

Mr. Speaker, now more than ever the nation is in need of teachers who inspire young people to become active participants in our democracy and dedicate significant portions of their lives to public service. Fred Freres has done just that over his thirty nine years in the classroom. Proof of this can be found right here on Capitol Hill, where numerous "Brother's Boys" have worked over the years after having been encouraged by Fred Freres.

I wish Fred and Cathy nothing but the best for their future and hope that they get to spend more time with one another and their three daughters, Catie, Julie and Annie as well as their two grandchildren—Hailey and Clara. And if he gets really lucky Mr. Speaker, he might even live long enough to see his beloved Chicago Cubs win the World Series.

Thank you Fred Freres for the dedication to your vocation, service to your community and inspiration you have provided to your students over the course of your career.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PATIENT SAFETY

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to promote increased awareness about patient safety and a higher quality of health care in our country. According to the 1999 Institute of Medicine report, more than 98,000 patients die annually from medical errors that occur in the hospital. The HealthGrades analysis of patient safety published in 2009 stated that almost 100,000 preventable deaths occurred annually in Medicare patients from 2005 to 2007. Based on these findings, patient safety has not improved in almost a decade.

All of us have either been patients or know someone who has been a patient, and we expect our loved ones to receive excellent patient care. Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with a nurse from Vancouver, Washington, who shared the touching story regarding the death of her father. Kristi Victoria Goodwin told me about her father Kenneth Edgar Anderson, who died from multiple preventable medical errors.

Mr. Anderson, a 55 year old, went to his doctor after experiencing chest pains while riding his bicycle. The doctor ordered cardiac testing, but, unfortunately, Mr. Anderson was never notified that his cardiac tests were abnormal. Based on his cardiac tests, Mr. Anderson should have received a cardiology consult, further cardiac testing, and based on his autopsy results, he would have been a candidate for open heart surgery. Instead, almost three months after his cardiac workup was completed, Mr. Anderson died from sudden cardiac death while riding his bicycle.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Kristi for coming to D.C. to share this personal story to illustrate the importance of the issue of patient safety. I also ask that you join me in promoting patient safety and improving the quality of health care in this country.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL PHILIP M. RUHLMAN

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Brigadier General Philip M. Ruhlman for 31 years of service and dedication to the United States Air Force. He currently serves as the Director of Manpower, Organization and Resources in Washington, D.C., and will retire from active duty on May 1, 2011. He will be missed by many.

Brigadier General Ruhlman graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1980, and earned his wings the following year. He received his first assignment as a jump-qualified battalion air liaison officer and forward air controller, flying the O-2A Skymaster. He transitioned to the F-16 Fighting Falcon, and has since flown every version assigned to the Air Force. In 1987, he earned a master's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He has also served as a National Defense Fellow and Air Force Fellow for the National Defense University, and as a Senior Executive Fellow for the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

A command pilot with more than 3,200 flight hours, Brigadier General Ruhlman has led a fighter squadron, fighter operations group, and two wings—including the largest operational F-16 fighter wing in the Air Force. He flew 43 F-16 combat missions over Iraq and Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm, and served as a wing weapons officer, instructor pilot, and Chief of Standardization and Evaluation. His staff assignments include joint element, major command, direct reporting unit, Air Staff and NATO levels serving at home and abroad.

Throughout his career, Brigadier General Ruhlman's exemplary service earned him numerous awards and military decorations. During his command of the 36th Wing on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, he was instrumental in resolving road access issues for landlocked properties contiguous to the base. His efforts to find solutions to these issues demonstrated his commitment to building and maintaining a positive relationship between the civilian and military communities. In addition, I wish to recognize Brigadier General Ruhlman's efforts in implementing the Joint Region Marianas—a collaboration between the Air Force and the U.S. Navy that provides installation support for all components of the Department of the Defense on Guam and in the Northern Mariana Islands. Brigadier General Ruhlman was always a staunch advocate for Guam and understood the need for greater collaboration with the local government to make the military build-up a success. His efforts were successful, in great part, because of the leadership and guidance that he received from leaders in the Air Force like retired General Howie Chandler.

Mr. Speaker, Brigadier General Ruhlman distinguished himself as an exceptional leader during his career with the U.S. Air Force. His commitment and dedication will be remembered for many years to come. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me in wishing the very best to General Ruhlman, his wife Lina, and son, Alex on their future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH "MOTHER LIZ" ANN SAMUELS

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Civil rights activist, leader, and community advocate Elizabeth Ann Samuels. Elizabeth Samuels was known by those in the community of North Minneapolis as "Mother Liz" for her nurturing and strong demeanor and as a champion of human and civil rights.

A longtime resident of North Minneapolis, Mother Liz graduated from North High School and attended Augsburg College. Mother Liz served her neighborhood and the African American community in a number of key civic posts. For example, she spent many years as Director of the American Red Cross in North Minneapolis and also worked for the Coalition of Black Churches, the African American Leadership Summit, and the Willard Homewood Organization.

Mother Liz was deeply dedicated to her friends, family, and community and touched the lives of many people through her work, volunteering, and care-giving. I ask that we remember the spirit and passion for equality and peace that Mother Liz helped shape in the Minneapolis community.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATHLEEN COLLINS, PRESIDENT OF THE KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognizing the outstanding achievements and cultural legacy nurtured at the Kansas City Art Institute by retiring President, Kathleen Collins. She took over the duties as President in 1996 and through the years has built strong community partnerships that resulted in creative and innovative projects. Her efforts enhanced and modernized the quality and function of the Kansas City Art Institute into providing an education in creativity, professionalism and business practices.

The Kansas City Art Institute dates back to 1885 to a group of artists who referred to themselves as the Sketch Club. Walt Disney, Thomas Hart Benton, Robert Rauschenberg and Robert Morris have all been associated with the Institute. Two of Kansas City's most well known businessmen, J.C. Nichols and William T. Kemper, Jr., served on the Board of Trustees. Today, the Kansas City Art Institute is an integral part of the cultural growth of Kansas City and continues to sustain the support of the community.

Under Kathleen Collins' leadership, enrollment escalated and the Institute expanded, with over \$25 million in renovations and improvements on campus. The H&R Block Artspace, the Jannes Library and Learning Center, the Lawrence and Kristina Dodge Painting Building, the Café Nerman, and the