dysplasia syndromes (EDS) and their families. EDS are a group of genetic disorders which are identified by the absence or deficient func-
tion of at least two dermatoses of the ectoderm (teeth, hair, nails or glands). There are at least 150 forms of EDS that have been identified.

EDS was first recognized by Charles Darwin in the late 1860’s.

EDS affects many more people that had been originally thought by Darwin. Today, the number of those individuals affected by EDS has been estimated as high as 7 in 10,000 births. Individuals affected by EDS have abnormalities of the sweat glands, tooth buds, hair follicles and nail development. Some types of EDS are mild while others are more devastating. People with EDS have been identified as having frequent respiratory infec-
tions, hearing or vision defects, missing fing-
ers or toes, problems with their immune sys-
tem and a sensitivity to light. In rare cases, the lifespan of a person with EDS may be af-
fected. Many individuals affected by EDS cannot perspire, requiring air conditioning in the home, at work or in school. Some individuals may have missing or malformed teeth or prob-
lems with their upper respiratory tract. EDS is caused during pregnancy, as the baby is de-
veloping. During the formation of skin tissues, defects in formation of the outer layers of the baby’s skin may lead to ED.

At this time there is no cure for ED. The NFED, incorporated in 1981, is the sole organ-
zation in the world providing comprehensive services to families affected by EDS. The NFED is committed to improving lives by pro-
viding information on treatment and care and promoting research. There are more than 3000 individuals served by the NFED in 50 states and 53 countries. They have provided more than $115,000 in financial assistance to families for their dental care, medical care, air condi-
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Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 20 years of service of the Na-
tional Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias and it’s aim and comfort to those affected by this terrible disease.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SHOWS COURAGE UNDER PRESSURE

HON. HOWARD COBLE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, the words coura-
geous and heroic are sometimes used without thought or care. In the Sixth District of North Carolina, however, those adjectives and more should be applied to one of our young citizens who bravely came to his mother’s rescue. For his efforts, eight-year-old Michael Mathis from Denton, North Carolina, was recently awarded the North Carolina 911 hero award, and he was recognized by the National Emergency Number Association. Young Michael was caught in a terrible predicament which re-
quired him to show great courage while under severe pressure. Michael didn’t let his young age hold him back from stepping up to save the life of his mother.

On February 6, 2001, Michael was riding with his mother Cathy Surratt on a road near High Point. Michael’s mother suffers from a thyroid condition and she has constant mi-
graine headaches. During the course of the drive, Cathy began to see swirls in her eyes, pulled to the side of the road, then lost con-
sciousness. Michael immediately got out his mother’s cell phone in order to call his step-
father, but unfortunately the phone went dead, due to the fact that their minutes had expired. Knowing that a call to 911 was free, he then called the emergency number for help. Mi-
uchael tried to tell the dispatcher where they were located, but with only trees and grass visible, he was only certain that they were on Highway 109.

Shortly after that, the car, which was a stick shift, began to roll forward. Michael’s voice suddenly turned to panic, and he pleaded with the dispatcher to have someone find them. The dispatcher instructed him to take the key out of the ignition. Though he was overcome with fear, Michael managed to get the key out, and the car stopped. The dispatcher told Mi-
ichael to honk the horn and flash the lights in the hope that a passing car would stop. Mi-
uchael quickly complied with the dispatcher’s orders. Finally, a car stopped, and to his good fortune, the passengers in the car were an emergency worker and a trained nurse. When Michael’s stepfather arrived, the car was sur-
rounded by people who were there to help. Cathy Surratt was taken to an area hospital where she was successfully treated and re-
leased.

The Davidson County Sheriff’s Department named Michael a 911 hero, and he was awarded a plaque at a special ceremony. This week, the National Emergency Number Asso-
ciation recognized Michael at its 20th annual conference, along with other National 911 he-
roes. I am very pleased to be able to recog-
nize Michael as one of our North Carolina 911 heroes. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we offer our per-
sonal congratulations to Michael Mathis—a true hero.

HONORING THE SAYERS FAMILY
OF CLARK COUNTY, OHIO
HON. DAVID L. HOBSON
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of the Sayers Family from Clark County, Ohio and their combined commit-
ment to shared American values. I rise today to recognize the fact that four chil-
dren of Charles and Virile Sayers have each married and raised their own families for a combined total of 231 years. The Sayer Fam-
ily provides an excellent example for our com-
munity in Ohio, as well as for the country as a whole, of the importance and benefits of a solid family heritage.

In today’s society, it is very uplifting to hear stories such as these and to see the commit-
ment this Ohio family has made to one an-
other. It was through the Sayer Family’s strong foundation that they understood the meaning of hard work as well as the value of family. Growing up, the children were encour-
aged to be good students, trained in music, and helped run their family farm. They under-
stood the meaning of responsibility and the importance of strong family ties.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Sayers’ for preserving such a strong family bond and for their traditional values and mor-
als.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. ZINI, D.O.
HON. MARION BERRY
OF ARKANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and out-
standing Osteopathic physician. I am proud to recognize James E. Zini, D.O., in the Con-
gress for his invaluable contributions and serv-
ice to his community, to our state, and to our nation.

Dr. Zini epitomizes the Osteopathic profes-
sion. With his application of Osteopathic prac-
tices and principals, he personifies the model D.O. physician—practicing in a small rural town taking care of people, not just treating symptoms. He started his family practice in rural Mountain View, Arkansas, in 1977. In his Mountain View and Marshall clinics, along with partner David Burnette, D.O., office manager Judy Zini, and the Zini Clinic staff, Jim makes sure that each patient visit—approximately 13,000 annually—is remembered as excellent, quality D.O. care.

Dr. Zini is Board Certified in Family Practice by the American College of Osteopathic Fam-
ily Physicians and is a fellow of the college. Jim is also Board Certified by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Re-
view Physicians.

As a founder and leader of the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA), Dr. Zini tirelessly worked to advance the Arkansas Osteopathic profession: to promote the Osteo-
pathic family in all areas affecting D.O.s; and to protect the licensure, practice and edu-
cational interests of all Arkansas D.O.s. Dr. Zini has served his state association with dis-
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