

clinic, child health screenings at schools, and free transportation for prenatal visits.

Mr. Speaker, the Community Healthcare Network embodies the theme of this year's National Hospital Week—"Touching the Future with Care." I congratulate the Columbus Regional Healthcare System for its award-winning program, and I look forward to its future contributions to the communities of Georgia and Alabama.

HONORING THE LAMAR UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2000

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Lamar University Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. I am particularly proud of these recipients for two reasons, one—I am a Lamar University Graduate myself, and two—one of the recipients is my sister. This year's proud award winners are Mary Jo Lampson Ford, W.S. "Bud" Leonard and Joe V. Tortorice, Jr. The Alumni Award recipients are all people who have gone on to great success and have made outstanding commitments to their alma mater and communities.

Mary Jo Lampson Ford, my sister, became a quadriplegic after contracting polio when she was 14. Through therapy she regained some use of her arms and decided to go to college. Mary Jo earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences and art from Lamar State College of Technology in 1956.

When Mary Jo attended Lamar it was prior to the days of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the buildings were not accessible to wheelchairs. Mary Jo found the students and teachers accepting and helpful, often times carrying her up and down stairs and across campus because of the lack of accessibility. Mary Jo taught for seven years at South Park High School and went on to become a well known artist.

The second recipient, W.S. "Bud" Leonard, was an organizing member and officer of the LU Cardinal Club, Cardinal Hall of Honor Council and Friends of the Arts. Bud earned an associate degree in 1950 and a bachelor's degree in health education in 1953 as a member of Lamar's first four-year graduating class. He returned to earn a master's degree in speech in 1976.

Bud began 20 years of service to Lamar in 1975 as vice president of university relations and assistant chancellor for development, during which Lamar received almost \$45 million in donations. He also volunteered before and after his tenure, offering 25 years of support. Bud was awarded the Golden Cardinal for exceptional service to the alumni association in 1985.

Joe V. Tortorice, Jr. is the third recipient and earned a master's degree in business administration from Lamar in 1971. Joe developed the Jason's Deli chain of restaurants, which now has 80 locations. In 1976 he opened his first restaurant, with his family

serving as its employees and managers. The family connection has remained throughout the years, extending from his mother and father to his cousins. Joe and three of his cousins later became partners in Deli Management Inc., which operates in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Arizona, Tennessee, and Florida.

Mr. Speaker, the three recipients of the Lamar University Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni awards are all exceptional people. As a graduate of Lamar, I found my time there exhilarating—a time of rising expectation and rising confidence in the future and in myself. Lamar gave me the opportunity to try new things and meet people from diverse backgrounds, expanding my horizons both intellectually and socially. I have great admiration for Lamar, and I strongly believe that what I learned there has been an important factor in what I've been able to do since, and I know it was an important factor in the award recipients' accomplishments. I offer my congratulations to Mary Jo Lampson Ford, W.S. "Bud" Leonard and Joe V. Tortorice, Jr. and wish them continued success.

COMMENDING INDIANA TEACHERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2000

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Teacher Appreciation Week, a week set aside for elected leaders, parents, administrators, and students to express their appreciation for teachers who are making a difference. Every American can think of a special teacher who was an inspiration in their lives. For me, that teacher was Mrs. Daphne Richards.

I was always a pretty good student in school, except for one thing. Early on, I was a slow reader. Then in sixth grade, my teacher, Mrs. Richards, decided that she was going to turn me into a reader. She introduced me to comic books—now she didn't give me Spiderman or Superman, but classic comic books—comic-book versions of classic stories like MacBeth and Last of the Mohicans. And then I wanted to read the real versions—I was hooked! I've loved reading ever since. That great teacher, Mrs. Richards, made a difference in my life—she made me a reader.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of meeting great teachers across my home state of Indiana. Some of these teachers, like Mrs. Richards, teach children. Others, like those I have met at Ball State University, teach adults. Some are moms and dads teaching their kids at home. Some teach in public schools, others in private institutions. Some coach basketball. And some give the gift of music or art. Although they are different in many ways, good teachers have this in common: They are professionals devoted to excellence, possessing talent, patience, fortitude, and a personal love of learning and of learners.

For Teacher Appreciation Week, I would like to personally honor several teachers in Indi-

ana with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition. Nominated by a principal, parent, or colleague to receive this honor, these teachers are admired and respected by those closest to them. They are dedicated, hard working, and caring professionals who are doing a great service to our children, our communities, and our state.

Although they represent a small cross section of teachers who are making a difference in the lives of Hoosiers, I would like to list their names for the record. Teachers receiving a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for service to the community are as follows:

Ms. Laura Martin teaches physical education and health at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Valparaiso, Indiana. She has been teaching for 20 years. Also at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Ms. Janice Stanier has been teaching 27 and a half years. She teaches English. Having taught for 33 years, Mr. David Watson teaches technology at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. They each provide strong, positive leadership at this school where they have spent seventy of their combined eighty years of service to young people.

At Alain LeRoy Locke Elementary School in Gary, Indiana, Mr. Alonzo Daniels teaches fifth grade and coaches basketball. As a coach, Mr. Daniels has led Alain LeRoy Locke Elementary School to two important championships. He is known for bringing out the best in his students on the court and in the classroom. By building up his students with praise and encouragement, they are able to go far beyond expectations.

Mr. Al Remaly teaches Global Studies at Northwestern Middle School in Kokomo, Indiana where he puts in countless hours of hard work and dedication. He is innovative with technology and a strong advocate for our country and our flag. Considered an excellent role model, Mr. Remaly has earned the respect and appreciation of students and faculty.

Mr. Terry Hughes teaches English, U.S. history, and Gifted and Talented at the Signature Learning Center in Evansville, Indiana. He is a hard working teacher whose expertise in the classroom is a blessing to the school. This outstanding educator is an example of dedication, expertise, and commitment to young people.

In rural Indiana, Mr. Ken Snow teaches science at Boone Grove High School in Valparaiso where he is an inspiration to peers and students. Not only does he teach science, Mr. Snow develops curriculum, spearheads the school's science fair, is a co-sponsor of the National Honor Society, and oversees other activities. Because of his personal attention to students, he is known as someone who gives of himself so that student leave school with more than an education.

A reading specialist at the Whitney Center in Richmond, Indiana, Ms. Carolyn Gibb has taught children who have had great difficulties learning to read. Children come from neighboring states to work with Ms. Gibb. Providing the gift of reading through scientifically-based reading instruction, Ms. Gibb has given hope to so many frustrated children and parents.

At Scott Elementary School in Evansville, Indiana, Ms. Patricia Foster teaches second grade. Known for her wit, wisdom and