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Valmy also became Deputy Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Department of Conservation and Cultural Affairs on St. Croix where he oversaw all recreation programs on the island. For the past 41 years he has owned the United Sporting Goods Store in Christiansted, St. Croix.

Congratulations, Valmy on your much deserved recognition. You have been a teacher and inspiration to many Virgin Islands youth. Your friends and family in your beloved Virgin Islands salutes you.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC  
OF CHINA ON TAIWAN ON THE  
CELEBRATION OF ITS NATIONAL  
DAY

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 10, 2000*

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China on Taiwan will be celebrating its National Day on October 10, 2000. Taiwan has many notable achievements, both economic and political. Today, Taiwan is an economic powerhouse, ranking 25th in the world in terms of per capita income and 19th in terms of GNP, impressive economic statistics for an island with only 22 million people. Politically, Taiwan has evolved from a closed society to a full-fledged democracy in less than a decade. In March of this year, ROC citizens freely elected Chen Shui-bian as their President. For the first time in 89 years, the ROC had a non-Kuo Min Tang candidate as head of state.

Taiwan's accomplishments are due to the hard work of its leaders and its people. I am certain the leaders and people of Taiwan will reach even greater economic and political heights in the months and years ahead.

As Taiwan prepares to celebrate its National Day, let me also take this opportunity to express my best wishes to the Republic of China's new representative in Washington, Ambassador C.J. Chen. Ambassador Chen began his duties here in Washington just two months ago. I am hopeful he will further strengthen the already secure bonds of friendship between the United States Congress and the people of Taiwan.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL  
DAY

**HON. MARK E. SOUDER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 10, 2000*

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China on Taiwan will celebrate its 89th anniversary of its founding on October 10, 2000. As Taiwan's friend, I would like to extend my congratulations to the ROC President Chen Shui-bian and Ambassador C.J. Chen of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Washington, D.C.

In recent days, I have been apprised of Republic of China's campaign to return to the

United Nations. I believe that Taiwan should have a place in the United Nations. With its huge financial resources, Taiwan is and has always been willing to contribute to UN causes. Unfortunately, Taiwan is barred from substantive involvement in many international organizations and affairs because of Taiwan's lack of UN membership.

The time has come for the world to recognize Taiwan's true potential as an active player in the international community. To admit Taiwan to the United Nations is the first step for the UN to honor its own principle of universal membership.

On the eve of the Republic of China's National Day, I wish that the Republic of China will one day, hopefully soon, return to all international organizations.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN EDWARD J.  
WILLIAMS

**HON. FLOYD SPENCE**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 10, 2000*

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the service of an outstanding South Carolina, Captain Edward J. Williams. I submit the portion of an article, which appeared in the August 27, 2000 edition of the Times and Democrat, of Orangeburg, South Carolina, which outlines the military service of Captain Williams and the recognition that has been bestowed on him, as well as how his devoted family has coped with their loss.

CAPT. EDWARD J. WILLIAMS

Captain Williams' wife and daughters have carried his legacy and name with pride, like a banner, since Williams' plane disappeared over Korea.

Williams was drafted while studying engineering at Howard University. In the early 1940s, he was in the first class for pilots at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama.

The Tuskegee Airmen were the elite group of black fighter pilots of the 99th Pursuit Squadron.

This squadron was later incorporated into the 332nd Fighter Group and fought during World War II. Approximately 1,000 Americans of African ancestry completed flight training at Tuskegee Army Air Field. Of these, 445 went overseas as combat pilots. They flew in bombing escorts and ground attacks.

The Tuskegee Airmen's record was impeccable. Not one plane escorted by these pilots was ever lost in enemy fire. Combat records indicate they destroyed 251 enemy aircraft, winning more than 850 medals.

Williams served under Benjamin O. Davis Jr. Davis later became a general and died only a few years ago.

Daniel "Chappie" James was Williams' flying partner and Edwina's godfather. James also became a general and now lives in Washington.

Williams flew in Europe during World War II and returned to Tuskegee as a training instructor. There he met wife-to-be, who worked on the base. Mrs. Williams recalls her husband as "caring, courteous, just a man of integrity."

Their first child Edwina was 4 months old and the second Cherryetta was on the way when Williams was called to Korea. Mrs. Wil-

liams relates. "They had not anticipated the Korean War. He had been given order to come home for the new baby. But they decided they needed him in the air."

While flying in formation over Seoul, his plane was shot down. The Red Cross brought the news in the form of a telegram to Mrs. Williams. It was March 1951 and he was officially listed as missing in action.

