that negotiated Kossuth's release and thanks to this, the great freedom fighter could sail across the Atlantic to raise public awareness about the situation in Hungary. And this year marks the 160th anniversary of his Congressional address which he delivered in these very chambers to U.S. Representatives.

In his address he said: "Your generous part in my liberation is taken by the world for the revelation of the fact, that the United States are resolved not to allow the despots of the world to trample on oppressed humanity." Even in the most difficult times, when domestic affairs in Hungary were hard to decipher, Americans found the proper and prudent way both officially and unofficially to help those who were truly committed to freedom against those who strove to ignore the will of the people.

Hungarians in 1848 took up arms in order to reclaim their national sovereignty, an ideal that I know Hungary's current government values very much. As Kossuth said while in America, "The sovereign right of whatever nation to dispose of itself to alter its institutions, to change the form of its government, is a common public law of nations, common to all, and therefore put under the common guarantee of all." Americans treasure our own independence and share in the celebration of the Hungarian revolution.

FOURTH ANNUAL NACDS
RxIMPACT DAY ON CAPITOL HILL

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, the Fourth Annual NACDS RxIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill is a special day where we recognize pharmacy's contribution to the American healthcare system. The event, organized by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, takes place on March 21–22. Hundreds from the pharmacy community—including practicing pharmacists, pharmacy school faculty and students, state pharmacy leaders and pharmacy company executives—will visit Capitol Hill to share their views with Congress about the importance of supporting legislation that protects access to neighborhood pharmacies and utilizes pharmacists to improve the quality and reduce the costs of healthcare.

Two of these attendees from more than 40 states who have traveled to Washington are from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy. These important healthcare providers are here to urge Congress to recognize the value of pharmacists and protect access to these medication experts as a part of our valued healthcare delivery system.

Pharmacists are the nation's most accessible healthcare providers and nearly all Americans live within five miles of a community retail pharmacy. There are 116 chain pharmacies and 108 independent pharmacies in

my own Congressional District in Arkansas. Pharmacy has a long history of receiving, filling, billing and dispensing prescriptions in tandem with counseling. But pharmacists, utilizing their specialized education, also play a major role in medication therapy management, disease state management, immunizations, healthcare screenings, and other healthcare services designed to improve patient health and reduce overall healthcare costs.

We have a responsibility to adopt policies in recognition that pharmacists help patients adhere to their medications to improve health outcomes and reduce the risks of adverse events and unnecessary costly hospital readmissions and emergency room visits. Congress recognized the important role of local pharmacists when it included a Medication Therapy Management (MTM) benefit in Medicare Part D. As we have seen the increasing power of this benefit in improving patient health outcomes, I support community pharmacy's efforts to strengthen the MTM benefit so it is available for seniors and others struggling with chronic conditions and other illnesses.

We also have a responsibility to implement fair reimbursement for pharmacies for the cost effective medications that they dispense. Furthermore, we have a responsibility to protect American consumers and the pharmacies that serve them from corporate middlemen known as Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). Despite their claims to the contrary, PBMs drive up prescription drug costs, restrict consumers' choice of pharmacy, use gimmicks to delay payments to pharmacies and use private and sensitive health information for illegitimate purposes. Nothing is more important to chain pharmacy than the health and safety of their patients and the well-being of the American public.

Today, I celebrate the value of pharmacy and support efforts to protect access to neighborhood pharmacies and utilize pharmacies to improve the quality and reduce the costs of healthcare. In recognition of the Fourth Annual NACDS RxIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill, I would like to congratulate pharmacy leaders, pharmacists, students, and executives and the pharmacy community represented by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores for their contributions to the good health of the American people.

IN RECOGNITION OF G.W. CARVER
HIGH SCHOOL WOLVERINES BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING
THE 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the G.W. Carver Wolverines Men's Basketball team in Montgomery, Alabama, who recently won the Alabama High School Athletic Association Class 6A State Championship.

