

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MEDICAL RESEARCH'S
POPULARITY

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, as Congress moves to streamline government, we are faced with the responsibility of carefully reviewing each and every program to determine whether and to what extent proposed spending can be justified. As chairman of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Subcommittee, I have found medical research at the National Institutes of Health to be one of our most vital endeavors. Federally supported biomedical research produces treatments to combat disease and injury, helping people live longer, healthier lives. On the economic side, the United States leads the world in biomedical research and development. Federally supported biomedical research creates high-skill jobs and supports an industry that generates a growing economy and a positive balance of trade for our country. In addition, the total costs associated with NIH since its inception have been more than paid for in terms of health care savings from just one discovery. And there have been thousands. The payback is tremendous.

The value of the medical research is widely held and supported by the American people. This fact is corroborated by a recent Harris Poll, the highlights of which I am including:

AMERICANS OPPOSE CUTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH
DOLLARS

Respondents were told that one impact of proposed changes in the Federal budget would be less money going to universities and their hospitals which teach medical students and do medical research. When asked whether they favored or opposed these changes in the Federal budget, 65 percent opposed proposed cuts in Federal support for universities and hospitals.

The younger those surveyed, the higher their response—among 18- to 24-year-olds, the opposition to the proposed cuts rises to 75 percent and among 25- to 29-year-olds, the opposition to the proposed cuts is 72 percent.

AMERICANS WOULD PAY HIGHER TAXES TO
SUPPORT MEDICAL RESEARCH

Seventy-three percent would be willing to pay a dollar more per week in taxes if they knew the money would be spent on medical research to better diagnose, prevent, and treat disease.

Results from a November 1993 Harris poll were very similar—74 percent were willing to pay a dollar more per week in taxes if spent on medical research.

AMERICANS URGE CONGRESS TO PROVIDE TAX
INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO CON-
DUCT MEDICAL RESEARCH

Sixty-one percent of those surveyed want their Senators and Representatives to support legislation that would give tax credits to private industries to conduct more medical research.

AMERICANS ARE WILLING TO DESIGNATE TAX
REFUND DOLLARS FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

Forty-five percent would probably and 15 percent would definitely check off a box on their Federal income tax return to designate tax refund money specifically for medical research.

When asked how much money they would be willing to designate to medical research, the median amount reported was \$23.

AMERICANS OVERWHELMINGLY VALUE MAIN-
TAINING THE UNITED STATES' POSITION AS A
LEADER IN MEDICAL RESEARCH

Ninety-four percent of those surveyed feel that it is important that the United States maintain its role as a world leader in medical research.

AMERICANS HEARTILY ENDORSE HAVING THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT BASIC
SCIENCE RESEARCH

Those surveyed were asked if they agree or disagree with the following: "Even if it brings no immediate benefits, basic science research which advances the frontiers of knowledge is necessary and should be supported by the Federal Government."

Sixty-nine percent of respondents agree and 79 percent of young people ages 18 to 24 agree with the need to support basic research.

MEDICAL RESEARCH TAKES SECOND PLACE ONLY
TO NATIONAL DEFENSE FOR TAX DOLLAR VALUE

While 45 percent gave Federal defense spending the highest rating for tax dollar value, second went to medical research with 37 percent of the respondents giving it a favorable tax dollar value.

Public education and Federal anti-crime effort ranked the lowest.

AMERICANS WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
MEDICAL RESEARCH IN THE PRINT AND BROAD-
CAST MEDIA

Sixty-one percent of the Americans surveyed would like to see more medical research information in newspapers, magazines, and on television.

Seventy-seven percent of young people 18 to 24 want more medical research information from these sources.

HONORING THE CUCAMONGA
VITICULTURAL DISTRICT

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long overdue establishment of the Cucamonga Viticultural District, which will be celebrated on October 20, 1995.

The Cucamonga Viticultural District, which encompasses portions of the cities of Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and the community of Guasti, was officially established on May 1, 1995 in recognition of the regions unique and historic viticultural appeal.

