

Sidney Yates was an esteemed political leader, respected by both Democrats and Republicans. At the time of his retirement, colleagues from both parties stood up to acknowledge his mastery of government and public service. Representative Yates will remain favorable in the memories of those who knew him, and especially with those of us in Congress who wish to serve with the same depth and commitment he exemplified throughout his tenure.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MALCOLM M.  
ELLISON

**HON. SAM GEJDENSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 27, 2000*

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Dr. Malcolm M. Ellison of New London, Connecticut. Dr. Ellison was a legend among surgeons who touched the lives of thousands of people from patients to nurses to doctors throughout his life.

Dr. Ellison served as the chief of surgery at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London. His career spanned 45 years at the hospital. A patient's ability to pay was never an issue for Dr. Ellison. He believed that his patients "came first, last and always," regardless of their financial status.

Dr. Ellison graduated from Hamilton College and the University of Rochester. He then went on to do his internship and residency at Yale New Haven Hospital.

People who knew Dr. Ellison have praised him for his skill, compassion, and commitment to excellence. Doctors at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital referred to him as Mr. Wonderful. Everyone who visited the hospital believed that the entire community was privileged to have Dr. Ellison.

In addition, Dr. Ellison worked tirelessly for the betterment of the hospital, serving as a corporator, manager and trustee. He also served as a member of the hospital's development and long term planning committees.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the entire New London community in mourning the passing of a tremendous human being, Dr. Malcolm M. Ellison.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SIDNEY  
RICHARD YATES

**HON. CLIFF STEARNS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 27, 2000*

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the honorable Sidney Richard Yates was a dedicated public servant with whom I was privileged to serve in the United States House of Representatives for 10 years.

When I came to Congress in 1989 he had already served his beloved Ninth Congressional District of Illinois for 38 years. He knew the House inside and out and had been a subcommittee chairman for many years. He bore the "distinguished gentleman from Illinois" title with dignity and grace and knew the art of compromise.

My most outstanding memory of working with Mr. Yates was when he and I debated funding for the National Endowment for the Arts on the floor of the House. Of course, we were looking at the issue from two different perspectives but there's no question that I was dealing with an experienced debater and legislator. I enjoyed the opportunity.

HONORING BOB AND JANET HENKE

**HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 27, 2000*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize two of my constituents Bob and Janet Henke of Whittier recipients of "Whittier 2000 Good Scout of the Year Awards" for over eighty years of combined service to our community.

Bob Henke was born in Peking to parents who had dedicated their lives as medical missionaries. The family stayed in China until the Communist Revolution. Upon returning to the United States, Bob found a similar people-oriented calling as an educator.

Bob met his future wife Janet at Oberlin College in Ohio, the first co-educational college in the country and married her in 1952. Moving to Whittier in 1955, Bob worked as a teacher for the Montebello Unified School District from 1955 until 1991 and with his wife raised five children. In 1980 he was named Montebello High School's favorite teacher.

Janet Henke, also an educator, has always found time for her community. She served sixteen years on the Whittier City School Board retiring in 1989. Three years later in 1992 she successfully ran for a vacant seat on the Whittier City Council. Janet served on the City Council until this year, including a term as Mayor of the City of Whittier from 1996 to 1997.

Bob and Janet Henke are now both retired and enjoying the rewards of a lifetime of hard work and service. They now spend much of their time with their seven grandchildren and are in the process of writing their memoirs. Janet says "I have written 120 pages and I'm not even ten years old yet."

Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues to join me and the Whittier Boy Scouts in honoring Bob and Janet Henke for their numerous accomplishments and civic pride. They are true public servants and the best of America.

HONORING THE HONORABLE SID  
YATES

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 27, 2000*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our friend and colleague Sid Yates on October 5, 2000. I remember when I first met Sid when I was first elected to Congress in 1987. Sid was very helpful in my transition as a new member. He had a deep respect for the traditions of the House of Representatives and impressed upon all of us what a privilege it was to serve in the "People's House."

There was no greater fighter for the causes that he believed in than Sid Yates. He was the strongest supporter of the arts; he was always there in support of Israel; and he was a constant defender of our constitutional rights. Sid Yates was my mentor. I have the privilege to serve in an office of public trust. Each day I am confronted by many challenges. I know that I am better prepared to meet these challenges because of Sid.

Congress and the nation lost a patriot and a good person on the passing of Sid Yates. He will be missed by us all.

ON THE CANCER AWARENESS  
WORKING GROUP'S HEARING ON  
CHILDHOOD CANCER

**HON. DEBORAH PRYCE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 27, 2000*

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to report on an important event that took place on Capitol Hill last month. September was Childhood Cancer Month and during this time the Cancer Awareness Working Group held a hearing on the subject. On September 15, 2000, Mr. HOBSON, Ms. CAPPS and I gathered to listen to medical experts, afflicted children, parents, survivors and advocates from all over the country, share with the working group their stories, their knowledge, and their ideas on how best to fight this terrible disease.

