

elected Mayor of Milford—a post which he held for six years. Today, Alan is retiring after serving seven terms as the Town City Clerk—an elected office for which it is said he now runs unopposed out of sheer respect and the knowledge that no one else can truly compete. His years of service to the City of Milford have earned him the respect, admiration, and esteem of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

Alan's commitment to civic service extends far beyond his professional contributions. He has volunteered countless hours to innumerable service organizations. Alan is the former president of the Milford Rotary, has served as a United Way campaign worker as well as on the board of directors of the local Red Cross, and is a former First President of Milford Progress, Inc. Alan was also very involved with the local Boy Scouts where he served as a Volunteer Merit Badge Counselor and instituted Boy Scout Civic Day and Girl Scout Civic Day to promote civic pride and government studies. Alan can also be found giving his words of wisdom as "Uncle Sam" at the annual "Let Freedom Ring" bell ceremony on July 4th and volunteer reading at Milford public schools. And the list goes on. Alan Jepson is a reflection of all that we hope and expect community leaders to be. The City of Milford would not be the same without him so it was a fitting tribute when he was officially named and honored as a "living treasure." Alan's retirement marks the end of an era for the Milford community.

I am so proud to call Alan my friend. He and his late wife, Betty—a remarkable woman herself, welcomed me to their community with open arms and I will forever be grateful for their many years of special friendship and support. It is my privilege to stand today and extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Alan H. Jepson and to wish him, his five daughters; Linda, Susan, Margo, Nancy, and Paula, as well as his eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise the passage of S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of people with HIV/AIDS who rely on the Ryan White Program, I would like to express my appreciation to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and to the Members of the U.S. House for having voted in favor of extending this important program for four more years. The Ryan White Program is the largest federally funded program for people living with HIV/AIDS. It funds programs to improve availability of care for low-income, uninsured and underinsured people with HIV/AIDS, and it provides funding and technical assistance to local and state primary medical care providers, support services, healthcare providers, and training programs.

HIV/AIDS is one of the fastest expanding epidemics in the United States, affecting more than 1 million people in the country. Over 530,000 low-income people with HIV/AIDS depend on the services provided through the Ryan White program. In my home of New York City, as of June 30, 2008, 104,234 people have been diagnosed and reported to be living with HIV/AIDS, including 63,899 living with AIDS. There are approximately 32,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in New York City that use Ryan White Part A services for medical treatment, support services, and other care that they would not otherwise be able to afford. People with the disease and care providers will benefit greatly from the extension of this program. There is a growing demand for these services because of the increase in infected people; I am pleased that this bill includes an increase in the authorization level for the program by 5 percent every year for the next four years.

The bill passed with strong support from both parties, in a 408 to 9 vote, and it will now go to the President's desk for signing into law. This is a great accomplishment.

Again, I am pleased that this great body understands the importance of this program and will fund it for another four years, but let us please keep in mind that more still needs to be done to end this pandemic.

**A TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY CHIEF
DAVID P. BARRERE**

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Deputy Chief David P. Barrere.

David Barrere began his career in law enforcement as a Patrol Duty Officer at the 63rd Precinct in Brooklyn, New York on April 25, 1990. He then was assigned to the 32nd Precinct in Harlem as a Patrol Supervisor in 1994, and subsequently as a Sergeant and a Lieutenant at the 75th Precinct for three additional years.

David Barrere was promoted to Captain in 1999, and served as Captain and Executive Officer of the 67th Precinct before his promotion to Commanding Officer of the 76th Precinct in Red Hook, Brooklyn. He continued his remarkable progression through the ranks of the New York Police Department in 2002 when he was assigned as Commanding Officer of the 114th Precinct in Astoria, Queens, where he was later promoted to Deputy Inspector and then to Inspector. In September 2005, he returned to Brooklyn to command the 75th Precinct.

Today, he serves as the Commanding Officer of the Central Robbery Section, where he was again promoted to Deputy Chief. Chief Barrere is currently writing his thesis in Criminal Justice while studying at Long Island University. He also graduated from the Police Management Institute at Columbia University.

Chief Barrere and his wife Patricia of 15 years are the proud parents of three children: Kristina, Jennifer, and David.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Deputy Chief David P. Barrere for his extraordinary record of service

to New York's 10th Congressional District and to New York City at large.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, on October 13, 2009, due to flight delays, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 772, 773, and 774. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 772—"yea"; rollcall No. 773—"yea"; and rollcall No. 774—"yea."

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act.

There are nearly 40,000 new HIV/AIDS infections reported each year, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approximately 1.1 million Americans are currently living with the disease. While contracting the HIV virus used to be considered a death sentence in our society, significant medical advances over the past 20 years have turned it into a very treatable condition. Today, many individuals with HIV are living long, happy and productive lives, but there are also many among us who don't have the means to access life-sustaining treatments and social supports.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program was originally enacted in 1990 to provide HIV-related health services to those without sufficient health coverage or financial resources to cope with the disease. Last year, Rhode Island received approximately \$7.2 million in funding and supplied 2,800 people with access to primary medical care and case management services, including \$4.3 million in vital medications.

The bill before us today will authorize the continuation of this very successful program through FY 2013—including emergency relief, comprehensive care and early intervention programs. It will give our local, state and community partners the resources necessary to continue providing compassionate care for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. I strongly support this bill and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of its passage.

**OCTOBER: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, the month of October is recognized around this country as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and