Viticultural production began in the area in the late 1840's helping to establish California as a grape producing, wine-making region. This early activity helped to influence other growers and vintners, who through their efforts

and dedication created a new industry for California. Cucamonga Valley viticultural production reached its peak almost 100 years later; in the 1940's and 1950's with over 60 wineries producing from approximately 35,000 acres. By this time the valley was home to the world's largest vineyard—6 thousand continuous acres covering Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Guasti. In 1962, Cucamonga Viticultural District wines accounted for 98 percent of the 9½ million gallons of wine produced in the southern California wine district. Although development has replaced many of the vineyards, the remaining vintners produce award-winning wines from mature grape varieties such as: Zinfandel, Grenache, Mataro, Mission, Muscat of Alexandria, Palomino, Golden Chasselas, and others. Additionally several tons of the grapes grown in the Cucamonga Viticultural District are sold and shipped every season to wineries located in other parts of California and across the United States.

This appellation is truly deserved, signifying the distinct characteristics that make the Cucamonga Viticultural District one of a kind.

SALUTE TO THE NAACP
HONOREES DR. C. DELORES
TUCKER, BURT SIEGEL, AND OP-
ERATION UNDERSTANDING

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Dr. C. Delores Tucker, Burt Siegel, and Operation Understanding who will be honored at the 23d annual awards dinner of the Philadelphia Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Today, Dr. C. Delores Tucker, Burt Siegel, and Operation Understanding, will be honored for their outstanding work in supporting equal opportunity for humanity in the city of Philadelphia. Dr. C. Delores Tucker has worked tirelessly as the head of the National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc. Almost single handed, Delores Tucker has woken up America to the harshly negative effects of Gangsta Rap. Burt Siegel is the associate executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia. On so many issues, Burt has been a loud and articulate conscience in our city. Operation Understanding, cofounded by George M. Ross, seeks to ease tensions between the African-American and Jewish communities. Together these individuals have worked to promote intergroup harmony and understanding among Philadelphia's many rich and diverse ethnic communities.

I am proud of the accomplishments of Dr. C. Delores Tucker, Burt Siegel, and Operation Understanding, and I join with the Philadelphia National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in congratulating these exceptional individuals. I hope that my colleagues

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will join with me today in wishing Dr. C. Delores Tucker, Burt Siegel, Operation Understanding, and George Ross the very best in their continued service to the Philadelphia community.

CONTINUE ISOLATING MOBUTU

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I recently engaged in an exchange of letters with the State Department concerning the need for the United States to maintain its policy of diplomatic isolation against Africa's longest reigning and most corrupt dictator, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,

Washington, DC, August 17, 1995.

Hon. WARREN CHRISTOPHER,
Secretary of State, Department of State, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: It has come to my attention that the Administration may seek the assistance of President Mobutu of Zaire in providing Zairean troops to address security concerns along Zaire's borders with Rwanda and Burundi. I oppose such a move.

I agree with you concerning the seriousness of the security situation in Eastern Zaire and its connection to the incipient civil war in Burundi and the threat of renewed civil war in Rwanda. I also understand that the international community has made a commitment to the Government of Rwanda to address the security issue. I support that commitment.

But I do not believe that engaging the assistance of President Mobutu is a constructive way to address the security issue, for two reasons.

First, on a practical level, this step is more likely to exacerbate the security situation than improve it. Zairean forces in the border regions have been smuggling arms and providing resources and protection to the ex-Armed Forces of Rwanda. The population in Eastern Zaire is sympathetic to the Hutu cause. It is doubtful that Mobutu has the capacity to improve security in Eastern Zaire.

Second, seeking Mobutu's support sends exactly the wrong message to Zaire. Mobutu will use this appeal to claim legitimacy. For many years, during the Cold War, Mobutu posed as a "friend of the West" in order to gain Western acquiescence and support for his corrupt regime in Zaire. I fear that the proposed initiative will reinvigorate this charade. The outcome will be that Mobutu will be less likely to work with Prime Minister Kengo and the various opposition forces in facilitating a democratic transition in Zaire.

Mobutu's exit from the political scene is necessary to resolve Zaire's political crisis. To that end, I continue to support a policy of isolating Mobutu and denying him a legitimate role in international affairs. For these reasons, I do not believe the United States should have any role in seeking his help to address the deteriorating security situation in Eastern Zaire and along Zaire's border with Rwanda and Burundi.

I look forward to your reply.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

LEE H. HAMILTON,
Ranking Democratic Member.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, DC, September 25, 1995.

Hon. LEE H. HAMILTON,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. HAMILTON: I am responding to your letter of August 17 to the Secretary recording your opposition to seeking President Mobutu's assistance in providing Zairian troops to address security concerns along Zaire's borders with Rwanda and Burundi. We have no intention of conferring "legitimacy" on President Mobutu. We agree that this would seriously weaken our policy to support the transition to democracy in Zaire.

