

decades. It is my pleasure to recognize him today.

A TRIBUTE TO KEVIN SHAFER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Kevin Shafer, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), on being named the new President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA. MMSD provides sewage treatment services and maintains watercourses for 28 municipalities, including nearly all of Milwaukee County and portions of four surrounding counties, serving a population of about 1 million.

Mr. Shafer joined MMSD in 1988, as the Director of Technical Services and four years later became MMSD's Executive Director. Before joining MMSD, Mr. Shafer spent six years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and nine years with a private engineering firm serving as area manager of the Milwaukee office.

Mr. Shafer has formulated numerous innovative MMSD programs including the Sweetwater Trust, a broad stakeholder group to enlist regional cooperation to protect the watersheds of the five-county Milwaukee metropolitan area through both structural and non-structural means. Further, under his direction, MMSD has invested in permanently protecting waterways from flooding and stormwater pollution runoff, by providing conservation easements to nearly 2,000 acres of undeveloped land. This program, called Greenseams, is a national model for green infrastructure in water pollution control. Mr. Shafer's innovation for both the environment and the economy is exhibited through a project to construct a landfill gas pipeline allowing MMSD to use a renewable source of methane gas in its treatment plant operations, while saving customers an estimated \$148 million over 20 years.

Mr. Shafer is an active leader on behalf of municipal wastewater agencies at the national level, helping to formulate sound federal water resource policies and legislation. He has served on the Board of Directors of NACWA since 2003, participating on numerous committees including the Clean Water Funding Workgroup and the Executive Committee of the Board. He has appeared before Congress on behalf of NACWA.

Mr. Shafer is an exceptional leader and a public steward of water resources. He has devoted his engineering career to the protection of these environmental resources for current and future water users.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues of the 111th Congress to join me in congratulating Kevin Shafer on becoming the President of NACWA. Under his leadership, I have no doubt that NACWA will continue to lead the advocacy effort for national policies to protect and preserve the Nation's water resources for future generations.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ADELLA URBAN OF COLUMBIA, CONNECTICUT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to announce the passing of a friend and true community leader from the town of Columbia, Connecticut, Adella Urban. Adella passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut in 1933, Adella spent her childhood years in Newington before graduating from Newington High School. After high school, Adella continued her education receiving numerous certificates in municipal government, which became one of the two great loves in her life. After settling in Columbia, Connecticut, Adella took a job as secretary to the Selectman in town where she remained until 1971. She then spent a decade as a reporter for the Hartford Courant before returning to municipal government in the town of Mansfield.

In 1985, she assumed the role of First Selectman in her beloved Columbia, a position she would hold for 18 years. It was in that role as First Selectman, that she flourished as both a leader and public servant. Always Columbia's strongest advocate, Adella was tireless in her efforts to improve the lives of her fellow citizens and the town she loved. Perhaps the greatest testament to her public service was the fact that she passed after collapsing while speaking to second graders at the Horace Porter School in Columbia about the history of Columbia.

Although always the dedicated public servant, it was her role as mother, grandmother and eventually great-grandmother that she loved most of all. She is survived by her five children; Richard, Andrew, Marisa, Stefan and Christian, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

While we will mourn her passing, hers is a life that will be celebrated and honored by the people of Columbia and the state of Connecticut for years to come.

CONGRATULATING MERCY SPECIAL CARE HOSPITAL IN NANTICOKE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mercy Special Care Hospital in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of a century of service to the citizens of northeastern Pennsylvania.

In October, 1909, responding to community growth due to coal mining and subsequent mine accidents as result of that burgeoning industry, Nanticoke Hospital was born. No longer would injured miners be simply dropped on their porch or would their families go without needed medical treatment.

Throughout those 100 years the hospital endured two World Wars, the Great Depression, epidemics, merger and closure threats. It also saw new forms of insurance, the Medicare program for seniors and disabled as well as affordable healthcare for children and the poor. It also witnessed a time of more life saving drugs and procedures than ever before.

This small community hospital saw horse-drawn carriages give way to motorized ambulances and oxygen tents that led to ventilators. It would also respond to policy initiatives from eighteen United States Presidents. But, most importantly, Nanticoke Hospital cared for tens of thousands of patients, many of them poor, most of them uninsured. Human need was tended by hundreds of dedicated staff and physicians.

Renamed Mercy Special Care Hospital in 1994, it was one of the first long term care hospitals in Pennsylvania. From its success in Nanticoke, a satellite at Mercy Scranton was developed.

This year both sites will explore or undergo major renovations and changes to meet patient, physician and staff needs. That will include things such as increased beds, room upgrades, new outpatient renovation and areas of new growth such as the Area Agency on Aging Nanticoke Senior Center on campus that will be visited daily by older adults.

Mercy Special Care Hospital also holds the distinction of having the first wound care and hyperbaric unit in Luzerne County, a service that continues to grow in response to community need.

Throughout 2009 and beyond, this important facility will look toward the future but never lose sight of the challenges faced daily.

The Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Health Partners and Catholic Healthcare Partners are proud sponsors of this great institution at this historic time.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mercy Special Care Hospital. The invaluable services they have rendered to the community for over a century have been inspirational to countless others who share the commitment to helping those in need and has made vast improvement to the quality of life for generations.

So important has their contribution been that they deserve the highest measure of our gratitude and respect.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 23, 2009

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647, FY2010 National Defense Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: MCAF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fairchild Air Force Base

Address of Requesting Entity: Spokane, WA
Description of Request: The TFI Refueling Vehicle Maintenance Facility is a multi-bay,