

southern Maryland community for decades to come. Pat Collins was a giant who was successful in life, but who never forgot his roots and always gave back to his community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great American who leaves behind a loving family and many admirers who will miss him greatly.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "MERIT SYSTEM PROTECTION BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACT OF 2001"

**HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced the "Merit Systems Protection Board Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 2001." Support for ADR enjoys a rare consensus among those knowledgeable with formal litigation and administrative dispute processes. Resulting savings redound to the benefit of those involved and more broadly, to the taxpayers at large.

The MSPB is an independent adjudicatory body that hears appeals from Federal agency personnel disputes. MSPB judges hear a broad range of complex cases that affect thousands of Federal employees and the agencies for which they work. Over the last decade, MSPB judges have seen their jurisdiction steadily increase without a corresponding increase in resources. Last year, the Board handled nearly 8,000 cases with a staff of only 71 administrative judges. This bill would help reduce this caseload by establishing a pilot, three year early intervention ADR program at the Board. A chief strength of the program is that it makes ADR available to parties before their positions harden in preparation for formal litigation before the Board.

Until 1990, MSPB judges received compensation equivalent to that provided Immigration, Social Security and Administrative Law Judges. Since 1990, however, the wage disparity between MSPB judges and other administrative judges has detrimentally affected the Board's ability to attract and retain top judges. Over the last four years alone, the Board has lost nearly 20 percent of its judges to other adjudicatory agencies.

The Conference Report to the 1999 Omnibus Appropriations Act recognized the need to accord pay equity to MSPB, Immigration, and Administrative Law Judges. Last year, I introduced, and the House passed legislation to address this recognized inequality. Like the previous legislation, the current bill restores a measure of fairness to MSPB judge compensation vis-a-vis Immigration, Social Security and Administrative Law Judges.

Passage of the MSPB Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 2001 will combat debilitating MSPB attrition rates and reduce costs to taxpayers by ensuring the success of the early intervention ADR program. Support for ADR is broad and its benefits are clear, and I urge prompt passage of the bill.

TRIBUTE TO JOYCE KEIL

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying well-deserved tribute to Joyce Keil, the Founder and Artistic Director of the nationally acclaimed Ragazzi: The Peninsula Boys Chorus.

Under Ms. Keil's leadership Ragazzi has grown since its inception in 1987 into an internationally renowned chorus, successful in both live and recorded performance. Popular with audiences throughout the Bay Area and beyond, Ragazzi has its own concert series and also performs regularly with the San Francisco Opera, the San Francisco Symphony and numerous other outstanding musical groups. Ragazzi concerts are eagerly anticipated by its devoted and ever widening audience of music lovers, who are constantly thrilled by Ms. Keil's superb direction.

Mr. Speaker, Joyce Keil's extraordinary musical artistry is evident in Ragazzi's repertoire of selections from a variety of different cultures sung in many different languages and dialects. Ragazzi is about to embark on a celebrated fifth international tour where the chorus will travel to the British Isles in order to perform in England and Wales. This tour will include the participation of the chorus in the prestigious Llangollen International Musical Festival in Wales.

Ragazzi; The Peninsula Boys Chorus has also performed in Canada, Russia, Eastern Europe, Japan and in the Basilica of San Marco in Venice and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Joyce Keil has enriched the lives of over 450 boys and young men, who since the inception of this group have sung and been educated in vocal technique, music theory and performance skills in training for Ragazzi and it's laureate program, Ragazzi: Young Men's Ensemble.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Keil's preeminence in the music world is demonstrated in her numerous appearances as a guest conductor, adjudicator and panelist for choirs and music teachers throughout the Western United States. She has been nationally recognized for her music program at Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco. The Lick-Wilmerding Choruses received the gold medal in the 1998 Heritage Music Festival and captured second place in the 1997 Prague International Choral Festival.

Ms. Keil has served as Western Division Chair of the Boychoir Committee for the American Advanced Placement Music Exams. Formerly on the faculty of Holy Names College, Ms. Keil has also been a faculty member of the College of Notre Dame. Joyce Keil has often expressed her firm belief that choral music educates the whole person. She has made an outstanding contribution to the academic enrichment of hundreds of students fortunate enough to enjoy her tutelage.

