

lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America understands that helping youth puts our nation on a path toward a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. Scouting helps young people develop self-confidence, as well as prepare them with academic, ethical, leadership, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

The Boy Scouts of America builds upon strong traditional family values to complement the education of our young men through its mission of mentoring, lifelong learning, faith traditions, serving others, healthy living, and building character.

While various activities and youth groups teach basic skills and promote teamwork, Scouting goes beyond that and encourages youth to achieve a deeper appreciation for service to others in their communities. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Scouting promotes activities that lead to personal responsibility and high self-esteem. As a result, when hard decisions must be made, peer pressure can be resisted and the right choices can be made.

Madam Speaker, from the beginning of the Boy Scout program to the eventual completion and rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America has long trained young men in the necessary skills that will enable them to be the future leaders of the United States. I applaud the efforts and the accomplishments of all of our nation's Boy Scouts, and specifically those of the 11th District of Georgia, which is my privilege to represent in Congress. I urge all of my colleagues to continue to support this honorable organization and the excellent young men that it continues to produce.

MEDICARE TRANSITION CARE ACT
OF 2009

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Medicare Transition Care Act of 2009.

When people leave the hospital after an operation or illness, they are often overwhelmed by a complicated and risky road to recovery. Patients frequently report difficulty remembering clinical instructions, confusion over medications, and, in cases where multiple providers are involved, often get conflicting instructions from different providers. Providing a transitional care benefit within Medicare will help coordinate care, develop a care plan for patients and their caregivers, identify potential health risks, and prevent unnecessary hospitalizations.

This bipartisan legislation gets to the heart of improving quality while reducing costs. A study published in April 2009 in the *New England Journal of Medicine* found that almost one-third of Medicare beneficiaries studied who were discharged from a hospital were re-hospitalized within 90 days. Additionally, one-half of the individuals re-hospitalized had not visited a physician since their discharge, indicating a lack of follow-up care. The study estimated that Medicare spent \$17.4 billion in 2004 on unplanned re-hospitalizations.

The Medicare Transition Care Act will directly address continuity of care problems by

increasing support to patients as they move from the hospital to their new care setting and ensuring that appropriate follow-up care is provided during this vulnerable period. The benefit would be phased-in, initially targeting just the most at-risk individuals by providing evidence-based transitional care services tailored to their specific needs.

I am proud to partner with Congressman BOUSTANY, a cardiothoracic surgeon, on this commonsense legislation that will improve the quality and efficiency of our health care system.

HONORING THE INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD'S 1313TH ENGINEER COMPANY WHO WILL SOON BE DEPLOYING TO IRAQ

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to pay honor to the Indiana National Guard's 1313th Engineer Company, who will be deploying to Iraq in July and spending the next year there. These brave citizen soldiers, based out of Camp Atterbury in Edinburg, IN, will be conducting a wide range of engineering missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; including searching for improvised explosive devices, building roads and bridges, and, in general, improving lives to both our service personnel in Iraq and Iraqi civilians.

I am confident that their skilled work and dedication to duty will save lives, improve conditions in Iraq, and ultimately work toward the completion of our country's mission in Iraq.

I would also like to honor the families of these Guardsmen, who without their love and support, would make this already difficult task that much more challenging. They too share in the hardships of military service, and they too deserve our utmost thanks and respect.

These brave Hoosier Guardsmen and their families will be in my thoughts and prayers.

CONGRATULATING RAMSEY POLICE DEPARTMENT D.A.R.E. PROGRAM STUDENTS

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, the Ramsey Police Department will hold its D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony with the students from the John Y. Dater and St. Paul Interparochial Schools. The young people participating in this important program have made a commitment to say no to drugs, underage drinking, and gang violence. They have done this with the support of Chief of Police Bryan Gurney and the brave men and women of the Ramsey Police Department.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or D.A.R.E., began as a small program in Los Angeles in 1983. Today, it is implemented in more than 75 percent of our nation's school districts and in more than 43 other nations. This program allows children to defeat the

negative cultural influences that they are challenged with daily by opening the lines of communication between law enforcement and youth and empowering them with confidence and courage to say no to drugs.

