

REVEREND CHARLES J. BEIRNE,
S.J., APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF
LE MOYNE COLLEGE

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, on July 1, 2000, the Reverend Charles J. Beirne was named the 11th President of Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York. Le Moyne College, a private four-year Jesuit college, has an enrollment of approximately 2,000 full-time undergraduate students in programs of liberal arts, the sciences and pre-professional studies. Le Moyne also offers a physician assistant program and graduate programs in education and business administration. Founded in 1946, Le Moyne is the second youngest of the 28 Jesuit colleges in the nation.

Today I would like to recognize Fr. Beirne as his first academic year as President of Le Moyne College commences. Fr. Beirne brings impeccable academic credentials, remarkable life experiences and an enthusiastic attitude to an institution just reaching its stride of academic excellence.

Previously, Fr. Beirne served in San Salvador as the academic Vice President at the Universidad Centroamericana. There he bravely replaced his comrade, Rev. Ignacio Martin Baro, S.J., who was murdered by the Salvadoran government forces. In addition, Fr. Beirne was academic Vice President at Santa Clara University, an Associate Dean at Georgetown University Business School in Washington, DC, and Principal at Regis High School in New York City and Colegio San Ignacio in Puerto Rico.

Most recently, Le Moyne College has experienced great strides in its pursuit of academic excellence, receiving national recognition. This past year the US World and News Report ranked Le Moyne College sixth among all liberal arts colleges and universities in the North.

I am pleased to commend Rev. Charles J. Beirne for his years of service to all people and to congratulate him on his appointment as President of Le Moyne College.

**KEEP DEMOCRATIC REFORMS IN
SRPSKA ON TRACK**

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, elections in the Serbian majority entity of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Srpska, next month will put to the test the efforts of the international community and the people of Bosnia to create lasting and stable reforms and democratic institutions. Prime Minister Milorad Dodik, leader of the Party of Independent Social Democrats will stand for reelection. Dodik has demonstrated a willingness to work for responsible change in Srpska and throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Dodik's main opponent, Mirko Sarovic is a member of the party that led the brutal war

against the people of Bosnia in the earlier part of this decade. Victory for the nationalist forces in next month's election would be a stark reversal of the changes we have seen throughout the former Yugoslavia. Dodik has strongly endorsed the new President of Serbia, Vojislav Kostunica, while his opponent, has decried the free expression of his fellow Serbs.

Dodik has worked in cooperation with the international community to foster economic reforms, and to instill a new spirit of tolerance in Srpska that has led to an unprecedented number of minority refugee returns to the Republic during the past year. Our U.S. Ambassador, Tom Miller, has made it clear that if the opposition to Dodik wins, further cooperation by our government will be impossible.

The people of Srpska have a clear choice as they cast their ballots next month: to continue the progress they have made to date through their hard work and diligence, or to return to the past with its legacy of hardship, repression, and impoverishment. I hope that they consider their choices carefully, and make the decision to continue progress and hope for a better life for them and their children.

**HONORING MICHAEL F. RODGERS
FOR HIS SERVICE TO OLDER
AMERICANS**

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize to a constituent of mine, Michael F. Rodgers, for his many years of service to older Americans, particularly those in need of housing or various forms of long-term care. For the last fourteen years, Mr. Rodgers has served as the Senior Vice President of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA). AAHSA is a national nonprofit organization representing 6,000 nursing homes, continuing care retirement communities, senior housing, assisted living facilities, and community service organizations for seniors. AAHSA is a leader in the development of an integrated continuum of care for frail elderly people and individuals with disabilities. I am familiar with AAHSA through the membership of three excellent retirement communities within my district, Goodwin House West in Falls Church, The Virginian in Fairfax, and Westminster at Lake Ridge.

Throughout his tenure at AAHSA, Mr. Rodgers has devoted talent, skill, dedication and commitment to advocating for mission-driven, non-profit senior services across the spectrum of need. He has developed and implemented a public policy and advocacy program whose goal is a more rational and integrated system of long-term care that will serve seniors in the most appropriate and least restrictive environment possible. He has fought for effective solutions to issues raised by increasing longevity and the emergence of a growing "old old" population whose needs no longer can be met by the informal care network of the past.

In addition to his work at AAHSA, Mr. Rodgers is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Society on Aging and also belongs to the Gerontological Society of America. He teaches at John Hopkins University as a member of the adjunct faculty in the Center on Aging Programs and Studies. Mr. Rodgers was chosen as a delegate to the most recent White House Conference on Aging in 1995.

Prior to joining AAHSA, Mr. Rodgers worked on Capitol Hill for several years. For two years, he was the staff director of the House Select Committee on Aging's Subcommittee on Housing and Consumer Interests. Previously, he spent six years on the senior professional staff of the Senate Special Committee on Aging under the chairmanship of the late Pennsylvania Senator John Heinz. His work with these committees focused on health, long-term care, assisted housing and other aging-related legislation. Before coming to the Hill, Mr. Rodgers was the Director of the Bureau of Policy, Planning and Evaluation at the Pennsylvania Department of Aging. Previously, he served as the Executive Director of the Lackawanna County Area on Aging in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mr. Rodgers received a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling and psychology from the University of Scranton, where he subsequently was on the adjunct faculty as a professional lecturer.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I would like to wish Mr. Rodgers the very best as he prepares to depart from the AAHSA to join the Catholic Health Association, where he will become the new Director of Government Relations. In this capacity, he will have the opportunity to continue to work on behalf of faith-based, mission driven providers of high-quality health and long-term care. I know his colleagues join me in recognizing his many years of service to America's seniors and in wishing him continued success in his new role.

**IN HONOR OF DR. CLAUDE W.
CUMMINGS' 39 YEARS OF PAS-
TORAL SERVICE TO THE EBENEZER
ASSEMBLY OF CHRIST IN
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor of the pastor of Ebenezer Assembly of Christ, Dr. Claude Cummings. A man who has devoted his adult life as an ordained minister of God, Dr. Cummings is an example of selfless leadership and service to those who share his spiritual faith.

Dr. Claude Cummings, son of the late Bishop Claude and Mattie Cummings, knew he was called into ministerial service when he began preaching at the age of 18. He was ordained at the age of 26, and has since worked tirelessly as a servant of God. Dr. Cummings made his first move to Cleveland, Ohio in 1956, only to leave two years later due to the call of the Army. He went on to serve in Texas, both in San Antonio and then as a pastor of a small church in Sequin, until allowed to return home to Cleveland in 1961.