

to rid the system of discriminatory practices based on gender.

The practice of “gender-rating,” or charging more for insurance simply because of gender, is outlawed in the health reform law. This means that women can no longer be charged higher premiums.

Over a recent 3-year period, 7.3 million women 38 percent of women who tried to buy coverage on the individual market were either rejected altogether, charged a higher premium, or sold policies that excluded certain benefit coverage because of a “preexisting condition” like cancer or having been pregnant.

Now, women will be guaranteed coverage at a similar rate to men.

Already, almost 2.3 million Californian women with private insurance have access to no-cost preventive services because of the law. This includes necessary cancer screenings, such as mammograms, annual wellness exams, and contraception.

Additionally, over 1.6 million women in California who are on Medicare now have access to free preventive services because of the law.

These are just a few critical consumer protections that are now in play because of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, signed into law 2 years ago.

We have a long ways to go to improve our health care system and to ensure affordable quality care for all Americans, but these essential consumer protections take great strides to get us there.

#### RECOGNIZING RxIMPACT DAY

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the fourth annual RxIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill. This is a day to recognize the contribution of pharmacies to the American healthcare system. Hundreds of pharmacists, pharmacy school faculty and students, State pharmacy leaders and pharmacy company executives will visit the Capitol to share with Congress the importance of supporting legislation that protects access to neighborhood pharmacies and utilizes pharmacists to improve quality and reduce the costs of health care.

Over 260 advocates from 41 States have traveled to Washington to talk about their contributions in over 50,000 community pharmacies operating nationwide. These important health care 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 health care delivery system.

Pharmacists are some of the Nation's most accessible and trusted health care providers. Most Americans live within 5 miles of a community retail pharmacy. They are the ultimate do-it-all providers. Pharmacists prepare, bill, and dispense prescriptions. They offer patient counseling. With their specialized education, they also play a major

role in medication therapy management, disease management, immunizations, and health care screenings.

Eighty-six percent of rural Americans reside within a 10-mile radius of a sole community pharmacy. As the face of community health care, pharmacies across the Nation offer these and other cost-saving programs and services to help patients take medicines appropriately to achieve positive results. For more than a century, pharmacies and pharmacists have supported folks in Montana and throughout America with these important patient care services. It is critical we work to support their unique contributions.

As we continue to make health care better and more affordable, we should adopt policies that recognize the health and financial benefits from helping patients adhere to their medications. This helps to improve health outcomes and reduces the risks of adverse events and unnecessary costly hospital readmissions and emergency room visits. Unfortunately, only half of Americans living with chronic diseases adhere to their drug regimens. Patient nonadherence costs the Nation's economy an estimated \$290 billion each year, not to mention the avoidable loss of quality of life for patients and their loved ones.

Congress recognized the important role of local pharmacists when it included a medication therapy management, MTM, benefit in the Medicare Part D Program. By improving patient health outcomes, we have seen better efficiency and savings in the prescription drug program. That is why I support community pharmacists' efforts to strengthen the MTM benefit so it is available for seniors and others struggling with chronic conditions and other illnesses.

Medicaid beneficiaries also deserve access to the most cost-effective medications. The Affordable Care Act made important changes to pharmacy reimbursement for generic drugs in the Medicaid program. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently issued a proposed rule to implement these important changes, and it will be critical for Congress to monitor this rulemaking to ensure it is consistent with congressional intent.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the vital role pharmacies play in the field of public health. All 50 States recognize the role pharmacists play by supporting their ability to administer immunizations and other important preventative services in Medicare, both Part B and Part D, and other Federal health programs.

Today, as the cochair of the Senate Community Pharmacy Caucus, I celebrate the value of pharmacists and support efforts to protect access to neighborhood and community pharmacies. I appreciate how pharmacies improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care.

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 for their contributions to the good health of the American people.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### COLORADO VETERANS RESOURCE COALITION AND CRAWFORD HOUSE

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, today I wish to express my support and appreciation for the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition, CVRC, and Crawford House, which has offered our veterans in Colorado Springs a decade of support and recovery services.

