

the doctor—sometimes an hour per visit—giving the doctor the time to build a true relationship with their patients, so they can better understand and address their health needs.

Today, DPC is providing high-quality care at lower cost for individuals of all ages and incomes across America. By partnering with wrap-around insurance plans that cover non-primary care services, DPC practices now serve patients with private insurance, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid managed care. As opposed to “concierge” physician practices, DPC practices typically charge a low monthly fee of \$50–\$100 per month and serve low and moderate-income patients. However, IRS interpretation of the tax code prevents Americans with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) from using this promising alternative payment model.

The Primary Care Enhancement Act clarifies two small provisions in the Internal Revenue Code that treat these innovative primary care arrangements for employees and individuals as health plans rather than medical services. More than twenty states have passed laws defining DPC as a medical service and not a health plan regulated by state insurance law. Likewise, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) rules on Essential Health Benefits clearly state that DPC arrangements are medical services, not health insurance. However, the current IRS interpretation of the statute prohibits individuals with HSAs from funding their accounts if they have a DPC arrangement. Furthermore, individuals cannot use their existing HSA dollars to pay for the monthly or annual DPC fees as qualified medical expenses, even though the fees are giving them access to their primary care doctor and primary care services that would otherwise be HSA-eligible.

As more individuals and employers seek to utilize the DPC delivery model, it is important that an outdated tax barrier not get in the way of patients accessing this successful model of care.

While many of us have philosophical differences about HSAs and their role in health care, my legislation is not an expansion of HSAs themselves; rather, it is a narrow clarification providing tax equity for individuals who want to use DPC arrangements. I urge my colleagues support this bipartisan effort to expand access and continue the movement towards better primary care at lower costs.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF STEMME FARMS

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Warren Stemme and his family on the 150th anniversary of their farm in Missouri’s 2nd Congressional District.

Founded in 1869, Stemme Farms has become a landmark in St. Louis County, helping develop the community while playing an integral role in Missouri agriculture over the past century and a half.

One of the few full-time operations in the area, the 1,100-acre corn and soybean farm embraces the latest in agricultural technology, providing an indispensable source of edu-

cation for school groups, advocates, and elected officials alike.

A fourth-generation farmer, representative of the St. Louis County Farm Bureau, and former president of the Missouri Soybean Association, Mr. Stemme is one of the premier farmers and agricultural advocates statewide.

It is my honor to recognize and congratulate Stemme Farms for providing the St. Louis community with nutrition, economic development, technological insights, and breathtaking scenery for the past 150 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TARA WELCH GALLAGHER

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Tara Welch Gallagher, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Tara far too soon.

Tara was a hardworking engineer who worked to educate the community about clean water. She served the Department of Public Works for the City of Virginia Beach for six years and contributed significantly to the mission of improving the water quality of the Lake James Watershed. Tara’s life of hard work and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Tara will be missed by all her loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor her life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND WORK OF FRANCIS “FRAN” JOHNSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Francis “Fran” Johnson for her commitment to community service in the District of Columbia on the occasion of her 70th birthday on July 23, 2019.

Johnson is a third-generation District native. She began her service to the District as a candy-striper at Howard University Hospital, formerly known as Freedman’s Hospital, in 1964. Over the years, she has advocated for critical issues such as equality in education and housing and improved financial literacy, among others.

As a neighborhood advocate, she has increased the number of signs in the community to help children with hearing impairments and called for more lighting in her neighborhood to help reduce crime. She fights for a D.C. with clean streets, safe neighborhoods and flourishing communities.

Building on her experience as a Ward 4 resident, she cofounded a non-profit named Shammah, Inc, which provides low-income families with food, shelter and the opportunity to learn life skills.

Over the years, she has been recognized for her commitment to service. In 2009, she was named “Superwoman” by NBC News 4, and in 2017, she was crowned Ms. Senior District of Columbia. As Ms. Senior District of Columbia, she attended over 200 community events, amplifying the voice of older D.C. residents and advocating for an age-friendly D.C. In her role as Ms. Senior District of Columbia, she testified at D.C. Council hearings and partnered with several D.C. Office on Aging and Community Living programs.

Johnson attended St. Cecilia’s Academy and D.C.’s first land-grant college, the Washington Technical Institute. She graduated with academic honors and a degree in Business Administration/Secretarial Science.

She began her professional career in 1970, as the first African-American legal secretary for the International Business Machines Corporation’s (IBM) intellectual property division. After 30 years at IBM, she retired and joined the Business Executives for National Service as the office receptionist and Assistant to the CFO.

While she has embraced many roles during her lifetime—wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, professional and community advocate—Johnson still makes time for sports, music, traveling and many other hobbies.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Francis “Fran” Johnson on the occasion of her 70th birthday and for her lasting contributions to the District of Columbia.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GIUMARRA, JR.

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. McCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John G. Giumarra, Jr., who passed away on June 30, 2019 at the age of 78. John was a well-respected businessman not only in Kern County, but throughout California.

Born to a family that had been growing grapes in California since 1922, John joined the family business at an early age. John earned his bachelor’s degree from University of California, Berkeley, and went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Stanford Law, working as the Book Review Editor of the Stanford Law Review. He initially moved to Newport Beach to work for a law firm, but the family business quickly drew him back to Bakersfield. There, John applied his legal acumen in assisting his father with the company that bears their family name—Giumarra Vineyards. Working as the in-house counsel, John played a critical role in developing contracts with other businesses, as well as playing a lead role in working with U.S. and foreign government officials to expand American grape exports.

For years, John worked tirelessly, embracing an increasingly important role as the face of his family business. Through his dedication, John transformed Giumarra Vineyards into an internationally-known brand. A pioneer in viticulture, John imported Chilean grapes in the 1980’s for use in Giumarra Vineyards products during the off season in the U.S., a move that bolstered the company’s market share and served to enhance its rapidly-growing footprint.

