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TRIBUTE TO BRIAN VANDERHEIDEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brian Vanderheiden of the Earlham High School Track Team for winning the class 1A Shuttle Hurdle State Championship.

Brian, along with his three teammates, finished the shuttle hurdle race in first place with a time of 1:00.23 at the 2015 Iowa 1A State Track and Field Championships. Brian has dedicated his time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend him for his hard work and determination. This group of young men came together to achieve great success.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Brian and his teammates demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success in all his future endeavors.

THE STATE-BASED UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2015

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that will give states the tools they need to guarantee the health security of their citizens. The State-Based Universal Health Care Act of 2015 establishes a new procedure through which states may apply for a waiver of federal law in order to design and implement single-payer health care systems. This will allow states to achieve universal coverage and control costs by removing greed and inefficiency from the system.

One of the many achievements of the Affordable Care Act is its provisions that grant states the authority to innovate in their health care systems. Under Section 1332 of the law, a state may apply for a State Innovation Waiver that will provide it with control of federal dollars that otherwise would have been spent on premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions for its residents. Through this waiver, a state may design a system to cover its residents, so long as benefits are at least as comprehensive and affordable as those offered by Qualified Health Plans available on the Exchanges.

However, even with this flexibility, numerous barriers limit states' ability to design true single-payer systems. Existing waivers are narrow in scope, requiring states to seek out imperfect and convoluted solutions to circumvent federal limitations. A sweeping preemption provision in the Employee Retirement Income

Security Act (ERISA) denies states authority to regulate employer-sponsored health plans. And, due to the complexities of our existing federal health programs, it is essentially impossible for a state to design a single benefit package that can be administered simply and efficiently on behalf of all of its residents.

The State-Based Universal Health Care Act removes these barriers. It builds upon the ACA's State Innovation Waiver by offering states new tools that will allow them to truly innovate in health care. Under this legislation, a state may apply for a Universal Health Care Waiver that will grant it authority over federal health care dollars that otherwise would have been spent on the state's residents. To the extent necessary to design a universal system, a state may waive provisions of federal law relating to the following:

The rules governing premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions, as provided for in existing waiver authority under Section 1332 of the ACA.

Provisions necessary for states to pool funds that otherwise would be spent on behalf of residents enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, and the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program.

ERISA's preemption clause, which currently forbids states from enacting legislation relating to employee health benefit programs.

Any state seeking a Universal Health Care Waiver must design a system that covers substantially all of its residents. The benefits that each citizen receives must be at least as comprehensive and no less affordable than what would have been provided under any federal health programs for which its residents otherwise would have been eligible. Once enacted, the state plan must be publicly administered, and it may not add to the federal deficit.

The Affordable Care Act was a landmark achievement and a strong first step toward achieving health security in this country. However, we still have a tremendous amount of work left to do. The United States spends by far the most per capita on health care, yet we fail to achieve superior outcomes or even guarantee coverage as a basic human right. Insurance companies are a powerful force in our economy, enjoying billions in profits and growing power in the marketplace. Meanwhile, hospitals are consolidating at an astonishing rate, raising new questions about the quality of patient care and the future of medicine. What's more, we have failed to make meaningful efforts to combat the skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs, threatening patient access to treatments and the financial sustainability of the entire system.

As we explore ways to build upon the successes of the ACA, it is critical that we look for creative solutions to the challenges that still exist. Granting states tools to design single-payer systems will help spur necessary innovation, achieve universal coverage, and control costs. It is time to take this next step as we continue to move forward in our historic effort to guarantee the health security of every American.

IN HONOR OF MR. JAMES A. McMULLEN, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding citizen of our community, Mr. James Allen McMullen, Sr. Mr. McMullen passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at the age of 75 in his home in Columbus, Georgia. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2015 at Beallwood Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

A Georgia man through and through, Mr. McMullen was born in Columbus, Georgia and after graduating from Jordan Vocational High School in Columbus in 1958, he attended Georgia Southwestern College, now Georgia Southwestern State University, in Americus, Georgia. Following his graduation from college, he joined the United States Army and served in Germany.

Upon his return from Europe in 1961, Mr. McMullen began his career in funeral service, graduating from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in Dallas, Texas in 1964. He worked locally for many years and in 1987, he and his family established the McMullen Funeral Home in Columbus.

For more than 50 years, Mr. McMullen served thousands of families in the Columbus area through the difficult time that follows the loss of a loved one. In order to provide the best service he could, Mr. McMullen was a member of Selected Independent Funeral Homes, the Georgia Funeral Directors Association, and the National Funeral Directors Association. Despite battling cancer for the last three years of his life, Mr. McMullen continued to work at the funeral home until a month before his passing. To him, this was not just his job, but an opportunity to serve others at a time when they need it the most.

A member of the Beallwood Baptist Church and the Lions Club for over 40 years, Mr. McMullen proved himself a leader in the community as well as in the workplace. He was named Lion of the Year in 1973, District 18-E governor of Lions International in 1976, and Chairman of the Georgia Sight Conservation Committee. His leadership extended to serving on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lions Eye Bank and what is now known as the Chick-Fil-A Bowl. He also served for more than 36 years as chairman for the educational trip to Washington sponsored by the Lions Club. This annual trip has carried more than 40,000 fifth- and sixth-graders to the nation's capital, demonstrating once more the grand impact Mr. McMullen had on countless lives.

Dr. Maya Angelou once said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." The people of Columbus will never forget how Mr. McMullen heartened the brokenhearted and consoled the inconsolable. We are once again confronted with the loss of a loved and respected leader in this community, but we are comforted by his great legacy of service, which will endure for years to come.

