

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF MR. JAMES
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HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember my dear friend, Mr. James DeVivo, who passed away unexpectedly early this morning. Jim was a special person who had an unwavering commitment to his hometown of Willimantic, CT. Jim will be sorely missed by everyone in the community and many others across Connecticut.

Jim DeVivo was born in Willimantic on May 28, 1937 and lived there all his life. He attended local schools, operated a business in town, and played an important role in every facet of the community. Jim expanded a small family-run waste disposal business into a major recycling center serving customers across my State. He provided invaluable employment opportunities to people in a town that has been struggling to overcome the demise of the textile industry which fueled its economy for 150 years. Jim served as a member of the board of education and maintained a strong commitment to education throughout his life. He also had a deep commitment to his faith. On January 7, 1996, Jim and his wife, Mary Lou, were ordained lay ministers during a ceremony at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich.

Jim was an eternal optimist who believed anything was possible with hard work and a little luck. Over the past few months, he was consumed with his latest project. He had purchased an old post office in downtown Willimantic and was in the process of rehabilitating it. He planned to turn it into a museum and coffee shop. Jim had a special talent for accomplishing what others deemed impossible.

I have many fond memories of Jim. Most center on our times together in Connecticut. He also came to visit me in Washington on several occasions, most recently, last summer for the dedication of the Korean War Memorial. On one visit, I took him and another friend—Ralph Fargo—to the White House. Following our tour, I got separated from Jim and Ralph. After searching for several minutes, I found them behind the mansion inspecting its trash removal system under the watchful eye of Secret Service cameras. Regardless of where he was, Jim was constantly looking for innovative ways to improve his business. If the President had a good recycling system, Jim wanted to know about it.

My heart goes out to Jim's family—his wife Mary Lou, and children, Tom, Tim, John, Bridget, and Gina. Jim cared about his family more than anything else in the world. He strengthened his business and worked on behalf of the community to guarantee a better future for those he loved most. A few years ago, the third generation of the DeVivo family took over the family business as Jim turned over the reins to his sons.

Mr. Speaker, Jim DeVivo was a very rare man. Countless Americans are good businessmen and millions more are good fathers. Jim was both. While many people espouse lofty principles about how we should lead our lives, they often fail to practice what they preach. Jim followed those principles each and every day. Jim was a charitable man who supported the largest organizations, but never forgot an individual who might have fallen on hard times. When someone needed a job, Jim always found one.

I would like to share one more story which demonstrates just how extraordinary Jim was. He hired many Spanish-speaking residents to work in his facility. Unlike so many other employers, he genuinely cared about each and every employee. Jim wanted them to be able to become successful members of society. He recognized this goal would be aided if they improved their fluency in English. As a result, Jim provided language instruction to his employees right at his plant. He wasn't required to do this and it didn't make his business any more profitable. He did it because he knew it was the right thing to do. He did it because he truly believed America was the land of opportunity where everyone can succeed with a little help.

In political life, we have more acquaintances than friends. I am proud to say Jim DeVivo has been my friend for two decades. I will miss Jim very much. He had the qualities which have made America great—dedication to family, community, and faith, commitment to hard work and limitless optimism about the future. Jim made life better for generations of residents of Willimantic. He will be sorely missed by all of us who loved him.

VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S REMARKS AT THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL OF HONOR PRESENTATION TO DR. BILLY GRAHAM

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, last week, the Reverend Dr. Billy Graham and his wife Ruth were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor here in the Capitol Rotunda. I was delighted to be in attendance at this wonderful and historic event, honoring an extraordinary man who has been of invaluable counsel and a great inspiration to Americans from the White House to the halls of Congress, from Main Street to Wall Street.

At this occasion, remarkable in its universal attendance among Democrats and Republicans, Christians and members of other faiths, world leaders and ordinary families, Vice President AL GORE's remarks were particularly striking in their poignant description of what the Reverend Billy Graham has contributed with his ministry around the world. Vice Presi-

dent GORE, in his short remarks, sums up the warmth and wisdom that Reverend Graham has to impart upon those fortunate enough to have known him. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Graham and to read Vice President GORE's heartfelt remarks.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL OF HONOR
PRESENTATION TO DR. BILLY GRAHAM

(By Vice President Al Gore)

Dr. and Mrs. Graham, Mr. Speaker, Senator Dole, members of the House and Senate gathered here, members of the Graham family, friends of Dr. and Mrs. Graham, spiritual leaders of all faiths from across our nation who are attending this event, and ladies and gentlemen.

