

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTMAS

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, Christmas during wartime is an unsettling conflict in vision and emotion for Americans. A peace-loving nation, the United States has always been resolved in the face of tyranny to crush the purveyors of terror and to vanquish the enemies of freedom; and with firm reliance upon the protection of Divine Providence. Celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace is a testimony to authentic liberty, and invigorates the spirit of a nation whose motto boldly stands "in God we trust."

America will prevail, because it always has, because it must, and because it is right.

President Franklin Roosevelt asked, "how can we pause, even for a day, even for Christmas Day, in our urgent labor of arming a decent humanity against the enemies which beset it?" Today, Americans confront the same question. The answer is, of course, the same, and so the outcome will be.

The nation's first Christmas occurred amidst the Revolutionary War. With the Continental Army poised to turn the momentum of the war, General George Washington conceived a daring tactic which would unfold on the Eve of Christmas 1776. Under cover of darkness and well after the Hessian mercenaries had consumed their Holiday feast (and drink), Washington led his troops across the Delaware River to defeat the heavy, surprised, and more numerous Hessian mercenaries who held Trenton, NJ.

A few months prior to the famous attack, Washington wrote, "the time is now near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will deliver them. The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die."

In 1862, entering the second year of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln inspired his countrymen through the Christmas season. Before Congress, he delivered a stirring speech: "the dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present," Lincoln said. "The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise to the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country."

Roosevelt's address following the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor urged Americans to take inspiration from the sacred Holiday. "Our strongest weapon in this war is that conviction of the dignity and brotherhood of man which Christmas Day signifies—more than any other day or any other symbol. Against enemies who preach the principles of hate and practice them, we set our faith in human love and in

God's care for us and all men everywhere," he said. "It is in that spirit, and with particular thoughtfulness of those our sons and brothers, who serve in our armed forces on land and sea, near and far—those who serve for us and endure for us—that we light our Christmas candles now across the continent from one coast to the other on this Christmas Eve."

From the Christmas Eve crossing of the Delaware, to the Christmases observed in Civil War camps, the trenches of World War I, and the forests of Belgium during WWII, Americans have always been willing to fight to secure their nation and restore peace.

American men and women presently deployed in Afghanistan, the Middle East, Bosnia, Korea, throughout the world and here at home, are emblematic of the sacrifice and dedication of the proud American soldiers who preceded them. The cause of freedom, liberty and valor serves to summon the courage of those who stand in harm's way, but even more does the spirit of Christmas confirm the hope and blessing that is God's gift to America. The way to victory was shown to the world by a child whose birthday is revered around the world. America's trust in God will lead us to victory again.

**WILLIAM WINKENWERDER, AS-
SISTANT SECRETARY OF DE-
FENSE FOR HEALTH CARE**

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, America's armed service members, their families and military retirees can rest easier today knowing that Dr. William Winkenwerder has been sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Care. A western North Carolina native, Dr. Winkenwerder brings fittingly broad experience and an impressive record of achievement to this important position. All Americans can be proud that Dr. Winkenwerder has agreed to serve his nation yet once again. The Asheville Citizen-Times' Tim Reid recently penned a profile of Dr. Winkenwerder, which I am glad to share with my colleagues.

WINKENWERDER TOP HEALTHCARE OFFICIAL
FOR DEFENSE DEPARTMENT
(By Tim Reid)

ASHEVILLE.—Growing up in Asheville in a family well known for its successful hotels, William Winkenwerder seemed destined to enter the hospitality industry like his brother, John. But he liked science and helping people and figured medicine was a good way to combine those interests. Some time during his years of medical school, residency and private practice, Dr. Winkenwerder also discovered he was drawn to the public policy side of medicine, designing and administering systems to deliver quality health care as efficiently as possible.

"Even though I very much enjoyed taking care of patients, I developed an interest in how the system of health care worked, or didn't work in some cases," he said.

After years of high-level jobs related to providing health services, Winkenwerder is using all his experience and expertise to help

protect the health of America's armed services, their families and military retirees. He was sworn in recently as assistant secretary of defense for health care—the Defense Department's top health-care official. It is a big job, and the numbers are staggering. Winkenwerder manages the nation's \$25 billion defense health program, whose 110,000 staffers see to the health needs of more than 8 million people around the world.

