

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING COLLIN DOUGLAS
EDWARDS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Collin Douglas Edwards of Kansas City, Missouri. Collin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Collin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Collin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Collin Douglas Edwards for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE
PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION
ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 2, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009. I want to thank Representative PALLONE for introducing the bill, and Chairmen RANGEL, MILLER, and WAXMAN for moving it quickly to the floor.

Investing in children's health care is an investment in our future, which will help strengthen our next generation and save health care costs in the long run. With this legislation, we are saying that the phrase "children are our most precious resource," is no longer just a cliché. We are putting our money where our mouths are. And we are doing it in a fiscally responsible way.

While we all want to balance budgets and control spending, skimping on children's health care simply makes no sense. That's why this small increase in the tobacco tax, about 62 cents a pack, is a smart thing to do. It will deter non-smokers from trying smoking, and it will ensure that we are not adding to our budget deficit.

The CHIP Reauthorization Act preserves the coverage for all 7.1 million children currently covered by CHIP and provides coverage for an additional 4.1 million uninsured children who are currently eligible for, but not enrolled in, CHIP and Medicaid.

Far too often, constituents contact me seeking help with their medical expenses because they have no health insurance. And the lack of health insurance is not for lack of trying. Sadly, even millions who have jobs in this troubled economy lack health insurance. This bill will help those families who should never have had to decide between putting food on the table and taking a sick child to the doctor.

While this bill will not ensure coverage for every single child in the nation, it is a great first start. This bill gives states the option of covering legal immigrant children during their first five years in the United States. Without this provision, parents of children with conditions from diabetes to scleroderma to scoliosis would have to continue to wait up to five years from the time they discovered the condition until they can afford treatment for their child.

Now, states like California can choose to prevent such heartbreaking situations. And I hope they do.

I am committed to working toward quality, affordable, and universal coverage for all in America. While that might seem an unattainable goal to some, the CHIP Reauthorization Act gives me hope that we are on our way.

As an expectant mother who is fortunate enough to have good healthcare coverage, I owe it to my constituents and to all in America to provide them with the same ability to care for themselves and their families. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this important bill.

A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR JIM
KLONOSKI

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, James Richard Klonoski died on January 30, 2009, at the age of 83. It is impossible to summarize his life in a few words, but I offer this tribute.

Jim was a man of sound convictions who valued and respected opposing views. He was keenly interested and engaged in politics. He was a teacher who invited his students to explore the world and challenged them to think. He understood that good teaching is full of ideas and committed himself to 40 years of excellence at the University of Oregon. He was a generous mentor and a leader who helped shape Oregon politics and politicians.

Jim Klonoski believed in the future. A host of public officials in Oregon will tell you they were inspired by Professor Klonoski to hope for and to work like hell for change. His son, Jake, noted the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama was a joyous family celebration of his father's unshakable faith in a better future.

Jim Klonoski's family was the center of his universe. His life was infused with love and admiration for his wife and children. His students were frequently amused and sometimes

amazed by stories about the children. He was equally devoted to his wife of 30 years, Ann Aiken, and Judge Aiken was a frequent guest in his political science classes.

No tribute to Jim is complete without mention of baseball. He was a fan and a fanatic. Legions of local baseball families remember Jim as a fixture at his sons' games, and area umpires no doubt recall the many tips he offered them in hopes of improving their officiating skills.

There is a Japanese proverb that says "Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher." All of us privileged to have had our day with Jim Klonoski are grieving his unexpected death.

HONORING JOALINE OLSON OF
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam, Speaker, I rise today to recognize JoAline Olson, who is leaving after 12 years of invaluable service as the distinguished CEO of St. Helena Hospital. Mrs. Olson is to be commended for her incredible achievements and outstanding contributions to the well-being of the Napa Valley and beyond.

Mrs. Olson's career with St. Helena Hospital began over 23 years ago. Under her leadership, the hospital has been recognized as one of the top 100 cardiovascular hospitals in the country. The hospital was also named St. Helena Chamber of Commerce 2008 Family Friendly Business of the Year, among numerous other awards. Mrs. Olson personally was given the 2002 Adventist Community Life Award and named North Bay Businesswoman of the Year in 2001.

Mrs. Olson is known in the community for her commitment to quality, whole person care and the patient experience. She is responsible for starting Napa Valley Hospice, the first hospice program in Napa County for terminally ill patients. She also brought hospitals in St. Helena and Clearlake together under one governing board, improving coordination and quality of care for patients at both hospitals. She has been instrumental in raising \$28 million to build a new regional cancer center that will offer communities access to state of the art cancer treatments.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we thank JoAline Olson for her years of dedication and service on behalf of the residents of Napa and Lake counties. She has been a role model for anyone who strives to give back to his or her community. I join her husband David and their two daughters, Amanda and Monica, in thanking JoAline and wishing her the best of luck in her new position.

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