I am proud of the young boys and girls who participated in this program in Ramsey, and I would like to recognize them all for taking this step toward positive citizenship:

Mark Andersen, Michael Babikian, Samuel Berman, Brianna Bussiere, Olivia Carriero, Michael Cassella, Francesca De Palo, Matthew De Pinto, Sonny Del Valle, Ross Farcas, Fiona Flood, Melanie Greenberg, Dwight Han, Sarah Hattar, Lindsay Hoffman, Morgan Kleinberg, Julie McNamara, Justin Millet, Brandon O'Callahan, Courtney Schreiber, Ryan Scialla, Nikita Serafin, Ashley Sicard, Jacob Simpson, Zachary Becher, Jessica Bell, Jacob Berkofsky, Kaley Bogden, Michael Brunton, Elizabeth Burch, Michael Careccia, Connor Chamberlin, Kara Checke, Emily Derleth, Marc Doran, Shannon Fine, Joseph Frohlich, Christina Goudelias, Joseph Guthrie, Patrick Journick, Brian Lander, Elaine Les, Enmanuel Lugo Abreu, Brandon Mazzola, Rebecca Moya, Allison Murphy, Stephen Pirro, Kelly Richter, Alaina Sebes, Lucas Alvarez, Rosemary Arpino, Christopher Di Palma, Katherine Donnelly, Daniel Donovan, Ryan Faulkner, Thomas Feehan, Daniel Giallombardo, Meredith Halik, Haruna Ishii, Kevin Johns, Melissa Lara, Devan Larson, Maria Martino, Jesse Mitchell, Megan Murphy, Mariana Perez, Eric Pflugfelder, Stephen Porter, Christine Song, Austin Triglia, Kayla Vanderbilt, Siera Vari, Alexandra Aloi, Robert Beers, Joshua Bialkin, Emma Bogaenko, Megan Bosso, Gregory Botz, Carlie Capela, Joseph Carroll, Nicole De Franco, Matthew Donnelly, Bridget Gregory, JohnEric Hornyak, Ashley Houser, Kenneth Kasprzak, Kevin Latz, Kellen McDonald, Peter McNally, Kazuki Miyamoto, Amanda Nedelkoff, Bridget Quinn, Victoria Stitz, Samantha Stollman, Caitlin Sweeney, Evan Szucs, John Alicandri, Jenna Bahnsen, Olivia Cseh, Matthew Desimone, Conor Dobson, Olivia Gilligan, Mackenzie Juhlin, Elise Kelly, Sean Kopczyński, Kelsey Larkin, Erin Latz, Katherine Lenahan, Garrett Mast, Kathryn Miller, Jennifer Monteith, Patrick O'Keefe, Jeffrey Padovano, Jacqueline Pesco, Sean Riordan, Jared Schwarz, Alexander Sebastiano, Haydn Van Dyk, Lauren Venturini, Kaitlyn Zwerling, Sarah Ahearn, Kayla Azouri, Danny Balbuena, Tye Baruffaldi, Nicole Borbone, Samuel Brickman, Gabrielle Daniels, Kristen Foelsch, Anne Glerum, Jake Gursaly, Josue Herrera, Siranush Hovhannisyán, Kathryn Iannuzzi, Kazel Kapadia, Brendan Mahon, Peter Mariani, Robert McOwen, Victoria Medlicott, David Mende, Harrison Mobbs, Jessica Pevny, Elena Polin, Henry Ruitenber, Ryan Shevlin, Christopher Spittler, Kimberly Tuntigian, Brita Andersen, Taylor Corbett, Julia D'Antonio, Matthew Davidson, Sean Donnelly, Sean Donohue, Timothy Finnegan, Lillian Hong, Samantha Hotz, Harrison Illes, Brendan Jahnke, Khadija Khan, Lily Kramer, Brian Kurnetz, Lacey Laggan, Thomas Lanning, James Messina, John Milligan, James O'Keefe, James Pupalakakis, Alyssa Rose, Breanna Russell, Elisa Silecchia, Kara Sutcliffe, Anna Wanner, Jack August, Brooke Bernier, Carlo Alberto Bolognini, Kelly Carolan, Jake Cataldo, Christina Cowie, Deanna De Luca, Brooke Dommenege, Matthew Eng, Jacob Englishman, Zachary