

HONORING RICHARD M. SCHECK,
MAYOR OF NORTH RIVERSIDE,
ILLINOIS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Richard M. Scheck of North Riverside, Illinois. Richard Scheck will be retiring in April after having given 20 years of dedicated public service as the mayor of North Riverside.

Richard Scheck was first elected to his post as mayor in 1989. He has garnered statewide recognition for his excellent record of financial management and achievement, effective communication with residents and businesses, and earnest work for the health and well-being of the North Riverside community. I have been honored to work with Mayor Scheck on numerous issues to help our constituents. Richard Scheck has been a true public servant, selflessly giving his time and energy to his community while also running a successful engineering company. Through his 20 years as mayor, he has made North Riverside an even better place to live.

Richard Scheck has also been very successful in his philanthropic work to raise money to fight breast cancer. Through the "Betty Scheck Walk for Cancer," the "Betty Scheck Shuffle," and other fundraisers, he has helped raise over \$1.2 million for the American Cancer Society. And in 2007, Seguin Services—which helps children and adults with disabilities—awarded Richard Scheck the President's Award for "his support as a community leader, a donor, an employer, a connector and as an inspiration to others."

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the many achievements of Mayor Richard M. Scheck. It is my honor to acknowledge him for his outstanding leadership and commitment to public service in the Village of North Riverside and the Third Congressional District of Illinois.

HELP BORDER HEALTHCARE

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 1386, the Pay for All Your Undocumented Procedures (PAY UP!) Act of 2009. This bill will provide payments for emergency services provided to undocumented aliens.

The costs of uncompensated emergency care for undocumented immigrants are sky high and border area hospitals, physicians, and ambulance providers are choking on the costs that they have to eat. My bill, the Pay for All Your Undocumented Procedures (PAY UP!) Act of 2009, is the first step to solving this problem which is well known in border communities.

Undocumented aliens receive emergency services in a hospital and yet that hospital is not reimbursed for these services. My bill will ensure that the healthcare providers are reimbursed for the emergency services they provide.

My bill makes permanent a provision of the Medicare Modernization Act that provided payments to eligible providers for procedures for undocumented aliens. The bill authorizes \$250 million a year to reimburse eligible providers for this care. Two-thirds of the funds are divided among the 50 states and the District of Columbia based on their relative percentages of undocumented aliens, the last third is divided among the 6 states with the largest number of undocumented aliens.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE
10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AP-
PALACHIAN LEADERSHIP ACADE-
MY**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

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Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the Appalachian Leadership Academy was formed in 1998 out of a partnership between the Institute for Local Government Administration and Rural Development at Ohio University's Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs and the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development; and

Whereas, the Academy is designed to help prepare middle management employees for leadership roles within their agencies and communities; and

Whereas, the Academy has graduated 170 leaders into Ohio Appalachian communities; and

Whereas, the goal of the Academy is to enhance the knowledge of the participants not only in leadership but about the Appalachian Region as a whole in order to better prepare them to use their skills in the Appalachian communities of Ohio; therefore, be it

Resolved that along with the friends, alumni of the Academy, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the Appalachian Leadership Academy for their steadfast efforts to offer educational leadership opportunities, and congratulate them on their 10th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

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Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on rollcall numbers 110 through 112. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each.

**IN HONOR OF TONY AND FERMIN
CAMPOS; 2009 NISEI FARMERS
LEAGUE AGRICULTURALISTS OF
THE YEAR AWARD**

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to two brothers whose lives

and pursuits have exemplified the spirit of raw determination, fortitude, entrepreneurship and virtues of citizenship demonstrated by so many of those immigrating to this great country of ours. On Thursday, March 12th 2009, Campos Brothers Farms will receive the Nisei Farmers League's 2009 Agriculturalist of the Year Award, an award given to an outstanding member of the Nisei Farmers League who has shown exceptional leadership skills, devotion, and who truly makes a valuable contribution to agriculture. Many things contribute to California's bountiful crops and the economic well-being of the state, but one significant underlying factor in California's agricultural success has been the presence of men such as Fermin and Tony Campos.

Fermin and Antonio Campos were born in Olondriz, Spain in the Province of Navarra, where they were two of nine children. Tony came to the United States in 1952 at the age of 17 as a sheepherder with Fermin arriving three years later. After five years of hard work they were proud to become U.S. Citizens beginning their American Dream. In 1957, the brothers formed their partnership known as Campos Brothers Farms. Over the years they have been active in many capacities and industries. Early they worked with sheep, later raising crops such as alfalfa, cotton, black-eye beans, raisins and grapes before beginning their endeavors with almonds. The brothers were also proud to be associated with the start of the Caruthers Raisin Packing Company where Tony served as President for five years. Both brothers were actively involved in the raisin industry serving on the Raisin Administrative Committee as well as the Raisin Bargaining Association.

In 1980, the Campos Brothers built their first almond huller. Along with their wives and children they watched the company blossom under their mutual hard labor becoming one of the most respected producers, processors, and sellers of quality almonds in the world today. Tony and Fermin have been active on the California Almond Board and its various committees. Both Tony and Fermin have been active supporters of their local FFA organization, Fresno State Agricultural Program and the California Agricultural Leadership Program. They are proud members of the Nisei Farmers League continually advocating for California Agricultural interests.

We recently lost Fermin. His passing has left a large hole in not only the family and the family business, but in agriculture in general. Agriculture indeed misses Fermin's contributions and passion. Tony continues to carry on the family tradition of pride, passion, excellence and advocacy. So I believe it very fitting today to rise before you my colleagues, to honor Fermin and Tony Campos, Nisei Farmers League's 2009 "Agriculturalists of the Year."

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