

Since the initial \$1,000 comes from the Government, Social Security payments owed to the account holder would come out of this account first. Only after it is exhausted would the individual begin to draw on the Social Security Trust Fund. Therefore the financial problems of Social Security would be solved starting 67 years after enactment. This would make it easier to deal with the problems we face before that date.

If my plan is adopted, future workers will not have to worry so much whether or not the government will keep its promises or that the Social Security system might go bankrupt because each will have an account which is his or her personal property. I don't claim that this program will solve all of the financial problems of Social Security but it will certainly help.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN A. OREMUS

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant in my district, John A. Oremus. John Oremus has recently retired after serving as mayor of Bridgeview, Illinois for a total of four decades.

Mr. Oremus learned the value of a strong work ethic early on, as he helped out with his father's tanning business and held a job at a gas station. In 1948, he started his own business. All of his children and grandchildren are now very involved with the business. Mr. Oremus began his career in politics when he was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. In 1955, John Oremus became the Mayor of the village of Bridgeview. He retained the position until 1963. In 1967, John Oremus was again elected mayor and has held the position ever since.

Mr. Oremus continued his hard work as mayor, seeing to it that his vision of "A Well Balanced Community" became a reality. This concept was that the Bridgeview community of fine homes and families would have low municipal taxes and many places in town to work and shop. As Mayor, Mr. Oremus also encouraged business and industry by offering co-operation and strong Village support services, such as fire and police protection.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to pay tribute to John Oremus. I am certain that the community of Bridgeview, Illinois will miss his presence as a public servant. It is my hope that John Oremus enjoys good health and good memories in his retirement.

HONORING WYCKOFF HEIGHTS
MEDICAL CENTER

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Wyckoff Heights Medical Center located in Brooklyn, New York which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. For 10 years, the Wyckoff Heights Medical Center has been helping women and children in communities throughout Brooklyn. It has contributed many

positive things to the quality of life in our neighborhoods, and I would like to thank its leadership and the many others involved in its success.

The Wyckoff Heights Medical Center is the hub of the WIC program in our area. Along with its satellite clinics at the LaMarca Family Health Center in East New York, Queensbridge Family Health Center in Long Island City, Park Slope WIC in Park Slope, and the Red Hook WIC in Red Hook, Wyckoff serves an average of 5,800 women, infants and children a year.

Like the National WIC program, which this year celebrates its 25th Anniversary, the Wyckoff WIC program has been enormously successful. Nationally, WIC has helped provide nutrition education, health care referral, breastfeeding support and supplemental nutritious foods to nearly 7.5 million women, infants and children through 10,000 clinics nationwide.

In addition to its success implementing the mandated WIC services, the Wyckoff WIC program has sought to enhance its outreach by conducting seminars and workshops throughout Brooklyn. These efforts have included breastfeeding promotion and immunization screening seminars.

These initiatives have also been enhanced by the work of Mr. William F. Green, Vice President of Ambulatory Services, who is being honored by the Wyckoff WIC this week. Mr. Green has been a strong supporter of the Wyckoff WIC program since its inception in 1989, and he has helped initiate some unique programs. For example, Mr. Green created a monthly Mother's Day which helps create a consistent outreach to women and children. He also has been supportive of the Wyckoff's special holiday programs, which during the major holidays, makes an extra effort to reach out to the women and children of our communities who are in need of vital services. Mr. Green has made a good WIC program great and on behalf of the community, I thank him and congratulate him on his special award.

I would also like to congratulate the fifty WIC children who are graduating this week. These children, all who recently turned five years old, are being honored in a very special way because they have successfully completed their participation in the Wyckoff WIC program. They represent the future—a future of strong, healthy children and mothers who have the chance to realize the American dream.

I urge my colleagues to join me in applauding the Wyckoff WIC program on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary, Mr. Green for his long-time support of the Wyckoff WIC, and most importantly the 50 young WIC graduates and their mothers for a healthy future—congratulations and continued success.

CONGRATULATING THE CENTRAL
NEW JERSEY DISTRICT BEST
UPS OPERATING DISTRICT IN
WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Central New Jersey District of

United Parcel Service, which has been named the best operating district within the UPS worldwide organization.

This district was chosen because of its effective balance in regard to customers, employees, shareholders, and internal practices. UPS employs over 13,000 people in New Jersey and services approximately 99,000 New Jersey customers.

The Central District serves much of my 12th Congressional District, including all or part of Monmouth, Middlesex, Mercer, and Hunterdon Counties.

The district will be presented with the Chairman's Award for excellence at a celebration on May 21, 1999, in Edison, NJ.

Mr. Speaker, the Central New Jersey District of UPS is an excellent example for all New Jersey businesses. I hope all my colleagues will join me in recognizing their accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO ASHBURTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to the faculty, parents, and students of Ashburton Elementary School in Montgomery County, MD for winning the Blue Ribbon Excellence in Education Award from the Department of Education.

Ashburton Elementary has a large international student population that represents 38 countries and 20 different languages. The fact that the majority of the international students do not speak English when they arrive presents challenges to the faculty that have been met with great success.

Academics are the primary focus tempered with learning other lifelong values. There is a school wide commitment to helping the students develop respect and responsibility for themselves, their schoolmates, the staff, and the school. Ten years ago the school implemented The SHINE Program. The program, which was established to help stress the qualities of being Successful, Helpful, Imaginative, Neighborly, and Enthusiastic, recognizes students who contribute to the school's community in a positive manner.

Students at Ashburton are exposed to the field of technology. The school has a 29 station Macintosh computer lab, and a Macintosh computer in each classroom. All computers are on a local network (LAN) and are connected to the Montgomery County Public Schools wide area network (WAN). Students learn keyboarding, word processing, digital imaging, and how to use the Internet.

In addition to a dedicated principal, staff, and willing students, Ashburton Elementary is supported by an active, interested, and committed parent community.

As a former teacher, I wish to congratulate Ashburton Elementary School for creating the right atmosphere for learning. I am proud of their well trained staff, their supportive parents, and their excellent students. I wish them continued success in creating the excellence in education needed for tomorrow's schools.