

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GENERAL RICHARD A. CODY, VICE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to General Richard A. Cody, a true American Patriot, who has dedicated his career to the service and defense of America. On June 24, 2004 General Cody was named the 31st Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

General Cody's impressive military career began upon graduation from the United States Military Academy on June 6, 1972 with his commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. General Cody is an Air Assault graduate and Master Aviator with over 5000 hours of flight time. During his thirty-two years of service, General Cody has participated in a variety of command and staff assignments. General Cody served as Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division, as well as 101st Aviation Regiment during Operation Desert Storm and most recently,

he served as Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Army. General Cody has shown brilliant leadership throughout his career having been awarded with decorations such as the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

Mr. Speaker, for the last thirty-two years, General Cody has selflessly served the American people, keeping our country safe and free. I cannot think of a better soldier to lead our armed forces as they continue to protect America.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing General Cody's service to America and to offer my best personal regards on his appointment as Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

**HONORING PERMEDION FOR ITS THIRTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY**

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

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Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Permedion for its thirty years of

service to the healthcare community. Permedion is a not for profit organization headquartered in Westerville, Ohio whose primary areas of service are healthcare quality measurement and improvement, data analysis and management, and independent medical review. Its employees work nationwide with hospitals, insurance companies, government agencies and other professional groups in order to improve our healthcare system.

Permedion helps reduce healthcare costs by monitoring the utilization and quality of healthcare services and detecting inappropriate use. They also review appeals for medical necessity and are one of the last avenues for enrollees to appeal a decision their health plan makes.

In 1974 a group of physicians founded Permedion with the goal of providing peer review and quality assurance to healthcare agencies across Ohio. Today I am proud to recognize Permedion as one of the nation's leading providers in healthcare quality improvement. Once again, I congratulate Permedion for its thirty years of service and wish them the best for the next thirty.