HONORING HERB ALSUP'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Herb Alsup for his 25 years of ministering the Woodbury Church of Christ. On Sunday, October 26, the church will celebrate Family Day, a day to celebrate Herb's service and for the church to open its new addition.

I've known Herb and his family most of my life. He is the type of person who would give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it. For example, Herb's brother, Lynn, was serving in Vietnam and had to send Herb and his wife, Ann, some money. But Herb didn't need the money for himself or his wife. He needed the money before payday to buy clothes for a family he knew was in need.

Herschel Mullins, Herb's uncle, remembers him as "an unusually good boy, always real sociable with people, even when he was a kid." Herb used to visit Herschel for Sunday dinners and family reunions. Herschel recalls, "It was always a joy to have him in my home. He's always been one of my favorite nephews." Herschel also notes that the Woodbury Church of Christ grew considerably during Herb's tenure.

Herb was born in Blackman, TN, just outside of my hometown of Murfreesboro. While we were growing up, Herb excelled in the classroom and on the playing field. While attending David Lipscomb University, he played baseball and was considered a fantastic tennis player. Herb's enthusiasm for life has been and continues to be a positive influence and an inspiration to his family and friends. Herb, thank you for your service to the Woodbury Church of Christ and to everyone in the community.

HONORING RUTHERFORD COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL

HON. BART GORDON OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 200th birthday of Rutherford County, Tennessee. Rutherford County is located in the heart of Middle Tennessee, and one of the fastest growing counties in the state and the nation. The warmth of its residents and beauty of its landscapes will continue to attract new members to the community. And those new residents will have the opportunity to visit numerous historic sites, purchase a variety of quality goods manufactured in the county, and enjoy leisurely drives through the scenic countryside.

The residents of Rutherford County have much to be proud of. I congratulate the county on its success, and I am sure the next 200 years will be just as steeped in friendship and tradition as the first 200 years.

AMENDING TITLE XXI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HEATHER WILSON OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, October 20, 2003

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3288 is a technical corrections bill that will allow New Mexico to use $14 million of its unused State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) funds for low-income children's health. Currently New Mexico has approximately $70 million in unused SCHIP funds which the state cannot access. This bill will allow New Mexico to use 20 percent of these funds, or $14 million, on low-income children in the Medicaid program. This bill keeps these vital health care dollars in New Mexico. It also assures that these dollars are used for children's health, for which they were originally intended.

Earlier this year we passed a similar bill signed into law that would allow states, like New Mexico, who had expanded their Medicaid programs for children before the passage of the SCHIP program to use some SCHIP dollars on low-income children eligible for Medicaid. The prior policy essentially penalized states that had done the right thing by expanding coverage for children under Medicaid.

Because of a miscalculation in the legislation passed earlier this year, New Mexico may be ineligible to use the SCHIP funds in the manner intended. This bill would correct that mistake and allow low-income children in New Mexico access to important health care dollars they deserve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPs OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mrs. CAPPs. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following roll call votes and roll call No. 562 — "yes"; roll call No. 563 — "yes"; roll call No. 564 — "yes"; roll call No. 565 — "yes."