

thyroid pills, nitroglycerine for a heart condition, and Lorazepam for her nerves. She cannot afford to purchase all of these medications each month. Subsequently, she was forced to forgo her heart medication, and has had trouble affording groceries. Georgia tries to put money aside each month to buy the medication she needs, but each time she foregoes any medication or doesn't eat properly, her condition worsens. She constantly worries about her monthly prescription requirements and as a result, her asthma and anxiety problems have worsened.

And it is not only the seniors who suffer. Thousands of independent pharmacies go out of business each year because they simply cannot afford to purchase certain drugs from pharmaceutical companies. Pharmacists in my district care about their customers and have told me how painful it is to explain to a senior citizen why the medication that cost \$15 last month now costs \$65. But, if the pharmacy doesn't stock the medications, they will lose considerable business.

Jack Collins of Lynn Fells Pharmacy in Saugus, MA, stated "They know that we will expose them and their pricing policies . . . it's independent pharmacist who will take the time to explain to a senior citizen just how they are being ripped off. We are their enemies and they are determined to eliminate us." He goes on to say that, "If you and your colleagues in Congress don't stand up to this cartel and level the playing field on prescription pricing, the people in this country paying cash for their medicines will continue to neglect filling their prescriptions, necessitating more hospital visits and further driving the cost of health care through the roof."

It if becomes too late this session to act on legislation such as Mr. Allen's Prescription Drug Fairness for Seniors Act, I would urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to make this a priority for the 106th Congress. This is not a partisan issue. Every district has seniors like Georgia LaPine and independent pharmacists like Jack Collins. We constantly talk about protecting seniors and helping small businesses. We simply cannot continue to provide pharmaceutical companies with research and development funding and close our eyes to discriminatory pricing schemes that target seniors, among others, or their exorbitant price increases. This legislation that we have introduced would benefit seniors and pharmacies by allowing them to purchase low-cost prescription drugs by taking advantage of the purchasing power of existing Federal Supply Schedule prices.

This is a plan that is budget neutral, and which, given the drug manufacturers' uncommon profit margins, need not adversely affect prices in general. This is an effective and much-needed solution. I urge both the Republican and Democratic Leadership to make this issue a priority for the next session.

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, if there had been a recorded vote rather than a voice vote on H.R.

2263, a bill to confer the Congressional Medal of Honor on Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, I would have voted "no". To honor the former President some 100 years after his alleged act of bravery during the battle of San Juan Heights, Cuba, would be just another example of how American history is constantly and erroneously revised.

Common sense should dictate that if Mr. Roosevelt accomplished the great and valiant deeds of heroism that he (Mr. Roosevelt) claims, then he would have been awarded the medal many years ago. If Roosevelt's popularity immediately following the Spanish American War played a major role in his being elected governor of New York and helped his many friends in the highest places of government, why was he denied the honor?

Roosevelt enlisted the aid of his political powerful friend, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge to pursue the matter and still was rejected. The primary basis for the rejection was there were no eyewitnesses to Mr. Roosevelt's courageous actions. His superior officers, Generals Leonard Wood, Joseph Wheeler and William Shafter all submitted glowing endorsements of Roosevelt's "distinguished gallantry", but they were viewed with little merit as none of them actually witnessed his alleged heroic charge. The only credible eyewitness was Roosevelt's personal publicist, Richard Harding Davis, who accompanied Roosevelt to Cuba.

Hundreds of highly decorated units of black soldiers were among the first to be sent to Cuba in 1898 to fight in the Spanish American War, including the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Army Regiments. These heroic soldiers waged a furious battle, capturing El Caney and charging the enemy from the summit at San Juan Hill. Their acts of bravery enabled Colonel Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders" to win San Juan Hill the following day. According to an article which appeared in the *Washington Times* on February 8, 1991, "Neither Col. Theodore Roosevelt, whose name is most commonly associated with the battle of San Juan Hill, nor any other Roughrider reached the summit before the black calvary".

The Americans outnumbered the Spanish militia 10 to 1, but the undermanned Spaniard troops fought fiercely from their concrete blockhouses. American casualties were heavy. More than 200 were killed or injured. Five Negro soldiers won Congressional Medals of Honor for bravery in the battle at El Caney and San Juan Hill. They were Dennis Bell, Edward Baker, Fitz Lee, William Thomkins and George Wanton. Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, lauded them as being the "bravest men" he had ever seen.

