

Just a year later, his accomplishments as Local President were so impressive that he was appointed by U.S. General President M.A. Hutcheson to the International organizing staff. In this position, Pat met carpenters from throughout the free world and gained a greater insight into the problems facing the labor movement at the halfway mark of the 20th century.

In 1957, Pat was appointed a General Representative and assigned to the Niagara Power Project, one of the largest construction undertakings in U.S. history. Pat served as Chairman of the Labor-Management Committee of the entire operation.

Pat continued to advance through the ranks of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. In 1966, he was appointed Assistant to the General President; in 1969, he succeeded to the position of First District Board Member; and in 1974 he was promoted to the high office of Second General Vice President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. He advanced to First General Vice President in 1980.

After 37 years of devotion to the well being of his fellow carpenters and to the labor movement, Patrick J. Campbell became General President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America when his predecessor retired, on November 1, 1982.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that Pat Campbell was just as willing and eager to help and advise after his rise to the National Presidency as he was prior to it. He never forgot his roots in Rockland County, and never hesitated to step forward any time he thought he could be of assistance to my efforts. I shall never forget the superb advice and assistance with which Pat was so generous. He was truly of great help to me in the burdens of public service.

Pat received many honors and awards throughout the years, and continued to serve as Vice President of the New York State AFL-CIO, as Director for the Board of the Urban Development Corporation for the State of New York as a Board Member of the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship, on the Executive Board of the maritime Trades Department, and in many other positions.

Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join in mourning the passing of a true gentleman who personified the best that the labor union movement has to offer, and to join me in expressing our condolences to his widow, Catherine Keane; his sons, Patrick and Kevin; his daughter, Cynthia; and his six grandchildren. Although no mere words spoken today can possibly help ease their grief, they may take some comfort in knowing that many of us share their sense of loss on the passing of this remarkable, big-hearted gentleman, Patrick J. Campbell.

MR. TIM MOORE AND THE STUDENTS OF HERITAGE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL ARE 'WE THE PEOPLE' CHAMPIONS

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize truly outstanding students from

West Allis, WI. Together with their teacher, Mr. Tim Moore, a group of students from Heritage Christian High School united hard work and dedication and have been judged this year's State of Wisconsin 'We the People' champions.

Heritage Christian High School students have consistently succeeded at the 'We the People' competitions, this year being the second time in recent years that a group has emerged victorious from the event. This consistency is no accident, and would not be possible without an impassioned interest by both Mr. Moore and his students in the Constitution of our nation.

The 'We the People' program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education by an act of Congress, compels students to critically examine our Nation's Constitution and provides an arena in which students can explore the intricacies of the document. With the help of a team of volunteers from outside the school, the students studied the history of the document and considered its present day applications.

I would like to again congratulate Mr. Moore and the students from Heritage Christian High School, and wish them continued success in this year's national competition in Washington, D.C.

ERIN WHITTEN—A GUSTY AND TALENTED ATHLETE

**HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, there's one face missing from that Wheaties box, and it's that of Erin Whitten of Glens Falls, New York.

Mr. Speaker, I was enormously proud of our triumphant women's hockey team and their success in Nagano, Japan. And I got a kick out of their securing that sure proof of success in American sports, a team photo gracing that "breakfast of champions," Wheaties.

Who's Erin Whitten? Erin Whitten is the young lady who made it all possible. In 1993, Erin Whitten, then a goalie with the Toledo Storm, was the first women goalie to post a regular season in a professional hockey game. It wasn't the first "first" for Erin.

She raised some eyebrows when she was only seven years old in the Adirondack Youth Hockey Association. The Glens Falls High School Boy's Hockey Team posted a 21-9-2 record with Erin blocking 84.6 percent of the shots against her. She was the first female to play in the Division II high school state championships. And she was an all-conference honorable mention during the 1988-89 season.

At the University of New Hampshire Erin led the women's hockey team to a record of 54-14-4. She was a four-time ECAC goalie of the year, the University's 1992-93 Woman Athlete of the Year, twice ECAC player of the week, and a two-time Concordia University tournament player of the game. Her women's hockey record of 46 saves in one game still stands. Her collegiate save percentage was an impressive 91 percent.

After a career on minor league hockey teams, Erin began concentrating on the national team with the hope of making the trip to

Nagano. Unfortunately, she was one of the last cuts.

