

IN HONOR OF EARL H. SIEGMAN
FOR HIS DEDICATED COMMUNITY
SERVICE

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 1999

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Mr. Earl H. Siegman for his remarkable dedication and efforts toward the improvement of the Southern New Jersey community at large, I would like to commend him for his extensive involvement with a myriad of volunteer organizations. Mr. Siegman is the recipient of the Southern New Jersey Development Council's Chairman's Award for expanding development in the Southern New Jersey region. As an accomplished businessman, Mr. Siegman uses his professional talents in assisting many service organizations.

Mr. Siegman served as treasurer and helped to start the 200 Club of Burlington County. The Club provides scholarships and assistance to widows and their families through the collection of donations from businesses and individuals. He has volunteered with the fire fighting community with enormous dedication for many years and continues to do so. His involvements include 22 years of service with the Evesham Board of Fire Commissioners, the Kettle Run Volunteer Fire Company where he once served as Chief Fire Fighter, and the New Jersey State Fire Relief Association where he was treasurer. Mr. Siegman has additionally enjoyed 24 years of faithful service as a member of local and regional school boards. The Lenape Regional High School district has had the benefit of having Mr. Siegman participate in policy discussions which have helped to make the school system one of the best in the region. Its programs have encouraged many students to continue with great success at premier learning institutions throughout the country. Indeed, Earl Siegman has spent his entire adult life serving as a role model to the young people who have had the privilege of knowing him.

As a steadfast leader, Mr. Siegman has served as President of the Southern New Jersey Development Council, where he continues to play an active role in the organization's endeavors to make the Southern New Jersey region a more conducive, as well as lucrative, place for doing business. His 25 years of service to this organization have helped it become a very unique public/private partnership where business leaders and legislators continually strive to improve this often-forgotten area of New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Siegman represents the type of leader who is a tremendous source of inspiration for volunteers and the organizations that they assist. His endless enthusiasm, boundless energy and dedicated interest in improving the communities that he serves comprise a compendium of qualities for which we should all strive.

I personally have known Earl Siegman for over 20 years and have witnessed first-hand his sincere devotion to the public good. Earl deserves a great deal of our gratitude and admiration for his tireless service. We congratulate you, Earl H. Siegman, on this well-deserved award.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAL KELLEY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mal Kelley, who is stepping down this year as Head Football Coach at Wachusett Regional High School.

Mal Kelley started his coaching career at Millbury High School, spent time at Holy Name High School and in 1985 joined the staff at Wachusett. In 1987 he took over head coaching duties, where he spent over a decade coaching and teaching young men.

In fact, many of Mal Kelley's players have gone on to find success, not only on the field but in other endeavors. Several have earned distinction at top colleges and our military academies. Their success is a tribute to Mal Kelley's dedication and commitment to his players and his community.

Career opportunities in Mal Kelley's chosen field, elementary education, have led him to relinquish his coaching duties. He was recently named principal at the Nelson Place Elementary School in Worcester, MA.

Mr. Speaker, Mal Kelley may not be spending much time on the football field in the future, but I'm quite certain he will continue to improve the lives of young people. I know the rest of the House joins me in paying tribute to Mal Kelley for a job very well done, and wishing him the best of luck in the future.

COST OF GOVERNMENT DAY

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 1999

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, today is Cost of Government Day. June 22 marks the first day this year when the average family can keep their paycheck, not send it to the government.

The Cost of Government Day symbolizes the total cost of government, not just the cost of taxes. In other words, so far this year, Americans have worked 173 days to have every penny of earnings sent to Washington to pay for our government's oversized financial burden.

Americans already pay more for taxes than for food, clothing, shelter and transportation combined! After today, our families can finally spend their paycheck as they see fit, rather than on regulatory costs and government programs.

Mr. Speaker, let's take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to lower taxes and cut government spending. It is time we put a stop to this absurd abuse of taxpayer money and start providing needed tax relief for American families.

**ACCLAMATION OF THE CHARETTE
HEALTH CARE CENTER**

HON. OWEN B. PICKETT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 1999

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, I offer for inclusion into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this

statement describing the extraordinary capabilities of the Charette Health Care Center at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth and the favorable impact this military treatment facility will have on members of the Armed Services in the Hampton Roads Area of Virginia.

Since its opening on March 15, 1999, the Charette Health Care Center at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth has proved to be an invaluable asset and a visible quality of life improvement for active duty service members and other beneficiaries in and around Tidewater, VA.

The Navy's newest, largest and most modern hospital includes over one million square feet of floor space, housing over 300 clinical/exam rooms and over 140 special treatment rooms. The technology incorporated in this new facility is state-of-the-art, and includes two MRIs, two CT scanners, two angiography suites, two linear accelerators, two mammography rooms, three dedicated ultrasound rooms, radiographic head and chest units, and twenty-two dental exam rooms. Two hyperbaric chambers, used in the treatment of wounds and compression illnesses are scheduled to be installed in January of 2000. The additional services being made available to our uniformed men and women are of the highest quality and the latest state-of-the-art technology.

Other advanced technology that will enhance the quality of care and improve the efficiency of service includes a digital imaging picture archive system which replaces conventional x-rays; a computerized tube system to transfer prescriptions, samples, and test results; and a high speed data transfer system which powers the hospital's integrated computer network system and training data base.

The most significant and dramatic technology improvements can be found in the hospital's OB/GYN and Labor and Delivery departments. To meet the evolving needs of a military force comprised of a growing number of women, as well as continue to meet the requirements of female family members, the Charette Health Care Center offers a comprehensive in-hospital birthing center. Ten birthing rooms allow patients to progress from the onset of labor to delivery and recovery in the same room. If complications arise during labor, four critical care labor rooms are easily accessible, as well as a state-of-the-art neonatal intensive care unit that is second to none anywhere either in the military or civilian medical community. Moving the labor and delivery service from the historic 1830 hospital building to the new Charette Health Care Center has allowed the Navy to increase capacity and easily accommodate a significant number of additional patients who previously received care elsewhere due to facility restrictions.

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth is one of the Navy's premier locations for graduate medical education. The opening of the Charette Health Care Center will help make an outstanding Graduate Medical Education even better, by providing fellows, residents and interns a hands-on milieu where state-of-the-art technology can be paired with a world class teaching experience. More specifically, there are 11 Medical and Surgical Residencies and 1 Fellowship which account for 137 Residents and Fellows. Also, there are 5 Categorical Internships and 1 Transitional Internship which account for 72 Interns. Additionally, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth is a medical