

called “superbugs” pose a threat because of overuse or misuse of antibiotics, but they also pose a threat because of what some call a “drug discovery void,” in which there has been insufficient research and development of new medicines to treat emerging mutating infections.

This situation recently has become much more serious. In the last 10 years, these drug-resistant diseases have been identified in patients in more than 200 hospitals in 42 states in this country. Over that period, their prevalence rate has increased from 1 percent of patients to 4 percent for those in short-term care, but for patients in long-term care facilities, the rate is as high as 18 percent. Half of all patients who contract these diseases do not survive.

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA, one of the better known of these superbugs, now kills as many as 19,000 Americans each year and a similar number in Europe. That is higher than the annual rate of deaths from HIV and AIDS.

Last year, the World Health Organization identified strains of gonorrhea and tuberculosis that are currently completely untreatable, as well as a new wave of what might be called “super superbugs” with the mutation known as NDM1. These frightening new strains were first seen in India, but they have now spread worldwide. The spread of the H7N9 bird flu in China is causing considerable concern—with more than 100 confirmed cases and 22 deaths reported thus far. According to Agence France Presse, WHO said yesterday that there is still no evidence that H7N9 was spreading in a “sustained” way between people in China.

According to WHO, artemisinin, when used in combination with other drugs, is now considered the world's best treatment against malaria, but malarial parasites resistant to artemisinin have emerged in western Cambodia, along the border with Thailand.

In the developed world, we pride ourselves on having top-flight medical care widely available to patients. If we lose half of all patients who contract these drug-resistant diseases, what about patients in the developing world, where statistics are often scarce and effective medical care can be even scarcer? Using accepted protocols for treating these diseases, their rate of infection can be curbed.

In Israel, infection rates in all 27 of its hospitals fell by more than 70 percent in one year with a coordinated prevention program. By following accepted protocols for handling these diseases, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Florida Department of Health both have stopped outbreaks of these drug resistant diseases in recent years. But what about hospitals in developing countries?

For example, the brain drain has sent trained medical personnel in Africa in search of better working conditions and pay in the developed world. The lack of equipment and supplies that partly led to this brain drain would facilitate the rapid spread of drug resistant diseases in these countries. What would be simple interventions, including removing temporary medical devices such as catheters or ventilators from patients as soon as possible, is less likely under current conditions in developing world hospitals. Adding to this problem is the presence of expired and coun-

terfeit drugs. Patients whose lives could be saved may not be because of inadequate medical care. Unfortunately, because so many countries do not maintain and report statistics on medical issues, we have little idea how serious the situation is today in developing countries in Africa and elsewhere around the world.

In our interconnected world, that means that infected people in the developing and developed countries pose a mutual threat.

Last month, a Nepalese man was detained at the Texas border while trying to make an illegal crossing from Mexico. Officials found he was infected with an extensively drug resistant strain of tuberculosis and had carried this potentially deadly airborne disease through 13 countries over three months—from his home country of Nepal through South Asia, Brazil, Mexico and finally the United States. Who can say how many people he infected during this long journey?

Conversely, six years ago an American infected with multi-drug resistant tuberculosis traveled from this country to France, Greece and Italy before returning through the Czech Republic and Canada. Upon his return to the U.S., he became the first person subjected to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention isolation order since 1963.

Clearly, both developed and developing nations must work together to prevent and treat for these diseases and find a way to implement the new strategies in an era of constrained budgets and loosening control of authority in far too many countries. However, the Administration's proposed FY 2014 budget calls for a 19 percent cut in funding for tuberculosis programming at a time we need such capacity the most.

HONORING EILEEN AND MIKE LONG

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eileen and Mike Long on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and to celebrate the lasting bond of love and happiness they have shared during their life together.

Mike, a born and raised New Yorker, has led a proud career of public service. A former Marine and New York City Councilman, he has unquestioningly served his country and the residents of Brooklyn. He continues his service today as the Chairman of the New York State Conservative Party.

