

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAY W. NEWBURGER

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 15, 2003*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of May Newburger, who is serving her fifth term as North Hempstead Town Supervisor. May is an asset to our community, and an excellent role model for our younger generations. Put simply, May is my role model.

Many Long Islanders know May Newburger as the first female chief executive of a Nassau County town. but she is much, much more than that. A graduate of Hunter College and Columbia University, May is an intelligent woman who has worked on local, state and national issues.

Before becoming Supervisor, May spent two years as a Town Councilwoman and eight years as a New York State Assemblywoman. She has worked extensively on behalf of women and children by serving as a New York State delegate to the National White House Conference on Families, chairing the American Jewish Congress' National Commission on Women's Equality, among other committees and commissions.

May's efforts are endless. Under May's responsible and practical supervision, North Hempstead has transformed a \$7 million budget deficit to a \$7.7 million surplus. In fact, the town was the first on Long Island to adopt a debt reduction plan that emphasized the need for long-term strategies. May has built a reputation around her dedication to the environment, securing \$200,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency to designate New Cassel as a Brownfields Pilot Community. She is continually working to protect and preserve our local lands and waterways.

Today, as May Newburger nears her retirement, I honor her for her numerous contributions to our community. May is the reason that I, along with many other women, had the courage to enter politics and government service. Not a day goes by without me reflecting on or using something May has taught me, and I am proud to call her my friend and mentor.

Mr. Speaker, I thank May Newburger on behalf of each and every person whose life she has improved over her years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE CARES  
PROGRAM

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 15, 2003*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Department of Veterans' Affairs' Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services program.

I was pleased to hear the news from the Department of Veterans' Affairs concerning

their Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services, the CARES program. As a representative of all veterans living in the 4th District of Virginia, access to affordable health care to those who have given so much for our nation is an important goal of mine.

Health care for our nation's veterans should be easily accessible and this realignment plan will help ease the hardship on those folks by lessening commuter time and truncating the waiting period now a common part of health care access.

I strongly support the option for an outpatient clinic offering primary care services to be located in Emporia. The savings incurred by the utilization of these clinics will be passed on to those using the Department of Veterans' Affairs' many services.

In Virginia, 142,000 veterans are enrolled in the Department of Veterans' Affairs health care system. A great amount of the veterans from my district must travel a long distance to see their primary care provider. I believe those who cave so much for their country should not have to drive for miles to see a doctor for basic medical needs. Keeping our commitment to our veterans requires us to give them the option of visiting with a doctor within a reasonable distance.

Through my work in the House and with Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Anthony Principi, I will work to offer all veterans a better quality of life. I look forward to the next few months as the CARES Commission weighs the option of establishing a clinic facility in Emporia, Virginia and a final decision is made by Secretary Principi.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE  
OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR  
THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE  
CONGRESSIONAL SCIENCE AND  
ENGINEERING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 15, 2003*

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce a resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program coordinated by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). This is a truly valuable educational program from the perspective of both Members of Congress and the fellows that serve in it. It gives Ph.D.-level scientists a wonderful opportunity to step out of the lab and into the political process. They get a behind the scenes look at how our laws are made by working as legislative assistants in Congressional offices—writing speeches, developing legislation, and serving as liaisons to Committees on which a Member serves. At the same time, Members of Congress and other policy makers gain a valuable new re-

source to help them better understand the scientific and technical issues underpinning complex policy debates. Six different fellows have served on my staff and each one used their unique talents and understanding to help shape my legislative agenda.

After 30 years this program is still going strong. Over 800 scientists have now served Republican, Democratic and Independent Members of Congress, and many are currently working for Congress and the Administration. These individuals have contributed not only their scientific expertise but also a fresh perspective to policymaking.

Congratulations to AAAS for organizing this program, and, also to all the sponsoring scientific, engineering, and mathematical societies that provide financial support.

HONORING REVEREND REGINALD  
TUGGLE

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Reverend Reginald Tuggle, Pastor of the thriving Memorial Presbyterian Church in Roosevelt, Long Island. The Memorial Presbyterian Church will honor Reverend Tuggle on September 17, 2003.

Reverend Tuggle has spent the past 30 years as a religious and community leader. A well educated and intelligent man, Reverend Tuggle has devoted his adult life to community service and improvement. Reverend Tuggle's work as Pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church is evidence of his dedication to the people of Roosevelt. Under his leadership, Memorial Presbyterian has grown from less than 50 members to now over 1,000; from an uninvolved to one of the most community service oriented churches in Nassau County.

Most notable is Reverend Tuggle's instrumental role in establishing various youth outreach programs. The Memorial Scholarship Program annually awards scholarships to every graduating high school senior church member pursuing higher education. This has translated into awards in excess of \$200,000 over the past five years! Reverend Tuggle was also behind the Memorial Youth Outreach Council, a non-profit organization that matches at-risk students from the Roosevelt community with positive mentors, and provides students with scholarship awards upon completion of the mentorship program.

Reverend Tuggle also started the Memorial Economic Development Corporation to strengthen the economic environment within Roosevelt. The Corporation's past efforts have included the purchase and renovation of houses in Roosevelt, and its current project is the construction of a much-needed state-of-the-art health clinic.

Reverend Tuggle's reach extends beyond Roosevelt and Long Island. An extensive traveler, he has studied at Central Philippine University and the University of Ghana. He has

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