

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RICHARD KRUGMAN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the contributions of one of Colorado's most respected citizens, Dr. Richard D. Krugman. On the occasion of his retirement, it is fitting that we look back at his successful career. His leadership in the medical community is demonstrated in part by the many roles he fills, including Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs for the University of Colorado Denver and Dean of the Colorado School of Medicine. He began his tenure as Dean in 1992, making him the longest-serving dean of any medical school in the country. In that role, he has made a significant impact on not only the Colorado School of Medicine but also the greater Colorado community. He merits both our recognition and gratitude for his steadfast efforts in creating a highly prestigious medical school that benefits the health of Colorado in so many ways.

After graduating from Princeton University, Dr. Krugman earned his medical degree at New York University School of Medicine. He came to Colorado to do his internship and residency in pediatrics at the University of Colorado Denver School Of Medicine. As a board-certified pediatrician, Dr. Krugman joined the University of Colorado faculty in 1973. He has authored over 100 original papers, chapters, editorials and four books, and recently stepped down after 15 years as Editor-in-Chief of *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal*. He has done incredible work raising awareness and tackling the problem of child abuse. He further assists the community by serving on the Boards of Trustees of Denver Health, Princeton University, the Hasbro Children's Foundation and the Kempe Children's Foundation. Dr. Krugman also served our country as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

In addition to his service as dean and vice chancellor, Dr. Krugman left his mark on the University of Colorado in his many other roles. He was the Director of Admissions and Co-Director of the Child Health Associate Program. He served as the Director of the University's Area Health Education Center program, and Vice Chairman for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Pediatrics. He is also president of University Physicians, Inc., the School of Medicine faculty practice plan.

Of Dr. Krugman's many accomplishments at the University of Colorado, one the most notable is the role he played in the construction of the new Anschutz Medical Campus. His unwavering determination to move the medical school from an old campus to a beautiful state of the art facility has dramatically benefitted the School of Medicine. U.S. News & World Report consistently rates the school among their top five primary care provider rankings.

Please join me in commanding Dr. Richard Krugman for more than 40 years of extraordinary service. His talents and perseverance are an example and inspiration for us all and helps to build a better future for everyone living in Colorado.

RECOGNIZING INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

HON. ANDER CRENshaw

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mr. CRENshaw. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observance of National IBD Awareness Week, December 1–7, 2014, which bring attention to over 1.4 million Americans affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, collectively known as inflammatory bowel disease, or IBD. These disorders impact the gastrointestinal tract, the area of the body where digestion takes place. They cause inflammation of the intestine, which leads to ongoing symptoms and complications.

Although anyone can get IBD, it is most commonly diagnosed in adolescents and young adults between 15 and 25 years old. There is currently no known cause or cure for IBD, and individuals with IBD may suffer from various symptoms from mild to severe abdominal pain, diarrhea, fever, and intestinal bleeding. The impacts are devastating to both patients and their families.

While we still do not have all the answers, there is hope. An increasing number of genes have been identified—over 100 today—that may cause an increase in the risk of developing IBD, confirming that IBD has a strong genetic component. With these discoveries and new technological advances, researchers are working furiously to find cures.

Despite this, the unpredictable nature of these painful and debilitating digestive diseases creates a significant burden on the community and economy. Every year, there is more than \$1.26 billion in direct and indirect costs to the US healthcare system due to hospitalizations as a result of IBD complications.

As the co-chair of the Crohn's and Colitis Caucus, a bi-partisan group of Congressional Members dedicated to educating the public and other Members on IBD, I urge my fellow Caucus members and colleagues to join me in recognizing IBD Awareness week and the millions of Americans suffering from this disease. I would also like to take this time to honor my colleague and fellow co-chair, JIM MORAN, for his leadership over the years in improving access to treatments for IBD for this vulnerable population. He has been an incredible partner in this fight to prevent and cure IBD. He will be missed in this Chamber as he moves on to the next chapter in his life.