Eileen served the people of Staten Island and Brooklyn honorably as an aide to both Representative Susan Molinari and Representative Vito Fossella.

Mike and Eileen were married in 1963 and are the proud and loving parents of nine children and seventeen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of New York, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Eileen and Mike Long on their fiftieth wedding anniversary and wishing them fifty more.

IN RECOGNITION OF THIS YEAR'S NRECA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FOR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, each year, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association recognizes one co-op whose dedication to increasing energy access in rural America has made a significant difference in their community. The 2013 winner of the NRCA's Community Service Award for Community Investment hails from a small town called Welcome, Minnesota.

Federated Rural Electric has created jobs and helped to improve the quality of life in rural Minnesota by improving access to electricity in a cost effective and efficient manner.

Federated Rural Electric helped AGCO Corporation, a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of agricultural equipment, in their efforts to expand its Minnesota facility and add over 200 jobs. Last April, I had the opportunity to visit AGCO and see the great work they are doing to create jobs and grow their local economy in Jackson, Minnesota.

In addition to supporting AGCO, Federated Rural Electric has served over 9,000 residents of southern Minnesota. Federated has made invaluable contributions to rural Minnesota communities.

Today, I'm proud to honor Federated Rural Electric for its support of reliable energy and dedication to Minnesota's rural population.

LILIANA MERAZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Liliana Meraz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Liliana Meraz is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Liliana Meraz 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 to Liliana Meraz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today we solemnly commemorate the 98th anniversary of the Armenian genocide. Over the course of eight years, the Armenian Christian population was systematically terrorized, murdered, and driven out of their country. In 1914, two million Armenians were living under the Ottoman Empire; by 1922, only 388,000 remained. Today we remember the victims of these atrocities and vow that their suffering will not be forgotten.

The horror of the Armenian Genocide was surpassed only by the silence that followed it. To this day, the Turkish government prohibits recognition of its predecessor's dark history, and has pressured others to adhere to the same base standard. The United States has a moral obligation to acknowledge the horrors of the past, just as we must recognize all genocides as crimes against humanity. Recognition of the Armenian Genocide is long overdue.

As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, I hope that my colleagues will join me in paying solemn tribute to those who lost their lives and those who have survived such terrible atrocities. Let us stand up to governments that persecute their people, and reaffirm our commitment to the victims of injustice.

REPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic High School Boys Basketball Team for winning the Missouri Class 4 State Championship.

Winning the state championship is a proud moment these boys achieved through team work and commitment. Members of the team include: Ty Abney, Jake Fletcher, Derric Mertes, Grant Hancock, Marcus Miller, Dylan Bekemeier, Canyon Smith, Cody Geiger, Chase Hoffmann, Dillen Ramsey, Dakota Fortner, Josh Vaughn, Jordan Kerr, Brock Yocum, and managers Tyler O'Dell and Zach McGill. Through their hard work and dedication they finished the season with an overall record of 28-4 and the Missouri Class 4 State Championship.

I also want to commend the coaching staff, which includes Head Coach Trevor Fisher, Dan Stander, and Donny Call, for a job well done. This season was Coach Fisher's first year at the program, and he certainly begins his head coaching career on a strong foundation.

The Republic Basketball Team had tremendous support throughout their season; their friends, family, and fans attended the tournaments, cheered them on throughout the basketball season and followed them to Columbia for the state championship. Over 500

fans welcomed the team home for a victory celebration.

This win is a proud moment for the team and the community, and I urge my colleagues in congratulating the team on their victory.

HONORING THE VILLAGE OF
MANLIUS, NEW YORK, ON ITS BI-
CENTENNIAL

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my congratulations to the Village of Manlius, New York on the occasion of its Bicentennial Celebration. I am honored to join the Central New York community in celebrating the Village of Manlius on this historic occasion.