Mr. McMullen achieved much in his life but none of this would have been possible without

the love and support of his wife of 52 years, Cecile; his children, Allen and Lisa; and his cherished grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the Columbus community in honoring Mr. James A. McMullen, Sr. His leadership, wisdom, and skill aided thousands of people during the most difficult of times. Mr. McMullen was a truly outstanding individual and a blessing to the Columbus community. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO DEREK HENSLEY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Derek Hensley of the Earlham High School Track Team for winning the class 1A Shuttle Hurdle State Championship.

Derek, along with his three teammates, finished the shuttle hurdle race in first place with a time of 1:00.23 at the 2015 Iowa IA State Track and Field Championships. Derek has dedicated his time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend him for his hard work and determination. This group of young men came together to achieve great success.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Derek and his teammates demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Derek on a job well done, and wishing him nothing but continued success in all his future endeavors.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY
LIFE OF WAYNE TOWNSEND

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved member of the Indiana community, Wayne Townsend. He was a well-known member of the Indiana legislature, an esteemed farmer, and a vigorous supporter of Purdue University. Sadly, Wayne passed away at the age of 89 on July 3, 2015. He will be dearly missed by the Hoosier community, but we will remember him forever through the spectacular legacy he left behind.

A lifelong Hoosier, Wayne was born on his family's farm in Grant County. He started school at Walnut Creek Elementary School and then went to Jefferson Township High School. While his parents did not attend college, they encouraged all six of their children to go to college. Wayne, like his older siblings, attended Purdue University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture.

Wayne's professional life reveals his different avenues of interest. A few years after

graduating from Purdue, Wayne entered military service, serving primarily in Washington, D.C. as a special agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps. He stayed in the Army for two years until he returned to his family farm with his wife, Helen. Wayne maintained a hog and grain farm in Blackford County his whole adult life, but he was also heavily involved in Indiana politics. Wayne began his political career when he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1958. He served in the Indiana House of Representatives for six years, serving on the House Ways and Means Committee, and in 1970 he was elected to the Indiana Senate, where he served on the Senate Finance Committee. In the Senate, he is remembered for being the tie-breaking vote for Indiana to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in 1977. Wayne was also selected as the Democratic nominee for Governor of Indiana in 1984, and he notably chose a female running mate, which was the first time in state history.

After 16 years in the Indiana Senate, Wayne retired from the legislature and started a new adventure serving on the Board of Trustees for Purdue for 15 years. His commitment to the Boilermakers was evident through his extensive involvement with the university. He served as the Director of the Purdue Research Foundation and sat on the Search Committee tasked with finding a new president when President Steven Beering retired. He was a member of the John Purdue Club for 35 years and a lifetime member of the Purdue Alumni Association. Wayne, an effective advocate for education, was also a Trustee of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana.

In addition to his commitment to education, he was an active Quaker and served as a member and Trustee of the First Friends Church of Marion for 50 years.

On many occasions, Wayne was recognized for his impressive work. Four different governors from both sides of the aisle named Wayne the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash. In 2014, he was honored with the Order of the Griffin, the highest honor bestowed by Purdue University. For his skill in farming, he was named a Master Farmer by Indiana Prairie Farmer and a Distinguished Purdue Agriculture Alumnus.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Helen Townsend, children Jay Townsend, Mark Townsend, Lisa McHone, Steve Townsend, and Alan Townsend, eighteen grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Wayne was a leader in the community who will always be remembered for his dedication to Indiana and the enduring benefits he created. Please join me in thanking Wayne's family for sharing this truly remarkable man with the Hoosier community.

HONORING DR. G. RICHARD OLDS
ON HIS RETIREMENT AS DEAN
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize and congratulate Dr. G. Richard

Olds, Dean of the University of California Riverside School of Medicine, on his retirement.

Dean Olds has led a life of distinguished service as an educator, scientist, physician and founding dean of the UC Riverside School of Medicine. He has served as a full professor of medicine, molecular, and cell and development biology at Brown University, and professor and chairman of medicine at the MetroHealth Campus of Case Western Reserve University. Prior to joining the faculty at UC Riverside, Dean Olds was appointed professor and chair of medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He has been an inspirational leader and adviser to hundreds of graduates. Among his many contributions to higher education, he also served as a tropical disease specialist on the World Health Organization expert committee on schistosomiasis, and has authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and reviews.

Dean Olds came to UC Riverside to create a School of Medicine—the first public medical school in California in more than four decades. His drive and vision led to a school with the unique and special mission focusing on the needs of the surrounding communities and the future path of community-based, value-based health care. In an effort to address the severe doctor shortage in Inland Southern California, Dean Olds created a medical school that would expand and diversify the physician workforce and serve as a catalyst for improving the health of the community.

UC Riverside School of Medicine is accredited largely in part to Dean Olds. In 2011, the State of California eliminated pledged annual funding for the school, resulting in the denial of accreditation. Dean Olds' unrelenting determination fostered an ambitious year of fundraising and advocacy, in which the medical school raised \$100 million to support the school for over ten years. The school was accredited and the doors opened in fall 2013—the first time in three decades that an American medical school was approved after previously having been denied accreditation.

I am proud to recognize Dean Olds on his years of service and congratulate him on his retirement from UC Riverside School of Medicine. I look forward to his forthcoming accomplishments and future success, wherever he begins his next journey. On behalf of the countless medical students, future doctors, and patients, whose lives you have changed and impacted, thank you for your service.

TRIBUTE TO JACK GENESER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jack Geneser of the Earlham High School Track Team for winning the class 1A Shuttle Hurdle State Championship.

Jack, along with his three teammates, finished the shuttle hurdle race in first place with a time of 1:00.23 at the 2015 Iowa 1A State Track and Field Championships. Jack has dedicated his time and talents to achieving a single goal and I commend him for his hard work and determination. This group of young men came together to achieve great success.