

Association of State Correctional Administrators as an outstanding correctional administrator.

Under Wayne's leadership, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice confinement facilities were accredited by the American Correctional Association. The agency also received Awards of Excellence in community service for its partnership with Habitat for Humanity, and for the nation's largest correctional employee training facility, the Edmundo Mireles Criminal Justice Training Academy. While Executive Director, Wayne developed the Advisory Council on Ethics in order to aid the agency in the awareness of ethical issues and assure the execution of ethical behavior.

Not only has Wayne Scott been a hard working administrator, but he has also been a leader in innovations for rehabilitation of prison inmates. In 1996, he started the Inner Change Freedom Initiative, which was the first faith-based pre-release program in a penal institution in the United States. Also, under Scott's leadership, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has worked to modify the agency's mission statement to assure justice for victims.

Wayne Scott has served the State of Texas for more than 28 years in the criminal justice field. His leadership in the fastest period of growth in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice have made him well-known in the field of criminal justice not just in Texas, but across the country. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice—and indeed, the entire state of Texas—has been the beneficiary of his service, dedication, and leadership over the last three decades.

TRIBUTE TO EMILY STACK OF
HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN, LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Emily Stack, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Emily is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Emily Stack is an exceptional student at Lenawee Christian High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Emily has received numerous awards for her academic achievement, as well as receiving state recognition for her excellent oratory skills. She is active in student government, serving as President of her class for two years. Emily has volunteered her time to various community service projects, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and Project Build.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Emily Stack for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

IN TRIBUTE TO PERSIS "PERKY"
HORNER HYDE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Persis "Perky" Horner Hyde who passed away on June 15, 2000 of breast cancer. During her lifetime, Mrs. Hyde was an active community member and a dedicated mother and wife. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Harold "Hal" Hyde, four children, one brother, and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Hyde, a 50-year resident of Watsonville, was born in San Francisco on October 2, 1924. She received her education at the University of California at Berkeley, and later became a devoted mother and active community volunteer. She was a leader and board member of many local nonprofit, church, and civic groups which include, but are not limited to, the Girl Scouts, the Santa Cruz Symphony Guild, the Cabrillo College Foundation, and the Pajaro Arts Council. Although she devoted much time and effort to numerous organizations, one of her most cherished causes was the Cabrillo Advancement Program. Mrs. Hyde, and her husband, offered \$1000 scholarships to local county schools to encourage kids to stay in school.

During her lifetime, Mrs. Hyde was honored with various awards commemorating her service to the community. In 1977, the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce named her Woman of the Year, and in 2000, Mrs. Hyde was honored by the Watsonville Soroptimists Club with the Women of Distinction Award. Most recently, the United Methodist Church honored Mrs. Hyde for her dedication and continuous service. Although service in local organizations and her family took up much of her time, she still managed to travel, which she enjoyed and often encouraged her children to do; her travels took her to Sweden, Germany, Africa, and South America.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Mrs. Hyde's achievements and accomplishments. The service of local members of this community are an asset to this nation and I commend Mrs. Hyde for her lifelong dedication to her community and her family. Mrs. Hyde's service is admirable and her character and dedication have made lasting impacts on our community and the people with whom she has worked. I join the County of Santa Cruz, and friends and family in honoring this truly commendable woman and all of her lifelong achievements.

A TRIBUTE TO CAROLINE R.
JONES, A WOMAN OF MANY
FIRSTS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Caroline R. Jones for her tremendous contributions during her shortened life.

Born and raised in Benton Harbor, Michigan, as Caroline Richardson, the eldest daughter in a family of ten children, she graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in English and science.

Caroline traveled to New York City in 1963 to look for teaching positions. She ended up taking a job as a secretary at J. Walter Thompson, at the time the world's largest advertising firm. She soon switched career paths after she was moved to the creative department. It was there that she was selected for a junior copywriter program. With this selection, Caroline became the first African American trained as a copywriter in the firm's 140 year history.

Caroline's success did not end at J. Walter Thompson. She worked at a number of leading general market and black-owned agencies as both a copywriter and as a creative director. Caroline later became the first black woman elected vice president of a major advertising firm. Caroline also helped to found the Black Creative Group as well as Mingo-Jones Advertising, where she served as executive vice president as well as creative director. During her time at Mingo-Jones, Jones created the "We Do Chicken Right" campaign for Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Jones started her own firm in the 1980s, Creative Resources Management, as well as many shops under her name. She was also the successful television and radio host of two programs, "In the Black: Keys to Success" and "Focus on the Black Woman."

Mr. Speaker, Caroline Richardson Jones devoted her life to eliminating the barriers of sex and racial discrimination in the advertising arena. Only 59 at her death on June 28 from cancer, she will always be remembered for her tireless efforts in promoting the agenda of Annual Legislative Weekend sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus. As such, she and her family are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in remembering and honoring the life of this remarkable woman.

TRIBUTE TO THE 12TH GREAT DO-
MINICAN PARADE AND CAR-
NIVAL OF THE BRONX

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, once again it is an honor for me to recognize the Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx on its twelfth year of celebrating Dominican culture in my South Bronx Congressional District.

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This year's festivities will take place on July 15, 2001.

Under its Founder and President, Felipe Febles the parade has grown in size and splendor. It now brings together an increasing number of participants from all five New York City boroughs and beyond. I also would like to recognize all the people who, under the leadership of Director Rosa Ayala, are making sure that this year's events will be successful as in the past.

