are to come from the $87.9 million budget of the NHSC.

Please join me in supporting this legislation as a good first step towards addressing the nursing staffing shortages around the country.

**A TRIBUTE TO MARIA EMA MINON**

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2001*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Maria Ema Minon, M.D., who this past weekend completed her term as President of the Orange County Medical Association.

Dr. Minon, only the second woman president in the 100 year history of the OCM, has provided excellent leadership on numerous issues of central importance to the people of Orange County. Her fight for just compensation for physician services provided under Medi-Cal and her dedication to improving the quality of care in Orange County have been exemplary.

Dr. Minon was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and immigrated to the United States in 1966. After graduating from the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine, she distinguished herself over 20 years as a pediatrician in private practice. Since 1984, she has served in numerous leadership positions to promote public service in medicine, ethics, and health finances. Dr. Minon served as President of my district's American Academy of Pediatrics chapter and was recently named Chair of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County. She is also the Vice President of Medical Affairs at the Children's Hospital of Orange County, and was recognized in 1998 by the CHOC Foundation for Children with the Charlie Hester Philanthropy Award.

Although the gavel has passed to a new President, I know Dr. Minon will continue to dedicate her time and knowledge to advancing high-quality health care for all Orange County residents. On behalf of the United States Congress and all of the people of Orange County whom it is my privilege to represent, congratulations to Dr. Minon on her successful tenure as the President of the Orange County Medical Association.

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**
OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anne Flick Steinbeck on her retirement for the Gunnison/Hinsdale Department of Social Services. When she retired on June 11, Anne had given the department more than 36 years of dedicated service. Her presence will surely be missed.

While being recognized at a gala retirement event, Gunnison County Commissioner Perry Anderson called Steinbeck a “miracle worker.” Although the Gunnison/Hinsdale Department of Social Services has undergone numerous changes during the time Anne has served, the primary aim of assisting fellow human beings has remained the same. Touching the hearts of others has undoubtedly been a motivating factor for her as she has served selflessly for the people of her community.

After many years of service to others, Anne and her husband have decided to travel and spend a considerable amount of time with their family. I wish Anne Steinbeck the best of luck and thank her for the dedicated effort she has put forth.

**TRIBUTE TO EUDORA (ALICE) WELTY**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Maria Ema Minon, M.D., who this past weekend completed her term as President of the Orange County Medical Association.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NEW NATIONAL GOAL: THE ADVANCEMENT OF GLOBAL HEALTH**

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS
OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 23, 2001*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise once again to bring to the attention of my colleagues the introduction of legislation to prove “The National Commission for the New National Goal: The Advancement of Global Health.”

The entire world acknowledges that the 20th century was engaged by our nation’s leadership in the removal of the threat of totalitarianism and of world communism. Our national goals were the safeguard and expansion of democracy through the maintenance of military and political power. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, these goals were not only advanced but made a reality. As we enter the 21st century, our great nation has once again a unique opportunity to channel the genius of its technology, industrial might, scientific research and the will of our great citizens into a positive goal equal to the 20th century challenge of defeating totalitarianism.

Today, it is time to rechannel our limitless energies to an all-out effort to enhance the health of every American and to combat disease worldwide. America’s humanitarian and enlightened self-interest are substantial reasons to commit to the global eradication of disease such accomplishments would protect our citizens, improve quality of life, enhance our economy and ensure the continued advancement of American interests worldwide. While the actual eradication of disease on a global scale may not be possible, the pursuit of such goals could leap to new products in health care, new medicines and new methods of treating disease.

On June 30, 1999, I introduced into the 106th Congress H.R. 2399, the National Commission for the New National Goal: The Advancement of Global Health Act. I am reintro- ducing that measure today. This legislation would create a Presidential/Congressional commission to investigate how we as a nation can commit ourselves to the goal of the global eradication of disease. Specifically, this com- mission would recommend to Congress a plan to accomplish these objectives, the bill sets two tangible goals for the Commis- sion. First, the Commission would assist the Center for Vaccine Development at the Na- tional Institutes of Health to achieve global control of infectious diseases. In addition, the Commission would utilize the NIH and NSF to expand health resources and research information globally through Internet conferencing and data dissemination capabilities. The Commission would also be authorized to spend up to $1 million as seed money to coordinate and attract private and public funds, both at home and abroad, to realize these goals.

On September 13, 2001, Dr. Dyann Wirth, a professor at the Harvard University School of Public Health Department of Immunology and Infectious Disease, testified on my legislation before the House Commerce Committee subcommittee on Health and the Environment on behalf of the Joint Steering Committee Public Policy. I would like to emphasize the following excerpt from her testimony:

According to the World Health Organization, infectious diseases account for more than 13
million deaths per year. That means that over the duration of this hearing 1,500 people will die from an infectious disease—half of them children under five.

