

families are at risk for multiple health and social problems. CHC's are the entry point for these vulnerable populations. These centers provide health care services at more than 2,200 sites across the country. Each year, in my home State, New York, more than 60 free-standing CHC's provide comprehensive medical and support services to 1.5 million of the State's poorest residents.

Perhaps the greatest testimony to the importance of CHC's are their attack on spiraling health care costs through constant innovation and its effective use of preventive health care measures. The public/private partnerships formed by these CHC's have been successful at reducing morbidity and mortality among high risk individuals. While infant mortality rates among the black population remains high, the rate has been sharply reduced in health center catchment areas and, more, dramatically, among health center patients. Additionally, CHC's have stepped forward and taken a leadership role in designating cost-effective, culturally competent care for Latinos, Asians, and other hard to reach minority populations.

With the enactment of the welfare reform law, we cannot underscore the importance of these community health centers. Not only do they provide managed care efficiently and competently, CHC's make sure that they respond to the local and cultural needs of their patient populations. In today's new world of measuring the effectiveness of every Federal dollar spent, CHC's stand out as a shining example of Federal investments that pay off in both health and community impact.

Also evident is the economic impact made by CHC's. In many cases, these CHC's have been a major force in reinvigorating entire communities. Not only are jobs created through CHC construction, and the hiring and training of community residents, but partnerships are forged between health centers and local businesses—producing startling effects in many communities.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to thank all community health centers across the country, but especially those centers in the 15th Congressional District in New York which everyday exemplify partnerships of people, governments, and communities working together to meet local health care needs in the most effective and efficient way possible.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF HON. WALTER H. CAPPS, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share my condolences with the family of WALTER CAPPS—Lois, Lisa, Todd and Laura—and with every Member of this House, because we've all lost a true contributor: A man who legislated from his soul.

We are all left shocked and sorrowful at his death, but there was perhaps no one more prepared for this moment than Walter himself.

Elected officials often suffer from erosion, outside forces chip away at our thoughts, and

work to influence our actions. But Walter didn't work from the outside in, he worked from the inside out, his studied philosophies, his moral strength and his writings have left us with an example to follow in our professional lives. His sincerity.

And that twinkle in his eye, have left us with fond memories, to carry home.

HONORING CHRISTINA DRAKE

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank my constituent, Mrs. Christina Drake from Bristol, IN. As a mother of two teenage boys, Mrs. Drake recently wrote a letter to me expressing her concerns about gang violence in her community. I agree with Mrs. Drake that gang violence is a serious problem in America, and I share her concerns as she so thoughtfully expressed in her poem entitled "Gang Violence" which follows:

"GANG VIOLENCE"

Kids in gangs tryin' to rule their domain,
huffin' and puffin' doin' cocaine.
Getting a feel for what is real,
but when reality sets in there's violence
again.

Knives and guns, they're in our streets.
Where's the salvation, where's the retreat?
Playin' hard tryin' to win the game,
but in the end it's always the same.
One more found dead tonight,
we're all at war, and it just ain't right!
Hangin' out trying to fit in,
getting even for them killing my friend.
This time I got lucky, they missed me,
Who is next, which one will it be?
Can't you see this has all got to stop?!
It might be you, the next one to drop.
So think about what you say, and do.
Keep your head, stay in school.
There's a better way to take a stand—
work it out, live again!
If your friend was your friend,
he wouldn't push you to the limit.
Stay away, and don't get in it.
You see crime is time, and sometime it's life.
Don't let your's be the sacrifice!

TRIBUTE TO JULIO V. SANTIAGO

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding humanitarian, physician, teacher and scientist, Dr. Julio V. Santiago, who tragically passed away on August 10, 1997. It is an honor for me to recognize this outstanding individual, not only for his numerous professional accomplishments, but for the passion he gave to his research and patients.

Dr. Santiago was a professor of pediatrics and medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and a member of the medical staffs of St. Louis Children's and Barnes-Jewish Hospitals. At Washington University, he served as director of the Division of Pediatrics Endocrinology and Metabolism and of the Diabetes Research and Training Center.

He served among the leadership of the landmark Diabetes Control and Complication Trial and the ongoing Diabetes Prevention Program. Dr. Santiago was a respected researcher at developing methods for improving the management of diabetes. He served as editor of a national scientific journal, "Diabetes," as well as serving as a volunteer for the American Diabetes Association. His expertise has benefited numerous organizations and agencies, including the National Institute of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, and the U.S. Congress.

One of his colleagues, Dr. Neil White, stated, "He was an outstanding teacher and mentor and role model for all who knew him." Yet another, Dr. Sheridan Tollefsen, stated, "His life was exemplified by his boundless enthusiasm, warmth and generosity, his avid interest of sports and the outdoors, and his tireless efforts to help others."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join his family, his colleagues, Washington University, the residents of Missouri's Second District and me, in paying tribute to the life of Dr. Julio V. Santiago. His leadership and compassion will stand not only as an example for other physicians to follow, but for every one of us.

TRIBUTE TO LUCILLE WILLIAMS

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 31, 1997

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Lucille Williams for her tireless service to those who are less fortunate in our community. She is a founding member of the Mid Bronx Desperadoes, which celebrated its 22 years of service to our Bronx community last week.

Born in Learned, MS in 1922, Ms. Williams is the oldest of 14 children. She attended Cambellville Elementary School and Yazoo City High School before starting a family and moving to Detroit in the mid-forties. After she moved to Harlem in 1952, she worked for the Frederick Douglas Democratic Club. In 1962, she moved to the Bronx and became vice president of the Parents Teachers' Association [PTA] at the CS 61 then vice president and president of Herman Ridder's PTA.

In 1974, under her leadership, a group of volunteers who understood the need to revitalize the Crotona Park East section of Bronx Community District 3 that was devastated by arson, disinvestment, abandonment, and population loss, founded the Mid Bronx Desperadoes [MBD].

Throughout its 22 years of service, MBD has been a model of excellence in providing our community with exemplary services through housing development and property management, economic development, and delivery of human services.

Through her years of service, Ms. Williams was involved in several other agencies. She was a founding member of Seabury Better Block Association, board member of Seabury Day Care, and active in other projects before she returned to school for her college degree. Now a senior citizen, she is a member of the Comprehensive Community Revitalization Program [CCRP] and MBD's Concerned Citizens Group.