

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF GRACE SZUBSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Grace Szubski—admirable attorney, devoted worker's advocate, friend and mentor, as she was recently honored with the Distinguished Service Award for Worker's Compensation from the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Today we celebrate Ms. Szubski's professional contribution as a dedicated advocate of employment justice and legal rights for countless workers within our Cleveland community. Ms. Szubski's significant work lends a strong voice to countless workers whose pleas would otherwise not be heard. Her exemplary work consistently reflects integrity, expertise and heart, and is also a testament to the success and fairness of America's judicial system.

Ms. Szubski has worked as an attorney with Garsen & Associates for the past twenty years. She continues to focus her law practice in the areas of workers' compensation, probate and social security disability. Beyond her significant legal contributions, Ms. Szubski volunteers her time and talents on behalf of several civic and humanitarian causes. She serves as a trustee for the Dioceses of Cleveland Catholic Charities Corporation and also serves on its Executive Committee. Since 1986, Ms. Szubski has journeyed to Kentucky and Tennessee's Appalachian mountain region, as youth leader and participant, to focus on the housing and ministry needs of some of our nation's most vulnerable citizens.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude of the professional and personal work of Ms. Grace Szubski—the 2004 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for Worker's Compensation from the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers. Her outstanding work and accomplishments as a dedicated attorney and, most significantly, her integrity, support and concern for others has served as an inspiration to her clients, colleagues, and countless residents of Appalachia and our own community. We wish Ms. Szubski continued health, happiness and peace throughout her professional and personal journey. Her outstanding service on behalf of the rights of others truly makes a difference, and serves as outstanding example to us all.

HONORING CHIEF PAUL
KITTREDGE

HON. JOSEPH M. HOEFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Paul Kittredge who is celebrating

his retirement from the Borough of Rockledge Police Department, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

A police officer for 30 years, Chief Kittredge has dedicated his life to serving his community. He started his career in the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. He later worked at the Police Departments in both the Jenkintown and Rockledge Boroughs and was named Police Chief nine years ago. Chief Kittredge went above and beyond the call of duty, serving faithfully and always striving to better the community, leading the efforts to expand and modernize the Rockledge police force.

Over the years Chief Kittredge has proven himself to be a dedicated leader, protector, and manager for the borough community. Dedicated to his family as well as the community, Kittredge and his wife of 35 years are the proud parents of three children and the grandparents of two.

It is my pleasure to recognize Chief Kittredge for his many years of service to our community. I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him all the best in the future.

STOP STROKE ACT (H.R. 3658)

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday the House of Representatives approved H.R. 3658, the Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act (commonly called the STOP Stroke Act). The STOP Stroke Act will:

Raise public awareness by authorizing funding for a national public information campaign to educate the public about stroke, including how to prevent it, recognizing the warning signs, and when to seek emergency treatment;

Help states fight stroke by establishing a grant program to help states ensure that stroke patients have access to quality care;

Collect and share best practices by authorizing the Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke Registry and creates a clearinghouse to provide technical assistance to states and share best practices; and

Educate medical professionals by providing opportunities to train appropriate medical personnel in newly developed approaches for preventing and treating stroke.

This legislation is an important step in preventing and treating the devastating effects of stroke. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the nation and a leading cause of long-term disability. In Arkansas, stroke accounted for 2,600 deaths in 1999—making it the second highest state with stroke deaths. In fact, Arkansas is located in the country's "stroke belt," a section of the country made up of 12 Southern states that have high occurrences of stroke. In May, I had the opportunity to join the Arkansas Department of Health in launching its stroke awareness campaign in

Pine Bluff, Arkansas. As part of the campaign, stroke warning signs and symptoms will be placed on grocery store sacks. Additionally, the health department will partner with at risk and hard to reach populations to teach heart healthy meal preparation, provide hypertension screenings and obesity awareness, and other prevention mechanisms. I worked closely with Linda Faulkner, Program Coordinator for the health department's Cardiovascular Health Program, and Diane Mulligan-Fairfield, Vice President of National Communications, National Stroke Association on the campaign's rollout. I commend them for their work on the project.

It is estimated that stroke cost the nation \$45.4 billion in 2001, including \$28 billion in direct costs and \$17.4 in indirect costs. A large share of the direct cost is paid by public payers such as Medicare and Medicaid. Passage of H.R. 3658 and funding the legislation will go a long way towards lowering these statistics and helping Arkansas to implement a full-scale public education campaign effectively.

CONGRATULATING BRIDGEWATER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COR-
PORATION

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Bridgewater Community Development Corporation (BCDC) for successfully arranging the second annual Bridgewater Community Fun Fest. I am encouraged that the citizens of Western Pennsylvania are working hard to improve their local economies.

The BCDC was created as a means to foster the development of the Borough of Bridgewater by taking advantage of its inherent strengths. Marcia Liggett, secretary and member of the Bridgewater Community Development Corporation (BCDC), created the concept of the Community Fun Fest. The focus of the Fun Fest is to bring together the community with local business owners, police department, fire department, and elected officials. The fun fest brings all aspect of the community together to interact and form new relationships that will foster a better economic community in the Borough of Bridgewater.

The first Borough of Bridgewater Fun Fest was a large success drawing nearly 1,000 people; however, this year is anticipated to draw nearly double the crowd of the first. Providing 2,000 residents of Bridgewater a chance to meet local officials, business owners, learn the organizations of their town, and meet their neighbors. It is a community effort composed of a coalition of residents, business leaders, and interested persons working together to improve Bridgewater.

I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring the second annual Borough of Bridgewater Fun Fest.

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