"It's an incredible responsibility. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve in this kind of position," he said. "We have wonderful people in the military. They are extremely dedicated, hard working and bright."

Winkenwerder assumed the job at a critical time as the military prepares for a sustained effort against terrorism.

"We have to look at the whole range of biological agents that could pose a threat and develop a strategy for all of them," he said. "That could include not just anthrax but also smallpox, the plague and all the things we believe could be used."

Winkenwerder faces the same challenges posed to any health care executive—assuring quality care while keeping costs at an acceptable level. He is not responsible for the nation's VA hospitals but does oversee the Tricare program that functions like an insurance program, paying for care through the public or private sector.

THE EARLY YEARS

Winkenwerder said he has a soft spot in his heart for Asheville and visits family members here three or four times a year. They include his father, William Winkenwerder Sr. of Asheville, and his mother Martha Baker Loew, also of Asheville. His brother John Winkenwerder is managing partner of the Asheville area Hampton Inns.

"It was a great experience growing up there and working for my father," he said. "He gave me a real appreciation for work and for serving people."

But it was Winkenwerder's family physician, Dr. Roger James, who sparked his early interest in medicine.

"He was a wonderful man who died recently," Winkenwerder recalled. "He was my doctor and a leader in my church. I was just impressed with what he did for people."

He said another role model was orthopedic surgeon Dr. Wayne Montgomery. "He was mayor of Asheville at the time, and I liked that idea of combining medicine and public service."

Winkenwerder also worked summers as an orderly at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he got to know many physicians such as Dr. David Cappiello, another orthopedic surgeon. After graduation from Asheville High School, Winkenwerder went to Davidson College on a football scholarship, enrolling in its pre-med program. After Davidson came eight years of medical school and residency in internal medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, during which Winkenwerder's career interests began to change.

"I decided I really did want to delve into this whole area of health care policy and health care economics and public health," he said. "I decided business school was a good way to do that."

Winkenwerder attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and at the same time completed a fellowship in public health and research at the university's hospital. During the summer of 1986 he worked at the Department of Health and Human Resources and got a taste for government that has never really left him. The following year

Winkenwerder was asked to come back and work in the Health Care Financing Administration, which operates the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

"I worked there about two years, until the end of the Reagan administration" he said. "I got into that whole world of how the health care system should be structured."

Yearning to use his skills as a doctor, Winkenwerder joined a group practice in Atlanta. He worked there for five years, seeing firsthand how managed care was changing the practice of medicine. Winkenwerder then began a series of high-level jobs in diverse aspects of the health care system. They included stints as: regional vice president and chief medical officer for Prudential Health Care; regional quality assurance and associate medical director for Kaiser Permanente; and vice president for Emory Health Care at Emory University.

Then Winkenwerder moved to Boston to take the number two post as vice chairman of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. When his desire to advance to the top post did not materialize, he decided to return to government service. Winkenwerder talked to friends and colleagues in Washington and spent several months being interviewed and scrutinized for the job at the Department of Defense. He was nominated by President Bush after an extensive FBI background check. The Armed Services Committee approved Winkenwerder's nomination Oct. 16, and he was sworn into office Oct. 30.

"My goals are pretty simple," he said. "I want to protect the health of the people who are in the service, making sure especially that we are ready for chemical or biological attacks.

"I want to improve Tricare, managing costs and improving service and quality," he said. "And I want to improve our relationships with other entities like Congress, the VA system and the Department of Health and Human Services." Winkenwerder's wife, Pride and 10-year-old son, Will are staying in Boston until the end of the school year, when they will join him in Washington. In the meantime, he is working 12-hour days in his office at the Pentagon. Winkenwerder is excited to be in a job where he can use his years of experience and preparation to, perhaps, make a difference.

"I would just hope that in some way, by being an effective leader, I can help improve health care for an important group of people who serve our nation," he said.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
THOMAS KEAN

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an exceptional leader and role model for all New Jersey, our former governor, the Honorable Thomas H. Kean. Today, Governor Kean will be honored at the "Evening with the Governors" 2001 Good Scout Awards of the Northern New Jersey Council of Boy Scouts of America. Governor Kean has turned his ability to both serve and lead into a career of tremendous public service. As Governor of New Jersey, he worked hard for New Jersey, and New Jersey thanked him, re-electing him to a second term as he

won by more than 700,000 votes. This evening, we will honor the Governor for his dedicated work.

