

TRIBUTE TO THE JAMES L. WEST  
ALZHEIMER'S CARE FACILITY IN  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 2003*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the tenth anniversary year of the James L. West Alzheimer's Care Facility in Fort Worth, Texas and to recognize the many accomplishments of its founding executive director, Moira A. Reinhardt, R.N.

The West Center, founded in 1993, was established in part by a major gift from the James and Eunice West Foundation and it continues to receive the support of many other generous North Texas foundations, individuals, corporations and organizations. The center was the Southwest's first free-standing facility devoted exclusively to the care of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and has been nationally recognized for its excellence of care and its commitment to helping its residents maintain a restraint-free life style.

Moira A. Reinhardt, nationally known as a pioneer in the establishment and management of centers for Alzheimer's care, was selected as the West Center's first executive director. A native of Scotland, Ms. Reinhardt was trained as a medical/surgical nurse in Britain. She first established a home care program for the elderly in Scotland and then, inspired by the example of Mother Theresa, served the poor in Guatemala as a nurse in the British Overseas Volunteer Program. Ms. Reinhardt became a U.S. citizen September 17, 1996.

Before coming to Fort Worth and the West Center, Ms. Reinhardt was the founding executive director of the Pikes Peak Hospice, Inc., and later became the founding administrator of Namaste Alzheimer's Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

She has lent her expertise to both state and national boards dealing with health care for the elderly and in 1989 served as chairperson for the National Hospice Organization. Recently the directors of the West Center honored her by establishing the Moira A. Reinhardt Continuing Education Scholarship Fund to further the education of the Center's nursing staff and the city of Fort Worth proclaimed April 2, 2003 Moira A. Reinhardt Day.

I ask that the House of Representatives join me in recognizing the important role the James L. West Alzheimer's Care Center plays in the care of the elderly of North Texas and honoring Moira A. Reinhardt for her lifelong commitment to compassionate health care.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL ERIC K.  
SHINSEKI, 34TH CHIEF OF STAFF  
OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

**HON. JOHN M. McHUGH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 7, 2003*

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, Congressman CHET EDWARDS and I take this opportunity today to honor General Eric K. Shinseki, the 34th Chief of Staff of the United States Army. As co-chairs of the House Army Caucus, Con-

gressman EDWARDS and I have had the privilege of working with General Shinseki as he advanced and shaped the greatest land force in the history of the world—the United States Army.

After more than 35 years service to the nation, General Shinseki will retire from the United States Army in June. Throughout his career, General Shinseki's actions have epitomized those of a soldier, leader, and consummate professional. Always mission-focused and soldier-centered, he upheld the Army's non-negotiable mission contract with the American people to fight and win the nation's wars, while never forgetting that it is the sacrifice and skill of the American soldier that makes those victories possible.

General Eric K. Shinseki began his Army career after graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1965. He served two combat tours in the Republic of Vietnam. Despite receiving severe injuries while serving in Vietnam, General Shinseki went back into battle. Although he could have left the Army for other pursuits, General Shinseki remained on active duty out of his utmost respect for the young American soldier he encountered in Vietnam. General Shinseki excelled in command and staff assignments both in the continental United States and overseas. He commanded the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, became Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans at Headquarters Department of the Army, served as the Commanding General, United States Army Europe, Commander Allied Land Forces Central Europe; and Commander, NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In 1998, he assumed the duties as the 28th Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

On June 22, 1999, General Shinseki became the Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Since assuming that position, General Shinseki's commitment and leadership have contributed immeasurably to ensuring that America's Army is unmatched by any in our history in its skill and professionalism. Understanding the challenges posed by the 21st Century, General Shinseki began a transformation that will fundamentally reform the Army and position it for continuing excellence and achievement in the coming decades. Even while guiding the Army through this profound change, his leadership shaped this proud service's contributions and successes in the Global War on Terrorism, in Operation Noble Eagle—the defense of the American Homeland, in Operation Enduring Freedom—the attack on Al Qaeda's lair, and Operation Iraqi Freedom—the liberation of Iraq. He has melded one Army—active, National Guard and Reserve. Indeed, General Shinseki has successfully guided these monumental efforts and today leaves the Army, and the men and women who serve in it, in the very highest state of combat readiness.

Mr. Speaker, the freedoms we cherish come at a price. Our nation has been fortunate to have men and women willing to come forward at times of crisis and challenge to pay that price. Among that number must be counted General Eric K. Shinseki. Through the sacrifices and dedication of Americans like him, our nation is able to continue upon the path of democracy and to strive for the betterment of mankind across the globe. It is with profound admiration and deep appreciation that we pay tribute to General Shinseki for all that he has

done for the United States Army and this country. On behalf of a grateful nation, we thank General Eric K. Shinseki, the 34th Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

RECOGNITION FOR KENNETH  
BANKS, JR.

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize Kenneth Banks, Jr. of North Hollywood, California for his service to the community and this nation. Ken is a long time member of Rotary International and is retiring from his post as a regional governor for Southern California.

Rotary International was founded on three key points: Provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and build goodwill and peace in the world. During his tenure as governor, Ken worked tirelessly to promote these principles and encouraged others in the community to join him. And he always followed the Rotary motto: Service Above Self.

Ken and his wife, Shirley, have three children and six grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his family and makes that a priority even with his demanding schedule. He loves the community that he serves, and will continue to serve even in his retirement.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DR. ROBERT  
C. ATKINS

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, last month, our nation lost an important healthcare advocate and physician, Robert C. Atkins M.D., who lived in New York City and touched the lives of millions of people with his innovative approaches to diet and lifestyle. I know this because many patients he worked with were from New Jersey and his books on diet and nutrition were purchased by millions of people worldwide.

I would like to note that I also knew of Dr. Atkins because of his steadfast support and belief in the use of dietary supplements as a key component to achieving and maintaining good health. He was one of the earliest supporters of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, legislation that I supported as an original cosponsor, which was enacted into law almost ten years ago.

The Atkins Nutritional Approach has caused us to continually re-evaluate and consider how we can improve health and nutritional recommendations as a country. In addition, we cannot ignore its contribution as one of several methods for addressing the growing obesity, heart disease, and diabetes epidemic facing us. I know more research and work will continue on Dr. Atkins' findings and experience with diet and nutrition. As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, I will continue to closely follow this work.