It was truly a privilege to have so many wonderful individuals here in Washington to speak on this most important of subjects. An estimated 12,400 children and young people will be diagnosed with cancer this year and 2,300 children will die from the disease. It is the number one cause of death by disease in children under 15, and for the children and families who experience the tragedy of affliction there can be no greater harm. Leukemia, chemotherapy, lymphoma, neuroblastoma—these are terms a small child should not have to pronounce. Yet the incidence of cancer among children has been rising steadily for the past 20 years and the resources devoted to research and treatment of pediatric cancers remain relatively small. For these reasons, the efforts provided by these individuals to increase the awareness of this devastating disease, are not only appreciated, but also truly needed.

Mr. Speaker, with this in mind, I would like to present to you the names of the individuals who gathered for this special event to provide testimony on their experiences with all aspects of childhood cancer. Unfortunately, I am unable to include in these remarks the full text of each individual's testimony. Instead, I have provided summarizations and excerpts from them. I would encourage all Members to review the full transcript from this important hearing that is available on my website at [www.house.gov/pryce](http://www.house.gov/pryce). In addition, a text copy of the transcript can be found in the collection at the Library of Congress.

Dr. Susan Weiner, Founder of the Children's Cause, Inc., Parent, Silver Spring, Maryland. Dr. Weiner spoke about her organization, the loss of her son to pediatric brain cancer, scientific advances in the field, the need for mandatory coverage of cancer trials, and the importance of childhood research for cancer drugs.

Dr. Michael LaQuaglia, M.D., Physician, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York. Dr. LaQuaglia spoke about the long battle ahead in the fight against childhood cancer, the devastating course a family goes through from diagnosis through treatment, the need for increased funding for research and coverage for childhood catastrophic illness.

G. Denman Hammond, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. Dr. Hammond spoke about the history of pediatric treatments, the formation of the support groups such as the National Childhood Cancer Foundation and Children's Oncology Group (C.O.G.), and the need for increased awareness.

Nai-Kong Cheung, M.D., Ph.D., Physician and Researcher, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York. Dr. Cheung spoke about his first hand experience treating childhood cancer patients, the devastating effects the disease has on families and the process they go through, the cost barriers to treatments and the limited support available to help, the need for a bill of rights for individuals with serious illness, the need for increased funding for research and orphan drugs, and the need for more accurate data collection.

Mark A. Mozer, M.D., Pediatrician and Parent, Blue Springs, Missouri. Dr. Mozer spoke about his personal experience with his son Jacob's neuroblastoma, the need for more targeted funding for childhood cancer research, and the adversarial relationship between insurance companies and victims of pediatric cancer.

Robert Barton, Parent, Tehana, Texas. Mr. Barton spoke about his personal experience with his son Brady's osteosarcoma, and the need for increased funding for childhood cancer research.

Joan Bondareff, Parent, Alexandria, Virginia. Ms. Bondareff spoke about her personal experience with her daughter Lori's neuroblastoma, the need for increased awareness and funding for pediatric cancer, and she urged congressional support for H. Con. Res. 115, H. Res. 576, H.R. 2621 and S. 1091.

Beverly Circone, Founder and Director of Kids 'N Kamp, Columbus Ohio. Ms. Circone spoke eloquently about her experience running a summer camp for children with cancer and the need for private and public fundraising to support families.

Janet Hall, Parent, Dayton, Ohio. Mrs. Hall spoke about her personal experience with her son's cancer and the need for increased research in this area. Mrs. Hall is the spouse of Congressman Tony Hall.

Craig Lustig, Survivor, Washington, D.C. Mr. Lustig spoke of his personal experience as a pediatric brain tumor survivor, and the need to reduce barriers to clinical trials and for continued funding for research.

Andrea Martini, Parent, Everett, Washington. Ms. Martini spoke about her personal experience with her daughter Alexandria's AML, the significant costs involved in treatment, and the need for mandatory coverage of cancer trials.

Pat Tallungan, Parent and Administrator of an On-Line Support Group, Bloomingdale, Illinois. Ms. Tallungan spoke about her personal experience with her son Nick's neuroblastoma, her involvement with various childhood cancer foundations and organizations, and the need for expanded availability of cancer trials, better pain management, and increased funding for research.

Beth Westbrook, Parent and Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer, Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Ms. Westbrook spoke about her personal experience with her daughter Katie's osteosarcoma and the need for increased funding for childhood cancer

research. Everyone present gave Katie a standing ovation.

Gina Peca, Parent, Balston Lake, New York. Ms. Peca spoke about her personal experience with her daughter Katie's neuroblastoma, the limited number of treatment options and facilities for afflicted children, and the need for mandatory coverage of cancer trials.

Robyn Raphael, Parent and Founder of Keaton Raphael Memorial Fund, California. Ms. Raphael spoke about her personal experience with her son Keaton's neuroblastoma.

