

as a deck watch officer. Subsequent afloat tours have included duty as Operations Officer aboard *Venturous* and as Commanding Officer of USCGC *Citrus* (WMEC 300) in Coos Bay, Oregon, USCGC *Legare* (WMEC 912) in Portsmouth, Virginia and USCGC *Munro* (WHEC 724) in Alameda, California.

Captain Hathaway's experience ashore has included assignments as a duty officer in the Coast Guard Pacific Area Command Center, assignment officer in the Officer Personnel Division of Coast Guard Headquarters, and cutter management duty on the Pacific Area Operations Division staff. In 1989, he was hand-picked to serve as the Military Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and served in that assignment until 1991.

Captain Hathaway earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of California at Irvine in 1983 and a Master of Science Degree in National Resources Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1994.

His continued exemplary performance led him to be selected ahead of his peers for the ranks of Commander and Captain. His numerous personal awards include two Legions of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals and three Coast Guard Achievement Medals.

Jeff Hathaway arrived for duty as the Chief of the Coast Guard's Congressional and Governmental Affairs Staff in July 1996. In this capacity, he has been instrumental in providing the Congress with an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Coast Guard. Most importantly, Captain Jeff Hathaway has come to epitomize those qualities we expect from our Coast Guard men and women—an intense sense of honor, respect and above all devotion to duty.

Mr. Speaker, Jeff Hathaway has served our country with distinction for the past 25 years. As he continues to do so, I call upon my colleagues from both sides of the aisle and the other body to wish him, his lovely wife Rebecca, and their four children, Allison, Paul, Brianna, and Kenneth, much continued success in the future, as well as fair winds and following seas.

IN HONOR OF THE JOHN ADAMS
HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The John Adams School Class of 1969 as they are to celebrate their 30 year reunion on August 21st, 1999. The reunion committee has worked hard and been highly successful in tracking the class of 1969, holding a database of 400 out of the original 521 students who attended John Adams in that year. An amazing feat when it is considered that the former students are scattered the length of the country from California to New York, including those who have remained in Cleveland, where they began their education.

The John Adams High School, which opened in Cleveland in 1923, was unfortunately closed on June 13th 1995, making the reunion all the more important as a reminder of the exceptionally hard work done by the

school staff in educating thousands of young people. In its seven and half decades, John Adams was a proud symbol of public education, an inspiration for many as a place where working class families sent their children to be educated in an environment rich in racial and cultural diversity. This proved to be decisive for many of the students of John Adams, lending them to use their experiences to motivate others.

The class of 1969 were a good, cohesive group, a rich pool of talent that has created a group of highly successful and motivated individuals. Of particular inspiration to the group has been the dedicated work and commitment of their former principal, Mr. J. Robert Kline, an attendee at every reunion held by the Alumni Association, and a highly instrumental player in the success of every reunion held by the Alumni Association, and a highly instrumental player in the success of the class.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting The John Adams High School Class of 1969 in their continual dedication to our community. They all benefited from their inspirational education in Cleveland and I am pleased to recognize their accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR MEDICARE PRE-
VENTIVE CARE PROPOSALS:
CONGRESS SHOULD ENACT THEM
THIS YEAR

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of enhancing the preventive benefits available in the Medicare program. The President's Medicare reform plan has taken a step in the right direction by eliminating cost sharing on preventive services. This will encourage more beneficiaries to seek out mammography and other valuable screening tests. Let's continue this work by encouraging outreach efforts targeting preventive care.

The number don't lie. Prevention saves lives. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that "our country cannot decrease its enormous healthcare costs, much less its priority health problems, without addressing in a fundamentally more aggressive manner, the prevention of chronic disease." (Unrealized Prevention Opportunities; Reducing the Health and Economic Burden of Chronic Disease, CDC Publication March, 1997)

The most preventable cause of death in our society is tobacco use. Although we hope to target new initiatives for preventing tobacco use primarily to children and adolescents, a lot can be accomplished with smoking cessation efforts in the senior population. The President's decision to include such programs in his reform plan makes good sense. Studies have shown that health risks attributable to smoking decrease significantly within a few years after quitting, regardless of age. Tobacco use costs the nation \$50 billion annually, in medical expenses alone. Smoking cessation efforts can help to reduce this immense burden on the health care system.

With most chronic diseases, early detection is the key to successful treatment. Early de-

tection also has the potential to save money. For example, treatment costs for breast cancer diagnosed in the localized stage are as much as 32 percent lower than treatment costs for later state diagnosis. Regular screening can detect cancers of the breast, colon, cervix, among others, at early stages. Currently, about 66 percent of people with these cancers survive for more than 5 years. With improved early detection efforts, about 95 percent or an additional 115,000 people would survive for 5 years or more. You can't put a price tag on that.

In the case of diabetes, the CDC has found that enhanced prevention could save the Medicare program nearly a billion dollars per year. For example, if all people with diabetes received recommended eye disease screening and followup, the annual savings to the federal budget could exceed \$470 million. Second, over half of the 57,000 lower extremity amputations associated with diabetes could be prevented. These preventable amputations currently cost \$285 million annually.

Finally, at least half of the 19,000 new cases of diabetes related kidney disease could be prevented. These preventable cases cost over \$350 million annually.

Prevention makes good sense in terms of both human and monetary costs. To not support the prevention of chronic diseases is to turn our backs on addressing the major health issue of our time.

CONGRATULATING HAWTHORNE
FIRE CO. NO. 2

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 1999

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Hawthorne Fire Co. No. 2 on the completion of extensive renovations as its firehouse in Hawthorne, NJ. This virtually new structure will enhance the ability of the fire company's dedicated volunteers to protect the lives and property of community residents in the most efficient and modern manner possible.

Organized in 1910 by 25 Hawthorne residents concerned about the need for fire protection in their town, Fire Co. No. 2 is seen nearly a century of service. In the beginning, the fire company possessed a horse-drawn hose cart purchased by the town, but no formal firehouse. Since 1919, the company has been headquartered in a firehouse at 10 Llewellyn Ave.

Many changes and additions to the firehouse have been made in the past 80 years to accommodate new equipment, functions, and firefighting technique. With an increasingly large fleet of fire engines and the increasing size of fire apparatus—including a recently purchased 85-foot ladder truck—it became clear in recent years that a new facility was needed, however.

The fire company launched a \$280,000 fund-raising drive coordinated by a renovation committee chaired by veteran volunteer Tom Furrey. The committee conducted a number of fund-raisers and obtained both a mortgage and a loan from the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety to finance the project.

The result is an extensively renovated and enlarged firehouse. Additional space, a new