

On a personal note, during eight years as Speaker, Susan's professional management skills allowed me the opportunity to concentrate on policy development.

In 1967 when Susan McCahan started her public service, the legislative branch of Maryland government was dominated by the Executive branch. Today, thanks in large part to Susan, the Maryland Legislature is an independent and strong voice in developing and overseeing state policy.

I would ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Susan McCahan for her service and contributions to the legislative process and the State of Maryland and wishing her well in her retirement.

HONORING REV. CHESTER
MCGENSY FOR HIS PORTRAITS
OF SUCCESS AWARD

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Chester McGensy for receiving the Portraits of Success Award. This award pays tribute to Reverend McGensy's involvement in the African-American community. His active involvement has made him a role model for the members of his local community.

Reverend McGensy was born and raised in Fresno. In 1986, as a General Building Contractor, he established Delta Electric, an electrical contracting company. His company became a vital part of Fresno's economy employing several individuals. In 1990, while operating Delta Electric, Chester felt a holy calling into the gospel ministry. He decided to further his education in the gospel by attending the Mennonite Brethren Seminary. After nine successful years in business, Chester left his company to begin a new church in Northeast Fresno. In 1995 he began Family Community Church with 5 members. Under his leadership, the church membership has grown to over 750 members. The church has recently completed its first structure, a 22,000 square foot multi-purpose building in Northeast Fresno.

His involvement with community organizations include: West Fresno Ministerial Alliance, No Name Fellowship, Edison High School Parent Club, Clovis West Foundation, Evangel Home, Marjoree Mason Home, Angel Tree Project, Feed Fresno Food Give-A-Way, Prison Ministry, Salvation Army Bell Ringers, Poverello House, and the Rescue Mission.

His accomplishments have earned him a Portraits of Success Award, presented by KSEE-24 and Companies That Care in recognition of African-American History Month.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Reverend Chester McGensy for his commitment to improving the lives of the people in the community. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Reverend McGensy many more years of continued success.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE LOCK-BOX ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 13, 2001

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2 because I believe we should honor the commitment our government has made to protect America's seniors. We must guarantee that the money American workers pay into Social Security and Medicare, plus all of the interest those Trust Funds earn on this money, is used to keep Medicare and Social Security solvent. Not only will this bill help us shore up Social Security and Medicare, but taking these Trust Funds off-budget will allow us to pay down our national debt and keep our economy strong.

Congress should protect the retirement funds we have promised to military retirees in the same way we are protecting Medicare and Social Security. We must not spend or otherwise dedicate any funds that are currently building in the Military Retirement Trust Fund, the on-budget fund that pays the military pensions of hundreds of thousands of men and women who have served this country in uniform.

At the end of the year 2000, the balance of the Military Retirement Trust Fund was \$163 billion. Over the next 10 years, the Congressional Budget Office projects that more than \$100 billion additional dollars will be set aside in the fund.

Few people realize that the current the budget surplus estimate includes money already promised to military personnel for their retirement. We should not consider any of the dollars set aside for military retirees as part of this surplus. And we certainly should not spend any of the money in the Military Retirement Trust Fund for purposes other than paying the retirement benefits of our fighting men and women. While I support this bill, I hope my colleagues will do the right thing by passing similar legislation to protect the Military Retirement Trust Fund.

My colleague, GENE TAYLOR, and I have introduced a resolution calling on Congress to preserve the Military Retirement Trust Fund. H. Res. 23, the Military Retirement Protection Resolution, says Congress should not use the Military Retirement Trust Fund money for anything but what it is intended for: paying military retirement benefits. That is the least we can do for the men and women who send so much of their lives defending our nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
CHRISSIE WOOLCOCK COLLINS

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the late Mrs. Chrissie Woolcock Collins, the cofounder of one of the world's most famous medical infor-

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mation and identification devices, Medic Alert. Mrs. Collins was memorialized at a service on Saturday, January 27, 2001.

Medic Alert Foundation is the nation's leading emergency medical information and identification service, and one of the world's largest non-profit organizations, representing over 4 million members worldwide. The service has helped protect and save lives for nearly 45 years.

Mrs. Collins was born on July 30, 1906, in Douglas, Isle of Man, British Isles. She and her family immigrated to Turlock, California in 1912. She attended elementary schools in Turlock, and graduated from Turlock High School in 1923.

She earned a bachelor degree in music from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California in 1928. In 1929 she married Marion Carter Collins whom she met in the eighth grade. Her husband went on to earn his medical degree and was a practicing physician in Turlock. Mrs. Collins was formerly employed as supervisor of music for the Turlock Elementary School System and as choral director for adult education in Turlock. She and Dr. Collins raised four children—Michael, Linda, Tom and Margaret.

In 1953 while on vacation her daughter, Linda, cut her finger. She was taken to the Lillian Collins Hospital in Turlock and attended to by her uncle, Dr. James Collins. He performed a skin test before injecting Linda with the full dose of tetanus antitoxin. Instantly, she went into anaphylactic shock, developed hives, had difficulty breathing and had to be sustained by an oxygen tent.

Dr. and Mrs. Collins took the lessons learned from their daughter's mishap and developed them into concepts that today characterized the first and most recognized emergency medical information service, Medic Alert Foundation. They realized that the need for immediate recognition of a medical condition by emergency medical personnel was a concern shared by millions of others. Together, they designed an emblem that has stood the test of time and remained virtually unchanged over the years. They used a version of the healing arts symbol, the caduceus, or staff of Aesculapius, flanked by the words 'Medic Alert' in red. A jeweler in San Francisco crafted the bracelet and engraved Linda's allergies to tetanus antitoxin, aspirin and sulfa drugs on the back. The original bracelet, now in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution, signifies the importance of the Collins' efforts and dedication. Today, the Medic Alert emblem is worn by more than 4 million members worldwide.

Her dedication and commitment to the community continued throughout the years. In addition to her participation in many civic and social organizations, she was honored by the Muir Trail Council of Girl Scouts, the Native Daughters of the Golden West, the Turlock Chamber of Commerce as well as many other organizations.

Her contributions and influence on Medic Alert Foundation are legendary. She is recognized not only as the organization's cofounder, but its conscience and spirit as well. From 1960 until her death, Mrs. Collins served on the board of directors for the Medic Alert Foundation.