In 2015, John became President of Giumarra Vineyards.

John was also extremely active in the grape industry; for 33 years, John served as both the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Executive Chairman of the California Table Grape Commission. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the California Grape and Tree Fruit League, as well as on the Board of Directors of both the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association and the Produce Marketing Association.

In addition to his dedication to leading and growing the grape industry, John was also committed to raising money for education, serving as the Chairman of the annual California State University, Bakersfield Athletics Spring BBQ, raising millions of dollars since he was named chairman back in 1972.

Those who knew John will fondly remember him as a great mentor, a consummate professional, tireless advocate for the grape industry, and a dedicated family man. I am proud to have known him and been able to call John a friend. I will miss his counsel and sage advice on the important issues facing the grape industry and agriculture in our community, state, and across the country.

John is survived by his wife, Pamela, his five children, John III, Randy and his wife Barri, Juliana and her husband Clayton, Joseph, Jillian and her husband Morgan, and his 15 grandchildren. On behalf of Kern County and the 23rd Congressional District of California, I want to extend my condolences to the entire Giumarra family. John will be missed, but he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to serve as an inspiration and shape an industry for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KATHERINE A. NIXON

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Katherine A. Nixon, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Katherine far too soon.

Katherine, also known as Kate, worked as a civil engineer for the City of Virginia Beach for over 10 years. Kate's coworkers and loved ones described her as a smart and caring person who was the supervisor everyone would want. Kate's life of hard work and service to the community, as well as her compassionate heart, will forever be remembered.

Kate will be missed by all her loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor her life.

PROMOTION OF ECZEMA AWARENESS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to promote awareness of a

skin condition for which we have not found a medical cure. Eczema.

Eczema is a skin condition that causes red, itchy and inflamed skin and has profound medical, psychological, and economic impact on patients, families, and their communities. The prevalence of Eczema in the United States is 10.1 percent and Eczema impacts over 31.6 million children and adults in the United States alone. Patients afflicted with Eczema experience dry cracked and scaly skin, incessant itch, chronic pain and sleep deprivation. 41.5 percent of adult Eczema patients report having a concurring diagnosis of depression and 47.1 percent report having a concurring diagnosis of asthma. Adults and children with Eczema frequently also experience comorbidities like asthma, allergic rhinitis, food allergies, ADHD, bacterial and viral infections and hypertension. Eczema disease burdens also includes anxiety, stress on social and intimate relationships, increased suicidal ideation, delayed developmental achievement, reduced self-esteem, restrictions on diet and exercise, extensive caregiver burdens, challenges with medical adherence and missed school days. Eczema sufferers miss days at work, disability, unemployment and under-employment and other opportunity costs.

The direct medical cost of the three most common types of Eczema exceed \$2.17 billion and the indirect medical cost exceed \$927 million and two thirds of Eczema patients report experiencing significant barriers including high out-of-pocket costs and insurance requirements that delay patients access to medications.

There is no cure for Eczema, but emerging technologies and medications promise a much brighter future for Eczema patients. Eczema is a serious health problem and we can't stop until we find a cure.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WAYNE MORRISON

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Representative LAHOOD to honor Wayne Morrison, Specialist in International Trade and Finance in the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS).

Wayne recently retired after 36 years of distinguished service at CRS as a leading expert on U.S.-China trade and economic relations.

Wayne has always been helpful to our offices and willing to speak to groups, Members and policy staffers about trade and China.

Before starting his career at CRS, Wayne worked in the office of Senator John Heinz, engaging directly with constituents on international trade issues.

From there, Wayne has spent over three decades working in trade policy. Wayne has been involved in nearly every major trade bill and U.S. trade law, as well as U.S. trade relations and negotiations with key U.S. trading partners and at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

As the Chairs of the US-China Working Group, we rise with appreciation for Wayne's

work on China specifically. Wayne's knowledge of China's economy and its economic rise have been critical to Congress. One of Wayne's greatest strengths is his ability to explain the complexities of the bilateral relationship in an authoritative yet accessible manner, providing invaluable assistance to Members of Congress, as well as to the most experienced congressional staff and to those just starting to work on China.

Wayne represents CRS at its finest in serving Congress. We will miss him and wish him the very best in his retirement.

HONORING THE PORT CHICAGO 50

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Port Chicago 50.

In 1944, a cargo vessel exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine, located in my district, resulting in the deadliest home front disaster of World War II. The men loading ammunition at the site were African American. When the surviving African American 258 sailors understandably refused to return to those unsafe conditions, 50 were discriminately charged with and convicted of mutiny.

Congress and the Administration have repeatedly recognized the injustice the Port Chicago 50 suffered. Congress directed the creation of a memorial, the Executive branch pardoned one of the 50, and then-Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus recognized the "well-documented challenges associated with uniformed service by African Americans during that era" and said he "strongly support[s] executive action in favor of" the Port Chicago 50.

An amendment I filed to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 2500) calls for the Navy to exonerate them, a process used in prior NDAs for wrongfully convicted service members.

As we near the 75th anniversary of the explosion, let us follow President Obama's Port Chicago tribute: "may we carry forward their legacy by renewing our resolve to tackle injustice in our time."

I would like to particularly thank the Friends of Port Chicago, including Reverend Diana McDaniel, Professor John Lawrence at the University of California Washington Center, former Congressman George Miller, and Congresswoman BARBARA LEE for all of their work and support for this cause.

I am grateful to my colleagues for their support of this amendment and look forward to working with our colleagues in the Senate to ensure this important provision remains in the bill that is ultimately signed into law.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ELDEN CHARLES JUSTUS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sergeant First Class