

that AHCPR has only a small, but important, role in the area of data collection, the Agency took the lead in proposing a major restructuring of its medical expenditure survey to eliminate areas of duplication with other HHS surveys. The new medical expenditures panel survey that they are now undertaking reflects those survey integration efforts. I agree with the committee that it is important that the other agencies of the Department explore greater integration of their survey and data collection efforts; AHCPR has stepped up to the plate on this issue and their contribution should be acknowledged.

In light of the responsiveness of AHCPR to our concerns, I think it is time to move forward. We have seen major reform and restructuring at this Agency and now we need to let it get on with its mission of identifying what works and what is cost-effective in health care. Its research has already demonstrated that better quality care can cost less if clinicians and patients have the information they need to make more informed choices. This research is crucial to our committee's efforts to reform and save the Medicare Program and we now need to let them do their job.

COSPONSORSHIP OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LEGISLATION

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I recently overcame a challenge in the Pennsylvania Democratic primary, where, we believe, my opponent was able to spend more campaign funds than my campaign spent. I came away from that campaign with the certain belief that we spend too much time concentrating on campaign fundraising and that there is too much money in the political process. We must reform the way we finance our political campaigns. I have signed the discharge petition to require the Republican majority to do what they do not want to do: bring campaign finance reform legislation to the floor.

I come to the floor today to announce that I am cosponsoring two pieces of campaign finance reform legislation.

First, I am cosponsoring the Meehan-Shays-Smith campaign finance reform bill. This bill would make fundamental changes in the way we fund our campaigns. The sponsors of the bill should be applauded for the contribution they have made in moving this debate forward.

I am also cosponsoring SAM FARR's American Political Reform Act. While the two bills are similar in important respects, but there are aspects in the Farr bill that I prefer. First, it better recognizes the constitutional infirmity in banning political action committees by setting expenditure limits, restricting PAC contributions in the mix of total contributions and lowering the maximum contributions from individual PAC's. Second, it does not contain the in-State, in-district requirements, included in the Meehan-Shays-Smith bill. Those of us who seek to run in poor districts, especially challengers, would be sorely handicapped by this limitation. Moreover, it would put entities like Emily's List and the groups that come together to fight for the State of Israel out of business,

for all practical purposes—these groups have genuine first amendment interests. Third, it correctly restricts bundling but carves out a responsible exception for PAC's that do not lobby.

I hope that the Republican leadership will see the light and work with us to reform the political process.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO BOB WINTERS

HON. JAMES A BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, a good education is an important tool to prepare for a successful future. Without excellent educators to provide our future generation with the kind of education they need to succeed in our technical job market, our country would not be the great Nation it is today. The people who teach or develop innovative teaching tools are the key to our continuing success. Over his 36 years as an educator, administrator, and visionary, Bob Winters has used his skills to improve the education system locally and nationally. In recognition of how much this community appreciates and acknowledges his dedication to education, they are honoring him on Friday, May 17, 1996.

Bob Winters graduated from Detroit South-eastern High School and received his B.A. in education from Wayne State University. After graduation, he began his lifelong commitment, not only providing the best education to his students, but also working to improve education for students all over the country. Bob taught social studies, history, and English in Ferndale, MI, for 5 years.

Knowing the importance of education, he returned to school to receive a masters degree from Michigan State University. Using this new knowledge, he became the assistant principal at a junior high school in Birmingham, MI. In this position he coordinated a new approach to teaching called team teaching. This new approach encouraged teachers to work and plan curriculum together to help students understand the connection between subjects. Each teacher brings his or her strengths to the school curriculum to provide students with the best possible curriculum.

Recruited to share this new teaching technique with others, Bob moved to upstate New York in 1970 to serve as the associate director of a regional educational planning center to advise other schools on implementing team teaching on a national level. Always trying to improve the education system, Bob moved to Washington years later to serve as the Senior Associate to the National Institute of Education. He shared his research and planning of the \$50 million experimental schools program as a consultant and conference planner at the National Rural Experimental Schools Conference, Little Rock, AR.

