

an exceedingly successful 25 years and I look forward to many more dreams being realized for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF LOUDOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES PLACIDO SANCHEZ AND ERICK AMBROISE

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Loudoun County Sheriff's Deputies Placido Sanchez and Erick Ambrose. On February 10, 2016, these deputies responded to a home in Western Loudoun County. At this location, they located an adult male who was unconscious and indications were the incident was drug-related.

The deputies observed the individual go in-and-out of consciousness before becoming completely unresponsive. Based on his training, Deputy Ambrose recognized the symptoms of a potential heroin overdose. Deputy Ambrose then utilized his agency issued naloxone to help revive the man. The individual was taken to the Cornwall Campus of Inova Loudoun Hospital where hospital personnel advised the actions taken by the deputies likely saved the man from a fatal overdose. This is the first-time naloxone was administered by a Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Deputy.

I would like to commend Deputies Placido Sanchez and Erick Ambrose in potentially saving the life of a man who was overdosing on heroin by putting their new training into action and using naloxone. The use of heroin is gripping our community; we will continue to fight this scourge on all fronts with law enforcement action and community involvement.

H.R. 3716, THE ENSURING REMOVAL OF TERMINATED PROVIDERS FROM MEDICAID AND CHIP ACT

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3716, the Ensuring Removal of Terminated Providers from Medicaid and CHIP Act, which would improve the integrity of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and expand access to patients.

Today's bipartisan bill would strengthen our federal and State healthcare systems by ensuring patients are protected from fraudulent health providers that have been terminated from participating in Medicaid or CHIP. If a bad actor is terminated from CHIP due to fraudulent practices in one state, this legislation guarantees that provider is prohibited from crossing state lines and opening a practice elsewhere. This fraud is unacceptable and jeopardizes not only patients but States' health programs to waste and abuse. Additionally, H.R. 3716 would create a patient friendly electronic provider database for Medicaid bene-

ficiaries. The database would make it easier for patients to know and choose health care options that work best for them.

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that this commonsense legislation, which builds on our health care system, would reduce direct spending by \$28 million over the next ten years. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING MS. EVELYN CHEATHAM

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Evelyn Cheatham whom I have named Woman of the Year in Sonoma County, California. Since Ms. Cheatham moved to Sonoma 27 years ago, she has served Sonoma residents in a variety of ways, including opening a culinary training program that focuses on empowering young people to pursue a successful future.

After establishing her reputation as a high-profile chef cooking for celebrities, Ms. Cheatham decided to start a new venture that would help the young people of Sonoma County. She started Worth Our Weight (W.O.W.), which provides free training to individuals 16 to 24 years old who have dealt with challenges such as foster care, homelessness, or legal trouble. In addition to enabling young people to pursue a skilled profession in culinary training, Ms. Cheatham offers a social circle to the young people at the restaurant, where they are less likely to be exposed to gangs or violence. Furthermore, she ensures the young people get at least one solid meal a day, a necessity many of her students lack.

Her work has not been limited to teaching cooking. Ms. Cheatham serves on the Community and Local Law Enforcement Task Force, where she facilitates communication between law officers and citizens of Sonoma County.

Mr. Speaker, Evelyn Cheatham has selflessly invested her time and energy into bettering the futures of many of Sonoma County's most vulnerable young people. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we thank and honor her dedication here today.

CONGRATULATING TIM HAWKINS

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2016*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate a longtime member of my staff, Tim Hawkins, on his new position as Government Relations Administrator with the State of Indiana's Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning.

Tim is a dedicated public servant who has worked diligently on behalf of the people of the 6th District. Tim has been on our team from the very beginning and helped set up our district operations when I was first elected to Congress. During his time as a Congressional staffer, Tim has helped countless individuals navigate the complex federal bureaucracy and

receive the help they need. He was instrumental in developing the Lawrenceburg job fair and continuing the long tradition of the Muncie job fair. These events have connected hundreds of people to employers and have helped many of our constituents find jobs.

Tim has always been a fun member of our team—from his affinity for bow ties and all things IU to his legendary hair styles. He is a pleasure to work with and was always ready to lend a helping hand. Although I will miss having Tim on my staff, I know the State of Indiana has gained an excellent public servant.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in congratulating Tim Hawkins as he begins the next chapter in his career of public service. I know he will bring the same devotion and enthusiasm that he has shown as part of my staff to his new position with the State of Indiana.

IN HONOR OF BERT STEPHEN CRANE

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2016*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of a beloved leader in the Merced Community, Bert Stephen Crane. Bert passed away at the age of 84 on Sunday, March 13, 2016 surrounded by his loving family.

On November 29, 1931, Bert was born to fourth generation California farmers and ranchers. Raised on a cattle ranch, he was up before the sun and out until it came down. During his youth, Bert achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Boy Scout troop Number 101.

At Merced High School, Bert was the drum major in band and played basketball. After high school Bert studied at Stanford University and obtained his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from U.C. Davis.

During his college years Bert met Nancy Magnuson who he fell in love with and later married in 1957. They remained married for over 58 years and raised three children who would follow the family tradition of ranching and farming. Bert spent most of his life farming walnuts which he ventured into in the early 1970's after his early career in the beef industry. Bert went on to own and operate a successful walnut processing plant.

Bert lived an impressive and inspirational life. He was known to have ridden horses with Ronald Reagan, was extremely involved in the community, and had a passion for healthcare. He led fundraising events for Mercy Hospital and was instrumental in the development of the Mercy Cancer Center. Bert served on the Merced County Planning Commission for 28 years. His service to his community, agriculture and research is one of great respect and integrity.

