

IUPUI. The Clowes family also donated personal papers and mementos to the Indiana History Center.

Our community continues to benefit from the foundation's mission to support organizations and projects that build a more just and equitable society, create opportunities for initiatives, foster creativity and the growth of knowledge, and promote appreciation of the natural environment. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Clowes Fund for its dedicated efforts to improve our community.

WOMEN'S HEART ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, did you know that the rate of heart disease is increasing the fastest among young women, especially among African-American and Latina women, and that stroke is still considered a silent killer?

Young women need to better understand the risks and how to better prevent heart disease—in addition to spreading the word to their loved ones.

That is why I support The Ohio State University and the Women's Heart Alliance's new unique partnership to screen and educate college-aged women about their risk for heart disease and how they can prevent it.

Death rates from heart disease have been virtually stagnant in young women over the last two decades.

In the United States, heart disease kills more women each year than all cancers combined.

Yet, forty-five percent of women are unaware that it is their number one health threat.

Mr. Speaker, we need awareness, education and advocacy to tackle this epidemic.

Dr. Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, Associate Vice President for Health Promotion, Chief Wellness Officer, and Dean and Professor of the College of Nursing at The Ohio State University said it best, "We must act with urgency to teach young women how they can prevent heart disease by engaging in healthy lifestyle behaviors, such as 30 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week, 5 fruits and vegetables per day, no smoking, and stress reduction. They and their loved ones' lives depend on it."

Mr. Speaker, we cannot leave women's health to chance.

Heart disease is deadly, but it's also largely preventable.

Let's help educate young women in my district, across Ohio, and beyond about the risk factors of cardiovascular disease, so they develop heart-healthy behaviors long before the symptoms of heart disease ever develop.

TRIBUTE TO KATE LECHTENBERG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kate

Lechtenberg of Ankeny, Iowa for being awarded the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) Frances Henne Award. The AASL award is presented to a school librarian with five years or less experience who demonstrates leadership qualities with students, teachers and administrators.

When presenting the award, AASL officials said, "Kate Lechtenberg is our unanimous choice due to her impressive service record and obvious commitment to the field." Ms. Lechtenberg, Northview Middle School's librarian for four years, embraces diverse programming, active research and fosters a love of reading with her students and the instructors.

For nearly a decade as a literacy and English teacher, Ms. Lechtenberg became a school librarian, accepting a position at Northview Middle School in Ankeny, Iowa, where she provides a vibrant learning space for 850 students. Outside of school activities, Ms. Lechtenberg serves as the professional development chairman for the Iowa Association of School Librarians and as a member of the AASL standards and guidelines implementation task force.

Kate Lechtenberg makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring her accomplishments. I thank her for her service to the Iowa students and the community, wishing her all the best in the future.

HONORING DR. JOHN D. LEWIS, JR.

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Dr. John D. Lewis, Jr., of the Third Congressional District, and to express my sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones he has left behind, as well as to recognize his service and career.

Dr. Lewis joined the United States Army in high school and served in World War II from 1943 to 1946. Upon returning to the United States, he completed his education and entered Hampton University. Dr. Lewis continued to serve our nation by participating in the ROTC program, while studying biology. He became an officer in the military at Hampton and earned his bachelor's degree in 1951. After leaving Hampton University, Dr. Lewis was stationed at Camp Edwards in New Bedford, Massachusetts where he met Agnes Perry Alves, whom he married in July of 1952. Dr. Lewis served as an officer in the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. He then joined the Army Reserves and rose to the rank of Major before retiring with honor and distinction in 1976.

Dr. Lewis continued his education while raising a family with Agnes in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He became a certified Physical Therapist in 1962, and then decided to pursue a career in Podiatry. He became a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine in 1969. He opened a practice in 1970, where he served members of the community. He and his family were very active in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, always giving back to others when possible. Dr. Lewis was known throughout his community as a hard-working, thoughtful and determined man who overcame discrimination and much adversity to obtain success.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have had Dr. John Lewis, Jr., as a selfless and dedicated member of their community, whose generosity and vivacious spirit will never be forgotten. It is with a heavy heart that I recognize his honorable service to the United States of America and commemorate his career and life, as well as the lasting legacy that he has left behind, before the United State House of Representatives.

THE MEDICARE DENTAL, VISION, AND HEARING BENEFIT ACT OF 2016

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2016. This legislation expands the Medicare benefit package to include comprehensive coverage of dental, vision, and hearing care.

The Medicare program commemorated its 50th anniversary last year, and there are many reasons to celebrate this important milestone. Thanks to Medicare, 55 million seniors, patients with End-Stage Renal Disease, and people with disabilities enjoy the peace of mind and security that comes with health coverage.

But there is still a tremendous amount of work that must be done to ensure that the coverage that Medicare provides truly meets the needs of all of its beneficiaries.

Unfortunately, many gaps continue to exist in Medicare's covered benefits. These gaps force beneficiaries to shoulder burdensome out-of-pocket costs and, in many cases, to do without the care they need.

One of the largest holes in the Medicare benefit package is the lack of coverage for dental, vision, and hearing care. In fact, not only does Medicare not pay for these crucial health services, but current law specifically excludes them from coverage.

This is a shortsighted and harmful policy that has serious ramifications for beneficiaries.

Lack of dental care is linked strongly with numerous health problems, including potentially fatal and costly conditions such as cardiovascular disease and oral cancers.

Similarly, untreated vision disorders—which are among the most common and costly conditions facing the elderly—substantially increase the risk of expensive hospitalizations due to injuries associated with falls.