Mrs. Williams remembers the shock and said: "It was a time when we needed support from family, community and it came in various ways. We thank God every day for those who extended a hand and really cared."

Williams' eldest daughter Edwina, says of her father: "He gave the supreme sacrifice by fighting for his country. We miss him because he did not return. Our family has been in a state of flux because just receiving a telegram in the early '50s stating that he is missing in action, there is no closure to whether he is really gone or is a prisoner of war possibly."

Mrs. Williams was presented the Purple Heart Award at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter. She had her two infant daughters by her side. They have remained a close-knit family unit since.

Mrs. Williams said, "I celebrate my husband by being involved and answering the call." She is president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, president of the Women's Club, and was voted Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Girl Scouts. She taught music at Claflin College for years. She is still employed at Claflin as chaplain.

Edwina and her sister Cherryetta have carried on the legacy of her father's pioneering spirit. They were among the first blacks to integrate the schools in Orangeburg and Columbia College. "We were following Daddy," Edwina proudly says. "Service is one of the things that my family had done through the years and is evidenced by the fact that my father is not with us because he gave his life in service for the country."

Mrs. Williams believes the Purple Heart medal is "something that he deserved and that he earned because of his commitment, his determination and his desire to make the world a better place to live."

She still considers herself married and the wife of Captain Williams. His memory lives on.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. CHRISTINA EVE

**HON. CARRIE P. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 10, 2000*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to pay tribute to one of Miami-Dade County's unsung heroines, Mrs. Christina Eve. On Thursday, November 9, 2000, I will be joining countless friends and admirers, fellow educators and former students who will dedicate the new Christina M. Eve Elementary School to perpetuate her commitment to the thousands of boys and girls in my community.

I am privileged to represent this educator par excellence in the Congress. She symbolizes not only the dignity of a phenomenal lady, but all the virtues of a scholar whose mission in life is to enhance the future of our children. Mrs. Eve pursued her B.A. degree at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina and obtained her Master's degree at New York University. She has also pursued advanced studies at Barry University and at Florida Atlantic

University, and has been listed prominently in Who's Who in Education in America, as well as in Who's Who in Black America. This is not to mention honors of distinction awarded by both Florida Governors BOB GRAHAM and the late Lawton Chiles, along with numerous accolades from local, state and national educational associations and community agencies.

Ever since I have known this indefatigable leader, Mrs. Eve has always been at the forefront of ensuring equality of opportunity for everyone in our community, be it in our schools or the various venues of employment. At the same time, her quiet but forceful advocacy in adhering to the tenets of equal treatment under the law not only in the halls of academia, but also in every segment of government agency has now become legendary.

Known for her sterling and resilient commitment to academic excellence and personal responsibility, she has served as the pioneering Black administrator of many public schools in my community. In fact, countless parents and their children have been genuinely touched by her virtual consecration to the success of their families.

The acumen of her intelligence and the guidance of her common sense, enlightened by a deep devotion to her Christian faith, has forged wonderful school programs and activities benefiting our children, many of whom have now turned out to be productive and responsible members of our community. What I admire most about this wonderful lady is her thorough understanding of and sensitivity to the various voices that represent the diverse ethnic and racial groups that together compose the virtual mosaic amalgamation that is known as Miami-Dade County.

Her undaunted efforts in her work in education and her zeal in religiously living her faith have shaped and formed her lifelong agenda. Mrs. Christina Eve truly exemplifies a unique leadership whose courageous vision and quiet wisdom on behalf of our children appeal to our noblest character as a nation.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, the dedication of the Christina Eve Elementary School in Miami-Dade County buttresses the noble legacy she now bequeaths to us as a superlative educator and community leader.

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MONUMENT FOR POLISH ARMY  
OFFICERS MASSACRED IN 1940

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 10, 2000*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, on Nov. 19, 2000 the National Katyn Memorial Committee will dedicate a monument in Baltimore, Maryland to the memory of more than 15,000 Polish Army officers who were massacred by Soviet soldiers in the spring of 1940.

In September, I was honored to accept an award on behalf of Congress presented by Father Zdislaw J. Peszkowski, a survivor of the massacre. The medal was presented on behalf of the Katyn families in recognition of U.S. congressional hearings conducted in 1951 and 1952 that focused world attention on this

World War II massacre that occurred in the Katyn Forest.

