

The Tri-State McDonald's Owners have also partnered with Ronald McDonald House Charities to offer an additional \$175,000 in scholarships for HACER, a scholarship program for area students of Hispanic heritage. Combined in these four scholarship programs, McDonald's owners will contribute \$350,000 in college scholarships to students in the Tri-State community.

These scholarship programs are just one part of the McDonald's Owners' continuing commitment to education and the communities in which they operate. The Tri-State Owners support reading incentive programs and other initiatives for elementary school students. Additionally, they sponsor programs that teach parents the importance of immunizing young children, and instruct children on bicycle safety, helmet use, and fire safety. The Tri-State McDonald's owners also help support the great work that the Ronald McDonald House does for families of young cancer victims.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the important contributions Tri-State McDonald's owners are making to our communities. I urge you and all Members of Congress to join me in applauding the McDonald's Restaurant Owners of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut for their continued commitment to education and dedication to programs that help ensure a successful future for our children.

TRIBUTE TO THE KATHRYN SEVERYNS DEMENT SLEEP DISORDERS CENTER

**HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 1999*

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Kathryn Severyns Dement Sleep Disorders Center located in Walla Walla, Washington. I was very pleased to visit the sleep clinic and recently had the honor of accepting an award on behalf of Walla Walla, Washington being recognized as the Healthy Sleep Capital of the Nation.

The Walla Walla sleep center is the result of Dr. William C. Dement's efforts to educate others on sleep awareness and its disorders. Dr. Dement is a Walla Walla native and sleep medicine pioneer. He is the director of the Stanford University Sleep Research and Clinical Programs, and was the founding President of the American Sleep Disorders Association. Dr. Dement, along with Dr. Richard Simon, Jr., director of the sleep center, and doctors Michael Bernstein, Jennings Falcon, and Eric Ball have all made sleep problems a fundamental focus of their medical practices. These doctors have become experts in the field of sleep disorders and lead the world in sleep disorder treatment.

Most people do not realize the seriousness or extent of the sleep disorders problem. Statistics show that between 50 and 100 million people in the United States have diagnosable sleep disorders. This is not just limited to adults, sleep disorders affect people of all ages. These disorders are severely underdiagnosed in children. The National Transportation Safety Board points to chronic sleep deprivation as being the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal heavy truck accidents. The esti-

mated annual cost of untreated sleep disorders due to preventable morbidity and accidents is \$100 billion.

The work the Walla Walla sleep center has done in treating and diagnosing sleep disorders is unparalleled. Compared to doctors from outlying areas, Walla Walla doctors are referring as many as six times the number of patients for sleep disorders treatment. This is mostly due to the training these doctors have received. Prior to sleep disorder training, a survey of more than 750 patient charts found that just six patients mentioned having problems sleeping, and of those, two patients were diagnosed with disorders. One year after the training, 130 to 140 people were diagnosed with sleep apnea, a treatable disorder where the sleeper repeatedly stops breathing for an instant. Between 1994 and 1998, the center saw 1,421 new patients and performed 1,711 sleep studies.

The doctors at the Walla Walla sleep center continue to make advances in sleep study research. They are responsible for training physicians throughout the area and have helped two other hospitals start sleep centers. They are also currently working with Stanford University to apply for a grant to determine whether mild sleep apnea should be treated. Everyone at the Walla Walla sleep center deserves to be recognized for their hard work and commitment to the silent epidemic of sleep disorders. Thanks to them, this serious problem is not going unnoticed, and their efforts will save lives.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TOM BANE—DECEMBER 28, 1913—APRIL 10, 1999

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 1999*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WAXMAN, and I rise today to remember the Honorable Tom Bane who died last Saturday, April 10, 1999. Tom was not only a great legislator and politician, but also a mentor and friend.

Tom represented the San Fernando Valley in the California Legislature for 24 years, during which time he authored ground breaking legislation that improved the lives of all Californians—fighting to protect the environment, the poor, the elderly, and also working to enhance public education.

Perhaps Tom's best known legislative victory was a 1988 law mandating heavy punishment for hate crimes committed in California—the first Hate Crimes legislation passed in the United States. Tom also authored legislation that prohibited the "cop killer" Teflon bullet; the Tom Bane Civil Rights Act; and significant banking and savings and loan legislation. He also worked with his colleagues to co-author California's first Lemon Law, Seat-Belt Law and the Paramedic Bill.

Whether it be on the floor of the Assembly or walking through his district talking with constituents, Tom exemplified democracy at its

finest. He took great pride in his friendships with members from both sides of the aisle, and played a significant leadership role as the Chairman of the powerful Assembly Rules Committee. And even late in his political career, Tom often walked his district during campaigns instead of relying on focus groups and advertisements to rally support—that type of grass roots accessibility is the way democracy is supposed to work.

Tom's vision, leadership and tenacity were an inspiration to all who knew him. He dedicated his career to enriching every aspect of our lives and our communities—making our streets safer from criminals, improving the quality of education received by our children, and ensuring that as a society we would not tolerate crimes committee because of race, religion or gender.

Our thoughts are with Tom's wife Marlene, their children Bruce, Lisa and Neil; and grandchildren Ryan, Eric, Shai, Dean, Ziv, Evan, Paul and Adriadne.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join us in remembering a great friend and outstanding man, a true mensch, Tom Bane.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. PAUL SALMEN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 14, 1999*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize the career of one of Colorado's fine physicians and outstanding individuals, Dr. Paul Salmen. In doing so, I would like to pay tribute to a man who has shown, time and again, that it pays to give a little back to the community. In our Community Dr. Paul Salmen is fondly referred to as Dr. Paul.

Dr. Paul Salmen is a long time resident of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, who has made a large impact on his community. Aside from his contributions as a physician, Dr. Salmen takes time out of his day to get involved with many local organizations such as Healthy Beginnings, the Youth Recovery Center, Glenwood Medical Associates, the Sunlight Mountain Resorts Ski Patrol and the Pediatric Crisis Committee. In addition to the many organizations in which Dr. Paul Salmen is active, he still finds time to extend his knowledge to the youth as a coach for swimming, volleyball and basketball. He also participates as a soccer and basketball referee.

Those who are privileged to know Dr. Paul Salmen know he is well liked and respected by the community. Given his moral character and all the areas that Dr. Salmen dedicates time to, it is no wonder that he was chosen as the recipient of the "1998 Garfield County-Wide Humanitarian Service Award."

I have known Dr. Salmen and his wife Nancy Reinisch (who in her own right is a bright star in our community) for years. I have deep respect for the caring they have for people. Dr. Paul and Nancy have dedicated their lives so that other peoples are improved. The Salmens succeed with the tools of compassion, knowledge, advocacy, and dedication.

Individuals such as Dr. Paul Salmen, who volunteers his time to a good cause, are a rare breed. Dr. Paul is a model citizen. Fellow