

health care system that forces patients to let their health problems escalate into full fledged emergencies before it will provide them care. Wouldn't it make more economic sense to cover preventive services rather than let illnesses develop into painful and expensive complications? Most importantly, should the federal government be telling states and localities how they can and can't spend their own health care dollars?

That is why I am introducing legislation which would allow—not require—state and local programs to provide the most cost effective preventive and primary health care to undocumented aliens. This legislation would not provide a new benefit for undocumented residents. However, it would make sure that our health care dollars are spent more wisely by preventing emergencies—not treating them.

TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST CON-  
GREGATIONAL CHURCH OF  
SOUTH PUEBLO

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a landmark institution from my district. The First Congregational Church of South Pueblo, Colorado has served its parishioners and the Pueblo community for over 125 years. By working to promote a spirit of unity and cooperation, the church has shaped our community for the better. For its many years of service to the community, I am honored to pay tribute to the First Congregational Church of South Pueblo here today.

Founded in 1878, the First Congregational Church has been dedicated to meeting the need of its parishioners and the community at large. Its work includes everything from buying shoes for orphans to hosting Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls. First Congregation also hosts the Pueblo Interfaith Hospitality Network, a program to house homeless families in need of shelter.

Mr. Speaker, First Congregational Church's efforts to meet the needs of the community and foster a spirit of generosity are an inspiration to us all. The First Congregational Church of South Pueblo is an institution that numerous Puebloans turn to for guidance and encouragement in their daily lives. I am honored to join with my colleagues today in honoring the First Congregational Church of South Pueblo for its dedication to improving the community.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR JON BRYK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Father John Bryk, as he celebrates the 50th year of his Priestly Ordination. We also honor Father Bryk's celebration of thirty years of service to the St. Hedwig Parish Community of Lakewood, Ohio.

Father Bryk was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and attended Benedictine High

School. After attending Our Lady of the Lake Major Seminary in Cleveland, Father Bryk was ordained at St. John's Cathedral on December 19, 1953.

His service to others brought him to parishes in Cleveland and Lorain. He served as Pastor of St. Casmir for two years, and in 1973 was named Pastor of St. Hedwig Church in Lakewood, where he has since served.

For the past thirty years, Father Bryk has transformed St. Hedwig's Church into a spiritual haven of support, faith and hope—a place where he continues to create lasting bonds with hundreds of individuals and families. Father Bryk's outreach into the Lakewood community serves as a beacon of hope and guidance for generations of individuals and families.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Father John Bryk, celebrating fifty years of service to our community. Father Bryk's contributions throughout his ministry, especially to the people of St. Hedwig's parish, are significant and immeasurable—his leadership, expertise, guidance and concern for others serve to uplift our corner of the world and beyond. His gift of faith and compassion will forever light our community.

TAIWAN'S 92ND NATIONAL DAY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Taiwan for its 92nd National Day. Taiwan has been a reliable friend and ally of the United States for more than fifty years. The United States has a large and very active Taiwanese-American community. Hundreds of thousands of Americans of Taiwanese descent live in the U.S., the largest number living in and around New York City.

The United States and Taiwan share important values and strengths which have engendered close ties between our people. Both countries are committed to a strong democratic form of government with constitutional guarantees of rights and freedoms for all citizens including speech, residence, travel, assembly, religion and association. Taiwan is a shining example in Southeast Asia of the importance of respecting civil liberties and the rule of law.

Like the United States, Taiwan has a prosperous, market-based economy. It is the eighth largest trading partner of the United States and the twelfth largest economy in the world. U.S. exports to Taiwan make it one of the largest export markets for many states including my own state of New York. A clear sign of Taiwan's importance to the world economy was its accession into the World Trade Organization last year.

Both countries have demonstrated a commitment to the well-being of the world at large. Taiwan's humanitarianism has included assistance for rebuilding Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kosovo, and funds to assist the fight against AIDS worldwide. It has also dispatched rescue teams following natural disasters in El Salvador, Turkey, and Nicaragua.

Both Houses of Congress have recently endorsed Taiwan's desire for a wider international role, specifically membership in the

World Health Organization and in the United Nations. Taiwan is a responsible citizen of the world and friend to the United States. I heartily congratulate its 23 million citizens on the celebration of their National Day, October 10, 2003.

HONORING DAVID B. CASTRO

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to David B. Castro. He has worked tirelessly in behalf of the Hispanic community. David Bedoya Castro was born in Sonora, Arizona and spent his youth as a farm worker following the crops in California with his family. He made use of the schooling available to farm workers in the early 1930's with the knowledge even then that it was education that would improve the quality of life for himself and his family.

In 1942, David volunteered to join the Marines and received two honorable discharges for service in World War II and Korea. Upon returning to his home in Hayward, California, David began working in the local cannery, became a shop steward and moved through the ranks to become a union official and labor organizer. He was the first union Hispanic Secretary Treasurer. His main focus was to improve the wages, and working conditions of workers in the eleven western states. David would go beyond the duties of his job, and would help those in need by providing clothing; necessities and jobs.

In 1997, David became a Field Representative for Alameda County and was responsible for recruiting Hispanics for employment. At the beginning of his career with Alameda County, only 3 percent of Hispanics were employed in the County. When he retired in 1989, that number had risen to 23 percent.

David continually looked for ways to improve conditions for Hispanics. He knew that education and community involvement was the key to success. His inspiration led to founding of the Hispanic Community Affairs Council (HCAC), an organization dedicated to the betterment of Hispanic communities. HCAC recently celebrated its 26th anniversary and continues its goal of fostering a better education for Latino youth. HCAC has awarded over \$1 million in scholarships to Latino students.

As a visionary and dedicated community activist, David recognized another need. Businesses in the East Bay needed a way to meet and hire qualified Hispanics. This spurred the idea for HEBAN, The Hispanic East Bay Area Network, which brings prospective employers and job seekers together.

After retiring in 1989, David began researching his family history, which led him to a village in the Sierra Madre called Mezquital Del Oro, Mexico. In the church of this small town he discovered his family genealogy in ancient documents tracing his heritage back to 1660. He also discovered people in need and began providing support through donations of clothing, household, school and medical supplies.

David, with the help of friend Librado Perez and cousin Isidro Magallanes provided an ambulance to the town of Mezquital Del Oro. The ambulance was a life saver for the town because previously the injured or seriously ill