

That is why today Congresswoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN and I are introducing the Child Healthcare Crisis Relief Act. This is a bill designed to help alleviate the paucity of mental health services for our nation's youth by providing incentives for mental healthcare workers to specialize in the treatment of children and adolescents.

The statistics are quite startling:

13,700,000 of America's children and adolescents have a diagnosable mental disorder.

There are 6,000,000 to 9,000,000 children and adolescents in the United States who meet the definition of having a serious emotional disturbance.

Approximately 5 to 9 percent of children and adolescents in the United States meet the definition of extreme functional impairment.

The demand for the services of child and adolescent psychiatry is projected to increase by 100 percent between 1995 and 2020.

There are approximately 513 students for each school counselor in United States schools. This ratio is more than double the recommended ratio of 250 students for each school counselor.

The Child Healthcare Crisis Relief Act creates incentives to help recruit and retain child mental health professionals providing direct clinical care, and to improve, expand, or help create programs to train child mental health professionals through the following mechanism:

Loan repayment and scholarships for child mental health and school-based service professionals to help pay back educational loans.

Grants to graduate schools to provide for internships and field placements in child mental health services.

Grants to help with pre-service and in-service training of paraprofessionals who work in clinical mental health settings for children.

Grants to graduate schools to help develop and expand child and adolescent mental health programs.

This bill also allows for an increase in the number of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists under the Medicare Graduate Medical Education Program and extends the board eligibility period for residents and fellows from four years to six years.

The Child Healthcare Crisis Relief Act is not only about providing incentives for health care workers, it is also a bill about expanding treatment options for children in need. Expanding treatment options expands the opportunities that children with mental health concerns have to grow and become happy and productive members of our society.

Children who do not receive adequate treatment for mental health problems start out in life with an albatross around their necks with significantly reduced opportunities. These children have a high probability of becoming involved with illicit substances, dropping out of school, and committing felonies including homicide. Just as tragic, many of these children will never make it into adulthood because of suicide.

The hope and the potential for endless possibilities that we, as a people, attribute to children are diminished with each child struggling with mental illness who does not receive adequate treatment. We may choose not to see their struggle out of ignorance or fear, but as an old English proverb says: "We never know the worth of water 'til the well is dry".

Mr. Speaker, we cannot in good conscience sit back and allow the well to dry up when we

know how to find a spring that can feed it. I, therefore, ask my colleagues to lend their support for my Child Healthcare Crisis Relief Act.

ROBERT KELLY, SR., HONORED BY
SCRANTON HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the honoring of Robert T. Kelly, Sr., by the Scranton Hebrew Day School at the school's 55th anniversary dinner on March 23, 2003. Because he has been both a community leader and a very generous benefactor as a trustee of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, the school will present him with its Special Recognition Award.

Mr. Kelly is a graduate of the University of Scranton, where he was also awarded a Master of Business Administration degree. The university has also presented him with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

A member of the advisory board of directors of the First Liberty Bank and Trust Company, Mr. Kelly is a former member of the board of trustees of the University of Scranton and served in a similar capacity with Mercy Health Systems, Northeast Region. He is currently a member of the American and Pennsylvania Institutes of Certified Public Accountants, the Country Club of Scranton and the Johns Hopkins Club of Baltimore.

Mr. Kelly has been one of the Weinberg Foundation's trustees since 1990 and currently serves as a trustee emeritus, having been succeeded as a trustee by his son Timothy P. Kelly.

An intimate of philanthropist Harry Weinberg since the 1950s when Mr. Weinberg operated the Scranton Transit Company, Mr. Kelly was designated a trustee by Mr. Weinberg to assist in the running of the foundation after his death. Mr. Weinberg passed away in 1990 at the age of 82. At that time, the foundation possessed assets worth nearly \$1 billion. It currently distributes more than \$95 million annually to the needy around the world and is considered to be one of the top 25 philanthropic trusts in the United States.

Mr. Kelly and his wife, the former Rose Marie Simoncelli, reside in Jessup and are the proud parents of four children, Timothy and Mary Louise, both of Waverly; Attorney Robert Jr. of Clarks Green; and Dr. Patricia Kelly-Holmes of South Bend, Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the honor being accorded to Mr. Robert T. Kelly, Sr., by the Scranton Hebrew Day School, and I wish him and his family all the best.

HONORING ELIZABETH MCKENNA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Californian, Elizabeth McKenna, as she is named a San Mateo County Young Woman of Excellence.

As President of Best Buddies, an international organization that provides students with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to develop one-on-one friendships with other students at their high school, Elizabeth McKenna devotes extraordinary time and energy to improving her school and community. She organizes and publicizes meetings, pairs up mentors and mentees, and ensures all aspects of the program run smoothly. Her chapter was the proud recipient of the "Chapter of the Month" award at a recent Bay Area chapter meeting. In addition to her involvement in Best Buddies, she also finds time to volunteer weekly with Service Commission and the Interact Club and to be a member of the Dance Team and Dance Ensemble at Hillsdale High School.

