

to be there when people need it. I think this is what Americans want. Time is running out for careful deliberation in 1995. We all want affordable, high quality health care—goals we must be careful not to undermine.

MEDICARE PRESERVATION ACT OF
1995

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2425) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve and reform the Medicare Program, with Mr. LINDER in the chair:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong opposition to the Medicare Preservation Act of 1995, H.R. 2425.

The Republican leadership is constantly saying "trust us" when it comes to deep cuts in Medicare. Yet, the Republicans can't even keep their word about hearings, and we're supposed to trust them about what they have in store for our doctors, our hospitals, and our senior citizens.

Republicans are cutting Medicare to pay for tax cuts for the rich and special interests. They can call it whatever they like, but it's still a cut and it will be paid for by one of our most vulnerable populations, seniors.

The bill makes the most sweeping changes in the Medicare Program since its establishment in 1965. For 30 years, Medicare has helped to assure that older and disabled Americans get the health care they need, while lessening the burden on families who might otherwise be responsible for paying the medical bills of ailing parents and grandparents.

Under the Medicare Preservation Act of 1995, the elderly will be forced to make choices between paying for health care and paying their heating bills. Hospitals, dependent on Medicare revenue will be forced to significantly cut back service or close altogether, leaving countless rural residents miles from health care facilities. Community economies will falter as hospitals close, laying off workers and making it more difficult to attract new economic development.

Do I want to improve Medicare? Yes. Should we continue to look for efficiencies in this program? By all means. But not at the expense of unnecessary increased costs, fewer benefits, loss of choices, and lower quality medical care for our senior citizens and for disabled people to whom we made the promise of Medicare 30 years ago.

TRIBUTE TO BILL MARX

HON. W.J. (BILLY) TAUZIN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 1995

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday evening, October 26, 1995, the Council of Industrial Boiler Owners [CIBO] will pay tribute to its founder, Mr. William B. Marx, in honor of

his retirement. I would like to join his family, many friends, and associates in honoring his distinguished career and the many contributions he has made to the industrial community and the energy industry of this great United States of America.

Bill Marx was born in Easton, PA on December 20, 1923. He graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Lafayette College in 1948, including 3 years as a first lieutenant in field artillery. He earned a masters degree from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy in 1949, and began working for the CIA in the Far East and other locations. After marrying his wife Marge 45 years ago, he returned to the States where he raised three bright and independent daughters. His career in the energy industry included TransAmerica, Babcock & Wilcox, and executive director of the American Boiler Manufacturers Association, finally founding the Council of Industrial Boiler Owners. In 1986 Bill was named "Coal Man of the Year" by the Washington Coal Council.

In 1978 Bill saw the need for a voice to represent the highly diverse industrial energy user community to bring the facts of the industrial situation, the production base of the United States, to Washington to ensure the development of technically sound, rational and cost-effective energy and environmental legislation and regulations. Bill, through his leadership, initiative, foresight, and perseverance in unifying this group, brought reality to the public policy debates on these issues; and, was instrumental in achieving the dual objective of maintaining a strong industrial energy base and simultaneously improving the environment.

The task that Bill successfully accomplished was extremely important to the long-term economic health of the industrial energy community, and it helped improve the Nation's environment. His accomplishments are numerous and will benefit the United States in ways yet to be seen in the many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and my colleagues as we recognize, with honor and respect, Mr. Marx's contributions as he retires to enjoy the benefits of this great country he has helped promote and preserve.

TRIBUTE TO MARY KAY
LOUCHART

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 1995

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Kay Louchart, a dedicated social worker who was honored for her generous service to the community on October 6 at the 1995 St. Benedict the Moor Neighborhood Center's dinner dance, in the South Bronx.

Ms. Louchart is one of eight individuals who were recognized for their remarkable success in helping rehabilitate individuals who had been struggling with substance abuse. The rehabilitation program is being implemented at St. Benedict the Moor Neighborhood Center.

Born and raised in Michigan, Ms. Louchart devoted 10 years to helping Mexican migrants through the Saginaw Catholic Diocese Committee, and another 10 years assisting the elderly with the Saginaw County Commission on Aging.

In 1981 she came to the South Bronx to work with the Grail Team, with whom she re-

modeled burned out apartments at 383 St. Ann's Avenue and led the community to create the original park and garden. The St. Ann's residence currently houses women and men recovering from drugs and alcohol.

Ms. Louchart is a U.S. delegate to the Grail International Council and serves on the U.S. International Team. She earned a master degree in adult education and an APD in religious studies.

One of her most significant achievements has been through her work at the Bronx Grail Women's Group helping to empower them and to improve their self esteem.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Louchart's efforts in the community should not pass unnoticed, therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her today on this special occasion.

POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE
LINE OF DUTY

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 1995

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, a few months ago I delivered a statement on the occasion of National Peace Officers Memorial Day, a day dedicated to the thousands of peace officers who have given their lives to protect their communities.

I listed the names of 17 Twin Cities' area police officers who were killed by a gunman's bullet since 1970. These names are inscribed on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, located just a few blocks from the Capitol.

Two other brave Twin Cities officers—John J. O'Brien and John Harold Larson—are also immortalized on the memorial's walls. These two men also sacrificed their lives serving their communities.

Officer John Larson died tragically on August 10, 1974, in a collision with a fire vehicle responding to the same emergency to which he had been called.

On April 16, 1981, Officer John O'Brien was killed in an auto accident resulting from a high-speed chase. John's older brother Frank and younger brother Michael are still serving on the St. Paul police force.

These two men epitomize the finest qualities of our brave men and women in law enforcement—dedicated to serving their communities and selfless in their sense of duty, putting their lives on the line daily for people they may never know and people who may never be able to think them.

Their ultimate sacrifice will live on forever, not only on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, but also in the hearts of the people they served and the officers who served with them.

On behalf of a grateful State and a grateful Nation, I salute these two brave men and the thousands like them who lay down their lives every day so our streets can be safer and our children have a secure place to grow up.