

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHARP REES-STEALY ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, in 1923, Time magazine published its first issue, Amelia Earhart received a pilot's certificate, Walt and Roy Disney began a movie studio, and two San Diego physicians joined together to establish the area's first multi-specialty group practice.

The two physician/surgeons, Clarence Rees, M.D. and Clair Stealy, M.D., believed that patient care would be enhanced if doctors representing multiple specialties worked together. Now, 75 years later, Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group is one of the largest multi-specialty groups in Southern California.

In 1923, combining specialties was a bold act, but physicians who joined Rees-Stealy soon learned they were able to collaborate with colleagues from other specialties, vastly improving the diagnostic process and providing comprehensive, efficient and thorough patient care in a cost-effective manner. Because of this, Sharp Rees-Stealy became the official physicians for local schools, the police and fire departments and other civic organizations in addition to serving thousands of San Diegans.

With the group's unique position in the community, Dr. Stealy initiated the first citywide physician referral service for patients and the first (and largest until 1966) medical library in San Diego. He was also instrumental in starting a teaching service at what was then County Hospital, and was a founding member of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Rees was the first member of the American College of Surgeons west of the Mississippi.

Both doctors placed a premium on research as well, establishing the Rees-Stealy Medical Research Foundation in 1938.

In 1976, the first satellite office opened in Mira Mesa, and in 1983, the McCausland-Robinson Medical Clinics of Chula Vista merged with Rees-Stealy.

In 1985, the medical group took another bold step into the future of health care by affiliating with Sharp HealthCare, creating the Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group. This joint venture was the first of its kind in San Diego and attracted national attention.

Today, the tradition of quality and caring continues. Sharp Rees-Stealy now has 14 San Diego County locations with more than 280 physicians representing virtually every field of medicine. Sharp Rees-Stealy is one of the few providers who allows its HMO patients to refer themselves to some of its specialists. Patients also have access to 24-hour health care advice, same day primary care appointments, and urgent care centers to deliver care whenever their patients need it.

While times have changed over the last 75 years, the doctors and staff at Sharp Rees-Stealy still believe in old-fashioned quality care with a personal touch. I know that my congressional colleagues will join me in congratulating them on their incredible record and wish them the very best for the next 75 years.

PROFESSOR LARRY HEIMGARTNER

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

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Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and honored today to address the House regarding Professor Larry William Heimgartner.

For the past twenty-five years, Mr. Heimgartner has served as a distinguished faculty member of the Los Angeles Harbor College Humanities and Fine Arts Division. He has been a tireless, dedicated professional, who has had a profound impact on the thousands of students who have come under his influence as a mentor, advisor, confidant, counselor and teacher.

Professor Heimgartner is an accomplished playwright, director, and producer. Over the course of his tenure at Harbor College he has written, produced and directed many original theatrical productions, including the one man show "Abraham Lincoln"; the Broadway musical "Grab the Ring"; a musical adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland"; and "Bigger Than Bubblegum," a musical portrayal of the life and times of the 1970's pop group The Emotions.

Professor Heimgartner has long directed his considerable talents and energy toward the education of children. He has written, produced, and directed a series of musical "plays with a moral" for children. These plays are presented annually as a part of the U.S. Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" program, and as a feature of Harbor College's Summer Children's Theater events. He has also presented "America's Youth," which addresses the challenges confronting our children today, and "Don't Get Too Close," a hard-edged presentation regarding the dangers of AIDS and HIV.

Professor Heimgartner is an educational innovator. He has developed and instituted a variety of laudatory programs for the benefit of his students and the community. He has conducted study programs in Europe through a cooperative exchange program with England's Barnsley College, directed interactive teleconferencing sessions in the state, nation and in the international community, and introduced the More Opportunities for the Developmentally Disabled program. The MODD Squad, as the professor calls it, is an innovative program which provides opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in the College's original dramas.

Larry William Heimgartner is an esteemed and respected faculty member of Harbor College. He is the recipient of the Eugene Pimentel Award for Teaching Excellence, and has been named in Outstanding Young Men of America. As an alumnus of Harbor College, it is with great personal pride that I express my thanks and good wishes to Professor Heimgartner on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary with the College. He is an example of the best of America.

IN HONOR OF JOHN H. BRADLEY

HON. JAY W. JOHNSON

OF WISCONSIN

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Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, later this month, on September 27, 1998, the National Funeral Directors Association will officially dedicate their new headquarters building in Brookfield, Wisconsin. On that day, they will honor and remember a very special man, John H. Bradley of Antigo, Wisconsin. He was a beloved husband and father, a committed community leader, a respected church member, and a funeral director by profession.

When John Bradley passed away in 1994, he left his family and all of his many friends in Antigo with memories of a lifetime of loving concern and head work. They will undoubtedly never forget him.

But there is another reason why John Bradley will never be forgotten. It is the result of a relatively short period in his life when he served his country when the world was at war. It is, not incidentally, a time in his life of which, I am told, John Bradley rarely spoke. I assure you that every day, just a short walk from our Nation's Capitol, thousands of Americans remember and salute him every day. Because John Bradley was one of six Marines who bravely thrust the American Flag into the soil of Mount Suribachi on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945. With that one act, John Bradley and his countrymen symbolized this country's fighting spirit and our willingness to sacrifice for freedom and democracy the world over. The planting of our Flag on that day is burned in our nation's history, and it has been rightfully commemorated as the Marine Corps War Memorial today. The valor of those six men has earned the respect of every U.S. citizen who has come after them.

We should always remember that crucial 36-day assault in 1945 on Iwo Jima. Securing the island was vital to our country's position in the Pacific during World War II, but the toll was immense. When the last shot was fired, 6,821 marines gave their lives to the effort, and greater than 20,000 more suffered casualties so that the United States could succeed and freedom could prosper. In the long and venerated history of the Marine Corps, Iwo Jima was the only battle where Marines took more casualties than the enemy.

John Bradley took home the Navy Cross—our country's second highest award for bravery—for his actions at Iwo Jima. As a medical corpsman, he earned the medal for rushing to the aid of two injured Marines, and then protecting them with his body while he treated their wounds. His care for his fellow country men is even more significant because Bradley himself had been shot through both legs just moments before.

How can our nation every repay the enormous sacrifice made by John Bradley and every other serviceman during those torturous battles? we can only come close by honoring their valor and preserving a democracy worthy of their effort.

Mr. Speaker, as a veteran myself, I know my colleagues will join me today in saluting the full life of John Bradley, and his entire family for making Wisconsin and making this country a truly better place.