Mr. Speaker, Teddy Roosevelt was no hero at San Juan and his insistence that he was is not sufficient to justify the House of Representatives authorizing the President to award him the Congressional Medal of Honor. This high distinction is reserved for those who have performed extraordinary fetes of bravery.

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 16TH AS "SAN DIEGO MAGAZINE DAY"

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to San

Diego Magazine on their 50th anniversary by joining the residents of San Diego in proclaiming October 16th "San Diego Magazine Day."

The San Diego publication has earned a reputation for remaining on the forefront of issues which are important to San Diegans. It is also known for articles which are always intelligently written, witty, and never cynical or disparaging. Throughout the years, the magazine has remained a source of unbiased and comprehensive coverage of local news and perspectives for its readers.

Since its debut in 1948, San Diego Magazine has followed matters which are still relevant today such as: the improvement of the downtown library; the San Diego airport which was designed to grow to meet the needs of the city; the need for an efficient public transportation system, and the need for better city planning in Mission Valley. In the last two decades, the magazine has also published stories addressing San Diego's exponential growth as a major business market, technology center, and tourist destination.

Fifty years of striving for excellence has paid off for San Diego Magazine. Its recent sweep of 17 Press Club Awards for high accomplishment in journalism, special publications, and art direction has made it a standard upon which many other regional magazines are modeling their publications.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, I extend my highest congratulations to San Diego Magazine on their Golden Anniversary. We look forward to many more years of forward-thinking and entertaining articles which beautifully reflect the character of the San Diego area.

LONG-TERM CARE PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 1998

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, When a family makes the difficult decision to place an aging relative in a nursing home, they trust the institution to care properly for their loved one. However, over the last few years, numerous concerns have been raised about the quality of care and standards within the nursing home industry. At a time when this industry is experiencing explosive growth, I believe it is imperative that Congress institute safeguards to protect the most vulnerable members of our society.

As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Human Resources, which has held numerous hearings examining our nation's nursing homes, I believe that introducing the Long-Term Care Patient Protection Act of 1998 today will take a pivotal step in the right direction. This bill represents part of the Administration's efforts to improve quality of care within the nursing home industry, and serves as a complement to H.R. 4686, a bill introduced by my esteemed colleague, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, II, of Massachusetts.

Specifically, the Long-Term Care Patient Protection Act of 1998, would allow qualified and trained paid staff other than nurses aides and licensed health professionals to provide feeding and hydration assistance to residents in nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. It would also

prevent a nursing facility from using any individual as a feeding and hydration assistant in the facility unless the individual has completed a training and competency evaluation approved by their respective state.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join my efforts to assist millions of families across this nation by supporting the Long-Term Care Patient Protection act of 1998.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF OF POLICE,
NORMAN N. CHAPMAN, JR.

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, on October 14, 1998, the citizens of Pensacola and the State of Florida will be losing a man who has dedicated his life to protecting the people of Florida and ensuring the triumph of justice in our community. This gentleman has distinguished himself as a community leader, a dedicated law enforcer, and one of our nation's leaders in the war on crime. The man I speak about today is Chief Norman Chapman of the Pensacola Police Department.

I could praise Chief Chapman for his nearly twenty-five years of law enforcement, during which he served in all phases of Uniform Patrol, Tactile Patrol in high crime areas, the Detective Bureau, Investigations, and in Personnel and Training. I could mention the modernization and efficiency that Chief Chapman brought to the Pensacola Police Department over the last four years as Chief of Police. Or I could applaud his efforts to bring to justice Ted Bundy, one of history's most heinous mass murderers. But I'm sure Norman would say that those accomplishments were just part of his duty.

However, in my opinion, Mr. Speaker, Norman has gone above and beyond the call of duty throughout his distinguished career in the field of law enforcement. At a time when our nation calls out for principled leadership from public officials, it is fitting that today we honor a law enforcement professional who always went the extra mile to protect our citizens while striving to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. During his tour in Viet Nam, Norman Chapman came to know and respect our God given rights of freedom. He has never forgotten how important those rights are to the American way of life.

Norman's overall attitude and dedication to public service has been a model in the lives of the hundreds of law enforcement officers and professionals that he has trained, supervised, and encouraged. His legacy will remind new recruits that when at all possible, law enforcement officers should go beyond the call of duty to assist citizens in any way possible and to protect our system of justice from any and all adversaries.

