

also allows tribes to avoid collecting state sales taxes on gasoline and other goods: a problem faced by my state of Arizona and many other states. Furthermore, federally recognized tribes are entitled to benefits which are not available to non-Indians including increased funding for medical care and education.

The most troubling effect of federal recognition is that it allows the tribe to apply to conduct gambling on tribal lands under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). Congress has chosen, through IGRA and other laws, to tightly control gambling because we recognize that it often leads to problems with gambling addiction, increased crime, and disfunction within families. Few of us want to see a proliferation of new casinos, yet this is a likely result of recognizing new tribes since few tribes can resist the lure of the quick and easy profits to be made from casino ownership. While IGRA does act as a safeguard, the most effective way of limiting the number is to limit the number of new, unqualified tribes.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOSEPH M. MCDADE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

SPEECH OF

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, it is with much regret that I bid farewell to my good colleague JOE MCDADE. Having served with JOE during my entire tenure in Congress, I will miss his friendship, his advice, and his experience counsel on many challenging issues.

Joe unfailingly served the 10th district of Pennsylvania with sincerity and dedication. His constituents always knew this and kept returning him to office by ever greater margins. Even when critics were vocal, the people of the 10th district understood JOE's basic goodness and refused to withdraw their support. He has always understood the importance of maintaining and promoting job growth in the hard pressed coal-producing areas of his state.

And if JOE taught us anything, it would be the principle of perseverance. Winston Churchill said in 1941, "Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense." JOE never gave in and in the end success was the outcome.

I have valued JOE's role on the Appropriations Committee and his ability to guide complicated and controversial legislation through the House. He understands the need to exercise good oversight of government programs.

JOE brought a thoughtfulness to government which is not always plentiful here, nor even in high demand at times. But it was this thoughtfulness which endeared him to many of us. I wish him well in his future outside of Congress. May he enjoy all that life has to offer—good health, firm friends, a loving family, and the joy of watching grandchildren grow.

I will always cherish the friendship we have shared as colleagues in one of life's greatest opportunities to leave a legacy of value for future generations.

HONORING THE SHILOH
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Barrett Station, Texas, on the occasion of its 122nd anniversary. The church's long history of providing spiritual nourishment and community service will be remembered during a week-long celebration culminating in a special service on Sunday, October 18, 1998.

The Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1876, 12 years after the end of the Civil War, by the late Reverend L.J. Lankford. The first church services were held in a brush arbor. While the church's initial membership was small, Reverend Lankford was not discouraged and often reminded the church's members that "God said, where there is two or three gathered in his name, he would be in the midst." Under the leadership of several dedicated pastors, the church has grown and developed into an invaluable community institution in Barrett Station.

The next leaders of Shiloh were Reverends Lewis Chillis Allen, S.J. Sanders, and then P.H. Brown. One of the church's longest-serving pastors was the Reverend Wyatt Gamble, who quickly became a role model to many in the community. He was loved for his meek and humble ways and for his devotion to the church and its members. Reverend Gamble traveled back and forth to Barrett Station from Houston by bus or was driven by his son to church. He was never deterred by even the worst types of weather or other hardships. After work, he would always find time to visit the sick. He was especially known for baptizing many church members of all ages in the river and later in the canal in Barrett Station. Marked by spirit-filled singing and shouting, these celebrations attracted many passers-by who would slow down and even stop to witness the baptizing.

Reverend Gambel pastored for more than 23 years until he, unfortunately, fell ill. During his illness, Reverend G.S. Matthews was given the opportunity to preach one Sunday. This temporary substitution turned into 41 years of service as pastor of Shiloh. During that time, more property was purchased and a new church was built. Pastor Matthews service also included becoming First Vice President of the American Baptist Convention of Texas and the Moderator of the Christian Benevolent District Association. On July 18, 1996, Reverend G.S. Matthews passed away.