This afternoon we pause from the business of Congress to honor a servant of God. Billy Graham and Ruth Graham have been friends to me and my family for many years. I, too, had the pleasure, Senator Dole, of visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Graham at that beautiful mountaintop log cabin at Montreal. We've had an occasion to visit many times, and it has always been a blessing for me and for my family.

You have touched the hearts of the American family. Over the last half century, few individuals have left such a lasting imprint on our national life.

Every American president since World War II has sought Billy Graham's counsel. Republicans and Democrats alike have relied on his moral sense and used his wisdom as a compass to help guide the ship of state.

From his first discussion with President Truman in 1948, to his tea with President Clinton just yesterday, Billy Graham has been a welcome presence in the White House. He has also met with leaders of other nations around the world.

Sometimes his visits have been controversial. Senator Dole mentioned a couple of those visits. I remember, as some of you do, the wonderful statement made by Senator Sam Nunn, who is here, at the national prayer breakfast this year, when he talked about a controversial trip Dr. Graham made to the Soviet Union. And when he returned, he was bitterly criticized in a newspaper column in which it was written that he had set back the cause of Christianity by 50 years. To which Dr. Graham responded, I'm so ashamed. I was trying to set it back 2,000 years.

But although he moves easily among presidents, and kings and heads of state, I've always sensed that Billy and Ruth Graham are most at home with ordinary mothers and fathers; and families throughout this nation admire them greatly.

This man, who once dreamed of swinging a bat in baseball's major leagues has filled stadiums from New York in Nairobi, from Tulsa to Tokyo, preaching the Gospel and sounding the cry for human rights, enlightened race relations and the dignity of freedom. Yet, he remains humble, even with this power to muster great throngs of people.

He once told an interviewer and I quote, "The great crowds are meaningless. The thing that counts is what happens in the hearts of men and women. What good my ministry has done I'll never know until I get to Heaven."

Well, Dr. Graham, most Americans would probably say, if any of us are judged worthy by our maker, you and Ruth are going to

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make the grade. Hundreds of millions of us around the world know in our hearts that you have lifted our lives. You've done enormous good. You have blessed us.

In presenting this Gold Medal of Honor and recognizing you and Mrs. Graham, the United States of America makes a powerful statement about what is truly important in our national life. You have touched that part of the American spirit that knows providence has a grander purpose for our nation.

There is a spiritual hunger in modern America.

It is a hunger all Americans feel although we may describe it in different ways. As our lives race faster amidst so much that is fleeting, we search for what endures.

In synagogues, churches, mosques and other places of worship, we celebrate faith and a power greater than ourselves. We pray for the grace of God and the courage to live our lives according to the wishes of the God of whom you have told us.

We honor the diversity of faiths in America. And within that commitment to diversity and in that spirit, please allow me to add a personal note as a Christian. I have appreciated the poetry and power that you have brought to the religious tradition that so many of us share with you. I've also admired how the force of your convictions has been fueled by the gentleness of your soul.

There was a controversial book written a few years ago in which the author attempted to survey all of the religious traditions and all of those who have attempted to bring the message of God. When asked what she had learned about preachers and others attempting to deliver the message of God, she said she had concluded as a result of her scholarship that if a preacher is angry and hurtful, he does not know God. But if he is kind and loving, perhaps he does know God.

In our tradition, Jesus teaches that God is love. There is a wonderful passage in Corinthians that is frequently used as part of a marriage ceremony, looking prospectively, which can also, I believe, be used as an assessment of what you have done and are doing in your role as a minister.

Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Dr. Graham, you and Ruth have been patient and kind. You have not envied nor boasted. You have not been proud. You have not been rude nor self-seeking nor easily angered. You've kept no record of wrongs. You've not delighted in evil. You have rejoiced with the truth.

So today, let us rejoice with the truth that these two extraordinary people have brought to our lives. For reminding us of faith's gentleness and endurance, we honor Billy Graham and his partner Ruth Graham. We trumpet their achievements. We celebrate their commitment. And we formally thank them, this man and this woman, who have served this nation by serving God.

READING BETWEEN THE LINES:
AMA EXPLAINS CAPITATION TO
MEMBERS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the rush is on to push all Americans—except the wealthy who can afford medical savings accounts—into managed care and capitated plans.

