

Board of Freeholders in 1956. Just four years later, Dawn served as an appointed member of the Tacoma City Council until 1962.

Dawn's early contributions not only gained the recognition of many at the local level, but also caught the attention of leaders at a national level. In 1962, she was a Nominee to Congress, and was then approached by Vice President Hubert Humphrey to assist overseas. Her commitment to her duties in her beloved Tacoma was so strong that she nearly turned down the opportunity to represent the United States at the 1967 United Nations Economic and Social Council in Geneva.

Continuing her commitment to community organizing, Dawn was instrumental in the 1990s rebirth of downtown Tacoma, and in the creation of the Tacoma campus of the University of Washington. She sought to revitalize her city through the promotion of the arts and education. Dawn was a fearless and independent leader who people viewed as the "godmother" of the city. She is remembered for working with others to bridge divides within her community. Dawn even won the Greater Tacoma Peace Prize for her 1988 work to resolve hotly disputed land claims between developers and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

Dawn's decades-long commitment to fiercely serving her community and getting results, has played a key role in the growth of the city of Tacoma since she arrived in 1947.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great privilege that I recognize the life of Dawn Lucien. She is truly an exceptional reminder of the high level of commitment to our communities that we should all aspire to every day.

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Kansas State School for the Blind.

The Kansas State School for the Blind was founded in 1867 and is one of the historical treasures of Kansas City, Kansas.

It serves students from pre-K through high school who are blind or visually impaired, and has some of the most talented, caring, and innovative teachers you'll find in the profession.

I've had the opportunity to visit the school, including last August, when I spent time with a group of students and saw the amazing technology that assists them every day as they learn and engage the world around them.

I want to thank outgoing superintendent Madeleine Burkinkind and Principal Jon Harding for their leadership, and sharing with me how KSSB is making a difference in the lives of these students in our community.

Our community and state are stronger because of them.

Mr. Speaker, the Kansas State School for the Blind has made a tremendous difference over the last 150 years, and I look forward to our continued work together.

TRIBUTE TO RYAN REINHOLD FOR 41 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with respect and admiration that I rise today to honor Judge Ryan Reinhold for his outstanding legacy and service to the State of Arizona. On June 30, 2017, Ryan retires after 41 years as a Navajo County Justice of the Peace, municipal court judge, White Mountain Apache tribal judge, and Navajo County Constable.

Ryan was born in Phoenix, served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, and graduated from San Jose State University in 1972. He moved to Pinetop and married Lorinda "Rindy" Skousen in 1976. Rindy recently retired after 30 years as a kindergarten teacher. They have two children, Kent and Britni; Kent is a helicopter pilot and Congressional Liaison in the U.S. Coast Guard and Britni is a second-grade teacher in Lakeside, Arizona. Ryan and Rindy were blessed with their first grandchild, Lucas Robert, in October 2016.

Ryan was elected as Justice of the Peace in 1978. In 1984, he received the Kenneth L. MacEachern Award for the Most Outstanding Non-Lawyer Judge in the United States. He was re-elected five times and honorably led the court for 22 years before retiring in 2000. During his tenure, he adjudicated civil and criminal cases in 19 Arizona courts and four tribal courts. Ryan was appointed Navajo County Constable for Precinct Six in 2003 and elected in 2006. He was subsequently re-elected two times and served the citizens of the White Mountains with distinction.

Ryan is known for his tireless efforts to benefit all aspects of the community. He regularly donates his time to help area young people overcome societal challenges and establish proper footing towards purposeful lives. He has led hundreds of volunteers as District Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, President of the Blue Ridge High School Scholarship Fund, and President of the local Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary Club. In 2007, Ryan was elected as Assistant District Governor of the Rotary Club and was instrumental in orchestrating a robust international exchange student program for dozens of teenagers.

On behalf of the State of Arizona, I would like to congratulate and thank Ryan Reinhold for his selfless and dedicated public service. In retirement, I hear he plans on making regular scuba diving trips, traveling the world, and spending quality time with his beloved family and friends. We extend our best wishes as Ryan begins the next chapter of his life. Cheers to a truly wonderful career.

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1215

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an amendment I introduced to Rules Committee Print 115-10 on H.R. 1215:

Add, at the end of the bill, the following (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 11. REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION OF CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES.

(a) **SELECTION.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, eligible professional organizations that have established, published, maintained, and updated on a regular basis, clinical practice guidelines, including when applicable, appropriate use criteria, that incorporate best practices, may submit such guidelines to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Not later than 6 months after the last day for submitting such guidelines, the Secretary shall select and designate one or more eligible professional organizations to provide and maintain such clinical practice guidelines on behalf of the Secretary. Not later than 6 months after designating each such eligible professional organization, the Secretary shall enter into an agreement with each such eligible professional organization for maintenance, publication, and updating of such clinical practice guidelines.

(b) **MAINTENANCE.**—

(1) **PERIODIC REVIEW.**—Not later than 5 years after the Secretary enters into an agreement with each eligible professional organization under subsection (a), and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary shall review the clinical practice guidelines of such organization and shall, as necessary, enter into agreements with additional eligible professional organizations, as appropriate, in accordance with subsection (a).

(2) **UPDATE BY ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.**—An eligible professional organization that collaborated in the establishment of a clinical practice guideline may submit amendments to that clinical practice guideline at any time to the Secretary for review by the Secretary.