Elizabeth McKenna excels in her academic pursuits as well. She is a lead trial attorney with Hillsdale High School's Mock Trial team and played an instrumental role in bringing her team to the 2002 California State Finals, where they placed second. She is a staff writer for her high school newspaper and has been playing the piano since the fifth grade and she maintains an excellent grade point average while juggling multiple Advanced Placement and Honors courses.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring, Elizabeth McKenna as she is named a San Mateo County Young Woman of Excellence.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON AN OPEN SOCIETY WITH SECURITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the United States Commission on an Open Society and Security Act, expressing an idea I have been working on since well before 9-11. For years now before our eyes, parts of our open society have gradually been closed down because of fear of terrorism. Such actions have accelerated and with war coming now, even more so. For example, Pennsylvania Avenue has just been closed to pedestrians, isolating the country's most visible landmark from the American people and connection to the President. The bill I introduce today would begin a systematic investigation that takes full account of the importance of maintaining our democratic traditions while responding adequately to the real and substantial threats terrorism poses.

These years in our history will be remembered by the rise of terrorism in the world and in this country. As a result, American society faces new and unprecedented challenges. We must provide ever-higher levels of security for our people and public spaces while maintaining a free and open democratic society. As yet, our country has no systematic process or strategy for meeting these challenges.

When we have been faced with unprecedented and perplexing issues in the past, we have had the good sense to investigate them deeply and to move to resolve them. Examples include the Warren Commission following

the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the Kerner Commission following riotous uprisings that swept American cities in the 1960's and 1970's.

The problems associated with worldwide terrorism are of similar importance and dimension. The Act requires that a commission be presidentially appointed which, to be useful in meeting the multiple problems raised, would have a careful balance of members representative of a cross section of disciplines. To date, questions of security most often have been left to security and military experts. They are indispensable participants, but they cannot alone resolve all the issues raised by terrorism in an open society. In order to strike the balance required by our traditions, constitution and laws, a cross cutting group representing our best and wisest minds needs to be working at the same table.

With only existing tools and thinking, we have been left to muddle through, using blunt 19th century approaches, such as crude blockades and other denials of access, or risking the right to privacy with the misapplication of the latest technology. The threat of terrorism to our democratic society is too serious to be left to ad hoc problem-solving. Such approaches are often as inadequate as they are menacing.

We can do better, but only if we recognize and then come to grips with the complexities associated with maintaining a society with free and open access in a world characterized by unprecedented terrorism. The place to begin is with a high-level presidential commission of wise men and women expert in an array of disciplines who can help chart the new course that will be required to protect both our people and our precious democratic institutions and traditions.

JIM THORPE DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Jim Thorpe Day at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Jim Thorpe was one of the greatest athletes in the world, a man of courage, patriotism and fair play.

Jim Thorpe, the only American athlete to excel in three major sports as an amateur and as a professional, accomplished more than any other athlete of his time. The Sac and Fox Indian played professional baseball, football and won Olympic gold medals in both the pentathlon and the decathlon. His Olympic performance earned him the title of the "greatest athlete in the world" from Sweden's King Gustav V. His feats on the football field led him to the 1911 and 1912 All-American football teams and ultimately as the first president of the American Professional Football Association. In 1950, the Associated Press named Thorpe the greatest All-Around Male Athlete and America's Greatest Football Player of the half-century.

Born in 1887 into the Sac and Fox Indian Tribe, Jim Thorpe grew up on a reservation in Oklahoma. As a teenager, Thorpe enrolled at the Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, PA where he became a football All-American and led his team to numerous victories. In between seasons, Thorpe gained international fame at the Stockholm Olympics, returning to the United States with two gold medals in track and field. Thorpe played six major league baseball seasons with the New York Giants, Cincinnati Reds and the Boston Braves and ultimately returned to football to play for the Canton Bulldogs. With Thorpe's leadership, the Bulldogs were recognized as the "world champion" for 1916, 1917 and 1919.

Mr. Speaker, almost a century has passed since Jim Thorpe amazed the world with his athletic talent, and he is still known as the greatest athlete in the world. Jim Thorpe Day in North Carolina is an appropriate tribute to

this heroic athlete, and I encourage all to acknowledge his admirable accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF CAROL YOUNG-HOLT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Californian, Carol Young-Holt, as she is inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Carol Young-Holt is a model for success in academics, professional development and nonprofit management. As the Coordinator of the South Coast Collaborative (SCC), a grassroots organization, she has united members of the South Coast area into a community of equal partners and initiated a multitude of programs for community development and enhancement. She has secured over a million dollars of funding for local projects and has designed a community development plan that among other things, developed a strong community leadership program for Spanish-speaking residents. She also established the first local positions for mental health and community outreach workers. The change in the South Coast community since she became Coordinator has been described as a "Renaissance for both the English and Spanish-speaking communities."

Aside from her remarkable work through the SCC, Carol Young-Holt has lectured at Stanford University, directed the prestigious Bing Nursery School Child Development Laboratory School, and created an innovative child development teaching and management program with Foothill and Cañada Community Colleges. She is the publisher of many seminal articles, was director of a national multimedia-training program for early childhood educators and served as a program consultant for federal government Head Start programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carol Young-Holt as she is inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.