And hearing loss, which is pervasive among beneficiaries, often leads to social isolation, depression, and cognitive impairments. Yet the majority of elderly Americans who need hearing aids do not have them—in large part due to costs.

It's time for Congress to recognize that Medicare must be expanded to address the full spectrum of beneficiaries' health needs. The Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act does just that.

The bill repeals the outdated statutory exclusions that prevent Medicare from providing coverage of dental, vision, and hearing services and related supplies.

It amends Part B to provide coverage of necessary health services, including routine

dental cleanings, fillings and crowns, root canals, refractive eye exams, and exams for hearing aids.

It provides coverage of items such as dentures, eyeglasses, contact lenses, low vision devices, and hearing aids as durable medical equipment, prosthetics, and orthotic supplies.

And to control costs and facilitate implementation of these major reforms, benefits will be subject to reasonable limitations and will be phased in gradually in the years following enactment.

All too often, policy discussions about Medicare focus on how much of the program to cut and how to further shift costs onto beneficiaries. This is the wrong approach. It's time for Congress to recognize that Medicare must be strengthened, not cut, and that benefits must be expanded, not scaled back.

The Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act will make Medicare a stronger, fairer, and more comprehensive program for the 55 million beneficiaries it serves.

I urge my colleagues to join me in working to enact this and other important expansions of Medicare now and in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINES ON ITS 118TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INDEPENDENCE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of Philippines on the 118th Anniversary of its independence. I also join the people of Guam and the Filipino Community of Guam in declaring the month of June as Philippine Month in Guam.

On May 1, 1898, the Battle of Manila Bay signaled the United States' entry into the war with Spain that the Philippines had been fighting for since 1896. On June 12, 1898 the Filipino revolutionary forces under General Emilio Aguinaldo proclaimed the sovereignty and independence of the Philippine Islands from Spanish colonial rule. Filipinos are very proud of these leaders who had the dream of an independent and free country. This act of determining their political future remains a much celebrated event 118 years later, especially by Filipinos who call the United States and Guam home.

Since earning their independence, the Philippine people have suffered through years of dictatorship, martial law, and Japanese occupation. We on Guam are particularly sympathetic to this last event, having ourselves been taken over by the Japanese.

Today, the Philippines is an important ally of the United States in Southeast Asia. President Aquino has taken positive steps to combat terrorism in the Philippines, and his government continues to be cooperative with our own efforts in the region. In addition, the friendship of the Filipino people has forged a bond between our two nations that has grown stronger over time. Filipino-Americans have contributed immensely to our nation. In my home district of Guam, Filipino-Americans represent over one-third of the general population. They play a key role in the economic, social, and political fabric of our island and the nation as a whole. Guam and the Philippines share linguistic, so-

cial, and cultural roots which have made Filipinos on Guam able to be active in celebrating their culture in harmony with the local community. Many Filipinos and members of the Filipino Community of Guam have contributed their time, talents and expertise by serving as medical, educational, and government professionals and religious leaders, among others, to improve the quality of life on Guam. The Filipino Community of Guam has also been passionately dedicated to helping those in need by supporting numerous charitable non-profit organizations on our island and they have organized fundraising drives for disaster victims in the Micronesia region and the Philippines.

Our two nations and indeed our people are intimately linked to one another. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate the Philippines and the Filipino Community of Guam on the 118th anniversary of independence of the Philippines and look forward to the continued service and contributions of the Filipino Community of Guam.

RECOGNIZING LILY SHEN

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lily Shen, a resident of the 6th district, for being awarded the Asian American Hero of Colorado Award.

Mrs. Shen emigrated from Taiwan to the United States with her family 35 years ago. Since then, she has been a pillar of her community; fervently engaging in countless community programs. To name just a few of her current engagements, Mrs. Shen is currently the President of Colorado Chinese Language School and Colorado Chinese Club, the President of Colorado Chinese Evergreen Society, the Vice Chair of the Asian Pacific Development Center, and as the Treasurer of the Asian Roundtable of Colorado. Mrs. Shen has also served as the chair of the Chinese/Taiwanese Advisor Council to my office since 2012-present.

Her storied career of community service to the Colorado Asian community, and to the Colorado community as a whole, has been punctuated by numerous awards recognizing her achievement. To name a few of her many awards, Mrs. Shen is a recipient of a lifetime achievement award from the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council, a Woman of Distinction award from the Girl Scouts Mile High Council, an Outstanding Performance and Lasting Contributions Award from Senator Wayne Allard and she is a recipient of the Ambassadors for Peace Excellence in Leadership Award from Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace; American Leadership Initiative in Washington DC.

I commend Mrs. Shen for her dutiful and tireless service to her community. She is truly deserving of being awarded the Asian American Hero of Colorado Award; an award which is yet another testament to her lifetime of community service.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN AND BILL LORENZEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Helen and Bill Lorenzen of Truro, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on May 26, 1956.

Bill and Helen's lifelong commitment to each other truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more memories. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

NATASHA THIES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Natasha Thies for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Natasha Thies is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Natasha Thies is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Natasha Thies for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

MARVIN CHARLES—CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY TO REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT'S LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following testimony:

Thank you for inviting me to speak with you today. I'm honored to be here. I first met with Congressman Reichert at his District Office last year, just before I drove my 18-year-old daughter to Oklahoma to start her freshman year in college.

This is the daughter who started my journey. She was the baby girl I was about to