

Two weeks ago, Senator Murray and I took the first step by introducing legislation that will extend funding for community health centers for five years at \$4 billion a year in mandatory funding.

The legislation also extends funding for four additional federal health programs set to expire in September: the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program; National Health Service Corps; Special Diabetes Program; and Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

Today we will hear about how the community health centers program is working and how to ensure 27 million Americans can continue to have access to quality health care closer to their homes and at a more affordable cost.

Community health centers, and hospitals across the country, rely on a well-trained health care workforce.

Two federally funded workforce programs, which train doctors and nurses, expire this year.

The first is the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program that helps train primary care doctors and dentists in community-based settings, often at community health centers.

And second, the National Health Service Corps, which provides scholarships and loan repayment for health care professionals who go to work in rural or underserved areas.

More than half of these doctors choose to work at one of the 12,000 community health centers and affiliated sites across the country as part of their service requirement.

I look forward to hearing from the witnesses today and learning more about all three of these programs, and discussing how we can work together to ensure funding for these programs is extended so Americans can continue to have access to affordable health care closer to home.

REMEMBERING JIM MOODY

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the career and legacy of former U.S. Representative Jim Moody, who passed away on March 22, 2019. Born James Powers Moody, he was an influential leader in Democratic politics in Wisconsin in the 1970s and 1980s.

Born in 1935 in Virginia, Jim spent much of his childhood abroad. His father was an official with the American Red Cross, and his mother worked in relief efforts for refugees. Jim was heavily influenced by his parents' international focus, and he developed a passion for foreign cultures and global affairs at an early age. He attended school in Shanghai before graduating from an English-language high school in Athens, Greece.

After graduating from Haverford College in Pennsylvania in 1957, Jim worked in the former Yugoslavia and Iran with CARE, an international humanitarian organization. He joined the Peace Corps in the organization's early days and established the first Peace Corps programs in Pakistan and Bangladesh. He spoke many languages, including Greek, Farsi, Croatian, Spanish and French.

Jim received a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy's School of Government in 1967 and a doctorate in economics from the University of

California at Berkeley in 1973. Eugene McCarthy's 1968 Presidential campaign inspired Jim's exploration of politics. He was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 1976 and to the State Senate in 1978. With his mother at his side as his campaign manager, he ran for and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982 from Wisconsin's 5th Congressional District in southeastern Wisconsin, where he served five terms.

Moody was a progressive voice in Congress in the spirit of Wisconsin's greatest progressive, Robert M. "Fighting Bob" La Follette. He was an early advocate of gay rights and wilderness preservation. In 1991, he authored a federally funded universal health care bill to cover the 37 million Americans who lacked insurance at the time, including 550,000 Wisconsinites. He proposed paying for the coverage with higher taxes on corporations and wealthy individuals.

After an unsuccessful U.S. Senate race in 1992, he returned to his passion for international affairs. In 1995, he became the chief financial officer of the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development, which focuses on improving the living standards in the agricultural sectors of developing countries. He served on the board of the National Iranian American Council and as an elections observer in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the Ukraine. His post congressional career also included work as professor, an economist and a financial adviser.

Jim Moody took his role as a public servant very seriously. It was a responsibility and an honor that he carried proudly. He cared deeply about the economic stability and well-being of his constituents and of people around the globe. He will be fondly remembered as one of Wisconsin's great progressive leaders.

REMEMBERING JAMES C. FOX

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, Judge James C. Fox, who served as a Federal District Court Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina for more than 35 years, passed away Saturday, March 23, 2019, at the age of 90.

Judge Fox was born on November 6, 1928, in Atchison, KS. As a young boy, his family moved to Greensboro, NC, where he grew up. Judge Fox graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1950 and married Katharine deRosset Rhett on December 30, 1950. Judge Fox served as a corporal in the United States Army Reserve from 1951-1959.

