

abused or neglected. Each year, an estimated 2,000 children—most under the age of 4—die at the hands of parents or caretakers.

A study shows that abused children are more likely to commit crimes both as juveniles and as adults. Abused children are more prone to commit a violent crime during their lives. It is also more probable for abused children to grow up and abuse their children, starting the whole cycle over again. Congress must take action to end this cycle of abuse and crime that ruins the lives of thousands of our children.

Some states and communities have found a solution that has proven 99 percent successful in preventing child abuse and neglect among those families most at-risk. Modeled after a program pioneered by the State of Hawaii, these programs utilize existing social services to provide counseling to at-risk families that volunteer to participate in the program.

Today, I am introducing the same bipartisan legislation that I introduced in the last Congress to create the Healthy Families Initiative. This bill would enable the Federal Government to help States and communities that decide to create one of these programs. Simply put, my bill would make Healthy Families programs eligible for funding as crime prevention programs under the 1994 Crime bill—at no new cost to the Federal Government.

This legislation is an innovative way to help communities fight child abuse, and has many substantial benefits. My bill helps programs that have proven effective preventing child abuse. Healthy Families programs have a solid record of success in the State of Hawaii and in communities across the Nation, including Port Angeles, in the district I represent.

This bill will create no new bureaucracy and no new programs within the Department of Justice. Most importantly, no new costs will be created by my legislation—Congress will not be required to spend one additional dollar on this program. This bill will merely enable programs to compete for existing crime prevention grant moneys. Also, qualifying programs are required to coordinate with other organizations to avoid duplication of services.

States and communities will retain control. This bill will give them a hand, but States and communities will still be in charge of their own programs.

I would like to thank each of the 21 Representatives and delegates from around the country for cosponsoring this bipartisan initiative. I urge every Member to support this strong, bipartisan solution to one of the most damaging problems afflicting our children.

HONORING PHILLIP W. LACY AND
METHODIST HOSPITAL OF HOUSTON

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the tremendous contributions that Phillip W. Lacy and Methodist Hospital of Houston have made to the fight against AIDS in Houston and across the Nation. I congratulate them as they are honored by the national AIDS Action Foundation at a dinner in Houston this Thursday, September 4, 1997, for their leader-

ship, courage, and commitment in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Phil Lacy and Methodist Hospital are certainly deserving of this honor.

Phil Lacy has been on the front lines of every battle against AIDS and is a tremendous advocate for people living with HIV and AIDS. He has lent his time, talent, commitment, and energy to countless local and national organizations and events, serving as the founder, leader, and organizer of many. It is rare that a host committee or a board of directors does not include Phil's name. But Phil is not only a supporter, but an active participant in these causes, especially in the tireless work of raising the funds necessary to turn dreams into reality.

Phil Lacy has organized or served organizations such as the Houston Black Tie Dinner, Inc., DIFFA/Houston, AIDS Action Foundation, American Foundation for AIDS Research, HIV Medical Care Fund, Inc., Bering Community Service Foundation, the Montrose Clinic, the NAMES Project, and the Texas Human Rights Foundation. An honors graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and a member of the State Bar of Texas, he has also provided pro-bono legal advice to numerous community organizations, including those dealing with HIV and AIDS.

Phil Lacy has truly made a difference in fighting AIDS and helping those facing the challenge of living with HIV and AIDS. His dedication has won him admiration and respect not only in Houston, but across the Nation, as exemplified by this recognition from the AIDS Action Foundation.

Methodist Hospital has also demonstrated tremendous commitment to helping people living with HIV and AIDS. Methodist has set the standard for giving back to the community through its generosity both to the Bering Community Service Foundation and to the SEARCH Project for the Homeless for their Tiny Treasures Program. Methodist has dedicated funds, resources, and time to help these organizations provide direct care to Houston's HIV/AIDS populations, including dental care, adult day care, and pediatric AIDS care. Methodist is a national example of how to effectively target resources for the maximum benefit in addressing the multiple health care challenges of AIDS.

Phil Lacy and the dedicated staff of Methodist Hospital remind all of us of the ways we can become involved and make a difference in the fight against AIDS.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent during rollcall vote 352. If present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 352.

TRIBUTE TO RADIO STATION
WGAP

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, while we were on our district work period in August, radio station WGAP of Maryville, TN, celebrated a great milestone—its 50th anniversary.

Local radio stations are very important to this Nation. They not only help our citizens stay informed, but they also help promote the local economy and support the general well-being and cohesiveness of a community. WGAP has certainly done this, and has provided great community service to the citizens of Maryville and throughout Blount County.

In a day when many people do not stay with one company for very long and loyalty is not regarded as highly as it once was, I especially want to call attention to and commend the career of Carl Wells. Mr. Wells has been with WGAP from the very first day and has certainly been instrumental in keeping this station on the air and successful over the years. Not many small businesses are able to survive for this many years, and I want to congratulate station owner Steve Corbitt and all of those who have worked for this outstanding radio station over the years.

Walker Johnson wrote a very interesting and informative article about a small part of the history of this station for the August 15, 1997, Knoxville News Sentinel. I would like to call this article to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

[From the Knoxville News Sentinel, Aug 15, 1997]

WGAP PROUD OF ITS SPORTS HERITAGE

(By Walker Johnson)

Maryville's WGAP turned 50 years old Aug. 13. To get a true historical perspective of the station, I talked with a group of men who had been connected with WGAP from the beginning. When I asked them about the station's sports history, they all told the same story.

WGAP was the first member of the Vol Network. Steve Corbitt, third owner of the station, said that when Lindsey Nelson and University of Tennessee Coach Robert Neyland formed the Vol radio network, the Knoxville flagship station was WKGN, but due to a certain sponsor, WGAP was to be included in the first broadcast. The first sponsor on the Vol Network was Aluminum Company of America, and the execs there told Nelson the Maryville station had to be included in the broadcast or they would not sponsor the games.

Over the next five decades, WGAP carried the Vols, Maryville College football, the Brooklyn Dodgers, NASCAR and high school sports. The local sports announcer positions have been held by Tom Lyons, Ken Kribbs, Pete Williams, Steve Corbitt and Maryville's mayor, "Skeeter" Shields. Glen Morton is currently doing local play-by-play.

The fuel that has kept WGAP running over the past 50 years had been their wide and loyal client base. Carl Wells started with the station on Day One and is still selling advertising. Wells told me he has about 20 clients on his list, and he tries to touch base with most of them every day.

My father, Charles W. Johnson, held the title of the longest-running client of the station until he retired in the late 1970s. Dad's