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ICCVAM AUTHORIZATION ACT OF
2000

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4281, the ICCVAM (Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternative Methods) Authorization Act. This commonsense piece of legislation has received overwhelming support from all interested parties, including endorsements from 72 bipartisan cosponsors, the animal rights community, a coalition of chemical and product manufacturers, and the administration.

ICCVAM was established by the director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in 1994 and is still in operation today. Thus, the bill does not create a new Federal bureaucracy. Rather, it improves upon an existing interagency committee and streamlines the regulatory process without eliminating discretion by any Federal agency. H.R. 4281 simply gives ICCVAM statutory authority to continue establishing guidelines and recommendations that promote the regulatory acceptance of scientifically valid, new, revised or alternative test methods, thereby eliminating duplicative, time-consuming and costly test method validation at several other government agencies. In addition, because ICCVAM already exists, passage of H.R. 4281 will not require any additional budget expenditures.

In conclusion, I would like to say that H.R. 4281 provides a win-win situation for all groups and individuals involved with toxicology testing. For chemical and product manufacturers, who are required to test their products for safety before bringing them to the market, the bill offers them a centralized body to ensure that new test methods are scientifically valid and acceptable for regulatory use before they spend large sums of money on conducting the tests for government approval. For animal protection organizations, this legislation promotes an improved forum in which alternatives to animal testing can be scientifically validated for regulatory use. From a broader standpoint, the tests approved by ICCVAM will provide Federal agencies with adequate data to protect human and environmental health and safety, a development which benefits all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in supporting H.R. 4281. Let us ensure that ICCVAM continues its important work on behalf of the Federal Government, animal rights activists, and regulated industries across the United States.

SALUTE TO THE KANSAS CITY
WIZARDS

HON. KAREN McCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Kansas City Wizards and owner Lamar Hunt for their 1-0 win over the Chicago Fire in Major League Soccer's 2000 championship game on Sunday, October 15. The Wizards are a testament to the perseverance of hard work and determination in athletics. Their drive and resolve produced the best season in the Kansas City Wizard's six year history.

Goalkeeper Tony Meola and veteran players Uche Okafor, Mo Johnston, and Preki capped their stellar season with Major League Soccer's ultimate glory, giving loyal Kansas City fans their first Major League Soccer title. The Wizards' fluid teamwork and appreciation for the game were best exemplified by the unselfish style of play that spearheaded their drive towards the trophy. By foregoing individual statistics, the players came together under one common goal and achieved it in championship fashion.

In addition to their Major League Soccer championship trophy, seven proud Wizards players were selected to join the U.S. National team for an October 25 exhibition match against Mexico Rookie defender Nick Garcia joined fellow defender Brandon Prideaux, midfielders Kerry Zavagnin, Matt McKeon, Chris Henderson and Chris Klein, and goalkeeper Tony Meola in Los Angeles to lead the United States to a 2-0 win over the Mexican national team. Congratulations to the Wizard Members and to the entire U.S. national team for an inspiring victory.

The MLS trophy has special meaning for Wizards' owner Lamar Hunt, who has long been a champion of soccer in the United States. Major League Soccer is now the fastest growing American sport, and its popularity in Kansas City is a credit to Mr. Hunt and his commitment to its success. Mr. Hunt's great admiration for his players was noted after the game when he stated proudly that, "These are pages of a memory book that these players will never forget."

The Wizards weekly youth programs have given thousands of children in the Kansas City area the opportunity to meet and interact with the athletes they admire. Young athletes receive fundamental training by a member of the Wizards. These programs provide positive reinforcement for youth on and off the field. Since the inception of these programs in 1995, Kansas City youth soccer has doubled in player participation among our youth.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting the Kansas City Wizards for the winning example they've provided to the young athletes of Kansas City, and for their inspired Major League Soccer championship season and U.S. National Team success. The Wizards embody the principles of teamwork essential for success. I ask the House to join me in Congratulating the Kansas City Wizards, Major League Soccer's 2000 champions and their owner, Mr. Lamar Hunt.

