

array of skills at their disposal, medical assistants are responsible for administrative roles such as scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, recording billing and coding information for insurance purposes, as well as performing clinical duties like taking and recording vital signs, completing medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, and administering medications as directed by a physician.

With their unique versatility, medical assistants are assets to the medical field that serves both doctors and patients with loyalty and dedication. It is a privilege to recognize these honorable men and women who are committed to health care and work diligently to heal fellow citizens and others in our country. I wish all who pursue this worthy vocation the best, and I urge all Americans to be aware of their sizeable contributions to our health care system.

REAUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND AND ITS IMPACT ON OHIO'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the need for federal highway and transit programs across the nation and for Republican leadership to pass the Highway Trust Fund.

Federal highway and transit programs are vitally important to the third congressional district of Ohio, which I proudly represent.

The design, construction, and maintenance of transportation infrastructure in the third congressional district supports 15,184 full-time jobs, earning these families a total of \$602.1 million annually.

Between 2005 and 2014, the federal investment in my congressional district has provided \$1.4 billion to support 380 highway and bridge projects worth \$2.1 billion.

Republican Leadership's failure to enact a robust, long-term funding bill for our decaying infrastructure system, is hurting our economy and hardworking American families all across our nation.

Mr. Speaker, a long-term bill helps provide good-paying jobs, safe and modern infrastructure, and efficient transportation.

Let's reauthorize the Highway and Transit Trust Fund today, before the October 29th deadline.

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GEORGE FRANCIS (FRANK) MINOSKY, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Command Sergeant Major George Francis (Frank) Minosky, U.S. Army, Retired. CSM Minosky answered the call to defend our great nation for over 25 years.

Today he lives in Belton, Texas where he continues to serve his fellow countrymen as a vibrant part of his growing central Texas community.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio CSM Minosky entered the Army in 1970. After a period of rigorous initial entry training, he was assigned to the legendary 82nd Airborne Division. Due to impeccable achievement and promotion to the non-commissioned officer ranks, he was selected for drill sergeant training in 1975. In this capacity, CSM Minosky provided superior leadership and shared his tactical expertise with thousands of recruits at Forts Ord and Sill.

Following his assignment as a drill sergeant, CSM Minosky served in Korea, Fort Bragg, and Hawaii. CSM Minosky's career culminated at Ft Hood, Texas where he retired in 1995 after 25 years of dedicated service. His last official assignment in the United States Army was Command Sergeant Major of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, a critical and prestigious assignment. Among a long list of accomplishments, CSM Minosky earned the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Upon retiring, CSM Minosky's sense of duty did not end with his active military service. Frank Minosky's dedication to country and soldiers manifested in his efforts with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10377, American Military Retiree Association, Enlisted Retiree Association, Fort Hood Commanding Generals Retiree Council, and the Chief of Staff Army's Retirees Council. Frank Minosky is also an active member of the Association for the United States Army and the First Cavalry Division Association.

Frank Minosky firmly embraced central Texas as his new home in 1992; since then, he has become an indispensable local community leader. Belton, TX singled Frank out as its Citizen of the year on one occasion. He has served superbly as a Belton City Councilman and presently contributes on the Belton Planning and Zoning Board. The good people of Central Texas are blessed to have him among us.

I am stirred with the strongest sense of pride and honor as an American to highlight the life of a true servant of the people. CSM Minosky's patriotism and commitment to service reflect the very best values of our beloved military servicemen and Central Texas. Let today be a celebration of one of our nation's heroes who devoted his life to keeping us free and making America a beacon of hope in the world. Along with his friends, family, and loved ones, I wish him both a happy, prosperous, and healthy life in the years ahead.

HONOR THE WORKERS AT THE MAPLE RIDGE WIND FARM

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the workers at the Maple Ridge Wind Farm in my district. Many of their employees recently visited Washington, calling on Con-

gress to pass policy that drives more clean energy solutions. Not only does the Maple Ridge Wind Farm supply the electricity needs for 96,000 homes in upstate New York, but since it became a part of the community in 2006, it has also provided \$8 million a year in tax revenues to Lewis County. What has this meant for the community? Well, at Lowville Academy and Central School, they have been able to add 11 positions to the payroll, add 10 advanced placement classes and keep other important programs such as art and music, all thanks to the added tax revenue from the wind project. This has been a remarkable advantage for this school district and the surrounding community. I want to thank the 35 employees—all of whom are local to upstate New York—who keep the Maple Ridge Wind Farm operating. I urge my colleagues to support clean energy incentives, like the Production Tax Credit, which has not only helped the U.S. become the leader in wind energy, but at a local level, drives private investments that can have such a positive impact on our rural communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ROBERT WRIGHT, RECIPIENT OF THE LACKAWANNA PRO BONO'S ROBERT W. MUNLEY AWARD

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Robert Wright, recipient of the 2015 Lackawanna Pro Bono's Robert W. Munley Award. Lackawanna Pro Bono is a non-profit organization established in 1997 to increase the availability of free legal representation for low-income individuals and families throughout Lackawanna County.

Credited with transforming the training given to doctors in northeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Wright is the former president and CEO of the Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education. Originally established by Dr. Wright in 1977 as the Scranton Temple Residency Program, it was renamed in 2010 to honor Dr. Wright. Since its founding, The Wright Center's mission is to continuously improve education and patient care in a collaborative spirit in order to enhance health care outcomes, access, and affordability. The program includes all three Scranton hospitals and clinics in Scranton, Archbald, and Clarks Summit. Dr. Wright also played an integral role in establishing The Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton and generated significant community support for the endeavor.

Dr. Wright is a graduate of the Temple School of Medicine. He completed his residency training in Internal Medicine at Temple and fellowship training in Hematology and Oncology at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is a Professor of Medicine at Temple University and also holds a volunteer faculty appointment at The Commonwealth Medical College. Dr. Wright was the Founding Chair of The Commonwealth Medical College Board and currently chairs its Academic Affairs and Compliance Committees.

It is an honor to recognize Dr. Robert Wright for the pioneering work he has done for the medical community, and I extend my congratulations to him on being awarded the