

Critical care medicine consumes a significant proportion of our health care expenditures, representing 13 percent of all hospital costs, with the total costs of critical care services in the U.S. exceeding \$80 billion annually.

Despite the significant role critical care medicine plays in providing high quality health care and its impact on health care costs, it is often not understood as a distinct specialty posing intense challenges in the health care system—from workforce shortages, poorly coordinated outcomes research and challenges in providing appropriate care at the end of a patient's life.

If we are to reduce costs and improve the quality of medical care, it is also important to consider and assess the unique demands of critical care medicine. That is why I have introduced the Critical Care Assessment and Improvement Act of 2011, which would ensure our critically ill and injured patients continue to receive the highest quality care by identifying gaps in the current critical care delivery model and bolstering capabilities to meet future demands.

I urge my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the dedicated professionals who care for the sickest patients and their families, and commemorate Critical Care Awareness and Recognition Month by cosponsoring the Critical Care Assessment and Improvement Act.

TRIBUTE TO CEDRIC ALLEN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cedric Allen, a leader in helping to support struggling families and an instrumental person in the battle against premature births, birth defects, and unhealthy pregnancies. Cedric lives in Allen, Texas, a suburb just north of Dallas, and serves as a security officer at the Trammell Crow Center in downtown Dallas.

During his high school years in Mansfield, Louisiana, Cedric had a brief interaction with the March of Dimes. Throughout the progression of his adulthood he saw many people that he knew personally have premature births. It was then that Cedric knew that he had to make a difference. He rose to become an advocate for the March of Dimes. Raising over \$250,000 for the March of Dimes foundation, Cedric has become the top individual fundraiser for the March of Dimes Dallas Division for the past 14 years. Cedric has also been ranked as the no. 4 walker in the state of Texas and ranks 12th in the nation.

Cedric understands the importance of research for pregnancies and infant health. Prematurity is the leading cause of death before one year of age. 1 out of 7 babies are born prematurely in Texas each year compared to 1 out of 8 babies throughout the U.S.

Premature birth can have lifelong consequences including cerebral palsy, hearing, vision and breathing problems.

Cedric continues to work towards advancing research and community programs belonging to the March of Dimes. Hundreds have benefited from Cedric's tireless efforts at fundraising and his many other contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in joining his friends and colleagues to salute an extraordinary leader, Cedric Allen.

IN MEMORY OF LAURA
KAVAZANJIAN

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing of an outstanding young woman in my congressional district whose life was cut short in a tragic car accident on May 28th. Laura Kavazanjian of East Setauket, New York, was only 27 years old but already she was committed to making a difference in the lives of others.

Laura had recently completed a master's degree in international education policy at the Harvard Graduate School of Education that focused on access to education for marginalized girls. She valued her own education and was passionate about creating opportunities for young women in the developing world to have the same access to learning.

After earning her undergraduate degree from Brown University, Laura worked as a program officer for the Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative in Mumbai, India designing and implementing a care and support program for more than 4,000 children living with HIV. She also conducted research in Malawi and worked for Save the Children and CARE for the Power to Lead Alliance, a program aimed at developing leadership among adolescent girls in six countries. Laura was on her way home from her five-year reunion at Brown with her fiancé, David Reidy, when the car accident occurred.

In addition to her academic prowess, Laura was also a leader on the athletic fields, and played field hockey at Ward Melville High School and at Brown. I had the pleasure of meeting her when she worked in my district office as an intern and later on my campaign for re-election to Congress in New York's first district.

Indeed, Laura was a young woman of great promise with the motivation and the ability to realize her laudable goals. She had accomplished much in her short life, and I am sure she would have realized many other achievements.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of New York's first congressional district, I express my heartfelt sorrow to Laura's family, fiancé and friends following this tragic loss. We will always remember Laura Kavazanjian with love and appreciation, and her memory will live on in our hearts.

CONGRATULATING DECA CON-
FERENCE CHAMPIONS FROM
LIMA SENIOR HIGH PERFORM-
ANCE BASED SCHOOL

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the outstanding

achievements of three high school students from my congressional district.

Earlier this month, Lima Senior High Performance Based School seniors Michael Fisher, Casey Reed, and John Willamowski won first place in the Financial Literacy category at the 2011 DECA International Career Development Conference. They joined more than 15,000 DECA students, advisors, and alumni at this four-day international competition—DECA's highest level of competition—in Orlando, Florida.

Their team project, Common Cents, was judged the best from among 160 entrants in that category. As part of their project, they partnered with Lima's Superior Federal Credit Union to teach financial literacy to area kindergarteners. They also coordinated financial education activities at their high school. Their project earned second place in statewide competition, qualifying the team for the international contest.