The new pastor, Reverend Israel E. Holmes, has proved just as inspiring as his predecessors. In fact, 22 members joined Shiloh after listening to Pastor Holmes' powerful message "One Church, One Body," taken from 1 Corinthians 12: 1–12. He emphasized that every person in the Church has a spiritual gift from God. Pastor Holmes has also encouraged church members to use their spiritual gifts in service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Pastor Holmes and all the members of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate their 122nd anniversary. I wish them continued success as they build on the strong sense of community they have helped establish in Barrett Station, Texas.

BUILDING AWARENESS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, it is deplorable when a woman or child is abused, especially if it is by a person they know such as a relative or friend. One family in three will experience some form of domestic violence in the United States. Every minute a woman is sexually abused in our country, and every day three to four women are killed by their spouses. Twenty three years ago, twelve women in an effort to help people in a crisis situation, established the Bay County Women's Center. These women have helped spread the message that people do not have to stay in abusive relationships and there is hope of a new start.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Bay County Women's Center is remembering individuals whose lives have been taken by domestic violence. More importantly, they are also remembering the survivors of these crimes and the strength they show to achieve a healthy non-violent lifestyle.

The Bay County Women's Center believes that everyone has the right to live without fear and violence. Their goal is to provide support to people in a life threatening, or unstable situation in their home or family. The Center provides an encouraging environment in the hope that people can assess their needs and examine other alternatives, while supporting any decision made by a person about their future.

While domestic violence and sexual assault is the main emphasis, the Center also provides support to anyone in need. For example, the Center holds a children's support group, parenting classes, and community education. It is very important to educate the younger generation so that they will know that violence does not solve problems. Instead it only adds to them.

Mr. Speaker, the Bay County Women's Center has been a strong foundation for individuals and families in the community. I urge you and our colleagues to join me in recognizing Director Barbara Rajewski and her staff for their outstanding contributions to the community, and support their continued efforts to build awareness of acts of violence and a brighter future for families of Bay City.

A TRIBUTE TO HOWARD S.
ANDERSON

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great man and a pillar of the community—my good friend and former high school athletics coach, Mr. Howard S. Anderson.

For forty-two years, Howie Anderson served as a role model and mentor for generations of students at Summit High School in Summit, New Jersey. As coach of three varsity level sports and Director of Athletics, his efforts earned Summit High School the distinction of

having one of the finest athletic programs in the state of New Jersey.

During Coach Anderson's extraordinary career, he led the Summit High School football team to nine Suburban Conference Championships, four State Championships and two State Sectional Championships. He was twice named New Jersey Football Coach of the Year. In 1972, the Newark Star Ledger named him Baseball Coach of the Year for leading the baseball team to three conference championships and one state championship.

But to those who know Howie Anderson best, he is extraordinary not because of his numerous awards and honors, but because he is a hardworking individual and a devoted friend. I know I speak for everyone in the Summit community when I say thank you for your dedicated service. Best wishes for a prosperous and healthy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday in my Congressional District I was hosting a jobs fair. Due to returning to Washington later than I had anticipated I missed three Suspension votes on the following bills: H.R. 4614, Conveyance of Federal Land in New Hampshire; H.R. 1154, Indian Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act of 1997; and H.R. 4655, Establishing a Program to Support a Transition to Democracy in Iraq.

Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on H.R. 4614, "yea" on H.R. 1154, and "yea" on H.R. 4655.

MEDICARE ANTI-DUPPLICATION AMENDMENT

HON. RICK LAZIO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that would correct an unintended result of the Medicare anti-duplication statute. This very narrow legislative change would allow chronically ill New York residents to take control of their own lives by guaranteeing them access to a variety of health care options in New York State at lower prices.

A combination of Federal and state laws have unintentionally "locked in" about 400 Medicare-eligible, disabled New Yorkers into an expensive, fee-for-service health plan. They cannot leave the plan because they require needed medical coverage and, because of Federal laws, they actually are prohibited from changing plans. They literally are trapped in a health plan and my legislation allows them to leave the expensive policy and give them the quality health care they want at the prices they can afford.

This legislation is predicted not to cost anything and actually could save Federal dollars. By allowing disabled citizens to purchase private insurance with their own money, this legislation ensures that these citizens will have

access to the benefits that will keep them healthier longer. The longer these individuals stay healthy, the longer they will be able to avoid using hospitalization covered by Medicare. This will save the taxpayer money. Also, by allowing them to purchase less expensive insurance, they will not be forced to "spend down" their resources in order to qualify for Medicaid.

