COMMENDATION OF MARGARET GONTZ

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

Mr. GEKAS, Mr. Speaker, I like to commend Ms. Margaret Gontz, who at the age of 72, gave up something that most people look forward to: her retirement. That was 10 years ago. Today, at 81, Ms. Gontz is one of the top employees in the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency in Harrisburg. She came back for family: to help her grand-son pay for college. And she came back for herself; she just wanted to be on the job. Ms. Gontz has been cited as an exemplary em-ployee at PHEAA—where most of her co-workers are in their 20s and 30s. Now she is being honored as “Pennsylvania’s Outstanding Older Worker,” receiving recognition as part of Prime Time Awards, a national celebra-tion of the contributions of older workers tak-ing place this week in Washington. Ms. Gontz cites accuracy, timeliness and productivity as contributing to her success. “I rate myself as a normal person doing my job like I should do,” she says. Ms. Gontz, you are not a “nor-mal” person. You are very rare indeed.

THE URGENT NEED FOR A NATIONAL DRUG EXPERT

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following paper as a request for a con-stituent of mine from Burleson, Texas. His name is Kenneth Hunter and he collaborated with Prof. Rinaldo DeNuzzo on the following article which cites a need for a federal office with Prof. Rinaldo DeNuzzo on the following paper as a request for a con-

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In recognition of the dynamic changes which continue to occur in the delivery of health care services in the United States and globally, it is suggested that the President and/or Congress re-establish the office of Apothecary-General which disappeared from the United States Army in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. This skilled health care professional of equal status, while working in tandem with the Surgeon-General, would provide advice and counsel to the office of the President, the Congress and others. This professional with offices in Washington, DC, will serve to coordinate and oversee all aspects of mandated and other programs involving drug use or abuse by the general public, military, veterans, and others. Originally, the Office of Apothecary was created by action of the American Congress in 1775. The need for such an official became evident to Dr. John Morgan, the second of four Medical Directors of the American Revolu-

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The authors of this paper hope that their actions will start a ground swell movement to give new recognition to the practice of pharmacy and its practitioners in a rational and accountable way. If action is taken, the use of an Apothecary-General may lead to an increase in efficiency in the Federal bureauc-