

Moneta spent the majority of his career chronicling our Nation's civil rights movement. We are grateful to have had Moneta to record this important part of our history. In 1956, he met a 28-year-old Martin Luther King, Jr., who at the time was a minister in Atlanta. Moneta fostered a close relationship with King, and later would travel with him to Sweden when he received the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. Moneta also accompanied Vice President Richard M. Nixon to Africa in 1957 when that continent was on the verge of independence.

Moneta was born in Kentucky in 1926. He attended Kentucky State and received a master's degree in journalism from New York University. Moneta went on to work for the *Amsterdam News*, *Our World*, *Ebony*, and *Jet* magazines. Moneta Sleet died in New York City at the age of 70, leaving behind his wife, three children, and three grandchildren.

On September 30, we lost an American treasure. I know my Senate colleagues join me in honoring the life of Moneta J. Sleet. ●

THE WELLNESS PLAN OF DETROIT, MI, AND HEALTHSOURCE SAGINAW

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, with the 104th Congress coming to a close, this Senator wanted to come to the floor and express his disappointment at the failure of Congress to act on a couple of extremely important issues affecting the State of Michigan.

One of the matters is a Medicare 50/50 enrollment composition rule waiver for the Wellness Plan of Detroit, MI. The Wellness Plan is a federally certified Medicaid health maintenance organization located in Detroit, MI. It currently has 150,000 enrollees—141,000 of whom are Medicaid, 12,000 commercial and 2,000 Medicare. Since 1993, the Wellness Plan has had a health care prepayment plan contract with Medicare. However, technical changes enacted by Congress effective January 1, 1996, unintentionally prevent the Wellness Plan from enrolling additional Medicare beneficiaries under the HCPP contract. So while the Wellness Plan now is positioned to become a full Medicare risk contractor, it currently is precluded from doing so due to the 50/50 Medicare/Medicaid enrollment composition rule.

My colleague from Michigan, Senator LEVIN, and I introduced legislation recently to grant this waiver to the Wellness Plan. It is important to note that even the Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA] supports the Wellness Plan receiving this plan-specific 50/50 waiver. Because this legislation is noncontroversial, only affects the State of Michigan, and is supported by the entire State delegation, it was our hope that we could either include this measure in the omnibus appropriation bill the Senate passed this week.

Regrettably, we were unable to include this language in the omnibus ap-

propriation bill due to opposition from the Finance Committee to the addition of any Medicare or Medicaid provisions. While this Senator intends to pursue this initiative in the next Congress, it is truly disappointing that we were not allowed to enact this provision this year. This may appear to be a relatively minor, technical legislative issue, but it would have had a profound impact on the ability of Medicare beneficiaries in the State of Michigan to participate in this effective health care plan.

Mr. President, the other matter has to do with HealthSource Saginaw hospital facility in Saginaw, MI. For the past 2 years, several of us in the Michigan delegation have been working diligently to provide a temporary extension of the moratorium that Congress had enacted and previously extended that prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from considering HealthSource Saginaw to be an institution for mental diseases [IMD]. The most recent moratorium expired on December 31, 1995. We were able to get a moratorium extension in last year's reconciliation bill. Obviously, the President's veto of that bill dashed our hopes of solving this problem through that mechanism. In the interim, however, the State of Michigan has been forced to subsidize the losses incurred by HealthSource Saginaw since the expiration of the most recent moratorium. Reportedly, this has cost the State of Michigan \$902,000 to date since January 1, 1996, it is estimated that amount will increase to \$1.2 million by the end of the year.

The fiscal year 1997 Labor-HHS-Education appropriation bill passed by the House of Representatives contained legislative language providing an extension of the moratorium through the year 2000 or until the first day of the first quarter in which Michigan's State plan would become effective under the new MediGrant program. It was our hope that such language would be included in the omnibus appropriation bill or any continuing resolution that was sent to the President. Once again, the Finance Committee's opposition to any such Medicare or Medicaid provisions prevented us from succeeding in enacting this moratorium for HealthSource Saginaw this year. That is very unfortunate for the people of Saginaw, who risk losing an important health care facility in their area, and for the people of Michigan, who continue to have to subsidize this facility's operation because of the unwillingness of some in Congress to address this matter prior to adjournment.

As with the waiver for the Wellness Plan, this Senator intends to continue to press for the moratorium for HealthSource Saginaw in the 105th Congress. ●

MARVIN C. PRYOR

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Pastor Marvin C. Pryor,

who on Saturday, October 12, 1996 will be consecrated to the office of bishop to the episcopacy of the Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Southwest Michigan. Pastor Pryor is a member of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. The ceremony will be conducted by Bishop Chandler D. Owens, chief apostle of the 4 million member organization.

Marvin Pryor is pastor of the Victorious Believers Ministries, where he has served since 1984. Under Pastor Pryor's strong leadership, church membership has grown from 30 to 700 parishioners. Pastor Pryor has also been influential in the establishment and operation of the church's After School Tutorial Program, Food and Clothing Assistance Program, and Prison Ministry.

Pastor Pryor is no stranger to public service. He worked for the Flint School District for nearly 30 years before retiring in 1992 to devote his full time to the ministry. He served as an administrator for 24 years and was Flint Northern High School's Principal for 16 years.

Marvin Pryor is a Michigan native who has received advanced degrees from both the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. One of Marvin's greatest joys in life is the time he shares with his wife and four children and their extended family. Of the numerous awards he has received for his community, civic, and religious involvement, he is most proud of being named Father of the Year by city of Flint Mayor Woodrow Stanley.

I know that my Senate colleagues join me in honoring Marvin C. Pryor on a long life of faithful service to the community, and in congratulating him on becoming a bishop in the Church of God in Christ, Inc. ●

TRIBUTE TO THE STAFF OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

● Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to the staff of the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia.

I have had the pleasure of serving either as the chairman or the ranking member during my entire tenure in the Senate. The subcommittee has been responsible for a number of significant legislative and oversight accomplishments during the past 18 years and, while it would take too long to describe each of these accomplishments, I want to mention just a few of them:

The Competition in Contracting Act [CICA] of 1984, major procurement reform which remarkably improved the way Government agencies acquire goods and services.

The independent counsel law, which serves to ensure that wrongdoing at the highest levels of Government will be impartially investigated.

The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1988, designed to improve