With the support of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, I encourage all Americans to join in the fight to cure, raise awareness, and increase research on this debilitating disease. Together, with the help of researchers, educators, medical professionals, patients, and families, we can find a cure and end this devastating disease for millions of people around the world.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF ZAFAR INAM

HON. GLORIA NEGRETE McLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mrs. NEGRETE McLEOD. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Zafar Inam served as my District Representa-

tive for California's 35th Congressional District, which includes the communities of Bloomington, Chino, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rialto in San Bernardino County, and the City of Pomona in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Zafar Inam contributed greatly to the public policy goals of my office and served as the principal staff member to constituent groups advocating for a better quality of life, housing issues, intelligence issues, working conditions, education, and immigrants' rights.

Mr. Zafar Inam acted as the District Representative within my Congressional District office. His responsibilities included answering casework correspondence, meeting with constituents, verbal communications with constituents, forming effective relationships with local leaders and serving as a liaison with federal, state, and local agencies.

As a result of Zafar Inam's work in Congress, Zafar has had the unique opportunity of acquiring a deeper understanding of the legislative process, public policy formation in the nation's capital, while also providing assistance to my Congressional Office, other members in Congress, legislative committees, and their constituencies.

A native of Southern California, Zafar attended Upland High School, graduated from Chaffey College, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Continuing his pursuit of higher education, Zafar earned his Master's degree in Civil Engineering and Management from California State University, Fullerton, and his impressive resume includes being the local President of Scientists and Engineers of America, organization promoting science and math policy; also designing and building roadways and bridges as an Engineer for the State of California.

As a result of his outstanding service as District Representative for my congressional office, Zafar Inam is better equipped to provide valuable leadership and contributions to educational institutions; local, regional, state and federal governments; and professional, business, and community endeavors in the State of California and the entire nation.

Let it be known Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Zafar Inam, District Representative, be commended for his exemplary service on behalf of the Members of Congress of the United States, and extended sincere best wishes for every success in his future endeavors.

BRIDGING THE AFFORDABILITY GAP IN ACA

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, more and more Tennesseans, and more and more Americans, are expressing concern about the affordability of health care. Even though more people have insurance, they are struggling with growing deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses.

To put a finer point on it, the Kaiser Family Foundation reports that one in three Americans are having difficulty paying their medical

bills, while the National Foundation for Credit Counseling reports 64 percent don't have \$1,000 to cover an emergency expense. According to Kaiser, deductibles have increased 50 percent since 2009.

During October, I was made aware of one innovative approach to bridge the affordability gap when I toured Holston Medical Group, one of the largest, multi-specialty physician practices in the southeastern United States and located in my district. Holston is partnering with a company called CarePayment to try to help ensure their patients can afford care recommended by their doctor.

Through its partnership with CarePayment, Holston patients can spread medical payments over 25 months or more at zero percent APR, without impact to their credit score. Everyone is eligible, regardless of income or employment status. This program helps patients afford their bills, and it also helps hospitals reduce their bad debt. For example, Holston has reduced its bad debt by 85 percent. That's significant, particularly when you consider that hospitals are seeing more and more of their bad debt coming from patients who have insurance.

This program removes financial concerns so patients can focus on their recovery. I was told one story about Betty, a constituent from Bristol, Tennessee, who injured her shoulder and needed physical therapy, but couldn't afford treatment. She enrolled in Holston's CarePayment program, finished therapy and pays just \$25 a month. She says she couldn't have had the treatment if Holston didn't offer the financing plan.

As a physician, I know what can happen when patients delay care. And delaying treatment is more likely when they don't have the money to pay.

The partnership between CarePayment and Holston is increasingly necessary as costs continue to be shifted. With uncertainty about the long-term feasibility of the ACA, partnerships like these may be helpful in ensuring patients can continue to receive the care they need.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5739, THE NO SOCIAL SECURITY FOR NAZIS ACT

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, this week, I voted in support of H.R. 5739, the No Social Security for Nazis Act, of which I am proud original co sponsor.

For decades now individuals who have been identified as Nazi war criminals have accessed their Social Security benefits, by means of a loophole in the Social Security Act. This loophole allowed those who were denaturalized, or those who voluntarily renounced their United States' citizenship, and left the country to avoid formal deportation proceedings, to continue receiving Social Security benefits.