The history of the Village is well documented and we proudly share that history with members of our community. The Village of Manlius became the first village in Onondaga County in 1813. At that time, very few communities throughout New York had been granted similar powers by the state to govern themselves. The City of Syracuse was still swamp-land in 1813 and did not come into existence until the construction of the Erie Canal in the 1820s.

Before the construction of the Erie Canal, Manlius was an important business location as people traveled along the Cherry Valley Turnpike and Seneca Turnpikes. In fact, the growing Village was defined as one of the most prominent business locations in Onondaga County. The Village continued to grow as a suburb of Syracuse, and by the 1960s, became the fastest growing village in New York State. In 1973, a portion of the Village was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the Manlius Village Historic District.

Villages are often cited as providing the services that are closest to the residents. The Village of Manlius has offered residents high quality services and locals take pride in all their village has to offer. The Village is widely known for its picturesque Swan Pond, the Village Center, the Manlius Fire Department and the charming commercial district. The Memorial Day Parade and 4th of July celebration are annual events that bring together people from across the region to celebrate all that is good about living in a community with such rich history.

For 200 years the Village of Manlius has served as a vital part of Onondaga County and Central New York. There is so much to be proud of and I am grateful and fortunate to have such a vibrant community within the district I represent. Once again, congratulations to the Village of Manlius and good luck in the next 100 years!

TRIBUTE TO FORMER RIVERSIDE
COUNTY SHERIFF LARRY D.
SMITH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague RAUL RUIZ to pay tribute to

a hero from our Congressional districts, Sheriff Larry D. Smith. Today, I ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember Sheriff Smith, who dedicated his life in service to our community. On Friday, April 19, 2013 Larry passed away at the age of 68 at his home in La Quinta, California after fighting a long battle with cancer and pneumonia.

Larry received a bachelor's degree in public management from Pepperdine University. His 36-year career in law enforcement began in 1966 in the small town of Blythe, California near the Colorado River, where Larry was a deputy sheriff. As he earned promotions throughout his career, he brought up many deputies through the ranks, including current Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff. In 1987, Smith was promoted to Chief Deputy Sheriff in Riverside County. As Chief of the Corrections Division, he oversaw the financing and construction of two modern jails, including the Southwest Detention Center in French Valley that opened in 1993.

As Larry was completing his law studies and planning on retiring to open a practice, then-Sheriff Cois Byrd encouraged him to run for Sheriff of Riverside County. He was challenged in his first term, but ran unopposed for his second. During Larry's tenure as sheriff, he presided over a department that currently has 3,000 deputies and police 17 cities, in addition to 300 square miles of unincorporated areas. He also helped the county acquire land from the federal government that eventually became the Ben Clark Training Center near March Air Reserve Base, where law enforcement officers and firefighters from throughout the state train. The county's largest jail, the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning, bears his name. Larry was also the first man to serve as both sheriff and coroner after the two departments merged.

Larry served our community for eight years from 1994-2002, and was the 11th of 13 men to serve as sheriff in the department's 120-year history. He was succeeded by Sheriff Bob Doyle. Even after Larry had retired, he would still offer his counsel to his successors on corrections, a field in which he was considered an expert. He also mentored other sheriffs as President of the California State Sheriff's Association and strongly advocated education for his deputies.

According to his wife Toni, Larry's approach to his career was influenced by his Midwestern roots. She said, "He was a very dignified, humble man. He was an Illinois farm kid who saw good in everyone . . . He always talked about doing things for the right reason, not just in big things or in small things, but in all things."

Larry was also active in the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church, where he mentored pastors on running an organization, and programs for those battling addiction. A scholarship will be established in his name to help people afford to attend the Ranch Recovery Center in Desert Hot Springs, which provides treatment alternatives for drug and alcohol abuse, according to his wife.

On Saturday, May 4, 2013 a memorial service will be held at the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church in Palm Desert, California. Smith is survived by his wife, a daughter and two sons.

The dangers our police officers face every day often go unnoticed and without remark. Each story is unique and humbling for those of