

offers not only food, clothing, and shelter to the men it serves, but also counseling services, information and referral services, job placement assistance, and weekly motivational sessions, as well as a new computer room for members of the community to utilize.

While many people have benefited from these services and from the generosity of the Brothers' Keeper staff, the organization has also made extraordinary efforts to reach out to the surrounding community. In addition to the services offered at the shelter, Brothers' Keeper also operates a soup kitchen, food pantry, clothing bank, recycling program, community service work site, and a senior aid work site.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the tireless efforts of Brothers' Keeper's Executive Director, Mary Edwards, and the many staff members and volunteers whose generosity and selflessness have touched thousands of lives throughout the last twenty-four years. Their efforts are to be commended, and they are to be honored for their unwavering commitment to their community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DEAMONTE DRIVER AND CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a young Maryland boy, Deamonte Driver, whose life was cut drastically short when an untreated tooth infection spread to his brain. I also rise to recognize Children's Dental Health Month with hope in my heart and a renewed steadfast commitment to ensuring that all children across this great nation will have access to quality dental healthcare.

Deamonte's tragic death haunts me to this day.

Eighty dollars worth of dental care might have saved his life, but he never got that care.

As many of you know, I have made it my personal mission to ensure that from this boy's untimely death, we will bring hope and life.

With the passage of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (H.R. 2/PL 111-3) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R. 1/PL 111-5), we have made significant progress to provide dental care to children.

Notably, the SCHIP Reauthorization mandated for the first time that children eligible for the program receive dental coverage.

It also included several critical provisions aimed at improving children's access to dental care, each of which was included in a bill I introduced, H.R. 462, the Medicaid-SCHIP Dental Benefits Improvement Act of 2009.

Specifically the bill:

Guarantees a dental benefit for children covered by SCHIP that includes preventive, restorative, and emergency dental care;

Provides dental education for parents of newborns;

Allows community health centers to contract with private dentists for the purpose of providing dental care under Medicaid and SCHIP;

Requires states to report the status of children's oral health for children covered by Medicaid and SCHIP;

Improves access to dental provider information for Medicaid and SCHIP patients through the Insure Kids Now website (www.insurekidsnow.gov) and hotline (1-877-KIDS-NOW);

Requires the GAO to conduct a study assessing children's access to dental care within 18 months of the bill's enactment; and

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a core set of child health quality measures for assessing states' Medicaid and SCHIP programs, including measures for the availability of dental services and the quality of pediatric dental care.

I was also extremely pleased that we included language in the bill to provide "wrap around" dental benefits to children who are eligible for SCHIP but have private medical insurance that does not include dental insurance.

The Recovery Act included an estimated \$87 billion over two years in additional federal matching funds to help states maintain their Medicaid programs which provide dental health services to low-income children.

I rise today with a renewed commitment to oral health which is an integral component of overall health.

Hundreds of thousands of Deamonte Drivers are walking the streets of America every day in unbearable pain—unable to concentrate in school, unable to eat and speak properly, and at risk for serious disease or even death.

We simply cannot relent until every single one of those children gets the care he or she needs to end this needless suffering—and to prevent it in future generations.

During Children's Dental Health Month, I thank the many partners who have joined me in this effort, specifically the Children's Dental Health Project, the American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentists, the American Dental Education Association, the American Hygienists Association, and the UnitedHealth Group.

It is through sound legislative initiatives and partnerships like these that give me hope:

Hope that we can prevent the single most common childhood chronic disease which is tooth decay.

Hope that our children, regardless of race or economic status will have access to proper dental care.

Hope that as we pledge never to forget the life of Deamonte Driver, we strive to ensure that not one more child will suffer his fate.

RECOGNIZING THE CUB SCOUT PACK 1364 BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2010 Blue and Gold Banquet for Cub Scout Pack 1364 and the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Boy Scouts were founded in the United States on February 8, 1910, by William D. Boyce. The following year, the Boy Scouts of America adopted the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. After 100 years of scouting, these founding principles have guided more than 100 million youth to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Each year, Cub Scout packs commemorate scouting and its enduring principles with a Blue and Gold Banquet. They celebrate scouts, pack leaders and other adults who have contributed to the pack's health and vibrancy. I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the following Cub Scouts in Pack 1364 who will be recognized at the 2010 Blue and Gold Banquet for advancing to the next level of scouting.

Den 2 Tigers: Michael Chargualaf, Beau Donner, Michael Mottern, Samuel Neher, Kage Policello, Tony Simmons, Terrell Warner, Ki Williams;

Den 3 Tigers: Brian Andres, Leo Blaes, Tyler Lipscomb, Andrew Martin, Justin Santaw, Luke Smallwood;

Den 6 Wolves: Nick Bradford, Erik Cabalero, Jacob Chesonis, Benjamin Clark, Liam Dunlap, Joshua Forrest, Jason Green, Colin Meeley, Ahmed Mohammed, Isaac Morlu, Joseph Peters, Kieran Weldon;

Den 5 Bears: Adam Frank, Andrew Hartshorn, Benjamin Hodges, Brian Kim, Logan MacDonald, Justin Martis, Henry Moore, Brett Segal, Daniel Smith, Michael Teister, Nathan Villanueva, Malik Williams, Sean Zylch;

Den 1 Webelos I: Archie Blaes, Jacob Chartier, Matthew Kaiser, Jordan Rice, Zack Scites, Michael Storm, Sebastian Villanueva;

Den 7 Webelos I: DeTrell Bailey, Will Salmon, Derek Siegrist, Alex Stone, Sean Teister, Norman Warner;

Den 4, Webelos II: Grayden Brock, Ryan Crow, Joseph Friend, Caven Kennedy, Jimmy Kettl, Christian Majchrowitz, Andrew Perkins-McDuffie, Michael Stroup.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the Boy Scouts of America on its 100th anniversary and recognizing Cub Scout Pack 1364. The Boy Scouts of America sets a high standard for integrity and strength of character. I admire all scouts who seek to uphold its core principles, and I extend my best wishes to the Cub Scouts of Pack 1364 as they strive to realize their scouting potential.

CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION OF REV. KEVIN WILLIAMS AS PASTOR IN THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF WHEATON

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Reverend Kevin Williams, who has been installed as a new Pastor in the Second Baptist Church of Wheaton, which is located in my Congressional district.

The Second Baptist Church is the oldest African American Church in DuPage County.