Eager to return to educating on a personal level, Bob moved back to Michigan to serve as the deputy superintendent and director of instruction for the East Lansing Public Schools. In 1979, he became the superintendent of Essexville-Hampton Public Schools where he has served for the past 17 years. As superintendent he made several significant

changes in the area including allowing student representation on the board of education and implementing substance abuse-drug awareness programs. Bob also served as a member of the Michigan Association of School Administrators [MASA] 1985 to 1987 and served as president, secretary-treasurer and served on the legislative committee.

Bob is also active in his community and is a member of the Alliance for Bay County Schools, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce legislative affairs committee, Bay Medical Center, Delta College Community advisory board, Partnership for Kids Committee, and United Way to Bay County.

Bob could not have achieved these great accomplishments without the support of his wife, Kay. As an avid golfer and member of the Saginaw-Bay Yacht Club, Bob will have many activities to keep him occupied in his retirement. He is also a member of the Bay City Players, a barber shop quartet, and is active with the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

Mr. Winters is a shining example of the ability of individuals to improve our society. He is the embodiment of the finest qualities expressed in the word "citizenship." I commend Bob for his lifelong achievements and I urge my colleagues to join me in extending him our best wishes in his retirement.

NEPTUNE HIGH SCHOOL NAVAL J.R.O.T.C. UNIT MILITARY BALL AND AWARDS CEREMONY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker on Friday, May 31, 1996, at the Waterview Pavilion in Belmar, NJ, the Neptune High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit will hold its Military Ball and Awards Ceremony.

It is with great honor that I pay tribute, on this day, to the Neptune High School Naval JROTC unit. Existing since 1977, this 4-year program is designed to teach high school students leadership and citizenship. To achieve this, the program stresses self-discipline, patriotism, and high self-esteem. All of this is practiced within the organization and administrative structure of the U.S. Navy.

The Neptune High School JROTC boasts a membership of 103 members with 47 of its members recently completing a 3-day mini-boot camp training weekend at Fort Dix, NJ. On November 20, 1995, the unit successfully completed their 1005-96 Navy area manager inspection with an overall grade of outstanding. I would like to take this opportunity to applaud these outstanding young men and women for their commitment and allegiance to the JROTC and also for their overall outstanding grade.

Mr. Speaker, this ceremony is an important event, not just for the proud members of the JROTC but for all of us. It should remind us all of the importance of citizenship and patriotism and what it means to be an American.

REVEREND JACQUELINE
McCULLOUGH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Rev. Jacqueline McCullough has spent most of her life in the church. She is the daughter of two preachers, Reverend and Evangelist Percival Phillips. Presently, she is an associate pastor at Elim International Fellowship and has been under the tutelage and pastoralship of Bishop Wilbert McKinley for over 20 years.

After 7 years of working as a nurse, Reverend McCullough left the medical field to enter full-time ministry. She has traveled for over 20 years nationally and internationally conducting and attending revivals, seminars, workshops and conferences. She is often seen on religious cable television and heard on religious talk show. Reverend McCullough is accredited with master of arts in philosophy from New York University. She is presently working toward a doctorate degree in Bible—Old Testament—at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

In 1986, Reverend McCullough founded the Daughters of Rizpah, a nonprofit religious organization where she is the president and director. This organization underwrites all of her extra-church ministerial activities and community involvements. She is also the proprietor of *Bible—The Family Bookstore*, the author of "Daily Moments—In Quietness and Confidence" and publisher of a semiannual news-magazine "Mended Bridges".

This recount only serves to give an overview of her life, work, and godly commitment. It does not reflect her passionate love for God, His word, the innumerable sacrifices for the work of the Lord and her sensitivity to the needs of God's people.

WESTHILL'S DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the young women athletes of the Westhill Senior High School soccer and basketball programs for their New York State Class C Championships during the past season.

From a small school of 600 in the Town of Onondaga in Central New York, two outstanding coaches have inspired, instructed, led, cajoled, and pushed in order to get the best from their girls. In each case, their best was indeed good enough.

Before I name the players, I would also like to congratulate the entire Westhill High School community—led by Superintendent Mar DeSantis, Principal Richard Cavallaro, Board President Anthony Sidoni, Athletic Director Matt Whipple and the hundreds of parents and students who make up the support infrastructure at Westhill.

Being a parent in the Westhill School District, I am especially proud today. Many of the

players are well known to me and my neighbor. We have watched these athletes grow, become stronger, become young adults, never losing their school spirit, their pride, never faltering in support of one another.

