

recently commemorating its Centennial. In 1912, a group of parents embarked on a truly remarkable journey by making a commitment to promote excellence in education with an emphasis on the personal development of their students.

Over the past 100 years, The Park School has carried out its mission of building a diverse and creative community that nurtures the joy and responsibility of active learning for all. From its founders, John Dewey and Mary Hammett Lewis, to the current administration, Park has truly left its mark on Snyder and the Western New York community.

I am confident that The Park School will continue its mission of educating our youth and strengthening our community as successfully over the next 100 years.

IN HONOR OF COMMANDER
HALSEY "BULL" KEATS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 31, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Halsey "Bull" Keats upon his retirement from the United States Navy, where he served 20 years. CDR Keats completed four deployments throughout the world which have included ports in over 12 countries. During Enduring Freedom, he was the only Lieutenant Commander who stood in the ship's Captain during combat flight operations, and during Operation Iraqi Freedom he was selected to lead the first ever deployment of the Real-Time Sensor Data Link ground station to Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq providing the Commanding General tactical control over the Surveillance System Upgrade S-3 which boasted a streaming video capability.

CDR Keats was selected as the Naval Flight Officer of the Year in 1997. In 2004 he graduated from the Operational Planners Course with distinction at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He has logged over 2,000 flight hours. For his exemplary service CDR Keats has received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, in addition to numerous unit commendations.

His final tour was Chief, Special Activity plans at U.S. Central Command Operations Directorate from July 2010 through his retirement on 1 April 2013.

Mr. Speaker, Commander Keats exemplifies all of the best qualities of a United States Naval Flight Officer. We have known each other for over thirty years. We worked together as young men back in Bucks County, Pennsylvania where his parents still do reside. Cmmdr. Keats is an outstanding husband and father and he has served his Nation with distinction.

I am honored to be able to stand here today and recognize him for his many years of service.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF
THE CITY OF REDMOND

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 31, 2012

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, as the two members who have the honor of representing this city today and in the future, I rise with my colleague Representative SUZAN DELBENE to honor the centennial anniversary of the City of Redmond, celebrated today, December 31, 2012.

First incorporated in 1912, eligible thanks to the birth of its 300th citizen, Redmond began as a small logging community. A century later, it has turned into a vibrant urban center of 55,000 that still maintains its strong sense of community and is proud of its small-town feel.

Over the last century, Redmond has evolved from logging town, to a small bedroom community east of the big city, to a bustling city in itself. Today, it's home to some of the most prominent high tech companies in the world. Redmond's tremendous growth has been fueled by the pioneering, entrepreneurial spirit of the town's first settlers and, in the century since, has attracted and inspired generations of Washingtonians to turn Redmond into a premier economic engine for the 21st century.

With all this growth and change, Redmond continues to maintain a deep sense of friendship and community. For example, Mr. Speaker, the Redmond Derby Days, a city celebration that grew out of a bicycle race among local paperboys after the depression, is going strong after 70 years. The Derby Days are bigger and better than ever and today, the signature event has the honor of being the nation's longest running bicycle race.

Over the last few years, we have both enjoyed participating in so many activities and events in beautiful Redmond and are honored to represent the great people of this city.

With the further expansion of mass transit, Redmond has an amazing opportunity to continue its growth and impact neighboring cities. Together with Seattle and environs, its influence contributes to form a region that is vibrant, attractive for business and a great place to live, work and raise a family. As Mayor Marchione, along with all of Redmond's dedicated City Council members, continue to build on Redmond's rich history, we look forward to watching and aiding with the city's success in years to come.

Mr. Speaker, Representative DELBENE and I again offer congratulations to the City of Redmond for a wonderful, rich first century and together wish them the best as they move into their second century of prosperity.

HEALTH RELATED MATTERS FOR
MY COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS
TO CONSIDER IN 2013

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 31, 2012

Mr. BURTON. Mr. Speaker, as we close the 112th Congress and I prepare to retire from Congress, I would like to leave a few com-

ments regarding health related matters for my colleagues who will return to the 113th Congress. Throughout my decades in public service, I have strived to give consideration to those whose issues fall through the cracks of our government, and to those who become targets of government authorities for daring to deliver or seek alternative therapies.

Complementary and Alternative Therapies: While Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I initiated a comprehensive evaluation of the role of complementary and alternative therapies in our health care system. During this time we heard from researchers, practitioners, and patients about the value that complementary and alternative therapies can play in our health system. These therapies include acupuncture, massage therapy, traditional healing systems from various cultures around the world such as Traditional East Asian Medicine, Kampo, Native American Medicine, Homeopathy and energy therapies such as QiGong and Reiki as well as the use stress management tools and nutrition and dietary supplements. These also include conventional therapies used for purposes not yet recognized as mainstream such as Chelation Therapy for cardiovascular benefit.

I hope my colleagues in 2013 will continue to protect access therapies and products so that Americans can continue to make their own choices in health care and retain their health freedom. I also believe a hard look at the management of resources provided to these issues is overdue. For instance, the first ever head to head research study looking at an alternative cancer treatment for pancreatic cancer as compared to the mainstream therapy was an absolute management disaster. Ten years, millions of dollars, and several federal investigations validating violations of patient protections by the academic conventional cancer therapy principal investigator has been swept under the rug by the National Institutes of Health's National Cancer Institute and the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Too often, I hear that the studies that are funded, especially those on herbs are "designed to fail". After 20 years and more than a billion dollars, too little quality research on the therapies Americans are most interested in has been conducted. When my colleague Senator TOM HARKIN gave the initial instruction to the National Institutes of Health to "investigate and validate" therapies being used around the world, we all envisioned an aggressive campaign to go into the field and look at what is working an report this to the American people. Former Congressman Berkley Bedell championed this issue after being successfully treated with alternative therapies for Lyme disease and Prostate Cancer. Much good has been accomplished, but better work can and should be done.

In early 2013, the results of a national multi-site Chelation Therapy study will be published. I hope my colleagues will review this study and look to the history of how doctors who have provided this therapy have been attacked for daring to use a therapy approved decades ago by the Food and Drug Administration to treat heavy metal exposure in children "off label" for cardiovascular benefit. Medicine is increasingly recognizing that exposure to lead, mercury and other heavy metals have on the body including the cardiovascular system. Chelation Therapy may be improving