H.R. 5739 will close the loophole by amending the law to stop Social Security benefit payments to those denaturalized due to participation in Nazi persecutions or those who voluntarily renounced their citizenship as part of a settlement with the Attorney General related to their participation in Nazi persecution.

Our country and the world will never forget the atrocities committed by the Nazi regime against millions of Jews and other targeted groups during World War II, nor should the perpetrators of these atrocities be allowed to continue to collect Social Security benefits due to a loophole in the law.

My district in Brooklyn, New York, which is the Ninth Congressional District of New York, is home to one of the largest orthodox Jewish populations in the country as well as being home to the second largest Jewish population in the nation overall. I know that my constituents would feel reassured to know that this loophole has been closed.

So, on behalf of my Jewish constituents and of all Americans, I want to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle who joined me in supporting H.R. 5739, the No Social Security for Nazis Act.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF DANIEL SANCHEZ

HON. GLORIA NEGRETE McLEOD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mrs. NEGRETE McLEOD. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Daniel Sanchez served as my Communications Director for California's 35th Congressional District, which includes the communities of Bloomington, Chino, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Rialto in San Bernardino County, and the city of Pomona in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Daniel Sanchez contributed greatly to the communications and public policy goals of my office and served as a legislative staff member to specifically serve constituent groups advocating for a better quality of life, housing issues, intelligence issues, working conditions, education, and immigrants' rights.

Mr. Daniel Sanchez managed the office's online presence as Chief Web Master and Social Media Coordinator, helping share the Congresswoman's work to constituents on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, YouTube, Instagram and Vine.

As a result of his work in Congress, Mr. Daniel Sanchez has had the unique opportunity of acquiring a deeper understanding of the legislative process, public policy formation in the nation's capital, while also providing assistance to other members in Congress, legislative committees, and their constituencies.

A native of Rialto, California, Mr. Daniel Sanchez attended local grade schools, graduated from Wilmer Amina Carter High School, and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California, Riverside.

As a result of his outstanding service as Communications Director for my congressional office, Mr. Daniel Sanchez is better equipped to provide valuable leadership and contributions to educational institutions; local, regional, state and federal governments; and professional, business, and community endeavors in the State of California and the entire nation.

Let it be known Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Daniel Sanchez be commended for his exemplary service on behalf of the Members of Congress of the United States, and extended sincere best wishes for every success in his future endeavors.

VICKI WAGNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Vicki Wagner for receiving the 2014 City of Golden Mayor's Award of Excellence.

The City of Golden honors Vicki for her achievements over four decades of ongoing and enthusiastic volunteerism. Vicki came to Golden in 1968 and soon began volunteering in the City. First in her children's schools, then on the newly-created Citizens Action Committee in the 1980's, the Golden Urban Renewal Authority, and the Farmer's Market since it opened in 2002. She currently serves on the Golden Visitors Center Board of Trustees and the Golden Good Government League. Vicki is primarily responsible for the beautiful landscaping at the Visitors Center and exemplifies the spirit that makes Golden great.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Vicki Wagner for this well-deserved recognition by the City of Golden.

RECOGNIZING MR. PETER H. STEPHAICH FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATION'S WATER TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 4, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Peter H. Stephaich on the occasion of his receipt of the River Bell Award for his contributions to our nation's water transportation infrastructure.

Mr. Stephaich has devoted his talents to serving the maritime industry for over 30 years. During this time, he has held a number of important roles that make him a trusted figure, and someone who the industry looks to as a leader on transportation issues. He currently serves as Chairman and CEO of Blue Danube Incorporated and Campbell Transportation, which together employ hundreds of people, and operate over 500 vessels and four shipyards across the inland waterway system. In addition, he has served in a number of notable positions that have made him a steward of the industry. From his chairmanship of the National Waterways Foundation and the Board of American Waterways Operators, to his position as Commissioner and Vice Chairman of the Port of Pittsburgh Commission, Peter Stephaich is renowned across the nation as a stalwart advocate for America's water transportation professionals. Furthermore he has extended this advocacy to Capitol Hill, where he has been a notable voice for legislation to update and modernize our infrastructure. His testimony before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee was an important part of the process that led to the passage of The Water Resources Reform & Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA), and his input is thoroughly valued among the halls of Congress.