We are now gratified to see them succeed so completely. We will recognize them, and all our district's scholastic athletes, at Sports Night on June 6. These two teams give us reason to cheer, but as parents everywhere understand they also give us an opportunity to give a final round of applause this year to all the students who partake in school sports.

Members of the New York State Class C Championship Varsity Girls Basketball Team from Westhill Senior High School were coached magnificently by Sue Ludwig. They are: Jessica Adydan, Erin Davies, Sarah Detor, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Leigh Halsey, Laurie Hughes, Melissa Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Stephanie Mancini, Maura Satalin, and Kathleen Sheridan.

Members of the New York State Class C Championship Varsity Girls Soccer Team from Westhill Senior High School, Coached by Ann Riva, are: Jessica Adydan, Ellen Bronchetti, Carolyn Butler, Shannan Card, Jennifer Conway, Erin Davies, Julie Donahue, Sharon Gates, Julie Guinn, Karen Guinn, Alissa Hoover, Laurie Hughes, Jennifer Kirsch, Lindsay Lazarski, Sara Murphy, Kirsten Parody, Wallis Patulski, Megan Rogers, Courtney Spencer, Sarah Thornton, Sarah Ungerer and Jessica Vosseteig.

Westhill was further honored this year when Coach Riva was named by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America as Coach of the Year for the Northeast Region of the United States.

Under her direction, the Westhill team has won State Sectional titles for the last 4 years, and Onondaga High School League championships for the last 5 years. During 22 seasons, her teams have recorded 208 wins against 85 losses and 20 ties.

Everyone at Westhill is very proud. I salute the coaches, parents, administration, faculty, and staff and most of all, the teams.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM WHITNEY AND MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. JOSEPH M. MCDADE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, it was my pleasure today to meet with the sixth grade class from Mountain View Elementary School in Kingsley, PA.

Across our great land, there are people who dedicate their lives to the education of our children. Through their tireless efforts they give the gift of learning to their students, helping make a better future for our families, our communities, and our Nation.

The people of whom I speak are the teachers in schools across America. Today, I would like to especially recognize William Whitney of Mountain View, who is one of those dedicated teachers who not only excels in the classroom, but also makes those extra efforts to enrich his students' learning experiences.

Today's visit by the Mountain View Elementary School marks the 25th consecutive year

in which Mr. Whitney has brought his students to our Nation's Capital. In addition, Mr. Whitney also coaches several athletic teams. I commend him for his dedication to his students.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the teachers who play such an important role in the lives of our children. Teachers like Mr. Whitney exemplify, and impart in our children, the true meaning of citizenship in this great democracy in which we live.

ANNOUNCING COMPREHENSIVE BI- PARTISAN CHILD SUPPORT RE- FORM

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce yesterday's introduction of an outstanding bipartisan bicameral bill that will have a tremendous impact on the lives of millions of American families—the Child Support Improvement Act of 1996 (H.R. 3465). My colleague from Connecticut, BARBARA KENNELLY, as well as Senators OLYMPIA SNOWE and BILL BRADLEY, have joined me as sponsors of this important legislation.

The Child Support Improvement Act is not new language; it is the child support title of H.R. 4, the welfare reform bill that has been bogged down in negotiations for over a year. Because we have reached agreements on all aspects of the child support title of the welfare reform bill, we believe it is imperative that we liberate these provisions of the bill so that they are ready to move forward independently if necessary.

Let me make this clear—we prefer sending to the President a comprehensive, bipartisan welfare reform bill that includes our child support enforcement provisions. But no matter what happens with welfare reform this year, our goal is to have the child support enforcement provisions signed into law by the time this Congress adjourns.

Imagine this—as recently as 8 years ago, just about every State had its child support orders in file cabinets. We approved legislation in 1988 that brought us into the 20th century by requiring computer automation of this information. The bill we introduced yesterday will take us to the next level by linking States to a central Federal databank. At one time a deadbeat parent from Connecticut could find work in California and never have to worry about being tracked down to pay child support.

To all deadbeat parents, you are now on notice. Once this bill is enacted, you will not be able to hide. We will find you. We will make you live up to your parental responsibilities of supporting your children.

END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the statistics are bone chilling. Three out of four American