As you know, most of these deaths occur in developing countries where extreme poverty and lack of access to basic health care, adequate sanitation and essential drugs can seal the fate of children before they are born. However, the enormous volume of travel and trade today have made infectious diseases blind to our national borders. . .

As we begin the 21st century, we are blessed with unimaginable opportunities to build on breakthrough research to control and prevent global infectious disease. This is not just altruism to reduce the suffering of the world’s most needy; this is also a question of national security and health for the United States and its citizens. Renewed investment in the treatment and prevention of global infectious disease is also basic to the security for the country; by helping others across the world we are also launching the best defense to protect the health of our Nation’s people.

The knowledge and unbounded imagination of researchers, doctors and scientists such as Dr. Danyel Withe have elevated the eminence of research that has fostered our freedom and economic well-being. Now, we can empower these individuals in an all-out effort to devise the methods and substances to eradicate disease worldwide. The concern for human life requires us to muster all available resources, bolstered by a concerted, dedicated will to eradicate disease from the face of the Earth.

Please join me in co-sponsoring this important legislation.

HONORING DAN AND MARY KING
HON. SCOTT McINNIS
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 23, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I’d like to congratulate and thank Dan and Mary King of Ouray, Colorado, for having the courage and initiative to take on a project that will enrich the City of Ouray. The couple, who are working to completely renovate the historic Beaumont Hotel, will provide residents and visitors both with a sense of history and foundation.

Dan and Mary, who are from San Antonio, Texas, have made a huge investment in the once crumbling hotel. They purchased what Lori Cumpston of The Daily Sentinel called “the pink elephant—an eyesore” at an auction in 1998 with the hopes of transforming it into “a revitalized hotel with retail shops, restaurants, and a spa.” Currently, the Kings have found fifty workers to help them update the building with new electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and fire suppression systems, as well as handicapped access to all floors. They are also baring the natural brick that has long been covered with bubblegum pink paint. “Every square inch, including the mortar, has had to be hand scraped,” Mary said. While the new Beaumont will portray new amenities, however, they are also keeping the hotel authentic. Dan said, “We want to change as little as possible. We want the experience to be as it’s been for 115 years old.”

Ponder House, Mary and Dan estimate that the hotel will not be finished until the summer of 2002, the first shop owner in the hotel is already enjoying the King’s project. David Smith, whose business is the first in 37 years to open in the Beaumont Hotel, has already opened Buckskin Booksellers at the Beaumont, which houses over 4000 new and rare books. Smith says of the Beaumont, “Most people see this as becoming the core of the town.”

Mr. Speaker, the Kings have done a great service in transforming what used to inhibit the town’s atmosphere into what might be the new “core” of Ouray. I ask we pay tribute on behalf of Congress to their personal sacrifice and their initiative.

IN MEMORY OF EUORDA WELTY
HON. GENE TAYLOR
OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 23, 2001

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues from Mississippi in expressing deep appreciation and admiration for one of the most gifted literary figures of our state and nation, Eudora Welty, whom we lost this afternoon following a lifetime of contribution to her art. Although recognized and celebrated throughout her career, Welty had a gracious and genteel demeanor. She spoke frequently to students of literature and lovers of writing, encouraging them to develop an ability to listen and to carefully observe before trying to understand or tell a story.

Born in 1909, Welty was a life-long resident of Jackson, Mississippi, where she grew up in a close-knit extended family. She claimed to have been sheltered and protected from outside forces of all sorts. She attended Mississippi State College for Women, the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and Columbia University in New York. She returned to Mississippi during the Great Depression. She held various jobs, including publicist for the Works Progress Administration and a number of lecturing and teaching posts. She also had a love for photography, and took many pictures during that era that were later displayed and published.

Photography had a profound influence on her mode of writing, teaching her that life does not hold still and inspiring her to try to capture its transience in words. Notoriously taciturn about her work, Welty carefully controlled her public persona. She firmly insisted that her writing, teaching, answering questions from callers. In all, they produce live broadcasts four times per week, using it as a means to serve and minister to others. In addition, Vicki has authored Quiet Moments for Home School Moms and Dads and The Basic Blueprint to Successful Homeschooling. Terry serves as president of HEN and executive producer of the two live programs.

Mr. Speaker, Terry and Vicki Brady have been excellent role models for parents, particularly those who home school their children. They have contributed to a vital movement toward making our nation’s children our first priority. Their outstanding efforts deserve the