

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor West Side Community Health Services for their 35 years of dedicated service ensuring the best quality health care for St. Paul's bilingual and bicultural communities.

On behalf of the Twin Cities and the citizens of Minnesota, I wish to congratulate West Side Community Health Services for their work providing a progressive health care model that emphasizes education, prevention, and integrated services. These outstanding services are provided with respect for the cultures of the patients they serve. For more than a generation, West Side Community Health Services has been the voice for Latino, Hmong, adolescent, immigrant, and low income communities. West Side Community Health Services can be proud of their outreach to educate patients and family members where health care knowledge is needed most: in urban neighborhoods, schools, areas of public housing and homeless shelters.

In 1969, West Side Community Health Services was established when a group of volunteers saw the need for bilingual health care for Spanish speaking residents. Located in the basement of St. Michael's Church, volunteers served between six and seven patients a day. Since then, West Side Community Health Services has flourished; incorporating its first clinic servicing 1,900 people in 1972, adding dental services in 1978, health care for the homeless in 1987 and two public housing clinics in 1993. In 2000, West Side Community Health Services achieved accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

In its 35 years, West Side Community Health Services has increased the number of patients served to over 35,000. In 2006, 84 percent of their patients were from Asian, African American, American Indian or Latino communities; eighty-five percent had incomes less than \$41,000 for a family of four, and half did not have health insurance. The 250 people who work at West Side Community Health Services facilitate access to health care by breaking down barriers related to trust, cost, location, culture, and language. In doing so West Side Community Health Services provides much needed care to vulnerable members of the community—serving them with the compassion, respect and quality health care they deserve.

Madam Speaker, in honor of the founders of West Side Community Health Services, its staff, board members, and volunteers committed to educating and improving the health of the community, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

recognizing the 35th anniversary of West Side Community Health Services.

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY WOOLFORK

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Dorothy Woolfork, of Minnesota, a true citizen-servant who never hesitated to put the needs of the community above her own. While I regret to report the recent passing of Dorothy Woolfork at the age of 91, I am grateful for her lifelong service to the community and I am confident that her ideals will inspire future generations of community volunteers.

A native of Bradley, Arkansas, Dorothy came to Minnesota in 1939 with the hope of finding work. Not only did Dorothy find work in Minneapolis, she found a new life. After graduating from cosmetology school, she opened her own business, solidifying her commitment to the growth of the community.

Dorothy's 30-plus year career in political and community activism began in 1962 when she attended her first precinct caucus meeting. From that point on, her presence in the community was pervasive. Her tireless work in the community did not go unnoticed. Her efforts were recognized by the Governor of Minnesota and the Mayor of the City of Minneapolis by a joint proclamation declaring June 17, 1990 as "Dorothy Woolfork Appreciation Day."

In closing, Madam Speaker, I wish to express my condolences to all those surviving Dorothy Woolfork and to the community she worked for, the community she loved. It is an honor to stand in recognition of the memory and life of a model citizen who devoted herself to the City of Minneapolis. Ms. Woolfork, on behalf of the citizens of the 5th District, I thank you for your lifetime of service.

IN HONOR OF THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLEN ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the 85th anniversary of the Glen Rock Public Library in Bergen County, New Jersey. On June 9, 1922, the library first opened its doors in a small store on the town's main street. It is now a cornerstone of the community where people come to read and learn, meet and discuss. It is where so much of the town business is conducted.

This year also marks the 25th anniversary of the Friends of the Library, a group of committed volunteers who have helped to make the library one of the Borough's most valuable assets. With their help and the help of a volunteer Board of Trustees, Glen Rock has reached the distinction of having one of the highest circulation figures of the more than 70 libraries in the Bergen County Cooperative Library System. In fact, 85 percent of the Borough's 11,546 residents have library cards.

The Glen Rock Public Library is not just a place where people come to check out books; it is where people come to build their community. It is an important part of what makes Glen Rock such an outstanding place to live, work, and raise a family. I commend the staff and volunteers who toil endlessly, yet lovingly for their tremendous efforts on behalf of the people of the Borough of Glen Rock.

TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE REVISION AND EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2761) to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes;

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 2761, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) Revision and Extension, as Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security. This bill necessarily reauthorizes TRIA for 15 years—through 2022. At its essence, TRIA provides a Federal backstop to the insurance industry by providing compensation for a portion of insured losses resulting from acts certified by the Federal government as acts of terrorism. Importantly, TRIA has no cost to the taxpayer unless there is a terrorist attack. This program is not an ongoing subsidy to the insurance industry but, instead, an incident-based program that will help to ensure the continuity of our livelihoods and commerce in the wake of a terrorist incident in the United States.

Mr. Chairman, history has shown that Al Qaeda and other extremist organizations will explicitly direct acts of terror against American citizens and property in an effort to inflict economic harm upon this country. The Congressional Research Service estimated that insured losses from the attacks on the World Trade Center total around \$32 billion. This bill helps build resiliency in our country to respond to the known objectives of our adversaries.

As the Committee with oversight of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), our Committee works diligently to ensure that DHS

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