

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MICHAEL P. SOKOLOWSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Michael P. Sokolowski as he is named the recipient of the 2010 Cleveland Society of Poles "Good Joe" Polish Heritage Award.

Mr. Sokolowski was born the youngest of three children in Cleveland to parents Bernard and Marion Sokolowski. He graduated from Cleveland Central Catholic High School in 1979. In 1983, he graduated from Otterbein College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. After college, Mr. Sokolowski joined his sister Marylou and brother Bernie in running the family business—Sokolowski's University Inn. Mr. Sokolowski and his siblings are the third generation at the Inn, which was established in 1923. The Inn is a Cleveland landmark and has been featured several times on local TV, radio and the Food Network.

In addition to running the family business, Mr. Sokolowski is active in the community. He is a 20-year member of the Cleveland Society of Poles where he has volunteered as trustee, vice-president and president. He is a life-long parishioner at St. John Cantius Church where he sings and plays percussion in the choir. He also continues to support his alma mater, Cleveland Central Catholic. In 2004, he was awarded the Cleveland Central Catholic Alumni of the Year Award and for the past ten years he has served as coach for their football and baseball teams. Above all, Mr. Sokolowski is a dedicated husband, father and grandfather.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Michael P. Sokolowski, whose service to community and whose dedication to his Polish heritage continues to make a difference throughout our community.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT SEAN
DURKIN, U.S. ARMY

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

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Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, there are many heroes from Colorado who have fought, and continue to fight, in the Global War on Terror. Today, I rise to pay tribute to one hero in particular: Army Sergeant Sean Durkin of Aurora, Colorado.

On March 27, 2010, Sergeant Sean Durkin and his fellow soldiers were on a mission near Forward Operating Base Wilson in Afghanistan, when their convoy was struck by an explosive device. Sergeant Sean Durkin and two other brave soldiers exited the vehicle to respond to the blast, but were all injured when a second improvised explosive device went off. Sergeant Sean Durkin was gravely wounded and ultimately succumbed to his injuries while recuperating at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

In 2004, Sergeant Sean Durkin graduated from Eaglecrest High School in Centennial,

Colorado and later attended Denver Auto Diesel College before enlisting in the United States Army in 2006. He is remembered as a fine young man who had always dreamed of becoming a soldier, and was also passionate about working on automobiles.

During his military service, Sergeant Sean Durkin was the recipient of numerous awards and qualifications, including the Expert Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Driver Mechanic Badge. Attached to the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division, he was also a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant Sean Durkin is a shining example of Army service and sacrifice. As a former member of the Army and retired Marine, my deepest sympathies go out to his family and to all who knew him.

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL
DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK AT INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE, CENTERS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH ON 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I, along with my colleagues Representative JOHN SULLIVAN, Representative MARY BONO MACK, and Representative CAROL SHEA-PORTER, rise today to congratulate the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network at Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Centers of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) on their tenth anniversary. Ten years ago, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), one of the 27 Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) embarked upon a bold initiative by creating the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN) to accelerate the process of transforming research findings into proven treatments for use in community practice settings. The CTN focuses directly on studies that can demonstrate the effectiveness of treatments for people whose lives are affected by drug abuse in communities and neighborhoods nationwide.

The CTN established an egalitarian, bidirectional relationship between the research scientists and the community treatment programs. The challenge, which was successfully addressed by NIDA's CTN, was to collaborate with community treatment programs to design and execute rigorous scientific studies that yield accurate and reliable information that can be transferred into the treatment practices of the drug treatment community. In 2010, there are over 240 such treatment sites, in 35 states and Puerto Rico, partnering with 16 distinguished academic research centers working together to produce important research findings.

By blending the skills of researchers and experts in treatment practice, the CTN, working with counterparts in NIDA, other Institutes of the NIH, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is working to accelerate the process that moves effective science-based treatment findings into our nation's drug treatment communities. The

leadership of NIDA and the CTN are committed to accelerating the pace by which scientific evidence changes treatment practice.

The first cooperative agreements to carry out treatment research studies were awarded in October 1999. In just 10 short but highly productive years, the CTN enrolled more than 11,400 drug abusing patients in 25 protocols and 18 sub-studies as well as 5 secondary analyses arising from the primary protocols. These protocols have produced significant findings about medications, behavioral interventions and other important aspects of drug treatment, including methods to keep patients in treatment longer and drug-free. Clinical trials on HIV in the vulnerable drug user population, including rapid testing for HIV infection are also high priorities of the CTN.

The outgrowth of this prolific research has been remarkable. Results have been included in the publication of 96 papers in peer reviewed journals and seven Blending Conferences at which a total of 5,500 treatment providers have learned about cutting edge research findings from the CTN and other research programs supported by NIDA. The CTN work has also led to the establishment of a dissemination library that is available at no charge to the public, containing important findings and resource documents of the CTN and which has been accessed more than 35,000 times in the past 3.5 years. Additionally, research data from 21 CTN studies has been publicly posted in an effort to expedite the transfer of research results into knowledge, products and procedures to improve the public health. Most importantly, the treatment providers of the CTN and their scientific partners have become an army of change agents in their states and regions to advocate for the adoption of treatment interventions based upon proven, scientific evidence.

Madam Speaker, we congratulate the National Institute on Drug Abuse and its Clinical Trials Network on its important accomplishments over the past 10 years. Their work has lessened the suffering of many, and as Co-chairs and Vice Co-chairs of the Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus, we look forward to continuing to work with NIDA and even greater achievements of the CTN the years to come.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF LECH
ALEKSANDER KACZYNSKI,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF POLAND, AND HIS WIFE,
MARIA KACZYNSKI, FIRST LADY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Lech Aleksander Kaczynski, President of the Republic of Poland, and his wife, Maria Kaczynski, First Lady of the Republic of Poland and a respected economist. President Kaczynski, his wife, and 95 others died suddenly and tragically in a plane crash while attempting to land at Smolensk-North airport in Russia on April 10, 2010.

President Kaczynski's legacy reflects his lifelong dedication to freedom for the people of