CONGRATULATIONS, GLORIA JEAN
OLIVER A WOMAN OF INFLUENCE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues here in the

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U.S. House of Representatives the accomplishments of a person who has truly made a difference in her community, Ms. Gloria Jean Oliver. Retired as a captain from the East Orange Police Department, Ms. Oliver has been selected as one of the recipients of the prestigious YWCA "Women of Influence" awards. She will be honored at a special luncheon in New Jersey on November 4, 2000.

Born in Glenridge and educated in the East Orange school system, Ms. Oliver attended Upsala College and received a bachelor of arts degree in Social Science.

In 1969, she distinguished herself by becoming the first female to be hired by the East Orange Police Department after placing first on the New Jersey Civil Service exam. After breaking this barrier, she spent her first decade as a detective in the Juvenile Aide Bureau while also taking on an assignment in the rape squad. She continued to be a pioneer in her field, becoming a founding member of the Afro-American police organization with the formation of the East Orange Kinsmen, Inc. She was the first recording secretary of the organization, which was dedicated to serving the local community.

After a promotion to sergeant in 1979, Ms. Oliver supervised the robbery squad. In 1986, while assigned to the Patrol Division, Gloria was promoted to lieutenant and was in charge of the "Safe Neighborhoods Division." She commanded the 4 p.m. until midnight tour of the Patrol Division, was the Record's Bureau supervisor and was in charge of the Communications Division. In 1998, she was promoted to acting captain, where she served ten months as the commander in charge of the 4 p.m. until midnight tour before her retirement in September of 1999.

Among the hobbies she enjoys are reading, traveling and writing poetry. A true family person, she is devoted to her eighty-eight year old father and takes great pride in her two nieces, Shelly and Krystal, and her great nieces and nephews. Ms. Oliver is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement where she continues to be active as a member of the Board of Directors of the North End Nursery.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in commending Ms. Oliver for her outstanding professional achievements and her service to the community. Let us extend our congratulations as she receives the Women of Influence Award and our very best wishes for continued health and happiness.

IN HONOR OF THE VASCULAR
ANOMALIES PROGRAM AT NEW
YORK UNIVERSITY MEDICAL
CENTER ON VASCULAR ANOMA-
LIES FAMILY DAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Vascular Anomalies Program at New York University Medical Center which will celebrate Vascular Anomalies Family Day on October 29, 2000. The Vascular

Anomalies Program at NYU is an exceptional medical program that serves a notable role assisting my constituents with their medical needs.

The Vascular Anomalies Program began at NYU in the 1980s as a subsidiary of the Institute for Reconstructive Plastic Surgery at NYU Medical Center in order to better assist patients with vascular anomalies such as hemangiomas, lymphatic malformations, venous vascular malformations, and arteriovenous malformations. The medical team assembled to serve in the Vascular Anomalies Program consists of physicians specializing in plastic surgery dermatology, radiology, hematology, psychology, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, and gynecology.

With the skills and guidance of these medical professionals, the NYU Vascular Anomalies program addresses the numerous medical and psychological issues confronting its patients. The needs of its patients sometimes require the program to coordinate the participation of numerous physicians in order to implement a successful plan of care.

The physicians in the Vascular Anomalies Program meet twice every month with patients to discuss their concerns. The program which is funded by the National Foundation for Facial Reconstruction, recently met with federal elected officials involved in health care issues to discuss facial deformities in children.

This week, the Vascular Anomalies Program will celebrate Vascular Anomalies Family Day to salute the network for parents who support each other through the challenges of raising a child with a facial deformity. I congratulate the NYU Vascular Anomalies Program on this special day and applaud the valuable work of this exceptional program.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely pleased to know that the NYU Vascular Anomalies Program offers such as instrumental service to my constituents. The work of this program is greatly beneficial to the residents of my district and I wish the NYU Vascular Anomalies Program all the best in the continuation of its vital services.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS FOR
WORLD WAR II VETERANS

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. LARSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend the World War II Veterans who will be receiving their High School Diplomas at the West Hartford Board of Education on the evening of November 8, 2000, more than 55 years after they originally were supposed to have graduated.

