I laud St. John West Shore Hospital on its 20th anniversary in sincere awe and reverence for its magnanimous and unrelenting efforts in the service of the residents of Westlake.

HONORING ROBERT F. PAILTHORPE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise before you today to recognize the accomplishments of Chief Navy Journalist Robert F. Pailthorpe, who will be retiring September 28, after 20 years of loyal service to our country.

Born in Swartz Creek, Michigan in 1963, Robert Pailthorpe graduated from Swartz Creek High School, where he served as editor of the student newspaper, after founding a community newspaper at the age of 15. He joined the United States Navy in August 1981, and after graduation from basic training, reported to Naval Technical Training Center in Meridian, MS, where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class, qualifying him for accelerated advancement to Petty Officer-Third Class. After a stint on the USS Saratoga, Chief Pailthorpe attended the Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, and returned to the Saratoga as Petty Officer—Second Class. During this time, Chief Pailthorpe coordinated international media response to the American bombing of Libya after the Achille Lauro ocean liner hijacking.

Chief Pailthorpe went on to serve as Public Affairs Officer and Department Head for the Navy second largest recruiting district in Chicago. His success there resulted in two nominations as Sailor of the Year and three selections as Support Person of the Quarter. While in Chicago, Chief Pailthorpe reenrolled in the Defense Information School, where he became Commanding Officer of his class, and he was advanced to Journalist-First Class. After completing a tour on the USS Forrestal, Chief Pailthorpe next assignment was as Assistant Public Affairs Officer and Assistant Department Head of the Navy’s Blue Angels. He oversaw the public affairs mission requirements for over 120 air shows and many other special projects during the team’s 50th Anniversary. He was nominated as Blue Angel of the Year, and selected as Blue Angel of the Quarter for his efforts.

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Chief Pailthorpe has been recognized many times for his service. He has received three Navy Achievement Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, and four Good Conduct Medals, among many other awards. In addition, he has always strived to be an important figure in his community. He has been an active member of the Boy Scouts, the Sea Cadet Corps, was editor of Chicago’s American Red Cross newspaper, and was adviser and newspaper editor for the Oklahoma State Chapter to Prevent Child Abuse.

Mr. Speaker, as the father of two sons who have served in our nation’s military, I know very well that it takes a special person to serve our country in the service of the military. Mr. Pailthorpe’s dedication and commitment to justice, and I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating him on his retirement.

IN EXTENSION OF REMARKS

The Clerk of the House tendered a copy of a resolution by Representative William Lacy Clay Jr., of Missouri, extending congratulations and appreciation to the people of Westlake, Ohio, on the occasion of the Westlake Festival of the Arts, which took place June 13 through 15 of this year.

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. John West Shore Hospital in commemoration of its 20th anniversary. Since its establishment in 1981, the hospital has been faithfully serving the needs of western Cuyahoga and eastern Lorain county residents.

Since its induction as a fledgling medical facility on March 1, 1981, St. John West Shore Hospital has subsequently expanded and broadened its services, making it a bastion of service and charity for the Westlake community. The hospital’s initial years were filled with uncertainty, but its current success renders it Ohio’s most powerful and destructive tornado.

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TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate the City of Fayetteville on its recent selection as an All-America City for 2001. This is quite an honor, and indeed one that is well-deserved.

In particular, I would like to pay special tribute to those individuals who served on the Fayetteville All-America City Award Committee for their tremendous efforts to bring due recognition to this fine city located in the Seventh Congressional District of North Carolina.

Under this committee’s exemplary leadership, Fayetteville has been recognized as a model for all cities across the nation to emulate. By encouraging community-wide involvement to help address and solve local issues, the residents of Fayetteville have shown that they truly have what it takes to be All-America citizens.

They are to be commended for their efforts to implement three innovative programs known as Operation Inasmuch, MetroVisions, and Study Circles. By fostering an atmosphere of commitment, cooperation, and community, these programs have served to make Fayetteville an even better place to call home.

The City of Fayetteville is privileged to have such dedicated citizens working tirelessly to promote all that this community has to offer. With hard work and dedication, the residents of Fayetteville have what it takes to make a real difference. I am confident that whatever challenges Fayetteville may face—now or in the future—the citizens of this fine city will overcome them and go forward with inspiration, imagination, and innovation.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in saluting Fayetteville for this distinguished honor of being named an All-America City for 2001.

TRIBUTE TO HEINZ PRECHTER

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. Levin. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a remarkable citizen of Michigan, of our nation, indeed of the world, Heinz Prechter.

Like so many, many others, I was deeply saddened and shocked at his death on July 6.