Contrary to recent press reports, the U.S. has not approached Mobutu for assistance with the refugee crisis and security in eastern Zaire. Our contacts were exclusively within cabinet ministries, particularly the prime Ministry and Foreign Ministry. It is correct that the United States, acting with its Troika partners (France and Belgium), has in the past not excluded outright any possibility of conversation with President Mobutu. You may recall, however, that Mobutu refused to receive the Troika representatives when its members wished to present a joint demarche regarding obstacles to the transition to democracy in April.

Regarding your concerns that Zairian forces are unlikely to improve the security situation in eastern Zaire, UNHCR notes that the elite Zairian security contingent operating in the camps under its auspices has performed professionally and had a demonstrably positive effect on camp security, to the pleasant surprise of many observers of the region. We agree, however, with your concern about indiscipline among Zairian forces generally, which is exacerbated when their salaries are not paid. (UNHCR pays the salaries of the troops seconded to its camps.) The performance of the non-UNHCR Zairian troops during the recent (now-suspended) forced repatriation was certainly of concern.

More generally, we would note that the focus of our Zaire policy remains support for the democratic transition and efforts toward economic reform. We continue to view Mobutu as the principal obstacle to democratic and economic reform in Zaire. The presidential proclamation barring those who obstruct democracy in Zaire from entering the U.S. would continue to apply to Mobutu should he request a visa. In this connection, however, we must take into account our obligations as host country to the United Nations. If Mobutu wishes to attend the 50th anniversary ceremonies this fall (as we expect he will), he would be permitted to come to the United States for that purpose.

We appreciate your interest in Zaire policy, and hope that this information will be helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

WENDY R. SHERMAN,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
SALUTES TOP FIVE BUSINESSES

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, there is a program which involves constituents in my district which is worthy of note. In its fourth year, the Top Five program has become established as a local award that truly recognizes the best of the best in central San Joaquin Valley business.

The sponsors are: Baker, Peterson & Franklin, Certified Public Accountants; California State University Business Center; and the Fresno Business Journal.

The purpose of the Top Five is to provide the opportunity for successful companies and business leaders to interact with each other, and to stimulate businesses to persist in their efforts to redefine and reshape relations with their employees, their customers, and their communities in ways that promote the welfare of all.

The Business Journal goes on to state that the 1995 Top Five awards showcase outstanding private companies whose innovations and achievements have made a special contribution to the valley. This year, 41 businesses were nominated from a broad coverage area of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Kings, and Tulare Counties, with a significant number of finalists hailing from the mountain communities. Types of businesses represented by applicants range from manufacturers to services, and business sizes range from a handful of employees to nearly 1,000.

The five winners who were honored at a reception were selected by an independent panel of respected business and professional leaders. They are:

Danish Creamery Association whose CEO is James A. Gomes. Danish Creamery is one of Fresno's oldest businesses and has received many medals attesting to the association's commitment and quality. It employs 130 people.

Heidi's 1-Hour Photo in Mariposa. The owner is Heidi Vetter. She employs 6 others who offer photo finishing. Heidi has also added a custom-framing shop which allows her to process film into a family treasure hanging on the wall.

Inland Star Distributing Centers, Inc. Michael Kelton, who is president has a staff of 10. Inland Star began in 1981 as a local, single-site, public warehouse. It is now a national, five-site, full-service distribution organization.

Ruiz Food Products, owned by Fred Ruiz employs 775 people. Ruiz Foods is a multi-million-dollar business that was recently listed No. 26 among the top 500 Hispanic-owned businesses nationwide. It, today, is the largest burrito manufacturer in the United States.

Sierra Press, Inc., in Mariposa employs 5 people. Jim Wilson is the CEO. The business was cofounded by Mr. Wilson and Jeff Nicholas. Sierra Press has built a devoted customer base through its unique approach to book publishing. They specialize in photographic scenes and memories of America's national parks.

Once again, congratulations to all the companies who participated this year.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA OVERMOYER

HON. JOSEPH M. McDADE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Linda Overmoyer. On Tuesday, October 24, 1995, Ms. Overmoyer will be officially honored at the annual conference of the National Industries for the Blind [NIB]. Please join me in applauding Ms. Overmoyer