After years of state tournament disappointment, including the last two seasons, the Wolverines grasped their first state title since 1984. The Wolverines record was 29 wins and three losses, but ended the season with a 23-

game winning streak. Mr. James "J.J." Jackson is the Head Coach. The members of the team are: Jeremy Johnson, Anthony Jarrett, Zachary Rumph, Craig Sword, Brandon Davis, Tony Armstrong, Brandon Murphy-Blackmon, Brandon Austin, Jose Duncan and Tony Cole.

All of us across Montgomery County and east Alabama are deeply proud of these talented young Alabamians. I'd like to congratulate the team, coaches and G.W. Carver High School on this outstanding achievement.

CONGRATULATING THE ALVIS
HOUSE ON ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Alvis House on its 45th anniversary of providing exceptional service to the Columbus community.

Since 1967, Alvis House has displayed a genuine commitment to its motto, "Reconnecting Families, Restoring Communities and Reinvesting in Ourselves."

From its programs that help individuals re-enter the community after their involvement in the criminal justice system, to the assistance Alvis House provides to families affected by having relatives in jail or in prison, this facility has definitely proven its ability to have a positive impact on the community.

Alvis House also provides a range of individualized habilitation and behavioral support services to those with developmental disabilities that works to help them engage in our communities. For that, I commend the facility.

The work of Alvis House helps to brighten the future by unlocking each individual's potential and investing in the resources that attain results. Alvis House and its accomplishments benefit the communities in which we all live, and I look forward to its continued tradition of excellence and service.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S.
RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CROATIA

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, April 7, 2012, marks the twentieth anniversary of the United States recognition of the Republic of Croatia as a sovereign country.

Two decades later, the Republic of Croatia has shown its firm and steady commitment to freedom, democracy, and prosperity for all its citizens.

The United States has been a consistent supporter of these endeavors, to which the House of Representatives, and especially the Croatian Congressional Caucus, have played a crucial role.

Over the past twenty years, Croatia has come a long way and the House of Representatives has been there to recognize and encourage its integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions. On December 14, 2005, the House of Representatives approved House Resolu-

tion 529, which recommended and encouraged Croatia's membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). In addition, House Resolution 529 commended Croatia for its progress in meeting the political, economic, and military requirements. Finally, the resolution recognized Croatia's contribution to the global war on terrorism and for its constructive participation in the United States-Adriatic Charter.

This was followed up by approval of House Resolution 1266 on July 30, 2008, congratulating Croatia on being invited by NATO to begin accession talks. In the three years since Croatia joined NATO, Croatia has contributed to NATO-led peace-keeping missions and offered its strong support to allied forces, especially in Afghanistan, where Croatian troops are assisting in bringing stability and security to the country.

Currently, we are witnessing another vital moment for our Southeast European ally. They have entered the final phase in its accession negotiations with the EU. Along with forging its Euro-Atlantic future, Croatia has proven to be an ardent advocate for the rest of the Balkan region. Success for Croatia will be success for the region and a beacon for eventual EU and NATO membership for all these countries, once all the conditions and benchmarks have been met.

The 20-year relationship between the U.S. and Croatia has been based on shared values and friendship, and I am confident that it will continue.

I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Croatia on all it has accomplished since becoming a sovereign nation. I look forward to our continuing partnership.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN
WILLIAMS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2012

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Stephen Williams of Franklin, MA on his 38 distinguished years as a member of the Franklin Police Department, culminating in his recent retirement after 8 years as Chief.

Mr. Williams has been tied to Franklin since birth. He grew up in Franklin, attended Franklin High School, and got an associate's degree at Franklin's Dean College before later earning bachelor's and master's degrees at Westfield State College.

After playing college football for Boston University, Mr. Williams served in the Army as a member of the military police in the Vietnam War, putting him on a lifelong course as an advocate of public service and safety.

In his 38 years working for Franklin, 8 as chief, Mr. Williams was an invaluable, highly respected community leader, not only in public safety matters, but in the school system, and in the veterans' community.

He was an early proponent of E911 in Massachusetts, as well as an instrumental leader for the regional South Suburban Police Institute.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Mr. Williams for his lifelong contributions to his community. His