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HONORING MICHAEL E. MATZNICK FROM THE SIXTH DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HOWARD COBLE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, with health care reform taking the congressional stage once again, I would like to recognize a constituent and friend of mine from the Sixth District of North Carolina, who will be a key player in the debate. We are proud to announce that a resident of the Sixth District was recently selected as the new president of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU).

Mr. Michael E. Matznick was sworn in as NAHU’s president for the 2000–2001 term by Alan Katz, the outgoing president. Michael has been a board member of NAHU since 1997. He has served as president of the North Carolina state chapter of NAHU and received its distinguished service award. Michael joined NAHU’s board as the vice president of the Southeast region in 1996.

Michael is the president of MedFlex Benefits Center, Inc., a firm founded in 1986 that specializes in individual and group health insurance, employee benefits plans, and Section 125. He has a degree in business administration from Illinois State University, and lives in Greensboro, North Carolina, with his wife Carol and their two sons.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, I would like to congratulate Michael Matznick for being selected for this national position. We wish him the best of luck as he leads the National Association of Health Underwriters into the twenty-first century.

GUAM’S YOUTH MONTH ISLAND LEADERSHIP DAY

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD
OF GUAM
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, each year, Guam’s Department of Education celebrates April as Youth Month with several activities, including an oratorical contest, a student exchange program, a school showcase, a youth conference, and the much-anticipated Island Day, which gives middle- and high-school students the opportunity to take on the challenge of being a senator for a day.

During this event, students take on the roles of Guam’s student leaders, including elected officials and political leaders. In particular, the Youth Month Planning Committee, was made up of students from Southern High School, specifically Cherrisa Chaguatal, president; Jermaine Alerta, vice president; Erwin Agar, secretary; Joseph Cruz, treasurer; and Angela Tamayo, activities coordinator. In having planned and executed a very impressive and successful schedule of varied events, our youth genuinely embodied in this year’s Youth Month theme, “I Manhoben i Isla-ta, i Fuetsan i Tiempo-ta—The Youth of Our Island, the Strength of Our Time.”

Our youth are the stepping stones toward a bright future. Oftentimes we hear that children are our future. And indeed they are. Today they play our roles, but tomorrow those roles will be theirs. Seeing these success-bound students taking roles in the different career areas gives me a wonderful vision of Guam’s bright future.

HONORING DR. R. DOUGLAS YAJKO
HON. SCOTT McINNIS
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I consider it a personal privilege and honor to offer this tribute in acknowledgment of Dr. R. Douglas Yajko, an avid hunter and great humanitarian. Recently, Dr. Yajko was recognized by the Safari Club International as the recipient of the highest award given to hunters, the Hunting Hall of Fame Award. The award is given to a member of the SCI who has made noteworthy contributions to the organizations.

Dr. Yajko has spent a lifetime working on behalf of hunters from around the world. His contributions to the hunting community have helped educate the public about the nuances of hunting and wildlife. Dr. Yajko has participated in an array of associations, including the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, International Sheep Hunters Association, Boone and Crockett Club, and the National Rifle Association. In addition, the good doctor founded the SCI’s Upper Colorado River Chapter in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and served as president for five years.

Dr. Yajko has been an avid hunter since his early childhood and has traveled to six continents in which he has successfully taken over 16 dozen distinct big game animals, many of which qualified as SCI records for trophy animals.

Although Dr. Yajko hunting exploits are formidable, his contributions to the medical community are probably more impressive. A general, vascular, and thoracic surgeon, Dr. Yajko has been a committed surgeon in my district for more than 25 years, and has been published in various medical journals during that time.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you and congratulations to Dr. Yajko for his life of service and success. Colorado is proud—and fortunate—to call him its own.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. JOSEPH M. Hoeffel
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. Hoeffel. Mr. Speaker, last night I missed two votes on procedural motions numbered 255 and 256. I was attending my son’s graduation from high school. If present, I would have voted “aye” on both motions.

IN HONOR OF LARRY AND BARBARA MEISTER
HON. ELMON GALLEGGY
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. GALLEGGY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Larry and Barbara Meister, whose many years of volunteer service to the people of Ventura County, CA, in my district, will be recognized this weekend at the Interface Children Family Services’ Tribute Dinner.

Larry and Barbara Meister have dedicated their lives to the values of education, charity, and compassion and have served as role models by leading and supporting many charitable causes.

Some of the organizations that have benefited from their dedication are Interface, Ventura Education Partnership, Jewish Family