Tom Dunbar, Parent, Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Dunbar spoke of his personal experience with his son's neuroblastoma, the need for increased federal funding for research, and the many difficulties surrounding clinical trials. He also addressed the shut down of a promising clinical trial at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital that he felt was caused by overzealous and irresponsible reporting on the part of the Washington Post.

Duane Parker, Uncle, Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Parker spoke about his personal experience with his nephew Evan's neuroblastoma and the need for increased funding.

Diane Moore, Parent and Founder of Houston's Hope Fund, Fairfax, Virginia. Ms. Moore presented a slide show containing pictures of children lost to pediatric cancer.

Cathy O'Connell, Parent, East Hampton, Massachusetts. Ms. O'Connell spoke of her personal experience with her daughter Asley's neuroblastoma, the financial devastation that often faces families with sick children, and the need for increased funding for research.

Judy Gelber, Parent, Miami Beach, Florida. Ms. Gelber spoke of her personal experience with her son Zach's lymphoma, her family's program for kids with cancer—Camp Fiesta, and the need for increased government oversight of the FDA and funding for research.

Nina Petrarca, Parent, Registered Pediatric Nurse, and Founder of Nonprofit Organization Samantha's Way, Exeter, Rhode Island. Ms. Petrarca spoke about her personal experience with her daughter Samantha's cancer known as mixed scleroma, the need for increased access to information in order to make informed decisions about treatment, the need for support groups within treatment centers and increased federal funding for research, and her organization Samantha's Way.

Meg Crossett, Parent, Centreville, Virginia. Ms. Crossett spoke of her personal experience with her daughter Rachel's neuroblastoma and the need for targeted funding for pediatric cancer research.

Jacob Shoval, Parent, Germantown, Maryland. Mr. Shovel spoke about his personal experience with his son Benjamin's neuroblastoma, the need for increased funding for research, and the significant barriers to receiving even covered care from insurance companies.

Nick Schiaffo, Parent, Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Schiaffo spoke of her personal experience with his son Danny's medulloblastoma and the need for more research in this area.

Rosalie Baumann, Parent, Merrick, New York. Ms. Baumann spoke about her personal experience with her son Gregory's brain cancer and the need for increased research and awareness in this area.

James F. Sexton, Parent and Founder of Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Society, Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Mr. Sexton spoke of his personal experience with his son Michael's neuroblastoma, the need for increased funding in this area, his organization the Neuroblastoma Children's Cancer Society, and the devastating financial impact the disease has on families.

Kelly Salvatore, Parent, Maryland. Ms. Salvatore spoke about her personal experience with her son Mark's neuroblastoma, the adversarial relationship between victims and insurance companies, and the need for increased funding for pediatric cancer research.

Susan Roe, Parent, Henderson, Nevada. Ms. Roe spoke of her personal experience with her son Christopher's leukemia, the adversarial relationship between victims and insurance companies, and the need for a Patient's Bill of Rights.

Charmaine Coulter, Parent, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ms. Coulter spoke about her personal experience with her daughter Alise's osteosarcoma and the need for increased awareness and funding in this area.

Lise Yasui, Parent, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ms. Yasui spoke about her personal experience with her son Lucas's neuroblastoma and the need for increased funding and awareness in this area.

Bobby McQuinn, Survivor. Mr. McQuinn spoke on his personal battle with leukemia and the foundation his family started to support victims of pediatric cancer.

Paul Steinberg, Mr. Steinberg spoke on the need for increased funding for pediatric cancer and the role of the federal government.

Rebecca Howard, Parent. Ms. Howard offered written testimony on her personal experience with her daughter Elizabeth's lysosacroma, the adversarial relationship between victims and insurance companies.

Lisa Tignor, Parent. Ms. Tignor offered written testimony on her personal experience with leukemia, the disease that afflicted both her sons, Brian and Kevin. Her testimony also addressed the need for increased awareness, data collection, and funding for research as well as increased access to cancer trials.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS RETIREMENT RELIEF ACT

**HON. VITO FOSSELLA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 27, 2000*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing on behalf of the more than 41,000 federal law enforcement officers a bill to more fairly calculate the formula used for disability retirement. Federal law enforcement retirement is based on a terribly complex formula which is less than equitable to the brave officers who become disabled when they put their lives on the line. My bill amends the federal disability retirement laws to properly reflect their retirement contributions and their public service.

Our federal law enforcement officers, federal fire fighters, capitol police and their families are now often treated inequitably after suffering what amounts to a career ending disability. My bill will correct this situation.

In too many cases, an officer injured in the line of duty may not have met the minimum years of government service required for disability benefits and survivor annuity. Their annuity and survivor benefits would then be computed at a lower rate than normal for law enforcement officers. It would be computed at the lower general civil service rate, despite the fact that the law enforcement officer paid a higher rate into his retirement. My bill provides retirement benefits and survivor annuities on an equitable and fair basis.