Judge Fox attended law school at the University of North Carolina School of Law, where he graduated in 1957 with highest honors. Subsequently, he took a clerkship with Judge Donnell Gilliam who predated Judge Fox as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Judge Fox entered private practice in 1959 with the firm Carter & Murchison in New Han-

over County, NC, where he practiced for 20 years. While in private practice, Judge Fox served as the county attorney for New Hanover County for 13 years.

President Ronald Reagan nominated Judge Fox to serve as a U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina on September 13, 1982. Judge Fox served the residents of North Carolina for more than 35 years. He served as chief judge from 1990 to 1997 and assumed senior status on January 31, 2001. Even after assuming senior status, Judge Fox maintained a full caseload until he retired in 2017. Judge Fox was known as courteous but firm and was widely respected by everyone who came into his courtroom.

In addition to his decades of public service, Judge Fox served as director of the law alumni association for the University of North Carolina in 1964 and president of the law foundation at the University of North Carolina from 1977 to 1979. Judge Fox served on numerous civic boards, including the University of North Carolina Board of Visitors, the Boy Scouts, the United Way, the Family Service Society, Opportunities, Inc., Davis Healthcare, and the Children's Home Society. Judge Fox was also an active member of Ducks Unlimited. He loved the outdoors and spent significant time and resources on conservation management efforts.

Most importantly, Judge Fox was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. I am grateful to Judge Fox for his service and to his family for sharing his time with the residents of North Carolina. He will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO DIANA MILETE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the career of Diana Milete. Diana has spent her life in public service and has made a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of Ohioans.

Diana came to my congressional office when I was very first elected to the House and has been with us ever since, through all my time in the House and my entire 12 years in the Senate. When she retires at the end of this month, she will have spent more than three decades in Federal service.

Helping Ohioans is one of the most important things our office does, and as the head of our constituent services program, her work has touched the lives of more than 59,000 Ohioans. These were seniors trying to navigate Federal Agencies to get the Medicare and Social Security benefits they earned over a lifetime of work. They were veterans and their families trying to secure medals and VA benefits. They were Ohio workers trying to claim the tax credits they earned.

Diana went above and beyond the call of duty for so many Ohioans.

I remember 2½ years ago, right before the Fourth of July, our office received a request for assistance from a

man in Cleveland named Danny Salazar, who was trying to arrange visas for his family to visit him from the Dominican Republic. You may recognize the name Danny Salazar—he was the Cleveland Indians' star pitcher, and the reason he wanted his family to come visit was because he had been selected to play in the MLB All-Star Game in San Diego. Diana got right on the case, and, working with other members of our team, she was able to make sure Danny's family got visa appointments in time for the game. Danny's mother got to come watch the game with her son, and he sent our office a picture of him and his family at Petco Park—a picture that hung on Diana's wall.

Of course Diana's efforts weren't restricted to Major League Baseball players. Our office helps any Ohioan who needs it, and we have received piles of letters over the years from Ohioans writing to thank Diana for all her hard work for them.

After Diana helped her with her Social Security claim, a woman from Elyria wrote: "Diana, you are an angel in disguise. You literally saved my life and ended my despair." Another woman from Avon wrote to Diana, "Many thanks for doing the near impossible!"

Diana didn't stop with helping individual Ohioans. Over the years she worked on several cases related to ALS patients, who faced a mandatory waiting period of two years before they could receive disability benefits. Tragically, ALS is a fast-progressing disease, and many patients pass away before the 2-year waiting period is over. Diana brought the issue to our office's attention, and our legislative staff went to work. I joined my colleagues in the House and Senate to introduce legislation to fix this, and we eventually got it done. We reduced the 2-year waiting period to 5 months. This year, as Diana's time with our office comes to a close, I have joined a bipartisan group of colleagues to introduce legislation to eliminate the waiting period for ALS patients all together. That is how our office works best—we talk to Ohioans, dedicated workers in Ohio like Diana listen to their stories and bring their issues to the attention of our office, and our legislative staff works on a solution.