Mr. Speaker, the Hillbarn Theatre is honoring Joyce Keil with its prestigious 2001 BRAVO! Award. I join the Hillbarn Theatre and urge all of my colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Keil's exceptional talent, generosity and commitment to our community. I also want to wish Ragazzi: The Peninsula Boys Chorus and Ms. Keil many more years

of richly deserved success and artistic fulfillment.

A SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MR. FRED FABRIZIO ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding individual from the State of Ohio. Mr. Fred Fabrizio, a physical therapist, is celebrating 39 years of distinguished service to his community in Tiffin and throughout Ohio.

Mr. Fabrizio, originally a Youngstown native, attended Heidelberg College in Tiffin prior to entering The Ohio State University, College of Physical Therapy. After graduating in 1962, he and his wife, Carmella moved to Peoria, IL. After only a short year they moved back to the town where they first met and fell in love.

Over a small kitchen table at home on Coe Street, Fred made a very important decision to partner with Pat Theriault, PT. After seven years of hard work, perseverance and success, Fred and Pat formed P.T. Services Inc. Since 1972 P.T. Services has grown to provide rehabilitation services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, aquatic therapy, corporate wellness and athletic training throughout the State of Ohio. Their dedication to their patients is an example for all healthcare professionals across the country.

Mr. Fabrizio has utilized this strong work ethic and dedication in his personal life. He is an avid runner, swimmer and bicyclist. He has competed and finished the prestigious Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon twice. He has also competed in America's top cross county ski race, the Birkebeiner, over 10 times. At present, Mr. Fabrizio is training for a 100-mile ultra-marathon in Leadville, CO.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fabrizio's dedication and service have earned him the highest regard for his character as a husband to his charming and dedicated wife, Kathy, father, grandfather, and physical therapist. At this time I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Fabrizio and his family all the best in his retirement and future endeavors.

MEMORIAL DAY 2001: COURAGE AND HEARTACHE

**HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, for millions of Americans, this weekend's Memorial Day observance carries deep and personal significance. For two residents of southeastern Massachusetts, Lucy Duffy and Jim Cadigan, the solemn occasion will echo with courage and heartache, seared with the pain and pride of sacrifice on behalf of a grateful Nation.

HEADING THE CALL

When young Americans heeded President Woodrow Wilson's call to arms, one of those who crossed the Atlantic in the name of freedom was Sgt. Charles De Vries, an Army

medic stationed at the Camp Mars-Sur-Allier, one of the largest American base hospitals in Europe

During World War I, the French village of Saint Parize le Châtel and its neighboring hamlet of Moiry was home to this 44,000-bed facility. Day and night, Sgt. De Vries and his colleagues would tend to the wounded and dying.

In war's shadow, Sgt. De Vries met Rebecca Goethe, a young French girl from a nearby town. They were married and, after the Armistice, returned to the United States to start a new life and family.

This weekend, eight decades later, the daughter of that doughboy and village girl will represent the United States at ceremonies honoring Camp Mars-Sur-Allier—and the men and women who served and died there.

On Saturday and Sunday, Lucy Duffy of Brewster, Massachusetts, will represent the United States as the Cercle Culturel d'Entraidé Généalogique dedicates a permanent exhibit to the hospital.

The people of the towns of St. Parize le Châtel and Moiry have never forgotten those who gave so unselfishly of themselves in the name of world peace. Located at the site of national cemetery where 2,000 victims of the Great War are buried, the memorial is inscribed with these moving words: Aux Américains Morts Pour la France, Le Droit et La Liberté 1916–1918 (To the Americans who died for France, Right, and Liberty).

AN AMERICAN HERO

Jim Cadigan of Hingham, Massachusetts, is a genuine American hero. Like an entire generation of Americans, he assumed the responsibility of our combat commitment in World War Two.

On February 26, 1945, Second Lieutenant Cadigan, a member of Company C, 20th Armored Infantry Battalion, 10th Armored Division, led a platoon advancing on the German town of Zerf. Upon hearing that a second platoon had been ambushed and was pinned down by enemy fire, he charged fortified enemy positions perched on high ground and, without concern for his own safety, single-handedly wiped out two German machine gun nests.

Dozens of witnesses have testified that Lt. Cadigan killed or wounded 50 Germans and took 85 prisoners. The trapped US platoon was able to escape and reorganize, saving scores of American lives.

Without Jim Cadigan's heroism, it's likely that none of those men, or their children, would be alive today. To this day, at annual reunions, his comrades from that battlefield long ago in Zerf gather to swap old stories and meet new grandchildren; each year, his comrades travel long distances to salute a man who, quite literally, saved their lives.

