

Guilfoyle Catholic High School, under its original name of Altoona Catholic High School. After the sudden death of Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle in 1957, the school was renamed to honor his compassion for the Altoona Catholic students, and his enthusiasm for sports.

Since its establishment, the school has seen nearly 11,000 of its students receive diplomas, many of them matriculating to higher education. With this outstanding production, the school has had a profound importance in its students' lives, and has helped each of them to thrive in our community and beyond.

Bishop Guilfoyle has achieved numerous accolades, and has developed a prestigious academic reputation across the 12 Catholic parishes that it serves. The school has continued to add state-of-the-art facilities, and has implemented a rigorous academic curriculum, which holds its students to the highest of standards, both within the classroom and in the community.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Guilfoyle's commitment to the education of our district's youth has not gone unnoticed. Its faculty's passion for cultivating the necessary values to succeed as productive, compassionate citizens has earned the school an exemplary reputation in Pennsylvania's 9th district. The many proud alumni that are spread throughout the world are a testament to the school's celebrated achievements and storied tradition as a first-class instructional institution.

As Congressman of the 9th District, I wish Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School all the best on what is sure to be another productive, successful 90 years of education and development.

HONORING WASHINGTON COUNTY,
COLORADO ON ITS 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Washington County, Colorado on its 125th Anniversary.

Washington County is distinctly different from the Washington I am standing in today. However, both did name their areas in honor of the first President of the United States, George Washington.

This past February marked their 125th anniversary of Washington County, and they have much to celebrate.

During the early 1880s, the Northeast section of Colorado experienced a boom in agricultural development and settlers flocked to the area for available and plentiful land to grow crops. In fact, my family sold farm equipment in Akron and Otis, something my family remains very proud of to this day.

The population expansion led the Colorado State Legislature to pass legislation that officially established Washington County in 1887, and declared Akron, Colorado as the county seat.

After some territorial disputes with the town of Yuma, the current boundaries were established in 1903.

Today, over 4,800 Coloradoans call Washington County home, and the county continues to promote Colorado's rich agricultural legacy.

I had the honor and privilege to represent Washington County when I served in the Colorado State Legislature, and it is again my honor and privilege to represent this great county in the United States Congress.

I am proud to recognize Washington County on their 125th Anniversary.

PROVIDING QUALITY HOME CARE
SERVICES

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the need for strategies to maintain and improve access to home-based medical and long-term care services.

As the Co-Chair of the Seniors Task Force, I am committed to ensuring seniors get the care that need in the setting that they prefer. Today, three and a half million Medicare beneficiaries get home health services, allowing them to live independently in their own homes while getting the medical care they need. Home healthcare provides skilled, safe and effective medical treatments that once were available only a hospital or doctor's office, allowing seniors and people with disabilities to receive necessary medical care without needing transportation to a doctor's office or admission to a hospital. Home health care is good for individuals and their families, and it also is good for taxpayers. Home healthcare services saved Medicare \$2.81 billion dollars between 2006 and 2009.

As we head into this fall's debate on sequestration and alternative budget proposals, I urge my colleagues to remember the importance of home health care to seniors and people with disabilities on Medicare and to avoid cuts that will threaten the services upon which they rely.

Twelve million adults—seniors and adults with disabilities—need long-term care services but Medicaid is currently unable to meet all their needs. The problem will become even more serious in the future, since it is estimated that 27 million Americans will need long-term services by 2050. Yet, our nation still lacks a comprehensive approach to meet current and future long-term care needs.

I have introduced H. Res. 759 to express support for a comprehensive approach to provide the home care workforce and long-term care services we need in order to ensure that seniors and people with disabilities are able to live at home and enjoy a dignified quality of life. It is time not just for a national discussion, but for national solutions.

We know that we have to address the cost of health and long-term care, but there is a right way to deal with those costs and a wrong way. The wrong answer would be to target vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities—denying them home healthcare and long-term care options or shifting the financial burdens to family caregivers. Large Medicare and Medicaid cuts, vouchers and block grants would do real harm to real people. Higher cost-sharing requirements will price essential services out of reach.

Instead, we need to look for ways to lower health care costs across-the-board by eliminating fraud and abuse, giving Medicare au-

thority to use its bargaining power to negotiate for lower drug prices as the VA does, encouraging greater efficiency in the delivery of care, and encouraging the use of cost-effective health care services, including home healthcare services.

As we undertake serious budget discussions this fall, we must carefully consider the real-life impacts of the choices before us. I will be working to make sure that we protect and improve our ability to meet the home healthcare and long-term care needs of seniors and people with disabilities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JULIANNE
ELIZABETH MARKS ALLEN

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Julianne Elizabeth Marks Allen, who passed away earlier this month. Julie, as she was called, had a heart of gold and was one of the most giving and loving people I've ever been fortunate enough to know. It was an honor and privilege for me to have her serve on my staff for nearly 19 years as a trusted advisor and liaison to the people of Sullivan County—the county she loved and called home for nearly her entire life.

Julie committed her life to her family and community. Through her volunteer efforts and public service, Julie touched countless lives in Roscoe and throughout Sullivan County, a beautiful, rural part of New York, where she was known by seemingly everyone. She was particularly interested in assisting young people and served as the Town of Rockland's Youth Committee Chairman for the Roscoe Central School District for several years. She was also a board member on the Sullivan County Community College Foundation Scholarship Committee. Julie worked diligently with me on a wide range of issues and was critical in helping me establish and steer the Sullivan-Wawarsing Rural Economic Area Partnership—an innovative regional community development initiative, for which Julie served on the Board of Directors for many years. Julie diligently advocated for those who sought assistance through our office and was widely respected for her tireless efforts to help others. Julie was also a distinguished and stalwart pillar of the Democratic Party, serving for the past 40 years as a member of the Sullivan County Democratic Committee and for the last 25 years as an elected member of the New York State Democratic Committee.

Julie had a profound impact on virtually everyone she met. To her, public and community service was a calling. Despite facing health challenges for the past 23 years, Julie's passion and determination to help others remained steadfast. In fact, Julie was recently honored with the Sullivan County Community College "2012 Women Who Make A Difference" award for her lifetime dedication of volunteerism to the county. She constantly put everyone else's needs before her own, and her reservoir of compassion and inner strength was an inspiration to me and others. Every conversation with Julie involved her asking how the other person was doing, how their