

In records that date back 40 years, the local organization has donated over \$88,000 to various organizations including: Ogden High School scholarships, eye exams and glasses for the needy, the food pantry, Boy Scouts, Relay for Life, and more. The group meets bi-monthly and has 36 active members who honorably live by their motto, "We serve."

Again, I congratulate the Lions Club of Ogden and current club president, Harry Dannen, on this historic anniversary. The Lions Club of Ogden is an example of what Iowa is all about—citizens motivated and dedicated to improving their communities and helping their neighbors in need. It is an honor to represent each member of this remarkable group in the United States Congress, and I wish them an equally storied future.

#### TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER FATORA

### HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 23, 2010*

Mr. DICKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Naval Officer, Commander Jeffrey Fatora, and to recognize his dedicated service to our Nation. It is a great honor for me to thank Commander Fatora for his distinguished service in the Submarine Force. Commander Fatora has proudly and selflessly served our Nation for 23 years, and he will retire from the naval service on July 1 of this year.

It was during his last assignment to the Secretary of the Navy's Appropriations Matters office that I first came to know Commander Fatora. In this capacity, he has proved to be an invaluable link between the Navy and me, my staff, and the Appropriations Committee. For nearly four years Commander Fatora provided valuable assistance to me and to Members of the House Appropriations Committee. He often traveled with Members of the Committee—sometimes into combat zones—and always ensured that the Committee had direct access to Department of Defense facilities and combat units worldwide.

On every occasion, Commander Fatora performed his duties in an exacting and precise manner. But far more important to me and the members of the Appropriations Committee was the effectiveness by which he kept us informed of important developments within the Department of the Navy, allowing us to make important decisions on resource allocation based upon the facts.

Commander Fatora began his submarine service aboard USS *Indianapolis* (SSN 697) in Pearl Harbor, completing two Western Pacific Deployments. As a member of the commissioning crew of USS *Louisiana* (SSBN 743), he was the very first officer qualified as Officer of the Deck on the ship. But clearly, his most notable service was as the Weapons Officer aboard USS *Providence* (SSN 719), which was the first American warship to arrive off the coast of Pakistan following the attacks of September 11th, 2001. As the leader of the *Providence* strike team, he ensured that 25 Tomahawk Cruise Missiles found their targets in Afghanistan during the opening salvos of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Later, as a Staff Officer for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, he worked diligently with a multi-national task force to execute the anti-terrorist Operation Active Endeavour. Finally, serving as Executive Officer aboard USS *Pittsburgh* (SSN 720), he guided the crew through a very challenging Engineered Overhaul at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

In closing, on behalf of the House of Representatives and especially my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee, I want to express my thanks and appreciation for the special contribution Commander Fatora has made during his naval service. We wish him and his family continued success and the traditional naval wish of "fair winds and following seas."

#### WRESTLEMANIA COMES TO GLENDALE/PHOENIX

### HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 23, 2010*

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome WWE and WrestleMania XXVI (26) to Glendale's University of Phoenix Stadium on Sunday, March 28, 2010. WWE will take over the greater Glendale/Phoenix area during WrestleMania Week from March 24–March 29, 2010.

We are very pleased to welcome the 70,000 fans from 26 countries, all 50 states, and more than 130 members of the international media who will descend upon the Valley of the Sun.

We welcome WrestleMania, the WWE, and their fans because they will experience the culture of our city, the great weather, and have the opportunity to patronize our wonderful businesses. For the last three years, WrestleMania has averaged nearly \$50 million in new economic impact into the local economy. We are happy to have this investment coming to the Glendale and Phoenix regions.

In addition to WrestleMania, WWE has brought a variety of wonderful community activities: WrestleMania Axxess—WWE's interactive fan festival; WrestleMania Art—fund-raiser benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Arizona and Phoenix Children's Hospital; the finals of the WWE's international literacy program, WrestleMania Reading Challenge; a WrestleMania Pro-Am Golf Tournament with our beloved Arizona Cardinals; the WWE Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony; and WWE's Monday Night Raw.

WrestleMania XXVI will be televised to a global pay-per-view audience in 75 countries.

