

TAX AND SPEND NEVER ENDS

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, the President has proclaimed the era of Big Government to be over, but his \$8 billion reelection pork package looks more like business as usual—taxing America's hard-working families and spending it on frivolous Federal programs.

President Clinton is stubbornly insisting upon \$8 billion more in Federal spending for Big Government programs, just to keep his key voting constituencies happy. The American taxpayers and their children should not have to finance President Clinton's reelection campaign.

We must not foolishly dole out money as though the American people were a money tree. The President wants more money for questionable programs. One such program helps guide a person through the 160 job training programs in the Federal Government. Is this not the same man who challenged Congress to consolidate 70 overlapping and antiquated job training programs? Now, he wants another program to help 160 other programs. In addition, he wants more money to send overseas for an environmental project so that children in foreign countries can be educated in environmental studies and can learn how to measure rainfall. This kind of spending just does not make sense.

Mr. Speaker, hard-working American families want responsible government and responsible spending. What the President wants amounts to nothing more than tax and spend Big Government. My Republican colleagues and I pledged to cut Big Government down to size and we will keep our promise. It is time the President remembered his pledge to American families instead of his election contributors.

CONTINUITY OF CARE WEEK

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, the concept of continuity of care is an essential component of today's health care delivery system.

The professional responsible for continuity of care comprise a variety of disciplines, educational backgrounds, and practice in diverse setting. These professionals function as facilitators, caregivers, and advocates to ensure that patients receive quality, cost-effective health services.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of these individuals' dedication and commitment to health care, the third week of September 1996, and each September thereafter, shall be known as "Continuity of Care Week."

COMMENDING THE YOUNG ITALIAN AMERICAN A.C.E.S. CLUB OF UNICO

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, for the past 7 years, the Young Italian American ACES—Athletic, Cultural, Educational, Social/Service—Club of UNICO National has been sharing fellowship, support, benevolence, friendship, and hope with those less fortunate. And, in celebration of Saint Joseph Day's, the ACES Club sponsored by the Belleville UNICO Chapter will once again respond to the needs of the community by preparing a traditional Sicilian Alter for the sick and the needy.

The ACES Club provides a living example of what the Roman Statesman Seneca meant when he wrote that wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness. Certainly, the ACES Club proves to all of us that no selfless act of kindness is insignificant. Indeed, heroic compassion is first learned through loving kindness. By faithfully evidencing the love and justice of Saint Joseph, the Young ACES Club reminds us that society is most profoundly changed not by huge, impersonal institutions but by people determined to make a positive difference.

Acts of compassion and mercy add meaning to our lives and to the lives of those around us. The Young Italian American ACES Club's consistent example of volunteerism teaches the valuable lesson that all of humankind is all our business. Truly, it gives us greater satisfaction to be helpful than helped.

The 18th century statesman Edmund Burke described voluntary associations that feed the hungry, house the homeless, and clothe the needy as "little platoons." The ACES Club is a modern day example of a little platoon performing works of mercy and helping to produce the spirit by which people do good out of compassion, not compulsion.

The young people of the ACES Club perform the highest role of citizenship as they love their neighbor and respond to the needs of the community. This year the ACES Club will distribute the Saint Joseph's donations to a broad range of civic and charity organizations that serve the sick and the less fortunate. This standard of enduring goodness shows us that the health of society depends on how well its individual citizens treat one another.

The Young Italian American ACES Club of UNICO National is the embodiment of goodwill and generosity. I greatly admire the ACES Club's dedication to loving others and promoting justice in the best tradition of Saint Joseph. Furthermore, I offer my congratulations to the Belleville UNICO Chapter for challenging young people to take up the task of helping others.

Happy Saint Joseph's Day.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHARLES SHUMAN

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend of the State of Illinois. Earlier this year, Mr. Charles Shuman retired from his position as a Sunday school teacher at the First United Methodist Church in Sullivan, IL. What makes this a memorable event is that Mr. Shuman taught his class faithfully for 60 years. And this has been just one facet of his exceptional life. He has been a longstanding friend of the Democratic Party, as well as a former president of the American Farm Bureau. It is with great respect and admiration that I say thank you to Charles for his phenomenal contributions to life in central Illinois.

Our present world moves at a seemingly nonstop pace. There never seems to be enough hours in the day, and everything from technology to fashion changes right before our eyes. But how small some of these developments seem when compared to an older generation's observance of motor cars and radio. Charles used to ride to church in a horse and buggy when in grade school, his family wrapping warmed bricks for the ride to help keep them warm. To this day he remembers vividly his first encounters with radio, automobiles, and movies. Despite these drastic changes in the world around him, Charles knew what was important to him and stood by it. His devotion to the church was one of these things, and he began his Sunday school teaching with the same boys' class he himself had participated in as a student. He met his wife Ida while teaching, and the two formed a coed teenage class. Later Charles taught the builder's class for young married couples.

The devotion Mr. Shuman has displayed over the years has touched countless lives both in and out of his classroom, and serves as an example of what faith can provide for each of us in our lives. As Charles has said, "I always felt that one of my objectives in life was to find how to walk closer to God, and it seemed to me that Sunday school Bible study was one way to do it." And as he has shown, change is no excuse for losing sight of what is truly important. I am honored to represent Charles Shuman in the U.S. Congress, and I wish him many more years of health and happiness.

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring your attention to the crisis in funding for international family planning programs.

The United States has traditionally provided developing countries with money to create effective, voluntary family planning programs. However, in the fiscal year 1996 Foreign Operations appropriations bill, family planning programs were cut by 85 percent, from \$547 to \$356 million.