

on its 150th year serving the citizens of Pennsylvania and beyond. As the Commonwealth's only land grant institution, Penn State has played a vital role over the years in promoting agricultural and scientific research, workforce development, education, as well as many other initiatives; fulfilling the mission that Congress laid out in The Morrill Act of 1862.

Since its founding in 1854, Penn State has proven to be a leading institution of higher learning. The most recent U.S. News and World Report survey of graduate schools ranks a number of programs at Penn State among the nation's top ten, encompassing a wide array of subjects ranging from nuclear engineering to vocational/technical education.

Penn State has also continued to be a leader in Pennsylvania's largest industry: Agriculture. The University has a long history of innovations in this field, beginning in 1861 when it was the first American institution to confer baccalaureate degrees in agriculture. Today, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences continues to lead the way in agricultural research and promotion through such programs as the Penn State Cooperative Extension, a number of international exchange programs, and the Penn State Agricultural Council. As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, I have seen first hand the exceptional work that College of Agricultural Sciences does and the services it provides to Pennsylvania's farmers.

Penn State University is also nationally recognized for the exceptional research and patient care provided at the College of Medicine, located in my Congressional District in Hershey, PA. This includes the recent partnership with the National Naval Medical Center to conduct cancer research. This joint venture will lead to important new advances in discovery, early detection, evaluation, treatment and prevention of cancer that will benefit both the military and civilian population. The Penn State College of Medicine has demonstrated great benefits to the local community as well as the state in general. According to a recent study, the College of Medicine has generated nearly \$35 million in state tax revenue and created more than 13,500 jobs both directly and indirectly. In a state that has recently experienced a lack of new and competitive jobs, the value of this cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, over its 150-year history, the Pennsylvania State University has proven to be an invaluable asset not only to Pennsylvania, but also to the entire nation as well. I'm extremely proud to have three Penn State Campuses located within my Congressional district. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Pennsylvania State University as we celebrate its 150th Anniversary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRANCISCO  
CARMONA

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Francisco Carmona and thank him for his work as Customer Service manager with the Seattle Washington Passport Agency. His years of commitment and dedica-

tion as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. Along with my fellow Americans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

Francisco attended the University of Washington. In 1986, he joined the State Department in Washington DC, where he assisted in researching routine and intricate passport cases. Francisco became an expert at complex citizenship law as a result of his research. In 1996, he transferred to the Seattle Washington Passport Agency and became the Customer Service manager. Francisco has been instrumental in assisting constituents with obtaining passports in life or death emergencies, complex citizenship cases, and expedited passports for last minute travelers. Francisco has been known to stay late, come in on the weekends and go the extra mile to help the constituents he is serving. He is highly regarded by his peers and superiors.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Francisco Carmona has been an invaluable resource to the Seattle Washington Passport Agency. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like Francisco. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Seattle Passport Agency and the State Department and the constituents they serve, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

HONORING DR. BLAINE SAYRE

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Blaine Sayre for being awarded the "Local Hero in Community Pediatrics Award" from the American Academy of Pediatrics. This award recognizes Dr. Sayre for being a leader through action and advocacy for children in the St. Louis community.

Dr. Sayre is highly committed to improving the health of children. As Medical Director of Health Care for Kids, Dr. Sayre maintains evening and weekend hours to provide accessible, high quality health care services to medically underserved and uninsured inner city children. He also serves as the Medical Director for Healthy Kids Express, which places two large medical vans near inner city schools and community locations to care for kids.

Mr. Speaker, his steadfast commitment and his passionate devotion have earned him the privilege of being honored today before Congress. His sincere dedication to the health of children in the St. Louis community makes him worthy of our recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Dr. Blaine Sayre.

HONORING THE MARYLAND SHOCK  
TRAUMA CENTER

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, it is truly my honor to stand and recognize the men and women of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services System and the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. After a near-fatal car crash in 1975, I was airlifted to the Shock Trauma Center where a team of dedicated physicians and nurses saved my life. It was a turning point for me and I am grateful.

The Maryland EMS system was the first of its kind in the Nation and the Shock Trauma Center stands as the "core element" of that system. In the late 1950's, long before we watched heroic doctors save lives on television's ER, Dr. Cowley of Maryland envisioned a medical facility dedicated to the mission of saving lives during that first critical "golden hour." What began as a 2-bed unit has grown to become a 102-bed dedicated trauma hospital that treats approximately 7,000 severely injured patients each year.

Dr. Cowley's vision has since become the national model for a fully integrated statewide EMS and trauma system. The Maryland Shock Trauma Center's survival rate is 98 percent. This survival rate is the product of Maryland Shock Trauma's faculty and staff, as well as, its pioneering techniques. Its state-of-the-art facilities and equipment attracts some of the best medical talent in the Nation. Through fellowships and other programs, the center will only continue to set the standard. However, Shock Trauma's success also rests on the efforts of the pre-hospital providers, both career and volunteer, the Maryland State Police Medevac system, the regional trauma centers throughout Maryland and the foresight and leadership of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).

Proud, though I am of these accomplishments, don't just take my word on this. Recently the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) conducted an assessment of Maryland's EMS and Trauma system. The Maryland EMS system was compared to predetermined "gold standards" and is recognized as positioned "to offer national leadership in promoting the continued development and improvement of other state systems". The report goes on to say that the system's achievements "have much to offer in terms of promoting improved emergency care throughout the United States". This is a well-deserved and hard-won honor to so many dedicated and devoted emergency care professionals in the State of Maryland. Dr. Cowley's vision has become a reality that has exceeded everyone's expectations thanks to the unceasing efforts of pre-hospital providers, doctors and nurses and administrators, along with the unfailing support of Maryland's elected officials and its citizens.

I am grateful for the Maryland EMS and Trauma system, and particularly the Maryland Shock Trauma Center—for my family and the families of so many thousands of other survivors. I am honored to stand here today and recognize this amazing trauma system.