WrestleMania is truly a family-friendly event that creates an atmosphere where families from around the world can join together to celebrate their love for WWE and their favorite "Superstars" and "Divas."

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the WWE and its fans for choosing to come to Glendale and Phoenix and wish them a wonderful Arizona stay.

ENSURING THAT AMERICAN FAMILIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES RECEIVE THE FULL BENEFITS OF COMPETITION IN HEALTH CARE AND HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 23, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, Sunday night, Congress voted to affirm the right of all Americans to quality health care at affordable cost, by fixing our country's broken health insurance marketplace. This is an effort that I and others have been working on for decades, and while the bill does not yet achieve everything we have sought, it is a monumental step forward, of which those who voted to take it, in the face of the relentless campaign of disinformation bankrolled by its opponents, can all be rightly proud.

Now, as this historic effort moves from the legislative arena to implementation, I would like to say a few words, as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, about the critical role for competition in making the health care insurance marketplace work effectively to serve consumers and promote prosperity—and the assistance that the federal antitrust enforcement agencies can and should provide in keeping competition considerations at the forefront.

In implementing this comprehensive legislation, the Department of Health and Human Services will be called upon, as will other federal agencies, and the States, to make assessments in a variety of contexts as to whether the marketplace is functioning properly, or whether abuses are occurring. In making these assessments, and in deciding on appropriate steps to address any abuses or dysfunction, the federal agencies and the States can benefit greatly from competitive analysis provided by our federal antitrust agencies, the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission. I would urge them to make full use of this assistance.

Both the Antitrust Division and the FTC have a long history of advising other federal agencies, as well as State legislatures and agencies, on ways to formulate policies and make regulatory decisions consistent with maintaining and promoting healthy competitive market incentives. In addition to formal advice, generally in the form of public comments, which both federal agencies provide in areas in which they have developed expertise, the Antitrust Division routinely provides informal guidance to other federal agencies through interagency consultation and through OMB-supervised interagency review and comment.

While the advice of the two antitrust enforcement agencies is non-binding, it is generally given substantial weight. The two agencies are widely recognized as having developed, in the course of antitrust investigations and enforcement actions over many decades, unmatched experience and expertise in analyzing markets for how competition is working, or not working. They can assess whether lack of effective competition is behind a problem, or is worsening it, and if it is, can recommend

ways to unblock competition as part of any regulatory response.

Even when competition cannot fix a dysfunctional market on its own entirely, it will almost always contribute to the solution, by ensuring that market incentives are aligned in a healthy fashion, in the direction of serving consumers rather than taking advantage of them.

Competition advice from the federal antitrust enforcement agencies will not only help ensure that health care and health insurance regulatory policy is appropriately sensitive to competitive conditions and dynamics in the markets involved. By helping place regulatory policy on a sound analytical footing, it will strengthen it against any potential legal challenge by those opposing reform efforts. Moreover, the very fact of antitrust oversight in connection with this advisory analysis will help deter anticompetitive behavior.

To take just one important example, the new law creates health insurance exchanges, to be set up by the States, to help make sure families and small businesses have meaningful choices for health insurance. In order for these exchanges to achieve their purpose, they need to attract not just the insurance companies that are already dominant in their market, but other insurance companies, including new ones eager to establish themselves. Dominant health insurance companies have many ways of protecting their dominance by making it harder for others to make competitive inroads. And they have powerful anticompetitive incentives to do just that.

Accordingly, we can expect the dominant health insurance companies to be offering plenty of their own advice to State legislatures and agencies on how to structure the new exchanges, and we can expect that their advice will be tailored to favor their own interests. Their self-serving advice, if followed, could have the potential to stop competition in its tracks, and deny consumers the benefits of choice, innovation, and affordability that competition brings.

The more the States can keep promotion of competition in their sights as they design and implement the exchanges, the better those exchanges will work to widen the effective choices available for the families and small businesses who need them. And the federal antitrust enforcement agencies can be a valuable source of expertise in ensuring that the exchanges are designed and implemented so as to harness the power of competitive market incentives as fully as possible.