But no doubt many of the stars on the women's hockey team, whose triumph ranks with that of the men's team in that glorious 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, now in our 22nd district, were first inspired by Erin Whitten.

It was she who proved that women, too, have the toughness it takes to play organized hockey, and that given a chance, a team of talented athletes like Erin Whitten play an exciting brand of hockey.

Erin is determined to stay in shape and make the team that represents us in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. I, for one, would advise every one not to bet that she doesn't make the team. She has already proven herself, and any future history of U.S. women's hockey that's worth reading will devote a long chapter to this gutsy, talented athlete.

And so, Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to a remarkable young lady, Erin Whitten of Glens Falls.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE UNIVERSAL PRODUCT NUMBER ACT

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce that today I will introduce the Medicare Universal Product Number Act, an important bill to cut waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare program.

In 1996, the federal government conducted the first-ever comprehensive audit of Medicare's books. This audit revealed that Medicare was losing more than \$23 billion every year to waste, fraud, and abuse—almost 14 percent of the program's budget. This level of waste and fraud is simply unacceptable. Medicare must make better use of the hard-earned taxpayer dollars that fund this important program.

One of the most important ways Medicare can reduce waste, fraud and abuse is by reforming its durable medical equipment program. Durable medical equipment includes supplies like catheters, wheelchairs, walkers, and ostomy supplies needed by older patients. One of the greatest problems in the medical equipment program is that the current system does not tell Medicare exactly what items are being supplied and paid for.

The Medicare Universal Product Number Act will empower Medicare to know precisely what items are being supplied to older Americans and to tailor reimbursement levels appropriately. This bill requires all medical equipment paid for by Medicare to have a Universal Product Number—very similar to the bar codes on groceries. When suppliers submit claims for reimbursement, they will identify items by UPN. Medicare will know exactly what equipment has been provided and reimburse accordingly.

Most Americans probably believes Medicare already operates this way. Unfortunately, it does not. Medicare currently reimburses for medical equipment under broad categories known as billing codes. A single billing code

may cover hundreds of items across a wide price range. Within a billing code, Medicare pays an average cost based on a complicated formula. Billing codes can be confusing for equipment suppliers and are easily manipulated by unscrupulous suppliers.

UPNs will help revolutionize the way Medicare pays for medical equipment and accounts for the program's spending. The bill will improve Medicare in three important ways.

First, UPNs will help Medicare reduce fraud and abuse by identifying exactly what equipment is being supplied. Inspectors will be able to verify precisely what equipment was billed for and whether it was provided.

Second, UPNs will cut waste by allowing Medicare to pay an accurate price for individual items, instead of wasting money by paying a higher average price when less expensive items are supplied.

Third, UPNs will make the program simpler and fairer for suppliers. They will eliminate the confusing billing codes and ensure that suppliers receive a fair price for all products, instead of overpaying for some and underpaying for others.

I am proud to be introducing this bill with Rep. AMO HOUGHTON of Corning, an outstanding legislator known for his important contribution to health care issues. I would also like to note that this legislation has already been endorsed by Health Industry Distributors Association and the National Association for Medical Equipment Services.

The current system is wasteful and vulnerable to abuse. UPNs are a common-sense solution to make Medicare a wise health consumer on behalf of older Americans, taxpayers, and medical equipment suppliers alike.

#### NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 11, 1998*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 927, the National Sea Grant College Program Authorization. We have needed to re-authorize the Sea Grant Program since 1995 and I want to applaud Representatives SAXTON, YOUNG, ABERCROMBIE and FARR for their leadership on this increasingly important issue:

Mr. Speaker, the Sea Grant Program was established in 1966 to improve the conservation, management, and utilization of marine resources. Modeled after the highly successful Land Grant College Program, Sea Grant has become a National leader in conducting marine research. This research is conducted at 29 designated Sea Grant colleges but the program disseminates their findings to over 300 hundred colleges and universities across the country. One of these Sea Grant designees is the University of Maryland which is located in my District. Maryland is a leader in living marine and estuarine resources research and I can attest to quality of the research conducted through the program.