(3) **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN UPDATES.**—An amendment under paragraph (2) may not add, materially change, or remove a guideline from a set of guidelines, unless notification of such update is made available to applicable eligible professionals.

SEC. 12. DEVELOPMENT.

(a) **GUIDELINE STANDARDS.**—The Secretary shall ensure that, to the extent practicable, the development of clinical practice guidelines are guided by the Standards for Developing Trustworthy Clinical Practice Guidelines of the Institute of Medicine and—

(1) are developed through a transparent process that minimizes conflicts of interest;

(2) are developed by a knowledgeable, multidisciplinary panel of experts and representatives from key affected groups;

(3) take into consideration important patient subgroups and patient preferences, as appropriate;

(4) are based on a systematic review of the existing evidence;

(5) except in the case of diagnostic guidelines, provide a clear explanation of the relationship between care options and health outcomes;

(6) except in the case of diagnostic guidelines, provide ratings of both the quality of evidence and strength of recommendation;

(7) are reconsidered and revised when new evidence emerges; and

(8) clearly identify any exceptions to the application of the clinical practice guideline.

(b) **REQUIRED DISCLOSURES FROM ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**—Any person who is affiliated with an eligible professional organization and who directly participated in the creation of a clinical practice guideline shall follow that particular eligible professional organization's conflict of interest protocol.

SEC. 13. NO LIABILITY FOR GUIDELINE PRODUCERS.

Neither an eligible professional organization nor the participants in its guideline development and approval process, may be held liable for any injury alleged to be caused by adhering to a clinical practice guideline to which they contributed.

SEC. 14. INTERNET PUBLICATION OF GUIDELINES.

The Secretary shall publish on the Internet through the National Guideline Clearinghouse or other appropriate sites or sources, all clinical practice guidelines, including all data and methodology used in the development and selection of the guidelines in compliance with data disclosure standards in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191).

SEC. 15. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE.

In the case of a health care lawsuit, it shall be an affirmative defense to any health care liability claim alleged therein that the defendant complied with a clinical practice guideline that was applicable to the provision or use of health care services or medical products for which the health care liability claim is brought.

SEC. 16. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of sections 11 through 14:

(1) **APPLICABLE ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL.**—The term “applicable eligible professional” means a physician practicing within clinical practice guidelines submitted by an eligible professional organization and includes employees and agents of a physician.

(2) **APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA.**—The term “appropriate, use criteria” means established evidence-based guidelines developed or endorsed by an eligible professional organization that specify when the health benefits of a procedure or service exceed the expected health risks by a significantly wide margin.

(3) **CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE.**—The term “clinical practice guideline” means systematically developed statements based on the review of clinical evidence for assisting a health care provider to determine the appropriate health care in specific clinical circumstances.

(4) **DIAGNOSTIC GUIDELINE.**—The term “diagnostic guideline” means a clinical practice guideline that provides recommendation regarding the utility of diagnosis procedures for a specific clinical scenario.

(5) **ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.**—The term “eligible professional organization” means a national or State medical society or medical specialty society.

(6) **FEDERAL PAYOR.**—The term “Federal payor” includes reimbursements made under the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act or the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act, premium tax credits under section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or cost-sharing reductions under section 1402 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or medical screenings, treatments, or transfer services provided pursuant to section 1867 of the Social Security Act.

(7) **HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION.**—The term “health care organization” means any person or entity which is obligated to provide or pay for health benefits under any health plan, including any person or entity acting under a contract or arrangement with a health care organization to provide or administer any health benefit.

(8) **HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.**—The term “health care provider” means any person or entity required by State or Federal laws or regulations to be licensed, registered, or certified to provide health care services, and being either so licensed, registered, or certified, or exempted from such requirement by other statute or regulation.

(9) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

SIEMENS MAKES EXTRAORDINARY GRANT**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, a recent article in SC Biz News titled “Siemens, USC announce \$628M in-kind technology grant,” details a remarkable new partnership between Siemens and the University of South Carolina. The article explains:

The in-kind grant will provide Siemens’ product lifecycle management software to USC’s College of Engineering and Computing, and a combination of Siemens automation and controls hardware in a digital factory innovation lab at USC’s McNAIR Center for Aerospace Innovation and Research.

Bill Kirkland, executive director of USC’s Office of Economic Engagement, said the new partnership represents the top three investments Siemens has made in a university in the United States.

The article further shows the important relationship between industry and education in South Carolina:

Raj Batra, president of Siemens Digital Factory Division, U.S., said the grant gives back in all different forms. “With this investment in software and hardware, students and faculty will get hands on experience with the same state of the art design engineering platforms that are used by leading manufacturers around the world . . .”

USC President Harris Pastides called the announcement an important day in the modern history of the University of South Carolina . . . Pastides said, “Our graduates will have experience in Siemens’ software, ready to take the leading jobs in our state and around the world.”

The article concludes with an accurate statement from Governor Henry McMaster:

The number of companies wanting to do business in the state has accelerated in the last few years due to the assets found here . . . This collaboration just goes to prove the progress we are making.

I am grateful for the efforts of Governor Henry McMaster, USC President Harris Pastides, Executive Director Bill Kirkland, Siemens Digital Factory President Raj Batra, and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross in creating jobs and promoting economic growth.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 29, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 12

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 943, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an accurate comprehensive student count for the purposes of calculating formula allocations for programs under the Johnson-O’Malley Act, S. 1223, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act, and S. 1285, to allow the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to lease or transfer certain lands.

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