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A RESOLUTION HONORING CHRISTOPHER AEMISEGGER, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Christopher Aemisegger, winner of the 2000 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Christopher is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan. Christopher is an exceptional student at Hillsdale High School and possesses an impressive high school record.

Christopher has received numerous awards for his excellence in academics as well as his participation in school sports. Outside of school, he is an active member of his church community.

Therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Christopher Aemisegger for his selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his endeavors.

HONORING CLAUDIA SCHROTH

HON. RON PAUL
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the citizens of Round Top, Texas. The bark of the old cannon on the town square in Round Top, Texas, on July 4, 2000, will announce the city's famous Independence Day Parade. Each year, the small town of Round Top, deep in the heart of Fayette County in Texas' Congressional District 14, swells to accommodate a crowd of 8,000 Fourth of July visitors that come to celebrate our nation's freedom.

In 1851, on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of United States, Round Top celebrated its first Fourth of July. The celebration of this most important date in United States history continues to be the longest held observance of Independence Day west of the Mississippi.

According to historical accounts, early stagecoach lines operating along the Old Bahia Road between Houston and Austin traveled near the center of today's town. When the drivers crossed Rocky Creek along the route and spotted the octagonal-shaped roof of the stage stand, they called out "Round Top!"

Things are slow to change in Round Top. Its citizens appreciate their traditions and have adopted ordinances that are designed to project, enrich and promote the old historic landmarks for the enjoyment and edification of future generations.

On the occasion of over 150 years of celebrations, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the people of Round Top, Texas, who, on Independence Day, proudly proclaim, "God Bless America!"

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, over the past 20 years Congress has devoted a great deal of time and money toward addressing the important issues facing women's health. We created an Office of Women's Health at the NIH and we have taken great strides to increase the number of women included in health studies. We have undoubtedly saved hundreds of thousands of women's lives, improved the quality of many millions more, and we have every reason to be proud.

However, we must now begin to focus on the crisis in men's health too. The simple fact is that every year hundreds of men suffer and die needlessly—and entirely preventable—deaths.

In 1994, Congress established National Men's Health Week, the week leading up to and including Father's Day. Unfortunately, men's health is not getting any better.

I believe it is time for us to establish an Office of Men's Health. For that reason, I am introducing legislation today that will establish an Office of Men's Health at the Department of Health and Human Services to monitor, coordinate and improve men's health in America.

America needs a concerted effort to combat the problems facing men's health. This year, almost 200,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and almost 32,000 of these men will die. Of course, we cannot save all these men. Nevertheless, we could save a lot of them. While mammograms and Pap smears have dramatically reduced the death rate from breast and cervical cancers, the death rate from prostate cancer could be reduced by widespread use of a simple test called the PSA, which most of us have never heard of.

I am one of the thousands of men who have been saved by a simple PSA test. Just a little over a year ago, I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and almost 32,000 of these men will die. Of course, we cannot save all these men. Nevertheless, we could save a lot of them. While mammograms and Pap smears have dramatically reduced the death rate from breast and cervical cancers, the death rate from prostate cancer could be reduced by widespread use of a simple test called the PSA, which most of us have never heard of.

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aimed at getting women to get regular mammograms and do routine self-exams, we must support the same kind of campaign to get men to get regular health checkups and do routine self-exams. Testicular cancer, which is the most common cancer in men under 35, is curable if caught early enough. In addition, one of the best ways to do that is to teach boys and young men to check themselves at least once a month.

As precious as life is, men—just like women—should have the benefit of as much of it as they possibly can. And because they live so much longer, women are in the enviable position of seeing their husbands, fathers, and even their sons suffer and die prematurely.

So this year, as we approach Father’s Day, let’s spend some time figuring out what we can do to help men be better healthcare consumers and what we can do to give men the support and guidance they need and deserve. They need to be the kind of fathers their kids need them to be and that they truly want to be.

Congress is taking the lead in this endeavor. Over 50 members of Congress have joined with me to co-sponsor the annual Men’s Health Screenings being conducted this week by the Men’s Health Network. Informational brochures are provided by Pfizer Inc, American Cancer Society, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Screenings are available in the Rayburn First Aid station Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday in the Hart First Aid station. I encourage my colleagues to take this opportunity to be screened for prostate and colorectal cancer, diabetes, cholesterol, and other significant health indicators.

I also hope that all my colleagues will help me by supporting my legislation to establish an Office of Men’s Health.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Reverend Micheal Elliott. Recognizing that poor health care prolongs homelessness, Reverend Elliott developed partnerships among the diverse private and public organizations serving the homeless to create a shelter based clinic. Reverend Elliott established the J.C. Lewis Health Center of Union Mission, a 32-bed respite center which provides care to the homeless who are too sick to recover in shelters, but not sick enough to remain in hospitals. This well-conceived project provides much needed care to the homeless as well as saves the county’s three major hospitals millions of dollars annually in the costs of unnecessary hospitalizations. By integrating services for this vulnerable population, Reverend Elliott and his organization bridged the gap in service and helped to reduce homelessness in Savannah.

Reverend Elliott’s efforts confirm that innovative approaches and collaborative efforts are very effective tools in solving health care challenges that many communities face. Finally, the real strength of these creative programs is the compassion of Reverend Elliott. I’ve known Mike for years—he is energetic, dedicated and bold. He mixes idealism with practicality, and assembles a group of personal qualities and talents together to make things happen. I believe it is his “outside of the box” thinking that makes the difference.

A RESOLUTION HONORING COURTNAY MCFETERS, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF HORTON, MI

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service that I am proud to salute Courtnay McFeters, winner of the 2000 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation’s future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Courtnay is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Courtnay is an exceptional student at Hanover-Horton High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Courtnay has received numerous awards for her excellence in academics as well as her involvement in band. Outside of school, she is an active member of her church community.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Courtnay McFeters for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this