

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. MANUEL TZAGOURNIS FOR HIS REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER AND TO THE FIELD OF MEDICINE

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to pay special tribute to one of Ohio's most outstanding individuals. Dr. Manuel Tzagournis will be stepping down from his position as Vice President for Health Services at The Ohio State University. He is without question a great physician, a great teacher of medicine, and a very close friend.

Dr. Tzagournis began his long association with Ohio State as an undergraduate student. He earned his bachelor's degree, medical degree, and master's degree from OSU. After medical school, he started his residency at OSU in 1961, and received a fellowship in endocrinology in 1965-66. A very bright and talented physician, he was named an Instructor of Medicine in 1966, promoted to Assistant Professor in 1968, Assistant Dean of the College of Medicine in 1973, and Dean of the College of Medicine in 1981.

In 1983, he was appointed Vice President for Health Services at Ohio State, responsible for all components of the College of Medicine and University Hospitals. And, in 1994, Dr. Tzagournis was named Vice President for Health Sciences with the additional responsibility for academic and fiscal leadership of the colleges of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Optometry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, and the Comprehensive Cancer Center—Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute.

Dr. Manuel Tzagournis is not only one of Ohio's best physicians and administrators, he is nationally recognized as an expert in the field of endocrinology. Dr. Tzagournis has written myriad articles in professional journals and several textbook chapters on various medical topics. His professional attributes are remarkable and his contributions to healthcare and medicine are unparalleled.

Manuel Tzagournis has been honored by his colleagues, friends, students, and various medical, academic, and civic organizations for his outstanding contributions to medicine, academia, and the community. He was named to the Board of Directors of the Association of Academic Health Centers in Washington, DC, in 1998. Both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly have honored him for his service and achievements. He has twice been selected to receive the outstanding faculty award by the College of Medicine's student research organization. He received the Health Care Leadership Award from the Hospital Associa-

tion of Central Ohio in 1996, and received the Distinguished Physician Award from the Hellenic Medical Society of New York.

Mr. Speaker, more significantly than his professional recognitions, Manuel Tzagournis is a devoted husband and father. He and his lovely wife, Madeline, are the proud parents of five wonderful children. I am very happy to say that they are our close friends.

It is often said that America's success is dependent upon the efforts and dedication of her citizens. Dr. Manuel Tzagournis has dedicated his life to the betterment of the lives of others and clearly exemplifies that statement. Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues of the 106th Congress to rise and join me in paying very special tribute to the extraordinary career of Dr. Manuel Tzagournis. We wish him and his family the very best now and in the future.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3194, CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 1999*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, today we are on the verge of passing a budget bill that breaks our commitment to effect real change in the areas of Social Security, Medicare reform, prescription drug coverage for seniors, managed care reform, gun control, minimum wage, campaign finance reform, and immigrants rights. Our constituents deserve better than a bill that fails to deliver meaningful solutions to these problems. After a full year in the 106th Republican-controlled Congress, this body has only enacted one significant piece of legislation (the "Financial Modernization Act of 1999"). This breach of duty leaves me no choice but to vote no on H.R. 3194.

We find ourselves six weeks into the 1999-2000 fiscal year without a complete budget and facing an omnibus bill that haphazardly lumps together five of the thirteen necessary appropriations measures needed to keep the government from shutting down. So it should come as no surprise that, six weeks late and with less than 24 hours to read H.R. 3194, we are locked into a final, single vote—yes or no—on a crucial funding bill littered with special interest, deceptive, and other egregious yet-to-be discovered provisions.

Despite Republican promises to protect Social Security, this bill raids the Social Security Trust Fund by at least \$17 billion. Equally offensive is the decision to exclude Congress members' paychecks from the "across the board" spending cut indiscriminately imposed on all discretionary spending. This same irresponsibility manifests itself on the international

front, as a woman's right to choose is threatened by an imprudent return to Reagan-era limits on indispensable aid to respected international family planning organizations.

Things did not have to come to this point. H.R. 3194 could have brought a constructive close to what has otherwise been an unproductive and lost year. Bipartisan cooperation resulted in progress on a number of fronts, including: funding for 100,000 teachers in the classroom, another 50,000 cops on the beat, and additional funding for health-related research. We agreed to promote economic growth by extending the research and experimentation tax credit, and we extended needed relief to Medicare providers. Congress did the right thing by increasing pay for military personnel, meeting our financial obligations in the Middle East under the Wye River Accord, and keeping the bill clean of harmful changes to our environmental laws.

With the end of Congress' session for 1999 in sight, perhaps the best I can say is that we could have built on these successes had the majority in Congress not decided to handle its work like a crash course in legislating. I look forward to next year, when we will be given another opportunity to complete our unfinished business for the American people.

A RESOLUTION PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE MILLENDER-DORTCH-PACKARD-BONNETT FAMILY: ONE OF AMERICA'S FINEST

**HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 22, 1999*

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following tribute for the RECORD.

Whereas, The Black Family, rich in tradition, knowing that archaeologists unearthed human remains nearly two million years old and traced it to the beginning of the Old Stone of Africa; May the historical record of African past be common knowledge of mankind; and

Whereas, The Dortch-Millender families settled in Alabama in the mid 1800's and began a lifelong experience of raising a strong family of offspring with respect, responsibility and courage; who would position themselves in various professions and humanitarian endeavors, but who never forgot where they started; and

Whereas, William Dortch, Sr. married Patsy Packard and from this union came eleven children; Mose Millender married Aurelia Bonnett and from this union came 11 children, with both families very principled and very religious—"You gave us Hope"; and

Whereas, Shelly Millender, Sr. married Everline Dortch and from this union came five children; Dicksey Marie, Nora Lee, Shelly Jr., William Mose, and Juanita—"You gave us Love"; and

Whereas, Dicksey married James Chappell, Sr. and later Vernon Battle; Nora married

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