

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION DURING NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 26, 1999

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of this body an organization that is leading the fight against a disease that debilitates and claims the lives of millions of Americans each year.

The statistics regarding diabetes are appalling. On average, the disease kills one American every three minutes. Sixteen million Americans suffer from the disease; of those, 5.4 million are undiagnosed. And, it should be known that taking insulin does not cure the disease or prevent the development of complications.

Tragically, diabetes strikes people of all ages. And it is a costly medical and financial burden. The average lifetime cost of diabetes care for a person diagnosed at age 3 is calculated at \$600,000.

In this regard, we look to groups such as the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International (JDF), a non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in 1970 by parents of children with diabetes. JDF's mission is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

Since its founding, JDF has spent more resources on diabetes research than any other non-profit, non-governmental agency in the world. Volunteers help define research priorities, select grant recipients, lead advocacy efforts, and provide guidance to overall operations.

At least 80 cents of every dollar goes directly to research and education. The Wall Street Journal's Smart Money Magazine name JDF one of the Nation's top 10 charities "you can trust" and one of only two charities in the health field.

This year alone, more than 200 research grants and over 110 fellowship and career development awards were granted to scientists in 17 countries throughout the world. In 28 years, JDF has been instrumental in encouraging the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to increase diabetes research funding from \$18 million to \$415 million annually.

Mr. Speaker, as we recognize November as National Diabetes Awareness Month, I would like to commemorate the outstanding and selfless work of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS OF THE SERB NATIONAL FEDERATION LODGE NO. 64

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 26, 1999

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Serb National Federation Lodge No. 64 "Napredak" in Biddle, Pennsylvania which will be honoring its fifty year members on Sunday, October 31st, 1999.

Founded in 1907 by Yugoslav immigrants who came to Biddle to work in the coal mines, the lodge became an important way for these new Americans to support and help one another to overcome social obstacles and improve their quality of life. Named "Napredak", meaning "progressive", the members of the lodge strived not only to establish themselves and their families in the community while maintaining their heritage but to create fair and safe working conditions in the mines that employed them. In Biddle, this tie between culture and coal is still represented by the Biddle Serbian Club. Originally a Westmoreland Coal 'company store', lodge members have been meeting and holding picnics there for decades. They eventually purchased the building and turned it into the Biddle Serbian Club, preserving not only their history but that of the coal company.

Like many ethnic groups, American Serbs found security in maintaining their culture by building Serbian Orthodox Churches, establishing dance groups and choirs, and hosting picnics that featured traditional foods. The SNF also gave them the opportunity to purchase insurance policies to protect their families long before employers offered this benefit.

The SNF and the Biddle Serbian Club remain strong foundations for preserving the unique and wonderful culture and history of the Serbian people generations later.

Today, we honor the founders who built and maintain SNF Lodge No. 64. They are the very essence of the story of America. They came to the United States looking for opportunity, freedom, and prosperity. They often struggled to realize these dreams, but they never wavered from the belief that by working hard and living right that they would succeed. American Serbs proudly joined the millions of other immigrants from around the world that make the United States the amazingly diverse and culturally rich nation that it has become.

I salute the fifty year members of the SNF Lodge No. 64 "Napredak" in Biddle, Pennsylvania and congratulate them for their half century commitment to family, community, and tradition.

TRIBUTE TO CARL WILLIAMS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 26, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, every so often I hear a wonderful story of someone giving of their time and money to contribute to their community. I rise here today to tell you of a man who has done just that. Carl Williams has donated the eighth largest carillon and its shining gold tower to the new Daniel Ritchie Center for Sports and Wellness at the University of Denver.

To reach the new bell tower you have to climb up a twisting 100-step staircase. Once in the tower you realize just how magnificent this feat really is. There is a long keyboard with two rows of levers that operate the sixty-five bell carillon. Crafted in the Netherlands, the bells of the Williams Carillon can be heard up to a mile away. They fill the air with beautiful melodies and classic music.

Mr. Speaker, it is with this that I say thank you to Carl Williams for his donation that has added so much to the atmosphere and tradition of the University of Denver. His legacy of giving is appreciated and deserving of recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 26, 1999

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcall votes 533, 534, 535, and 536 last night, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 26, 1999

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, due to a commitment in my district on Monday, October 25, 1999, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall numbers 533-536.

The votes I missed include rollcall vote 533 on approving the Journal; rollcall vote 534 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 754, Made in America Information Act; rollcall vote 535 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 2303, History of the House Awareness and Preservation Act; and rollcall vote 536 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to House Concurrent Resolution 194, recognizing the contributions of 4-H Clubs and their members to voluntary community service.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 533, 534, 535, and 536.

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