CVRC was first formed on March 9, 2000, operating in a small, three-bedroom house on Cucharrus Street with a live-in house manager and two residents. Its first dormitory was later named in honor of WWII Medal of Honor recipient and proud native son of Colorado, William J. Crawford, with his family's permission.

On February 14, 2012, Crawford House marked its 10th anniversary, completing its first decade of successful veteran recovery services to homeless and disabled veterans in Colorado Springs. In that decade, more than 1,100 veterans successfully completed Veterans Administration programs, and 80 percent of these alumni remain successfully in the community. Many of these veterans reestablished relationships with their spouses, families, and friends; completed secondary and advanced education; and entered in to the workforce as self-sustaining citizens.

On December 1, 2003, the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition and Crawford House added additional services, and on January 14, 2004, CVRC began purchasing two adjacent houses on Weber Street for graduating veterans to live in inexpensively while restarting their lives. These new facilities freed Crawford House beds to treat more homeless and disabled veterans. Today, both of these houses are fully paid for, which helps lower our future veteran treatment costs. It was my privilege to tour Crawford House and to meet with the staff and residents. The passion and commitment of those who work there, as well as their unending commitment to serving those who have served our Nation, is an inspiration and example to all Coloradans.

Therefore, Mr. President, I want the RECORD to show my deep appreciation and gratitude—along with that of all Coloradans—for the contributions of volunteers, organizations, and individuals who created, expanded, and continually improved the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition and Crawford House. •

#### TRIBUTE TO WOODY HARRELL

• Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, on the occasion of his upcoming retirement, I

want to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Woody Harrell, Superintendent of Shiloh National Military Park, and a true scholar of the Civil War. On April 6th and 7th, Shiloh National Military Park will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first major Civil War battle in the western theater. Shortly after the conclusion of these sesquicentennial activities, Woody Harrell will step down as Park Superintendent. His contributions to the State of Mississippi and his leadership within the National Park Service Civil War community will have a significant and long-lasting positive impact on this Nation.

A North Carolina native, Superintendent Harrell began his career at Moores Creek National Military Park in the summer of 1968. After service in the United States Army, he worked at the three parks of the Cape Hatteras group, most famously presenting a "living history" portrayal of aviation pioneer Orville Wright. He later served as Director of Visitor Services under the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, and as an instructor at the Horace Albright Training Center. However, the majority of his career has been spent working on Civil War sites, known by many in the National Park Service as the "Cannonball Circuit." In addition to his time at Shiloh Battlefield, Superintendent Harrell's previous assignments include Historian at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park for 6 years and for 3 years at Manassas National Battlefield Park. Recently, he represented the National Service as an advisor to several Civil War Sesquicentennial planning groups.

Serving in his current capacity since August 28, 1990, Superintendent Harrell has the distinct honor of having the longest tenure of any manager in Shiloh Park's 117-year history. During a time of budget constraints and limited resources, Superintendent Harrell has not only maintained Shiloh's status as America's best preserved battlefield, he has overseen a major expansion of the park into Mississippi with the creation of a new Corinth Unit. By bringing together local, State, and national stakeholders to identify and prioritize key surviving Civil War resources, Harrell was able to build a consensus for a comprehensive plan to preserve and interpret 18 nationally significant sites in northern Mississippi and southwest Tennessee. This broad support resulted in over 1,000 acres of battlefields, fortifications, and campsites being added to the Corinth Unit.

Superintendent Harrell is credited as the visionary force in planning and constructing the flagship of this addition, the award-winning Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center. While National Park Service Interpretation at Shiloh had formerly concentrated only on the 2-day, 1862 battle, the Corinth facility now allows visitors to fully explore the whole story of the Civil War, from the causes and coming of the war, to the impact of multiple military oc-

cupations of Corinth on the civilian population, and especially to the important first steps towards full citizenship taken by over 6,000 formerly enslaved people at the Corinth Contraband Camp site.