These men all left high school early in order to serve their country in the midst of World War II. They are graduating under the terms and conditions of a recently enacted Connecticut law that allows people who left high school to join the military to be given their official diplomas. As such they have now become certified high school graduates.

These Veterans represent what Tom Brokaw has called "America's Greatest Gen-

eration". Raised in the Great Depression, some the children of immigrants, they endured hardship at home but rallied to the causes of patriotism and helped the United States defeat the threat posed by the Axis nations. Upon coming home from the war, they led productive and useful lives. They became skilled workers and businessmen who worked hard in raising their children and providing support to their communities, churches and synagogues. They served their country both in time of war, as well as peace, and we are all better off because of their sacrifices.

Several of them will be joined by their wives, children and grandchildren and other family members and friends for this happy event. While more applications for diplomas are still being processed, the following people have already been certified as High School Graduates under the Connecticut program: Albert Lefkin, Herbert Anderson, Donald J. DesRoches, Robert Douglas Soule, Kenneth William Bassett, Anthony N. Cardillo, Otto D. Vincenzi, Joseph J. Viscounti, Edward H. Friedman, and John Robert Clutz.

Others will be honored posthumously and I know that their families will also take delight and comfort over the recognition of their achievements. They are: Agostino Guzzo and William A. Zambrello.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend the appreciation of the American people to the fine men who contributed so greatly to the preservation of our freedoms. They deserve our praise and honor. Many of them have participated in the high school and college graduations of their children and grandchildren over the years. However, their own accomplishments are unique and I hope that these self-effacing men will allow themselves and their loved ones to rejoice in the celebration of their own lives. I would like to urge my colleagues in the House to join me in saluting and thanking the World War II Veterans and official high school graduates. The nation and community has learned and benefited much from you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be here yesterday due to my father's precarious health situation, and missed Recorded Votes #541 (Providing for the consideration of H.R. 4656, Lake Tahoe Basin School Site Land Conveyance Act), #542 (Motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 414: Relating to the Reestablishment of Representative Government in Afghanistan), and #543 (Motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4271: The National Science Education Act) on October 24, 2000, and Recorded Vote #545 (On ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 647: providing for consideration of H.R. 4811, the Foreign Operations Appropriations Conference Report, FY2001) on October 25, 2000.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all of the above motions.

DR. SPENCER FOREMAN AND
ANGELA HOUSE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Angela House is a small transitional residence providing homeless women and their young children with support and training in a supporting, home-like setting. A primary goal is to break the cycle of homelessness and to achieve self-sufficiency for these families.

This year Angela House is celebrating its first Award Dinner to raise money to buy permanent quarters for this fine organization. Dr. Spencer Foreman, the President of Montefiore Hospital, is being honored for his work in getting Angela House a building for use as a residence until Angela House can get its own building.

Dr. Foreman has been a health systems executive for nearly 30 years and I can personally attest to the good work he is doing in the Bronx as President of Montefiore Medical Center. Currently he is in the midst of building an up to the minute pediatric hospital to treat the children of the Bronx and nearby Westchester County.

He is a member and past Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Greater New York Hospital Association and the Board of Directors of the League of Voluntary Hospitals.

Under Dr. Foreman Montefiore generously donated a three-story building for use by Angela House in the work it is doing for young women in need. Angela House is one of the many organizations making a concerted effort to solve the problem of homelessness in New York City. It also makes a crucial difference in the future of the children it serves by strengthening the family unit.

Dr. Foreman and Angela House are well matched. Both are doing good work for the Bronx in helping people who are in need. They both contribute so much to making the Bronx a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

COLONEL THOMAS R. FRIERS TO
RETIRE FROM THE UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE ON 31
DECEMBER 2000.

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Colonel Friers' twenty-eight years of service to our nation culminate with his assignment as Commander of the Department of Defense Manned Space Flight Support Office. Prior to entering the service, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Clarkson University, New York. He later received a Master of Science degree in Management from Central Missouri State University.

During the course of his Air Force Career, Colonel Friers rose to the level of command