Along with the antitrust savings clause in the text of the health care bill, which ensures that the normal operation of the antitrust laws is in no way altered or disrupted, use of this well-established advisory role will help ensure that the health insurance marketplace is fixed in a manner that makes maximum use of competitive market forces to achieve these important objectives for American families and small businesses.

HONORING HEALTH4HAITI

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Health4Haiti, an international aid group founded by Pueblo surgeon Dr. James Smith. For many years, Dr. Smith has been traveling to Haiti in the wake of devastating hurricanes to provide crucial surgeries to impoverished people across the country. In November of 2009, Health4Haiti and Dr. Smith were awarded the International Humanitarian Service Award in recognition of their remarkable dedication and service to the Haitian people.

We are all familiar with the incredibly destructive earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. The images from that terrible series of days will stay with us forever. However, the disaster was also an incredible demonstration of the compassion of the people of Colorado's Third District. When the first reports from Haiti came in, several Pueblo residents immediately mobilized to visit Haiti and offer their assistance. These incredible Pueblans were among the first U.S. Search and Rescue Teams to arrive. All doctors and nurses, they immediately began treating wounded Haitians, saving lives and delivering vital aid and comfort. I would like to commend Dr. James Smith, Dr. Ginger Vaughn, Dr. Benjamin Massey, Debbie Valdez, Eric Miller, and Mary Anne Woods for their generosity and humanity in the face of overwhelming tragedy.

This group of people and Health4Haiti have inspired countless others to serve those less fortunate, and I honor them for their work.

TRIBUTE TO BRYANT  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the fifth grade students at Bryant Elementary School in Boone, Iowa, for their efforts in raising money to help those devastated by the recent earthquake in Haiti.

Students Brady Wright, Isidro Gonzalez and Erica Mehlhaus put their heads and hearts together to come up with a way to raise funds for the American Red Cross' Haitian relief efforts. In addition to accepting local donations, these students developed a fun and competitive project called "Penny Wars" which took place in February for three weeks. This school-wide contest was implemented to see which class could collect the most pennies. Containers, labeled for each classroom, were filled with pennies, and students could add silver coins to the containers of opposing classrooms to reduce that class's penny count. To further entice students to contribute, students were able to chew gum and wear hats in class when they donated quarters. The class with the highest penny credit earned a pizza party.

The collective effort at Bryant Elementary School is a characteristic of what Iowa is all about—citizens motivated and dedicated to help people in need, and in this case those who have lost everything. I commend all the students, their families and especially their guidance counselor, Karlene Hughes, and Principal Pam Nystrom, who facilitated this heartwarming effort with the students. I consider it an honor to represent each of these fifth graders and all of those involved in "Penny Wars," in the United States Congress and again I thank them for their great act of kindness and charity.

HONORING UNITED STATES  
PARALYMPIAN ADAM PAGE OF  
LANCASTER, NEW YORK

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me in recognizing Adam Page of Lancaster, New York, a proud member of the United States Paralympics sled hockey team, who most recently won a gold medal in the Winter Games at Vancouver.

Currently a senior at St. Mary's High School in Lancaster, Adam was born with spina bifida, a birth defect caused by the incomplete formation of vertebrae. His parents were told that Adam would never walk, probably would be blind and probably retarded. Adam had other ideas.

At the age of eight, Adam was determined to do what so many of his fellow Western New Yorkers do growing up—play ice hockey. He started his formal hockey playing days with the Buffalo Sabres sled hockey club team, and his hard work and hockey skills soon propelled him to the junior national team, and a year after that Adam was named to the senior national team.

Adam scored his first goal at the 2008 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Championships, and in addition to his participation on this year's gold medal-winning Paralympian team, he has also been a member of the gold medal-winning 2010 Japan Para Ice Sledge team, the 2009 Paralympic Team of the Year, the gold medal-winning 2009 World Champion team, and the 2008 bronze medal-winning IPC Ice Sledge Hockey World Champion.

Adam has overcome so much in his life, and it is a testament to his hard work and dedication and the support of his family and friends who have stood by his side.

I again ask that the House join me in congratulating Adam on winning the gold medal as a member of Team USA's Paralympics sled hockey team, and wish him much success in the future.