Bert valued and treasured the time he was able to spend with his family above all else. He is survived by his loving wife Nancy, and their three children, Bert A. Crane, Jr., Mary Crane Couchman, and Karen Crane-McNab and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Bert Stephen Crane for his unwavering leadership, and recognizing his accomplishments and outstanding contributions to the community. God bless him always.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID  
PRINGLE

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2016*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to an exceptional business leader and outstanding citizen, Mr. David Pringle, on the occasion of his retirement as Aflac's Senior Vice President of Federal Relations.

David earned a bachelor's degree in insurance and risk management from Mississippi State University and then built an impressive career in this industry. As a representative of Aflac and the insurance industry, David's ability to work with everyone, regardless of political leanings, made him a familiar face on Capitol Hill and a source of counsel for Members of Congress and their staffs.

David has worked for Aflac for a remarkable 36 years. For nine of those years, he worked with Aflac's sales forces in the states of Mississippi, North Carolina and West Virginia, where he was a state sales coordinator. As Senior Vice President of Federal Relations, David is primarily responsible for coordinating Aflac's government relations and lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C.

As one of Georgia's most renowned and respected companies, Aflac, which is based in my district, exemplifies the meaning of corporate citizenship. Aflac has consistently found its name on prestigious lists such as Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For and Ethisphere's list of World's Most Ethical Companies. I am proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of Aflac and its people on behalf of the citizens of my district.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays often said: "You make your living by what you get; you make your life by what you give." David never hesitated to offer his guidance, knowledge, or advice on the nuanced aspects of the complex insurance industry. A man of great integrity, his efforts, his dedication, and his expertise in his field are unparalleled, but his heart for helping others is what makes these qualities truly worthy.

David has accomplished much in his life, but none of it would be possible without the love and support of his wife, Linell, their children, and their grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to David Pringle upon the occasion of his retirement from an outstanding career spanning 36 years at Aflac.

TRIBUTE TO LILLIE ALMA  
PATTON DEVLIN

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2016*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Lillie Alma Patton Devlin, a lifetime resident of Greenwood County, South Carolina, on the occasion of her upcoming 100th birthday.

Born April 13, 1916 into the Jim Crow South, Mrs. Devlin overcame obstacles that

often seemed insurmountable to lead a remarkable life. She and her late husband, John C. Devlin, raised their family with strong determination that their children would have a better life than they had experience and enjoy a greater slice of the American dream. It is very clear that they were successful. Six of their surviving children, earned college degrees, three of them have earned Masters' Degrees and one has earned a doctorate. These accomplishments were made possible by the selfless sacrifices and perseverance of Lillie and John.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Devlin has maintained an unwavering faith, which has emboldened her through good times and sustained her through difficult periods. She has combined her faith with works, serving her beloved Mount Sinai African Methodist Episcopal Church with unwavering dedication, and boundless energy. She continues to serve as a Sunday school teacher, steward, and trustee.

Mrs. Devlin has been equally committed to serving her community. During her tenure as the delegate to the State Education Association from the former Promised Land Elementary School, her reports to the PTA were meticulous, informative, and engaging. When Lillie Devlin embarks upon any task, she completes it enthusiastically and with excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in wishing Mrs. Devlin a very happy 100th birthday. It is a remarkable milestone and she is a remarkable woman. I wish her continued good health and Godspeed.

HONORING CAMERON PRATER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2016*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cameron Prater. Cameron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Cameron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Cameron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Cameron has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Cameron scraped and spray painted fire hydrants in Liberty, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Cameron Prater for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
RETIREMENT OF THOMAS S. KAHN

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2016*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Thomas S. Kahn, a long-tenured staffer

who is retiring from federal service after 32 years of dedicated, trusted work for the House of Representatives. He has spent the last 19 of those years as the Staff Director for the House Budget Committee Democratic staff, and Democrats here in the House have come to rely on Tom's work on the ins and outs of federal budgeting. We will miss his experience and insight, along with his good humor and friendship.

Tom is a loyal Boston Red Sox fan from Massachusetts but started and ended his career on Capitol Hill with Members from the Maryland delegation. Tom came to Capitol Hill as legislative assistant to then-Representative BARBARA MIKULSKI. After time out to earn his law degree from Georgetown University and a brief foray into the private sector, Tom returned to Congress to begin his long service to Representative John Spratt as legislative counsel. Tom served Mr. Spratt throughout the remainder of Mr. Spratt's tenure in Congress, working on both the Government Operations Committee and then later becoming Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the House Budget Committee in 1997. I was pleased when he agreed to stay on as Staff Director when I joined the Budget Committee as Ranking Member.

This year marks Tom's 19th year of service to the Committee as Staff Director, and during that time he has been instrumental in advancing major legislation, including the 1997 budget agreement with President Clinton that led to the first budget surplus in 30 years. He also played a pivotal role in crafting the 2010 budget resolution which paved the way for passage of the Affordable Care Act.

Those of us who have had the pleasure of knowing Tom inevitably also know about the lights of his life: his sons, Benjamin and Daniel—regularly displayed in photos on Tom's tie—and his accomplished wife, Susana Sanchez. If Tom isn't talking about the budget, he's likely conversing about his family.

While Tom is retiring from federal service, he will maintain his dedication to public service in his new role leading government affairs for the American Federation of Government Employees. I thank Tom for his service to our nation and the difference he will continue to make in fighting for federal employees.

HONORING MS. JOSEPHINE OROZCO

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Josephine Orozco, whom I have named Woman of the Year in Contra Costa County, California. During her more than two decades living in Rodeo, California, Ms. Orozco has freely offered her talents to improve her community through numerous community endeavors, all while managing a successful restaurant.

A California native and graduate of The University of California at Berkeley, Ms. Orozco and her husband run El Sol Restaurant in Rodeo, California. As a business owner herself, she has worked to revitalize the downtown community and local small businesses. During her tenure as President of the Rodeo Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Orozco drew on