EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

March 28, 2001

HON. ALLEN BOYD
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed on Roll Call vote 50. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call vote 50.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM
OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, on March 23, 2001, I regrettably missed a recorded vote on Roll Call 60. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

LET'S SUPPORT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

HON. EDOMPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in stressing the importance of funding community health centers at a level of at least $175 million for FY 2002. In my home State of New York, we provide over 164,000 residents who are uninsured or Medicaid recipients with health care services. Low-income New Yorkers are dependent on these centers for important services like immunizations, breast and cervical cancer exams as well as treatment for asthma, diabetes and heart disease.

Communities served by community health centers make a real difference in the quality of life for that community. For example, infant mortality rates have been shown to be 10 to 40 percent lower than communities not served by health centers. Health center patients have lower hospital admission rates and shorter hospital stays, and make more appropriate use of emergency room services. Moreover, centers have significantly increased the use of preventive health services like pap smears, mammograms, and glaucoma screening services among the populations they serve. The