Seeking to establish a natural buffer around historic Shiloh Hill, thus preventing future encroachment and inappropriate development, Superintendent Harrell has partnered with the Civil War Trust on Shiloh Battlefield's most ambitious land acquisition program in over 75 years. Over 300 additional acres within Shiloh's original 1894 authorized boundary are now under National Park Service protection.

Stressing preservation, commemoration, and education, Superintendent Harrell for over 2 decades has partnered with neighboring communities to promote resource protection and heritage tourism. At Corinth, he has worked with the local business community to create an annual Heritage Festival that includes 12,000 luminaries: one for each American soldier killed, wounded, or missing at the Siege and Battle of Corinth.

Even before the advent of the Internet, Superintendent Harrell conceived the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, an idea that has grown into a searchable electronic database with 6.2 million records on Civil War veterans. This innovative and ambitious Park Service project allows visitors to access information on relatives and the units in which they fought, enabling families to trace an ancestor's service throughout the war. All of the data entry for this project was done by volunteers, with support groups ranging from the Mormon Church to the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

During the 1990s, Harrell partnered with the Corps of Engineers and the Federal Highway Administration to halt riverbank erosion at the Shiloh Indian Mounds National Historic Landmark, a problem that had plagued the park for over 20 years. During the mitigation archeology phase of this project, Superintendent Harrell worked closely with the Chickasaw Nation to insure the tribe's involvement in preserving key cultural resources in the Shiloh portion of their original homeland.

One of Superintendent Harrell's final duties will be to premier a new Shiloh documentary film as part of the battle's sesquicentennial events. Entitled "Shiloh: Fiery Trial," this new movie replaces "Shiloh: Portrait of a Battle," which has been shown continuously at the park since 1956. Filmed with the participation of over 350 Civil War reenactors, "Shiloh: Fiery Trial" will soon be shown for the first time and then broadcast on many PBS stations on the eve of Shiloh's 150th anniversary. It is fitting that Harrell not only served as executive producer for the project, but also makes a brief cameo appearance handing a message to General Grant.

Since March 2007, Woody has maintained a record of visiting every unit of

the National Park System. In the past year, he added Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial, Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park, and Fort Monroe National Monument to his list, which now stands at 397 parks. I know Superintendent Harrell and his family will enjoy the new opportunities that come with retirement, as I understand his wife Cynthia and he have already made plans to hike the entire length of the Appalachian Trail.

Superintendent Harrell's career with the National Park Service has been marked with unprecedented accomplishments and is a superb legacy. His exceptional leadership qualities and cultural preservation eminence are in the best tradition of the Park Service. He is a consummate professional whose performance in over 43 years of service has personified those traits of competency and integrity that our Nation has come to expect of its senior civilian leaders. On the occasion of his upcoming retirement, I wish the Harrell family all the very best in the years to follow.●

#### RECOGNIZING HORTON'S BOOKS & GIFTS

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I wish to honor in the RECORD the 120th anniversary of Horton's Books & Gifts in Carrollton, GA.

In March 1892, N. A. Horton officially opened his business in the northeast section of the public square in Carrollton, GA. During his early years, N. A. Horton and his Carrollton Book Store supplied books and school supplies to local students as well as items such as sewing machines, carpet squares, china, and stationary. As Mr. Horton was an undertaker by training, his store also carried coffins and caskets.

After N. A. Horton died from a stroke in December 1916, his 20-year-old son Hewling, also known as "Hap," took over the operation of the store. The store was relocated several times to different buildings around the town square, but in 1955 Hap moved the store back to its original location. In 1968, Doris Shadrix, a longtime employee, became a partner in the business and eventually the sole owner of the store. After spending a total of 42 years as an employee and owner, Mrs. Shadrix sold the business to Larry Johnson. In 1997, Mr. Johnson sold the business to the present owner, Dorothy Pittman.

Although Horton's has had five owners in its 120-year history, each proprietor has stamped his or her brand of creative individualism on the store, which has become a beloved institution in the community. Horton's has been an active participant in the continued vitality of the Carrollton downtown business district, supporting its employees as leaders and active participants in civic affairs and helping with community projects, education, and organizations.

Just as in the past, Horton's Books & Gifts continues to adapt and change to