damage that this disease afflicts on the generation of the future: seventy percent of the deaths caused by malaria happen to children under the age of five, and one in every five childhood deaths in Africa is due to malaria.

Though the statistics are staggering, it is important to recognize the progress that we've made in treating the disease. We are farther along than ever in developing a successful vaccine to combat malaria and more and more people have access to anti-malarial drugs. And because of an increased focus on outreach, people are being educated about the importance of taking preventive steps like utilizing netting to prevent mosquito bites which spread the disease.

Yet with all of the progress, we must continue to press forward with attempts to develop new tools and technologies to combat the spread of malaria. With the work and dedication of many nongovernmental organizations, including PATH, a nongovernmental organization located in my district that is leading the way in developing global health technology, I am confident that we will have made even greater progress when we observe World Malaria Day next year.

CAREGIVERS AND VETERANS OMNIBUS HEALTH SERVICES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to express my support for the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act (S. 1963). This important piece of legislation is a tremendous step forward for our nation's bravest men and women, and the dedicated caregivers who support them.

This landmark legislation will strengthen health care services for our nation's veterans by expanding services for women veterans, providing resources to caregivers of wounded veterans, improving health care for veterans living in rural areas, providing greater access to mental health services, and expanding assistance to homeless veterans. Importantly, the legislation has received strong endorsements from numerous veterans groups, including the VFW, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, the Wounded Warrior Project, and Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Among its many critical provisions, I am particularly proud of the expansion of VA services offered to the 1.8 million women who have courageously served their country, including child care for women receiving intensive mental and physical health care services, and post-delivery health care for newborns. In addition, the expansion of mental health benefits, greater support for caregivers, and help for homeless vets will improve the lives of millions of brave men and women and their families.

This important legislation exemplifies the Democrat-led 111th Congress' unwavering commitment to our veterans and their families. Tremendous advances in battlefield medicine have increased the survival rate of wounded soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan and made it even more important that we constantly work to improve veterans' health care and its many support services.

As a nurse, I've seen first-hand the devastating consequences of inadequate health care for our nation's veterans. America has a sacred obligation to ensure these brave men and women receive the highest quality care and today that commitment extends to those dedicated individuals who care for our wounded warriors.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION (AOA)

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on April 19, 1897 a group of osteopathic medical students at the American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri founded what is today the American Osteopathic Association. Today I along with Dr. BROUN, Dr. BURGESS, Dr. CASSIDY, Dr. FLEMING, Dr. GINGREY, Dr. KAGEN, Dr. PAUL, and Dr. ROE, rise to honor the anniversary of the American Osteopathic Association and recognize the more than 67,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) for their contributions to the American healthcare system.

Over the past 113 years, osteopathic physicians have provided high quality care to millions of patients and contributed to the advancement of medical science. The osteopathic profession's commitment to primary care and caring for underserved communities are commendable and are essential to the success of our health care system.

Over the past 20 years the profession has experienced tremendous growth. Today, one out of every five medical schools students are enrolled in a college of osteopathic medicine and total enrollment in the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine exceeds 16,000 students. The profession is well positioned to play an important role in alleviating the physician workforce shortage over the next decade.

Osteopathic physicians practice in every specialty and subspecialty of medicine. They practice in the most elite academic institutions and successful group practices. However, a majority of osteopathic physicians continue the profession's long-standing tradition by focusing their careers on primary care specialties, general surgery, emergency medicine, and obstetrics.

These dedicated professionals provide an invaluable service to our nation, and we applaud their history and their ongoing efforts to improve the health of our nation.

HONORING MARGARET ''MIDGE'' COSTANZA

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Margaret ''Midge'' Costanza, a personal friend of mine, a mentor to women in politics across our country, and a naturally charismatic and colorful American treasure. Midge was outspoken and altruistic, passionate, witty and direct. You always knew where you stood with Midge and, whether you agreed with her or not, you valued her perspective and enjoyed being around her.

During her more than fifty years of public service and civic activism, Midge did more than break down barriers. She established new patterns. History records her accomplishments as a series of firsts. She was the first woman elected to the Rochester City Council. She was the first woman with an office in the West Wing of the White House. She was one of the first women in politics to grace the cover of Newsweek. But being first wasn't what defined Midge; it was what she did once there that marked her legacy.

When President Carter gave her an office in the West Wing, Midge used it to be a ''window to the nation.'' She brought constituencies into the White House that had never been there before. She met with gay and lesbian leaders, the poor, and the disabled. She was particularly active in fighting for women's equality, advocating for issues including the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and the protection of women's reproductive rights.

Midge championed women in politics, supporting female candidates at all levels and working to appoint more women to high office. When she worked in the White House, there were only eighteen women in the House of Representatives and two in the Senate. Today, seventy-six women serve in the House and seventeen serve in the Senate. As a prime example of her dry wit Midge once remarked on this subject, ''When we start electing and appointing mediocre women—then, and only then, we will achieve total equality with men.''

I attended some of the numerous trainings Midge conducted for women candidates of both parties. She coached us in the art of public speaking. She was a wonderful teacher who helped women develop confidence in their abilities. But she was more than a public speaker; she was a storyteller. She could captivate an audience with a story of her time in the Carter Administration, boasting that Mikhail Baryshnikov flirtatiously asked her to dance at a White House event, or she would show a photo of herself playfully sparring with Muhammad Ali.

Midge's gift for speaking was her ability to move her listeners. She could make an audience feel as strongly as she did about an issue, and charm them with the force of her convictions and the forcefulness of her words. And she could instantly move an audience from heartfelt passion to unbridled laughter.

I learned a great deal from Midge, and I was proud to have her as my guest at President Obama's inauguration. Part of her legacy is the fact that today, it is not just women working in the West Wing who make the cover of Newsweek, but women running for President who do as well.

Midge was fond of hearing people say to her, ''You've come a long way, baby.'' She would coyly reply, ''Gosh, have I come a long way. And I love being called baby.'' Because of Midge, our political system has come a long way, as well. Many of us in office today owe a debt of gratitude to Midge Costanza, our mentor and friend, because she was willing to go first.