We are all going to miss Diana when she retires at the end of this month, but she has earned a long and happy retirement spent with her family in Lorain. Diana's impact on this office will be felt long after she is gone. She has built one of the best casework operations in the country, and I know her team is going to carry on Diana's legacy, serving Ohioans with compassion and dedication for years to come.

Diana, thank you for your service to the people of Ohio.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING EVERETT CHAVEZ

• Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, it is an honor to remember and recognize the life of Governor Everett Chavez.

Governor Chavez devoted his life to the people of Santo Domingo Pueblo and to building a strong future for the next generation of leaders in Indian Country.

Chavez served three terms as the Governor of Kewa Pueblo, also known as Santo Domingo.

Governor Chavez also served as the superintendent of the Santa Fe Indian School, mentoring Native youth and setting high expectations for their educational achievements.

He was a proud graduate of the University of New Mexico, where he received a degree in electrical engineering.

Thanks to his dedication, many students received scholarships for college and put their education to work in their communities.

Governor Chavez was powerful at influencing policy to benefit Indian Country at the highest levels of government.

Governor Chavez served on President Obama's advisory committee for Native American and Alaskan Natives.

He worked with New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver to increase voter registration and election participation in Native communities.

He was constantly building partnerships and implementing major initiatives in his community.

He was hard at work serving others until the very end.

New Mexico has lost one of our greatest leaders.

My thoughts are with Governor Chavez's family.

His legacy will endure in all of those he inspired through his selfless actions.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES "CHUCK" JOHNSON

• Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, today I have the privilege of recognizing the distinguished service of Commander Charles "Chuck" Johnson, a highly respected Korean and Vietnam war veteran. Having enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 16 before completing his high school education, Chuck served his country honorably for 21 years on the front lines of combat in both Korea and Vietnam.

Chuck's commitment to serve did not waver after returning home, and he has spent much of his civilian life advocating and caring for Nevada's veterans, fighting to ensure that their service is never forgotten. Commander of the Southern Nevada chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, Chuck played a critical role in establishing a Korean War Memorial at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boul-

der City, NV, which stands as a testament to the more than 9,000 Korean war veterans buried there. Chuck persisted for over 24 years to see this project come to fruition, and as a community, we are beyond grateful for his dedication to this worthy cause.

Known as a leader and community servant throughout southern Nevada, Chuck was most recently recognized as News 3 Las Vegas's Veteran of the Month. Throughout the month of March, we saluted Chuck for his tireless work to make our community, State, and country a better, safer, and more just place. I am grateful for Commander Johnson's sacrifice and patriotism and look forward to observing his continued work on behalf of veterans in Nevada and beyond.●

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA HEINZ

• Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Jessica Heinz, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done on behalf of myself, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Jessica is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is currently pursuing her master of science degree in terrorism and security policy at American University. Jessica is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience and has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jessica for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING VERMONT MEALS ON WHEELS

• Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the tremendous work of Vermont's Meals on Wheels programs. Last year, Meals on Wheels prepared and home-delivered nearly 800,000 freshly cooked nutritious meals to more than 5,700 Vermont seniors. In our State the second oldest in the Nation, these meals are essential to helping ensure that older Vermonters, particularly those living in rural areas, have access to adequate nutrition.

These meals are made possible by the hard work of hundreds of dedicated professionals and volunteers at Vermont's five Area Agencies on Aging, local Meals on Wheels providers, and senior centers. From the chefs who prepare the nutritious meals, to the senior center staff that coordinate deliveries, to the volunteer drivers who deliver the meals, Vermont's Meals on Wheels network is a critically important part of our social safety net for older Vermonters.

Of course, Meals on Wheels is much more than just delivering a nutritious meal, as important as that is. Volunteer drivers also provide invaluable social interaction and companionship for the seniors they visit, which goes a