What is capitation? The American Medical Association recently published a booklet entitled "Capitation: The Physicians Guide." It is designed to help doctors understand capitation, how to negotiate a managed care contract, and survive in this new world of managed care.

It is artfully worded, but reading between the lines is pretty easy. The following are quotes from the booklet:

To be successful under capitation, you also have to change the way you practice medicine. . . . When patients use fewer services than anticipated in setting the Per Member, Per Month (PMPM) payment, you get to retain unspent funds.

Many capitation agreements also offer physicians the opportunity to participate in risk pools, another opportunity for financial gain. . . . thus risk pools provide physicians with an opportunity to benefit financially from reduced utilization of non-physician services.

Capitation forces you to broaden your focus from considering the health care needs of the individual patient to considering the health care needs of the group.

Capitation offers a strong financial incentive to provide cost-effective care to all patients. Under fee-for-service, providing more services translates into higher practice revenue and thus higher income. But under capitation, providing more services adds only to your costs. Improvements you can make in your practice style that reduce utilization and increase cost effectiveness increase your profitability.

When primary care physicians accept capitation and are subject to risk pools, they have an incentive to reduce all types of utilization, including the use of specialists. . . . Generally, primary care physicians reduce referrals by about one-fourth when they are at risk for referred services.

Mr. Speaker, the fee-for-service system where a doctor can make more by endlessly doing more is outdated and bankrupting us. It has to be changed. But be careful—managed care and capitation can kill you. Do you really want your doctor worrying more about his group than you, when you get sick? As a society, as a government we do not yet have good measures of how to judge quality, of how to know when someone is undertreating and underreferring patients. Managed care is happening very quickly, and we should not be further speeding up the movement into managed care until we have adequate consumer protections and quality measures in place.

TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE FLORENCE
KERINS MURRAY

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an outstanding Rhode Islander, Justice Florence Kerins Murray, who is celebrating the 40th anniversary of her appointment to the bench.

Justice Murray was educated in the Newport, RI public school system and graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor of arts degree. Following a brief teaching career at the Prudence Island School, she attained her L.L.B. from Boston University Law School and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar.

During World War II, Justice Murray enlisted in the Women's Army Corps and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1942. She served in various capacities and left the corps as a lieutenant colonel, but was later recalled for a special duty assignment in 1947.

Justice Murray returned to Rhode Island to practice law and raise a son with her beloved late husband, Paul. In 1948, she began her career in public service, serving with distinction on the Newport School Committee and in the Rhode Island State Senate concurrently until 1956. During this time, she displayed keen understanding of government policy and the legislative process and specialized in issues involving the welfare of children and the needs of the elderly. She served as master in the superior court and as chair of a special commission that led to the establishment in Rhode Island of the Nation's first family court.

In 1956, Gov. Dennis J. Roberts appointed Florence Murray as an associate judge of the Rhode Island Superior Court, the first woman justice in the history of our State. Twenty-two years later, she was named the first female presiding justice of that court, and in 1979, she was elected to her present position on the Rhode Island Supreme Court, one of the first women to serve on a State supreme court.

The career of Justice Murray is an exemplary one, and she is renowned throughout the country as an outstanding jurist. She is a recipient of nine honorary doctorates and of the coveted Herbert Harley Award from the American Judicature Society.

She is respected for her leadership, personal integrity, love of the law, sense of justice, and for her unselfish contribution to the welfare of the community. She has been a champion of professionalism in the courts and an inspiration to furthering the careers of women in the field of the law. Her intelligence, reason, compassion, and sense of fairness have been an enduring presence in the Rhode Island court system.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Justice Murray. She is a remarkable woman of impeccable character and reputation who honors all of us with her service. I urge you to recognize Justice Murray for her significant contribution to our legal system. This milestone is significant, and I am delighted to join in this most fitting tribute.

HONORING CONNIE CLANCY FOR 35
YEARS' SERVICE TO SOUTH HADLEY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of western Massachusetts most dedicated public servants, Connie Clancy, who is retiring after 35 years of service to the South Hadley Public Library. Connie Clancy's dedication and commitment to her community should serve as an inspirational example to us all.

Connie started with the South Hadley Public Library in 1961 and worked her way up to director of the entire library system by 1969. In addition to her job, Connie was an active advocate for libraries and education. She started the Literacy Volunteers of America affiliate in