

the House commissioned the construction of a replacement chair. Art was a key member of the team that hand-built the replacement Speaker's Chair. He personally spent numerous hours hand-carving the exquisite detail that is displayed on much of the chair. Another significant contribution was his oversight of the team which constructed the two hydraulic-controlled lecterns currently used today on the House floor.

On a more personal note and equally worthy of recognition, Art has dedicated his life to making the CAO and the U.S. House of Representatives a better place. He has served as a tutor for the CAO's literacy program since its inception. He also serves his community by working as a "Food for Others" volunteer and assisting the Arlington Street People's Assistance Network. After his retirement, it is Art's goal to pursue more volunteer opportunities and to perform community services in order to continue making a difference in the lives of others.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Art for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish him many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center for being the recipient of the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

The DDRC is one of the largest nonprofit human services agencies in Colorado with resources and services designed to provide positive choices, individualized to enhance quality of life and help people help themselves. DDRC has quietly made an incredible difference for the thousands of people it has touched with developmental disabilities and their families by its responsiveness and expanding to meet their needs.

The organization offers services and support in many forms, including resource coordination, children and family services, Medicaid support, adult vocational services, graduate activities program, quality living options, supported living services, and recreation services. All of these programs are of incredibly high quality and only further exemplify the DDRC's deservingness of this prestigious award.

The DDRC has a long history of holding a high standard of ethics. It has continually received the Better Business Gold Star Award and its code of ethics has been used as a model by the Association of Community Centered Boards.

Organizations such as the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center are an imperative in communities across the United States, because they provide a source of support for individuals and their families. Congratulations to Dr. Art Hogling, for his leadership of the DDRC. I offer my strong encouragement to the DDRC to continue their dedicated and excellent work and to all the individuals who

make the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center what it is today.

RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, on the Occasion of Health Center Week I wish to recognize Community Health Development. Community Health Development centers serve Edwards, Real, Uvalde and Zavala Counties, four rural communities where access to healthcare is often limited. Community Health Development, along with other community health centers in Texas, provides much needed healthcare to uninsured and medically underserved populations. In rural communities, community health centers are often the only medical facility within miles, and the health professionals there serve as the family doctors for everyone in the community. Health centers like this one expand access to quality care for all people and contain healthcare costs by promoting preventative healthcare and primary care services. Health centers are essential to our Nation's healthcare system, providing high standards of care, reducing unmet needs in underserved communities and encouraging preventative care through outreach activities. Health centers guarantee access for all individuals, helping to eliminate health disparities and achieve healthcare for all. Again, I recognize Community Health Development for its important contributions to healthcare and for improving the health and quality of life of the people of the 23d Congressional District of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO US STEEL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate US Steel on their 100th anniversary of production in the State of Alabama.

In 1907, the United States was in the midst of a "financial panic" that threatened the future of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company (TC&I) and the jobs of thousands of people employed by the company in Alabama. The United States Steel Corporation (US Steel), the Nation's first billion dollar business enterprise, agreed to purchase a majority of the capital stock of TC&I, preserving thousands of Alabama jobs. President Theodore Roosevelt and the U.S. Justice Department gave their approval on November 4, 1907 for the merger of US Steel and TC&I to help restore public confidence in the Nation's economy, thus ending the financial panic.

Soon after the merger, US Steel significantly expanded iron and steel production in Alabama, creating thousands of new jobs, and initiating social reforms for company employees, such as: building new homes for workers, establishing community schools, and building the Lloyd Noland Hospital.

US Steel was the first steel company in America to embrace collective bargaining in 1937 by recognizing the Steel Workers Organizing Committee which became the United Steel Workers of America. The steel produced at US Steel by its Alabama employees built the ships, tanks and other military armaments that defended the United States in two world wars, as well as in the Korean War and Vietnam War.

In the past 100 years, generations of Alabama residents—estimated to exceed a million people—worked at U.S. Steel mills, coal and iron mines, barge rail lines and other commercial facilities.

US Steel continues to create quality family-supporting jobs, with health care benefits for some 2,500 skilled employees in Alabama. These employees work at plants and offices including the Fairfield Works, the largest steel making plant in the South; the Fairfield Works Seamless Pipe Mill; US Steel Realty, a major land developer in the Birmingham area; and US Steel's Transtar subsidiary that includes the Birmingham Southern Railroad, Warrior & Gulf Navigation Company, and the Mobile River Terminal at Mobile.

Despite the fierce competitive challenges in a global steel market, including unfair competition from heavily subsidized foreign steel producers, US Steel has continued to make job-creating and job-retaining capital investments in Alabama.

US Steel has a long history of supporting philanthropic and community projects to enhance the quality of life in Alabama such as the Red Mountain Oak in Birmingham, which will be the largest urban park in America. This project represents a contribution from US Steel exceeding \$10 million.

Madam Speaker, I wish to officially mark the centennial observance of the United States Steel Corporation in Alabama. I congratulate the company for 100 years of steelmaking and job-producing commercial activity in my State. Through its 100 years, US Steel and its skilled employees have made a tremendous contribution to the State's economy, and to Alabama's future as a major manufacturing center in America.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND MEDICARE PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3162, the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act. This bill invests \$50 billion in our children and our seniors. The minority has had no objections to spending half a trillion dollars in Iraq but objects to \$50 billion over 5 years for our children and seniors? Where are their priorities?

Passing this bill will mean that 5 million more children who are already eligible for SCHIP will be enrolled. That will bring the total number of children covered by SCHIP to 11 million. Passing this bill will mean a real investment for our children, our seniors, and, indeed, our Nation.

I urge you to vote "yes" on the CHAMP Act.