Jim Cadigan is a legend in his home town of Hingham as well. This weekend, he'll serve as Grand Marshal of the Hingham Memorial Day Parade. People of all ages, from WW2 vets to elementary school kids, will have the opportunity to greet the brave soldier form down the street who has inspired such pride and respect.

HEARTS OF MEN

In cities and towns all across America, Memorial Day will be marked with parades down Main Street, patriotic speeches on the town square, backyard barbecues and Little League games in the park. In many ways, this reflects

the distinctly American values that Sgt. De Vries and Lt. Cadigan went overseas to fight to protect.

For Cadigan and Duffy families, and countless others, Memorial Day is also a time for a quiet pilgrimage to cemeteries and memorials, for personal remembrance and reflection that stand the test of time.

More than 20 centuries ago, Pericles offered a tribute to fallen Greek warriors that echoes to us through antiquity: "Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."

TRIBUTE TO MARCIA THOMPSON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I take this means to honor Marcia Thompson, of Lexington, MO, for being chosen as the Lexington R-5 school district's Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Thompson has dutifully devoted 28 years of her life to educating America's children, the last 16 serving the youth of Lexington. She is a computer and business instructor. Mrs. Thompson was chosen at the 2001 teacher appreciation dinner, sponsored by the Lexington Lion's Club. The award's winner is chosen from the five schools in the Lexington R-5 district.

Mrs. Thompson has been a member of many organizations and received numerous awards. She has served on the Central District Business Educator's Association board as Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and President-Elect. She has also been named to Who's Who Among Missouri Business Educators.

Mr. Speaker, Marcia Thompson dedicated 28 years to educating our youth, serving with honor and distinction. As she continues her role in the development of America's future, I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in wishing her all the best.

TO HONOR OUTGOING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR THE CITY OF UPLAND, CA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, JAMES P. ANDERSON

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Mr. James P. Anderson of Upland, California.

Mr. Anderson is the outgoing Chairman of the Board for the City of Upland Chamber of Commerce. According to his peers, Mr. Anderson has demonstrated personal and civic leadership in his role as Chairman and was actively involved in his community. He was always willing to accept multiple tasks and had a vast knowledge and experience in the Chamber's business operations and programs. Mr. Anderson showed great commitment to

servicing the Chamber and was truly dedicated to serving as Chairman.

Besides serving as Chairman of the Board for the Upland Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Anderson is a founding member of the Leadership Connection and an Advisory Council member for the San Bernardino County Community Credit Unions. He is also a past board member of the West End Executive Association and the United Way.

Mr. Anderson's tenure as Chairman of the Board of the Upland Chamber of Commerce brought great leadership in the development of strong economic development programs and public policy. He has achieved an impressive record of career and civic accomplishments and, in doing so, has earned the admiration and respect of those who have the privilege of working with him. I would like to congratulate him on these accomplishments and thank him for his service to his community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS REINVESTMENT ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join with my good friends SHERY BOEHLERT, MIKE CAPUANO and many other of my distinguished colleagues to introduce the National Health Service Corps Reinvestment Act.

Signed into law by President Nixon, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) has placed more than 22,000 health care professionals in rural and urban areas across the country. Launched in 1972 to combat the growing number of communities without a health care provider, the Service Corps is a critical element of our nation's health care safety net.

The National Health Service Corps Reinvestment Act of 2001 will reauthorize the National Health Service Corps for five years and increases its funding by 50 percent. In addition, this legislation amends the tax code, making the loan repayment and the scholarship program tax exempt. Today, the scholarships and loan payments are considered taxable income. This measure would eliminate the federal tax requirement on both of these programs. By cutting taxes for students and practitioners, it removes the tax burden on these health care professionals and allows more money to be reinvested into the Service Corps.

Adding needed flexibility, the National Health Service Corps Reinvestment Act of 2001 also establishes a demonstration project to allow the NHSC scholarship and loan repayment programs recipients to fulfill their commitment on a part-time basis.

Lastly, this legislation includes two additional measures to simplify the application process for both the National Health Service Corps and community health centers.

Today, more than 2,400 Service Corps clinicians serve in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Pacific Basin. In 1999, in my great state of New York, 240 National Health Service Corps practitioners provided essential health services to thousands of