If this proposal becomes law, these New Yorkers will be free to choose from more than 30 state-mandated managed care or point of service plans. Wherever they choose to go, they will be guaranteed identical benefits to the ones they currently have at much cheaper costs.

This initiative is strongly supported in New York by the New York State Department of Insurance, the Long Island Breast Cancer Action Coalition (1 in 9), the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations, Gay Men's Health Crisis, Medicare Rights Center, and New Yorkers for Accessible Health Coverage, among many others. These are the consumer groups that represent the individuals locked into the fee-for-service plan and each fully supports giving consumers options and lowering their health care costs.

Americans should be able to choose their health care. We should give them the tools they need to stay independent for as long as possible and give them access to affordable, quality health care. This will allow them to have more money to buy other important things and keep them in control of their lives and their future. They will worry less about whether they can afford their health insurance premiums and give them the financial security to take care of their families. I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation because it will provide health care security to these individuals who need it the most.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES F. MCCONNELL UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE FLUSHING SAVINGS BANK

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of the State of New York and the staff of the Flushing Savings Bank as they honor James F. McConnell upon his retirement as the bank's president and CEO.

Mr. McConnell's background is both diverse and effective. Prior to his election as president of the Flushing Savings Bank he held prominent management positions with AMBAC Industries of Garden City, New York and the EDO Corporation of College Point. He joined the Flushing Savings Bank in 1974 as Vice-president and Treasurer. Realizing his keen sense of leadership and a most effective approach to getting things done, the bank appointed him president in 1981, appointed him to its board of directors in 1983 and elected him Chief Executive Officer in 1990.

Mr. McConnell's multiple leadership talents reach far beyond the Flushing Savings Bank. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Community Bankers Association of New

York State from 1987 to 1997 and served as the Association's Chairman from 1990-1991. He was highly instrumental in negotiations which led to the successful merger of the Savings Bank Association of New York State with the New York League of Savings Institutions, thereby creating the Community Bankers Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me and rise in honor of James F. McConnell, who has imparted a sense of professionalism, leadership and community responsibility. His record is one of dynamism and productivity which readily emerges as a yardstick by which all such future efforts are measured.

HONORING GENIE EIDE

HON. J.D. HAYWORTH

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to say a few words about Ms. Genie Eide, a fellow Arizonan, who is receiving national recognition for her contribution to home health and hospice nursing. Today, in Atlanta, Georgia, Genie is being inducted as a Fellow in Home Care and Hospice at Home Care University. Only five leaders, nationwide, in home care and hospice are being so honored.

Genie always says that she has been in nursing for "about a hundred years," which is a remarkable achievement for someone who also claims to be thirty-nine years old. How she accomplished so much in so little time is truly a mystery. Genie has been a nurse for over 50 years. She is a graduate of Arizona State University and has served on the faculty of ASU. She has held management positions in a number of Arizona hospitals, home care agencies, and hospices. She has published numerous works, presented workshops and seminars in Arizona and other states and has received many awards. She has been listed in Who's Who in Nursing.

The reason, however, that I am rising to speak about Genie Eide is that, in my mind, Genie is a great example of what's right about America. Genie has made a life and a career out of her commitment to public health and public service. She has worked with the American Red Cross and spent two years in India with The World Health Organization as a nursing consultant. When Maricopa County Health Services made its initial commitment to provide home health services to the county's disadvantaged elderly population, Genie was called on to develop the program. When a number of hospitals in the Phoenix area recognized the need for the development of a hospice program to provide care and comfort for dying patients, Genie was involved. Throughout her entire career, Genie has been there to help.

Genie Eide represents one sterling example of hundreds of thousands of dedicated care providers who live each day to provide health care when and where it is needed. Genie is unusual in the energy that she devotes to her calling and the broad scope of her vision. But she is a leader and a representative of a large group of Americans who still believe that individuals can make a difference.