As a Member from a coastal district, I am acutely aware of the problems confronting our

marine environment. This spring and summer we saw how critically important research is with the outbreak of *Pfiesteria* in the upper Chesapeake Bay. At the time of the outbreak, we were not certain about the most basic facts about the organism, exactly what conditions triggered it to become lethal, how it attacked fish, and the potential danger this organism posed to humans.

The Chesapeake Bay, Mr. Speaker, is not only a National ecological treasure but is one of the most abundant and productive places to conduct research. In addition to *Pfiesteria*, the Bay has seen the oyster population, which is so vital ecologically and economically, threatened by Dermo and MSX viruses. Sea Grant has been the leader in the Oyster Disease Research Program and fully six million dollars per year is specifically earmarked in the re-authorization for oyster and *Pfiesteria* study.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all my colleagues to support this legislation to reauthorize this critically important environmental program.

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today and for the rest of this week, the U.S. Senate is considering bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation. This is an issue whose time is long overdue. I rise today to applaud the Senate leadership for their willingness to allow a vote to come to the floor of the Senate. This does not mean that passage of a reform bill is guaranteed. It is, however, a significant step forward.

Mr. Speaker I have documented over the past six months the need to schedule a vote on the floor of the House. I have spoken daily about the importance of this issue to the people of my district. There is little more I can say to convince you to move this issue forward and give Members of Congress an opportunity to make their position known to the public.

I simply ask that as we consider a light legislation schedule this week we find some time to bring to a vote a true bipartisan campaign finance reform bill. The Senate has demonstrated leadership on this issue, it is now our turn. The people of my district will not accept "no" for an answer.

#### HONORING JOHN B. PERERA

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of John B. Perera, for his dedication to worthy causes, his numerous years of service, and for his devotion to the continuance of humanity.

Born in New York City, Mr. Perera, because of his staunch Quaker faith, executed his military duties in the Korean War by doing social work in Mexico and El Salvador for the government. He studied at Ohio State University and held many jobs before finally arriving in Cleveland to work as a truck driver for a food cooperative. Unfortunately during his tenure as

a truck driver, Mr. Perera acquired a respiratory illness that led to his retirement on disability.

Mr. Perera's retirement can be seen as a blessing though. Mr. Perera took advantage of his retirement to pursue causes relevant to the survival of the human race and the advancement of human rights. He served on numerous councils and committees, most notably the Sierra Club, Coalition for a Clean Environment, and the American Lung Association. Mr. Perera testified in front of state committees to stop the dumping of nuclear waste, championed the issues of improving low-income housing and women's rights, and demonstrated for causes he strongly believed in such as the environment and health care.

Mr. Perera's activism portrays him as a model American citizen. His peaceful demonstrations in support of his most cherished values and issues will never be forgotten. He leaves behind two sons, one daughter, his father, four grandchildren, a brother, three sisters, and a legacy of true patriotism.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in saluting the life of Mr. John B. Perera.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH F. DUFFY

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Joseph F. Duffy of the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey. Joe is being honored on Sunday, February 15, 1998 on the occasion of the 28th Annual Murray House Dinner Dance.

Joe is currently serving as Executive Director of Catholic Family & Community Services (CFCS). As Executive Director, he is responsible for the delivery of social services to clients in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties, and oversees a budget of \$6.5 million. These services include assistance to emotionally troubled children and adults, persons with disabilities, individuals with AIDS, the elderly, homeless, jobless, refugees, immigrants, and persons seeking to adopt.

Additionally, Joe is also Executive Secretary for Social Ministries. In this capacity, Joe is responsible as CEO of CFCS and oversees the activities of four other Social Services Agencies and the Department of Parish Social Ministries. He directs Social Ministries with a budget of \$25 million.

Joe's impressive resume does not stop here. Before joining CFCS in April of 1997, Joe served as Vice-President of Long-Term and Ambulatory Care Services, Assistant Vice-President of Long Term Care Services, and in many capacities with the Diocese of Paterson's Department of Persons with Disabilities. He also served as a Co-Director and House Parent at the Murray House from September of 1971 to June of 1976.

In addition to his administrative skills and experience, Joe has vast educational and teaching experience. He is currently service as Field Instructor at Rutgers University's Graduate School of Social Work, a position he has held before in the late 1970's and mid-1980's at Rutgers, Fordham University, Ramapo College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and William Paterson College. Joe has also served as