On Sunday, July 15, thousands of members and friends of the Dominican community will march from Mt. Eden and 172nd Street to East 161st Street and the Grand Concourse in celebration of their Dominican heritage and their achievements in this nation. Among other accomplishments, Dominicans have been instrumental in transforming New York City into a great bilingual city. Moreover, the parade has served as a national landmark in which people from all ethnic groups unite to commemorate our Nation's glorious immigrant history.

Mr. Speaker, the Board of Directors of the Dominican Parade of the Bronx has chosen me to be their "International Godfather" and I have gladly and humbly accepted that honor.

As one who has participated in the parade in the past, I can attest that the excitement it generates brings the entire City together. It is a celebration and an affirmation of life. It feels wonderful to enable so many people to have this experience—one that will change the lives of many of them.

The event will feature a wide variety of entertainment for all age groups. This year's festival includes the performance of Merengue and Salsa bands, crafts exhibitions, and food typical of the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Speaker, it is with enthusiasm that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this wonderful celebration of Dominican culture, which has brought much pride to the Bronx community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MT. ROSE
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 11th Annual Founder's Day celebration of the Mt. Rose Church of God In Christ and the ground breaking ceremony of their new facility.

The Mt. Rose Church of God was founded in 1944 and is located in Barrett Station, Texas. Though located in Barrett Station, the ministry performed at Mt. Rose Church of God In Christ is felt throughout the greater Houston area. The goal of Mt. Rose Church of God In Christ is to create "The City of Refuge." A place where the vision of salvation, deliverance, Christian maturity, and support are shared; a place where the doors are always open to those enduring hardships.

The prayerful and Spirit-filled members of Mt. Rose Church of God In Christ have come to the aid of the community in need time and time again. Through their compassionate offer-

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ings, these leaders have enhanced the lives of the entire community. Their actions provide a flicker of hope to individuals who were otherwise in despair.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the members of Mt. Rose Church of God In Christ and in particular Pastor Elder Ron Eagleton, whose passionate and dedicated leadership has borne the commitment to service that is so much a part of this congregation.

The 11th Annual Founder's Day Celebration on Sunday, July 15, 2001, is especially significant because it also marks the ground breaking of the new 43,000 square foot facility to be completed next year. The new sanctuary will seat 1,100 people and the facility will house the more than 20 ministries of Mt. Rose Church of God In Christ. In addition, it will also include a gymnasium for recreational activities.

Mr. Speaker, as Mt. Rose Church of God In Christ continues to grow in size and members, I applaud their efforts to embrace the community of Harris County. Their work sets an example for the entire community to follow.

MEDICARE EDUCATION AND REGULATORY FAIRNESS ACT OF 2001

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to preface my comments by saying that Medicare is a wonderful program. Since the enactment of Medicare in 1965, seniors and disabled individuals have had better access to physicians and more access to life-saving treatments. And in comparison to managed care, Medicare is also extremely cost-effective. It's an under-appreciated fact that Medicare is administered for just two cents on the dollar, while managed care is typically administered at a rate twelve times greater.

Still, it's absolutely amazing how much bureaucratic red tape you can generate for two cents on the dollar. This is 500 sheets of paper. If you write double-sided, it's 1000 pages. Now, if you imagine 110 of these stacks piled on top of each other, you begin to have an idea of how complicated Medicare is. 110,000 pages of regulations—that's over three times the length of the U.S. tax code.

Every month, physicians receive pages upon pages from their Medicare carriers describing ever-changing policies and regulations. Keeping track of everything is frankly impossible. Yet, if a physician doesn't follow one of the rules, no matter how unintentionally, he or she can be subjected to the draconian process of a Medicare audit. Currently, when carriers identify an alleged physician billing error, they can "extrapolate" the single identified error to the physician's other claims. This would be like the IRS identifying an error on your most recent tax return, and then assuming that you made that error on every tax return you ever filed.

The "Medicare Education and Regulatory Fairness Act of 2001" is a common-sense piece of legislation that addresses this injustice, as well as many others. This act will guarantee that physicians receive the same

due process that we guarantee all our citizens. If this alone were the only virtue of this bill, it would still be worth passing. But there is a larger significance here that extends beyond physicians, and it can be summarized with a simple equation: Less time spent on paperwork means more time spent on patient care. Therefore, as much as physicians will benefit from this legislation, let us always keep in mind that the true beneficiaries are the patients.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO ALLOW FEDERAL CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEES TO RETAIN FRE-
QUENT FLYER MILES THEY RE-
CEIVE WHILE TRAVELING ON OF-
FICIAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. BURTON. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill that would assist federal departments and agencies in their efforts to recruit and retain employees. This bill would allow federal civilian employees to keep frequent flyer miles and other promotional benefits they receive while traveling on official government business. Unlike private-sector employees, federal workers are currently prohibited by law from keeping these benefits for personal use.

The existing law, enacted in 1994, intended to save the government money. However, the law has been difficult to implement because the airlines regard frequent flyer miles as belonging to the individual traveler and are generally unwilling to create separate official and personal frequent flyer accounts for the same individual. Overall, the burdens and costs of administering this program have limited its benefits to the government.

The private sector commonly allows its employees to keep the frequent flyer miles they receive while on business travel, giving private companies, including government contractors, a competitive edge over federal agencies in attracting and retaining skilled employees. Changing this policy would help level the playing field.

However, in order for federal employees to keep these benefits, the bill would require that they be obtained under the same terms as provided to the general public and must be at no additional cost to the government. Frequent flyer miles that are accrued during employees' official travel will also help compensate employees for the sacrifices and frustrations often associated with air travel. Similar to private-sector employees, federal employees must often travel on their personal time to meet work schedules.

This is just one small step to help counteract the effects of the expected retirements in the federal workforce in the coming years, and it would help the government compete for top-quality employees.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation.

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