While this massacre occurred more than 50 years ago, it is important that we remember what happened. In 1939, Nazi Germany invaded Poland from the west and the Soviet Union invaded from the east. In 1940, more than 15,000 Polish Army officers were placed in detention, then taken in small groups, told they would be freed and then were gunned down in the Soviet Union's Katyn Forest. In 1943, the Germany Army discovered the mass graves, which the Russians tried to blame on the Germans. It was long suspected that the massacre was the work of the Soviets. Final proof came in 1989, after the fall of the Soviet Union, when President Gorbachev released documents that clearly proved the Soviets, with the full knowledge of Stalin, had carried out the massacre.

For more than a decade, the Polish-American community has raised funds to construct a fitting memorial to honor the victims of the massacre. The 44-foot statue has been permanently installed near Baltimore's Inner Harbor at President and Aliceanna Streets. I want to commend the Polish-American community and Alfred Wisniewski, Chairman of the National Katyn Memorial Committee, and the entire committee, for their tireless efforts in making this memorial to the victims of this atrocity a reality.

I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the memory of these murdered Polish Army officers. The Katyn Memorial in Baltimore will be a lasting reminder to all of us that we must never tolerate evil and tyranny and that we must continue to speak out for justice and tolerance.

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MEDICARE MENTAL ILLNESS NON-  
DISCRIMINATION ACT

**HON. MARGE ROUKEMA**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 10, 2000*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I am today introducing the Medicare Mental Illness Non-Discrimination Act, legislation to end the historic discrimination against Medicare beneficiaries seeking outpatient treatment for mental illness. Under the current Medicare statute, patients are required to pay a 20 percent copayment for Part B services. However, the 20 percent copayment is not the standard for outpatient psychotherapy services. For these services, Section 1833(c) of the Social Security Act requires patients to pay an effective discriminatory copayment of 50 percent.

Let me say this again: If a Medicare patient has an office visit to an endocrinologist for treatment for diabetes, or an oncologist for cancer treatment, or a cardiologist for heart disease, or an internist for the flu, the copayment is 20 percent. But if a Medicare patient has an office visit to a psychiatrist or other physician for treatment for major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, or any other illness diagnosed as a mental illness, the copayment for the outpatient visit for treatment of the mental illness is 50 percent. The same discriminatory copayment is applied to quali-

fied services by a clinical psychologist or clinical social worker. This is quite simply discrimination. It is time for Congress to say "enough."

Last year, U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D. released a landmark study on mental illness in this country. The Surgeon General's report is an extraordinary document that details the depth and breadth of mental illness in this country. According to Dr. Satcher, "mental disorders collectively account for more than 15 percent of the overall burden of disease from all causes and slightly more than the burden associated with all forms of cancer." The burden of mental illness on patients and their families is considerable. The World Health Organization report that mental illness including suicide ranks second only to heart disease in the burden of disease measured by "disability adjusted life year."

The impact of mental illness on older adults is considerable. Prevalence in this population of mental disorders of all types is substantial. 8 to 20 percent of older adults in the community and up to 37 percent in primary care settings experience symptoms of depression, while as many as one in two new residents of nursing facilities are at risk of depression. Older people have the highest rate of suicide in the country, and the risk of suicide increases with age. Americans age 85 years and up have a suicide rate of 65 per 100,000. Older white males, for example, are six times more likely to commit suicide than the rest of the population. There is a clear correlation of major depression and suicide: 60 to 75 percent of suicides of patients 75 and older have diagnosable depression. Put another way, untreated depression among the elderly substantially increases the risk of death by suicide.

Mental disorders of the aging are not, of course, limited to major depression with risk of suicide. The elderly suffer from a wide range of disorders including declines in cognitive functioning, Alzheimer's disease (affecting 8 to 15 percent of those over 65) and other dementias, anxiety disorders (affecting 11.4 percent of adults over 55), schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and alcohol and substance use disorders. Some 3 to 9 percent of older adults can be characterized as heavy drinkers (12 to 21 drinks per week). While illicit drug use among this population is relatively low, there is substantial increased risk of improper use of prescription medication and side effects of polypharmacy.

While we tend to think of Medicare as a "senior citizen's health insurance program," there are substantial numbers of disabled individuals who qualify for Medicare by virtue of their long-term disability. Of those, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill reports that some 400,000 non-elderly disabled Medicare beneficiaries become eligible by virtue of mental disorders. These are typically individuals with the severe and persistent mental illnesses, such as schizophrenia.

Regardless of the age of the patient and the specific mental disorder diagnosed, it is absolutely clear that mental illness in the Medicare population causes substantial hardships, both economically and in terms of the consequences of the illness itself. As Dr. Satcher puts it, "mental illnesses exact a staggering toll on millions of individuals, as well as on