As Norman departs the Pensacola Police Department, he can take pride in knowing that he influenced so many people in a positive way. As a father of two young boys, I sleep better at night knowing that our streets are safer and that our children are protected because of the life-long efforts of Norman N. Chapman, Jr.

HOLY ROSARY CELEBRATES 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is with great joy that I bring to the attention of the House of Representatives and the American public the celebration in my congressional district of the 90th Anniversary of Holy Rosary Parish in Ansonia, Connecticut.

In the very early 1900's, the rather large Catholic Italian community of Ansonia was served by another local parish that was first formed by Irish immigrants. Church leaders in Hartford recognized the distinct cultural and language differences in the existing parish and moved to create a new one. And, on October 4, 1908, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, Reverend Bonforti celebrated the first Mass for the Ansonia Italian community and took the name, Holy Rosary, in honor of the feast day.

Over the next several decades, the Church continued to grow and serve the community. Many people played a major role in this growth process, including the Reverend Peter Manfredi, who on April 3, 1913, was assigned to the church as its administrator and served in this capacity for over forty years. While ministering to the needs of the parishioners, he gave the church a firm foundation that helped guide it through some very difficult times. Reverend Anthony Salemi came to Holy Rosary in July, 1954. Through his enthusiasm and spiritual dedication, he led the church for the next decade, and most notably, through the rigors of purchasing and paying off their first church building. Miss Annie Larkin, a lay person, established the religious education program as well as most other church parish organizations and served the church as a Sunday school teacher for more than thirty years.

The Reverend Vincent Iannetta, who served as pastor for thirty years starting in June, 1965, provided the leadership that led to a new church and under whose tenure the parish truly matured. Father Ronald Genua now serves as pastor and in just three short years has touched and enriched the lives of parishioners throughout the congregation.

Mr. Speaker, Holy Rosary is a mainstay of the community and serves this diverse parish well. On behalf of the 5th Congressional District and the House of Representatives, I congratulate all parishioners and clergy, past and present, on this 90th Anniversary and send best wishes for a very successful celebration and all continued success.

TRIBUTE TO ADDISON McLEON

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring a man whose contributions to his community and to the entire state of New Jersey are legendary, former Assemblyman Addison McLeon of Jersey City. He will be honored on October 22, 1998 at a special event: "A Tribute to Addison

McLeon: A Lifetime of Community Leadership."

Mr. McLeon made history when he was elected the first African American from Hudson County to serve in the State Assembly, a post he held from 1966 to 1970. He also served in the Jersey City Housing Authority, beginning in 1954; as a member of the Jersey City Board of Education; as Director of Housing for the Essex County Urban League; and as a member of the Jersey City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In addition, he is the founder of the Civic Awareness Council, a citizens' action organization.

Assemblyman McLeon, who was born on June 17, 1921, attended public schools in Jersey City, including School Number 14 and Lincoln High School. He enrolled in Lincoln University, Pennsylvania in 1940, but his education was interrupted by World War II in 1944. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the war, rising from the rank of private within a year to Personnel Sergeant Major, the highest rank for enlisted men. He returned to Lincoln University in September of 1948 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree. He married the former Louise Williams and they produced three children.

Although former Assemblyman McLeon is retired now, he has remained an active and passionate advocate for the cause of justice and continued progress. He has truly been an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of knowing him.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating former Assemblyman McLeon and wishing him all the best.

HONOR THE VICTIMS OF THE
UKRAINIAN FAMINE

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the Ukrainian famine of 1932-33 stands as one of the most tragic events of this century.

Millions of Ukrainian men, women and children were starved to death in one of the cruellest acts of inhumanity every recorded.

Ukraine was the breadbasket of Europe. Its land was rich and productive. Its farmers helped to feed the world.

So it made no sense in 1932 when peasants began to scavenge around in harvested fields for food—or when their diets were reduced to nothing but potatoes, beets and pumpkins.

Peasants began leaving Ukraine, trying to search for food in Russia and other neighboring territories, but they were soon turned back.

Instead of planting seeds for the next crop, peasants were reduced to feeding those seeds to their children.

As a result, little grain was harvested for the next crop, and the situation grew worse.

Soon, people began dying—millions of people.

Incredibly, as many as ten million may have died in this famine.

That's fully one-quarter of the people in rural Ukraine.

Of course, the truth about the famine was not revealed for far too long a time.