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American Society for Bone and Mineral Research; American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics; American Society for Reproductive Medicine; and American Society of Addiction Medicine; American Society of Artificial Organs; American Society for Clinical Nutrition; American Society of Hematology; American Society of Nephrology; American Thoracic Society; American Urological Association; Americans for Medical Progress; Arthritis Foundation; Association for Medical Research; Association of American Cancer Institute; Association of American Veterinary Colleges; Association of Behavioral Sciences and Medical Education; Association of Departments of Family Medicine; Association of Medical and Graduate Departments of Biochemistry; Association of Medical School Pediatric Departments; Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine; Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry; Association of Schools of Public Health; Association of Subspecialty Directors; Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine; Association of University Radiologists; American Urogynecologic Society; Center for Ulcer Research and Education; Citizens for Public Action; Cooley's Anemia Foundation; Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America; Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Dean Thielsc, National Disease Coalition; East Carolina University School of Medicine; Ehlers-Danlos National Foundation; Emory University School of Medicine; The Endocrine Society; Epilepsy Foundation of America; Foundation for Ichthyosis and Related Skin Types; Gay Men's Health Crisis; General Clinical Research Centers Directors' Association; Gluten Intolerance Group; and Hemochromatosis Research Foundation; Hepatitis Foundation International; Inova Institute for Medical Education; Institute for Asthma and Allergy; International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders; Jeffrey Modell Foundation; Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology; Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International; Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society; Lupus Foundation of America, Inc; Medical Dermatology Society; Mount Sinai Medical Center; National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs; National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare; National Health Council; National Hemophilia Foundation; National Marfan Foundation; National Multiple Sclerosis Society; National Organization for Rare Disorders; National Osteoporosis Foundation; National Perinatal Association; National Tuberculosis Association; National Vitiligo Foundation, Inc.; National Vulvodynia Association; and North American Society of Piano and Electrophysiology; Oley Foundation for Home Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition; The Orton Society; Oticon America; Imperfecta Foundation; Parkinson's Action Network; PXE International; RESOLVE; Scheper's Research Institute; Scleroderma Research Foundation; Society for Academic Emergency Medicine; Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research; Society for Inherited Metabolic Disorders; Society for Investigative Dermatology; Society for Pediatric Research; Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates, Inc.; Society of Gynecologic Oncology; Society of Medical College Directors of Continuing Medical Education; Society of University Urologists; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.; United Ostomy Association; United Scleroderma Foundation; University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry; Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society; and Yale University School of Medicine.

TRIBUTE TO THE SENIORS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN HONOR OF OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 17, 1999

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating National Older Americans Month in the District of Columbia. District of Columbia seniors will come to the National Arboretum in the District of Columbia on Tuesday, May 18th for an afternoon of information about the programs Congress provides for senior citizens, for entertainment, and for lunch. Our senior citizens have earned this information and celebration I have for them each year at a place of interest in the District. We have celebrated National Older Americans Month at the National Cathedral, the FDR Memorial, the National Zoo, museums, and similarly interesting settings, some of which our seniors rarely get to visit.

The growing number of senior citizens in the District, one third of whom are over 80, have contributed to the best days of the nation's capital. As young people, they helped build this city to its strongest point, and as seniors today, they are helping to bring revitalization to the District.

Senior citizens in my District want the 106th Congress to know that the Social Security and Medicare programs have done more to make their senior years secure and healthy than any programs ever enacted by the Congress. Today, the Social Security program alone has saved and lengthened millions of Medicare beneficiaries. The burden of these costs has been put entirely on seniors. It is a burden they cannot bear and should not bear.

Medicare has been a virtually universal program, with virtually all Americans covered, regardless of income. The need for Medicare tends to increase with age. It is certain that Medicare has saved and lengthened millions of American lives. On May 18th, at my Senior Legislative Day, I intend to assure the seniors of the District of Columbia that I will have no greater priority than preserving Medicare. I ask of the 106th Congress to help me keep that promise.

HONORING EDWARD ABRAMOWITZ
HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 17, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to talk about an extraordinary man of medicine, Dr. Edward Abramowitz, Attending Physician, Division of Cardiology, Department of Internal Medicine at Long Island College Hospital. Dr. Abramowitz is being honored on May 22nd by the Brooklyn Heights Center for Re- gents for his commitment to quality patient care and his medical leadership.

Born in New York City, Dr. Abramowitz received his B.S. degree from City College of the City University of New York and his M.D. from the Faculty of Medicine, Copenhagen University, Denmark in 1975. After graduation, he did rotating internships in OB/GYN, Surgery and Psychiatry in the Danish health care system.

Returning to New York, Dr. Abramowitz fin- ished an Internal Medicine internship at Maimonides Medical Center and went on to complete a two-year internal medicine resi- dency at Long Island College Hospital. In 1981, he completed a two-year fellowship in Cardiology at LICH and established a private practice in Cardiology and Internal Medicine. In 1981, Dr. Abramowitz was one of the founding members of Diagnostic Cardiology Associates, a premier diagnostic testing center for cardiovascular disease.

A longtime resident of Cobble Hill, Dr. Abramowitz was a member of the Board of Di- rectors of the Brooklyn Heights Center for Counseling. Board Certified in Internal Medi- cine, Dr. Abramowitz is an active member of many professional organizations, including the American College of Cardiology, the American...
College of Physicians and the New York Cardiological Society. At Long Island College Hospital, Dr. Abramowitz has been an elected member of the Medical Executive Committee since 1989, serving as Secretary of the Medical Board from 1993 to 1996. He was elected Second Vice President of the Board in 1996, the position he currently holds. Dr. Abramowitz was also a member of the Ethics Committee and is a member of the Joint Coordinating Council of the Board of Regents. He is also Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

Dr. Abramowitz has always enjoyed teaching medical students and residents and is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn (Downstate).

Dr. Abramowitz currently resides in Staten Island with his wife, Rebecca (Bicky), age 7; and Eric, age 5.

IN RECOGNITION OF BLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION DAY

HON. BUD SHUSTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 17, 1999

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to designate today, Monday, May 17, 1999 as Blair County Community Action Day.

On August 20, 1999 we will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the signing of the Economic Opportunity Act by President Lyndon Johnson. In October of 1964 Blair County Community Action was chartered as a Community Action Agency. Over the course of these past 35 years, BCCA has assisted thousands of economically challenged Blair County residents. Some examples of these types of assistance include providing residential weatherization, intervention services for utility assistance, family and individual counseling, employment and training programs and other personal and family growth and improvement opportunities.

Blair County Community Action is the very epitome of grassroots organization and community empowerment. They have provided much of the impetus for the development of several programs which now operate as separate agencies including Day Care Services, Legal Aid, and Meals on Wheels. They have been leaders in the development of the Target Area Groups of the 1960’s and 1970’s which led to the creation of today’s modern advocacy groups and neighborhood planning and organization.

I am proud to honor Blair County Community Action for all the work they have done to provide opportunities for the citizens of Blair County.

COMMENDING KATE MEHR—WHITE HOUSE FELLOW

HON. JOHN W. OLVER
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 17, 1999

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a public servant of the highest call-