Michael, who serves as state DECA president, will attend the University of Mount Union in the fall to study sports medicine. Casey plans to continue his education at The Ohio State University, where he will major in business. John looks forward to studying political science and history at Ohio Northern University. I wish them every success in the future and commend them for their hard work—and salute the efforts of their advisor, Chrissy Frobose, who helped them prepare for the national competition.

Mr. Speaker, all of Ohio can take great pride in the performance of these three scholars, who are excellent role models for their peers. They are ideal examples of all that is right in our educational system today, and are to be commended for their outstanding achievement.

OPPOSING THE PATRIOT ACT

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I firmly believe the United States can secure our communities without sacrificing the rights and liberties that generations of Americans have fought so hard to protect. The PATRIOT Act fails this common sense test, which is why I have consistently opposed it and will vote against the extension of its provisions again today.

The reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act under consideration by the House today extends provisions that give the Federal Government sweeping authority to spy on United States citizens. One such provision allows the government to obtain "any tangible thing" in its anti-terrorism investigation—including library or bookstore records—regardless of its relevance to the case. Another provision allows Federal law enforcement to obtain wiretaps without being required to identify the person, building, or business being spied upon to a secret court. During the Bush Administration, the Justice Department used this authority to illegally wiretap American citizens. Evidence of past abuses demand that the Patriot Act be reformed with stricter oversight and better safeguards to ensure security does not come at the cost of our Constitutional freedoms. Regrettably, the legislation on the floor today does not fix these problem provisions.

The threat of terrorism is real and persistent. My first priority as a Member of Congress is to keep America safe. Be assured I will continue working with President Obama and my colleagues in Congress to ensure that all levels of law enforcement have the tools and flexibility they require.

IN RECOGNITION OF AND APPRECIATION FOR MICHIGAN'S COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to salute the dedication, hard work and tremendous service provided by Michigan's community action agencies throughout our state to its most needy citizens.

Community action agencies were created in 1964 through the Federal Economic Opportunity Act. In the past 47 years, community action agencies have promoted self-sufficiency and work to reduce the causes and effects of poverty. Annually, community action agencies serve more than 11.5 million low income, elderly and persons with disabilities. There are 1,100 community action agencies throughout the United States.

Michigan is home to thirty different community action agencies. One of these agencies, serving thousands annually in my congressional district, is the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency. As one of the oldest community action agencies in Michigan, OLHSA provides crucial services to the citizens and communities of southeast Michigan since the enabling legislation was passed 47 years ago. OLHSA provides educational and economic resources to increase client self-sufficiency while advocating on its clients' behalf to provide more opportunities and fewer barriers. Additionally, OLHSA works with communities to foster citizen participation to initiate programs and improve existing service based upon local community needs.

Michigan and indeed our entire nation must continue to fight poverty by providing support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance. Community action agencies are the nation's largest network of organizations whose sole purpose is to eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty. They have played a vital role in the lives of countless individuals and families of limited means in Michigan by providing innovative and cost-effective programming to improve their lives and their living conditions and ensuring that all citizens live with dignity and respect.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize our nation's community action agencies and the dedicated individuals who engage to see their important mission fulfilled. In particular, I wish to recognize Michigan's thirty agencies, and OLSHA, for their commitment to working for a better tomorrow for Michigan's most needy citizens.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, through the following statement, I am making my financial net worth as of March 31, 2011, a matter of public record. I have filed similar statements for each of the thirty-two preceding years I have served in the Congress.

ASSETS

Real Property	Value
Single family residence at 609 Ft. Williams Parkway, City of Alexandria, Virginia, at assessed valuation. (Assessed at \$1,350,288). Ratio of assessed to market value: 100% (Unencumbered)	\$1,350,288.00
Condominium at N76 W14726 North Point Drive, Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at assessor's estimated market value. (Unencumbered)	140,200.00
Undivided 25/44ths interest in single family residence at N52 W32654 Maple Lane, Village of Chenequa, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, at 25/44ths of assessor's estimated market value of \$1,535,400.	872,386.36
Total Real Property	\$2,362,874.36