Governor Kean is remembered for policy, not politics. Known for his immense knowledge of education issues and ability to connect with so many residents of New Jersey, Governor Kean was one of our most popular governors in state history. During his two-terms in office in the 1980s, Governor Kean was responsible for more than 30 education reforms, landmark environmental policies, and tax cuts that created 750,000 jobs in New Jersey. Governor Kean's work truly helped New Jersey residents and even today he is one of our most recognized leaders in New Jersey government.

His recognition extends well outside of our state. In 1988, Governor Kean delivered the keynote address at the Republican National Convention and has been recognized by three presidents as "The Education Governor." He holds numerous awards from environmental and educational organizations including more than 30 honorary degrees. Governor Kean serves on the Board of Trustees of his two alma maters—Princeton University and Columbia University Teachers College. He is also chairman of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

However it is education that continues to be of great importance to Governor Kean. Since leaving New Jersey political life in 1990, Governor Kean has served as President of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, where he has led Drew to become one of the nation's premiere small universities with a focus on teaching, technology in the classroom, and international educational experience. Since beginning his tenure, undergraduate applications have increased astronomically, endowment has tripled in size, and the University has launched its first comprehensive fund-raising campaign. Yet Governor Kean's passion seems to still reside in the classroom, and he is often found there. As one who shares his education background, I understand his desire to not only work with education policies, but most importantly with the students. I commend him for this dedication.

I thank Governor Tom Kean for all that he has done for our state of New Jersey. He has accomplished great things and continues to do so. His heart truly focuses on policies and people, not politics and partisanship. In this way, he is a role model for all in this chamber.

TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS SMOCK

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Phyllis Smock on her retirement from the University System of Maryland after more than 32 years of dedicated service.

A friend of the State of Maryland, Phyllis Smock, University of Maryland University College's director of alumni relations, will retire on December 1, 2001. Ms. Smock has played a

significant role in the growth of University of Maryland University College.

University of Maryland University College, or UMUC, is one of 11 accredited degree-granting institutions in the University System. For 50 years, the University has fulfilled its principal mission: to serve adult, part-time students through high-quality educational opportunities. In 1949, of the U.S. colleges and universities invited to provide courses to the men and women in the military stationed overseas, only UMUC accepted.

Today, UMUC classroom sites can be found throughout Maryland, the Washington, DC metropolitan area, and over 100 overseas locations. Last year, over 71,000 students were enrolled in UMUC classes. About 47,000 were service members on active duty with the U.S. military, stationed stateside and abroad in over 29 countries. UMUC is proud of its long history of service to the military and is honored to count over 50 admirals and generals among its alumni. Moreover, UMUC is a pioneer in distance learning; students now can "attend class" from anywhere in the world via the Internet.

Ms. Smock has actively contributed to the growth and success of UMUC. She began working for the University System in 1966 and has served in the UMUC Overseas Programs Office where she worked as logistical coordinator for new faculty recruited to the European and Asian divisions. Further, she has been instrumental in the growth of the Alumni Association from its inception more than a decade ago. Today, the Association boasts of more than 35,000 alumni in Maryland and over 100,000 UMUC alumni worldwide.

During the past seven years, Ms. Smock has coordinated with many UMUC alumni-volunteers and helped establish a stronger relationship with the Maryland General Assembly. She has been a tireless advocate for UMUC, its alumni, and their support of their alma mater—a global University that will provide to any student, anywhere, the opportunity for life-long learning.

Ms. Smock deserves the thanks and praise of Marylanders and this grateful nation which she has faithfully served for so long. I ask the Members of the House to join me in wishing her and her husband, Ray, all the best in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF P.O. JEANETTE
MORALES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of P.O. Jeanette Morales and her record of service to Brooklyn as a member of the New York City Police Department.

Jeanette Morales was born and raised in East New York. She graduated in 1982 and started working as a bank teller. She moved to various positions within the bank and ultimately became Senior Customer Service Representative. She enjoyed working with and helping people so a friend recommended that she become an Auxiliary Police Officer.