2011 DISCLOSURE

Common & Preferred Stock	# of shares	\$ per share	Value
Abbott Laboratories, Inc.	12200	49.05	598,410.00
Alcatel-Lucent	135	5.81	784.35
Allstate Corporation ...	370	31.78	11,758.60
AT&T	6377.278845	30.61	195,208.51
JP Morgan Chase	4539	46.10	209,247.90
Benton County Mining Company	333	0.00	0.00
BP PLC	3604	44.14	159,080.56
Centerpoint Energy	300	17.56	5,268.00
Chenequa Country Club Realty Co.	1	0.00	0.00
Comcast	634	24.72	15,672.48
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	2160	49.13	106,120.80
Discover Financial Services	156	24.12	3,762.72
Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.	1250	80.24	100,300.00
E.I. DuPont de Nemours Corp.	1200	54.97	65,964.00
Eastman Chemical Co.	270	99.32	26,816.40
Eastman Kodak	1080	3.23	3,488.40
El Paso Corp.	150	18.00	2,700.00
Exxon Mobil Corp.	9728	84.13	818,416.64
Frontier Comm.	424.058978	8.22	3,485.76
Gartner Inc.	651	41.67	27,127.17
General Electric Co. ...	15600	20.05	312,780.00
General Mills, Inc.	11520	36.55	421,056.00
GenOn Energy	236	3.81	899.16
Hospira	1220	55.20	67,344.00
Imation Corp.	99	11.14	1,102.86
Kellogg Corp.	3200	53.98	172,736.00
Merck & Co., Inc.	16624	33.01	548,758.24
3M Company	2000	93.50	187,000.00
Medco Health Solutions, Inc.	8218	56.16	461,522.88
Monsanto Corporation ..	2852.315	72.26	206,108.28
Moody's	5000	33.91	169,550.00
Morgan Stanley	312	27.32	8,523.84
NCR Corp.	68	18.84	1,281.12
Newell Rubbermaid	1676	19.13	32,061.88
JP Morgan Cash	96567.41	1.00	96,567.41
PG & E Corp.	172	44.18	7,598.96
Pfizer	30415	20.31	617,728.65
Qwest	571	6.83	3,899.93
Sandusky Voting Trust ..	26	1.00	26.00
Solutia	82	25.40	2,082.80
Tenneco Inc.	182	42.45	7,725.90
Unisys, Inc.	16	31.22	499.52
US Bancorp	3081	26.43	81,430.83
Verizon	1704.427159	38.54	65,688.62
Vodafone Group PLC ..	323	28.75	9,286.25
Wisconsin Energy	2044	30.50	62,342.00
Total Common & Preferred Stocks & Bonds			\$5,899,213.42

2011 DISCLOSURE

Life Insurance Policies	Face Value	Surrender Value
Northwestern Mutual #4378000	12,000.00	\$91,934.38
Northwestern Mutual #4574061	30,000.00	221,133.26
Massachusetts Mutual #4116575	10,000.00	14,154.47
Massachusetts Mutual #4228344	100,000.00	365,289.27
American General Life Ins. #5-1607059L	175,000.00	42,282.09

2011 DISCLOSURE—Continued

Life Insurance Policies	Face Value	Surrender Value
Total Life Insurance Policies		\$734,793.47

2011 DISCLOSURE

Bank & IRA Accounts	Balance
JP Morgan Chase Bank, checking account	\$2,811.49
JP Morgan Chase Bank, savings account	17,356.15
M&I Bank, Hartland, WI, checking account	7,390.76
M&I Bank, Hartland, WI, savings account	367.74
Burke & Herbert Bank, Alexandria, VA, checking account	1,699.55
JP Morgan, IRA accounts	147,287.42
Total Bank & IRA Accounts	\$176,913.11

2011 DISCLOSURE

Miscellaneous	Value
2007 Chevrolet Impala	\$10,005.00
1994 Cadillac Deville—retail value	2,050.00
1996 Buick Regal—retail value	2,000.00
Office furniture & equipment (estimated)	1,000.00
Furniture, clothing & personal property (estimated)	180,000.00
Stamp collection (estimated)	140,000.00
Deposits in Congressional Retirement Fund	205,215.81
Deposits in Federal Thrift Savings Plan	400,604.17
Traveler's checks	7,800.00
17 ft. Boston Whaler boat & 70 hp Johnson outboard motor (estimated)	5,200.00
20 ft. Pontoon boat & 40 hp Mercury outboard motor (estimated)	9,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$962,874.98
Total Assets	\$10,136,669.34

2011 DISCLOSURE

Liabilities	Value
None	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Net Worth	\$10,136,669.34

2011 DISCLOSURE

Statement of 2010 Taxes Paid	Value
Federal Income Tax	\$125,502.00
Wisconsin Income Tax	\$43,290.00
Menomonee Falls, WI Property Tax	\$2,506.00
Chenequa, WI Property Tax	\$22,406.00
Alexandria, VA Property Tax	\$13,335.00

I further declare that I am trustee of a trust established under the will of my late father, Frank James Sensenbrenner, Sr., for the benefit of my sister, Margaret A. Sensenbrenner, and of my two sons, F. James Sensenbrenner, III, and Robert Alan Sensenbrenner. I am further the direct beneficiary of five trusts, but have no control over the assets of either trust. My wife, Cheryl Warren Sensenbrenner, and I are trustees of separate trusts established for the benefit of each son.

Also, I am neither an officer nor a director of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin or of any other state or foreign country.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROBERT KIRK LAWRENCE'S 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Robert "Kirk" Lawrence for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Colonel Lawrence will retire from active military duty in May 2011 after 30 distinguished years of service to the United States Army.