

HONORING RICHARD W. VILTER, M.D. AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 25, 2005*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard W. Vilter, M.D., a leader in our medical community, who will be formally honored as a Great Living Cincinnatian on February 24, 2005 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. Recipients of this prestigious annual award are chosen on the basis of professional achievement, leadership, vision, and community service. Past honorees include Neil Armstrong, Dr. Albert Sabin, and Charles Scripps.

A native Cincinnatian, Dr. Vilter has said that not only did he want to follow in the footsteps of his father, Dr. William F. Vilter, he never considered doing anything else. After graduating from Hughes High School in 1929, he earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard. Dr. Vilter promised to join his father in practice when he returned to Cincinnati, but, tragically, his father died of leukemia before he could do so. Dr. Vilter has said this is what led him to pursue his distinguished career in blood diseases.

After graduating from medical school in 1937, Dr. Vilter earned an internship at Cincinnati General Hospital specializing in internal medicine. In 1940, he was named senior resident, and later became chief medical resident. He went on to hold many leadership positions at Cincinnati General, including founding director of the Division of Hematology and Assistant Director of the Department of Internal Medicine. In 1956, he became the Gordon and Helen Hughes Taylor Professor of Medicine and director of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Cincinnati, positions he held until 1978. He still serves as the Gordon and Helen Hughes Taylor Professor Emeritus of Medicine, continuing his teaching and consulting work. Dr. Vilter has also spread his practice of medicine internationally, acting as a consultant for the United Nations' World Health Organization, traveling for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and serving as chair of the National Advisory Committee's Malnutrition Research Center in Thailand.

Dr. Vilter has held leadership positions with many organizations, including the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's Medical Heritage Library Board; the American College of Physicians/American Society of Internal Medicine; American Society of Clinical Nutrition, where he was the first president; the American Clinical and Climatological Association; and the Cincinnati Society of Internal Medicine. He received the American College of Physicians Ohio Chapter's Laureate Award in 2002; the American Medical Association's Joseph Goldberger Award for outstanding contributions in the field of nutrition; the National March of Dimes Foundation's Dan Tehan Humanitarian Award; the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's Daniel Drake Award for major and lasting contributions to the College; and the University of Cincinnati Excellence Award.

In August, 2003, Dr. Vilter lost his beloved wife of 70 years, Sue. He lost his son, Richard Jr., in 1990.

All of us in Cincinnati congratulate Dr. Vilter on being named a Great Living Cincinnatian.

TRIBUTE TO ELLEN BRAVO, OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF 9TO5 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKING WOMEN

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 25, 2005*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a colleague and contemporary: Ellen Bravo, outgoing Executive Director of 9to5 National Association of Working Women.

Ellen is a longtime resident of the city of Milwaukee who has made innumerable contributions to the advancement of women's rights. For over 20 years she has overseen the growth and evolution of 9to5. Under her leadership, this organization has brought women's voices into debates over state and national policies on issues ranging from welfare reform to sexual harassment in the workplace.

Ellen's efforts have resulted in concrete advances for all women. She fought for a higher minimum wage for all workers, while challenging State lawmakers to ensure women received equal pay for equal work. She led the fight to win family and medical leave benefits for Wisconsin workers. She was a critical voice in the national move to replace welfare with a work-based system. Even now, she is working with coalitions in several states to expand workers' access to sick leave benefits.

An accomplished speaker and trainer, a noted public commentator, Ellen has contributed to our understanding of the needs of working women and their families. Not only has her advocacy expanded the research agenda, her commitment to organizing has ensured that women are empowered to fight for the policies they need.

Ellen's vision is that all women should have more power. I can say with certainty that her work has helped support and sustain lawmakers who share that vision. I have firsthand knowledge of her support as a lawmaker. She is one of my advisors and, more importantly, my friend.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate Ellen on these achievements, and to wish her well in the next phase of her life.

RECOGNIZING MELISSA SIEG

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 25, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Melissa Sieg, on being elected the 2005 President of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors.

On January 25, 2005 Melissa will be inaugurated as the 82nd president, only the sixth woman in the 85 year history of the Association to be named to the position. Melissa is an associate broker who, along with her husband Bill, owns and operates the Prudential First Choice Realty located in State College, Pennsylvania. Besides her participation in the

Pennsylvania Association of Realtors, Melissa has also been actively involved in the Centre County Association of Realtors where she has served on the Board of Directors, as vice president and also as president. In 1996 she was named the Centre County Association of Realtors' "Realtor of the Year."

Besides being professionally active, Melissa finds time to give back to her community as a YMCA swimming official and as the Bellefonte High School varsity swim coach. She has also served on the community boards for the Bellefonte YMCA, the Centre County United Way and served as Vice President for the Marion-Walker Youth Baseball League and as President of the Bellefonte YMCA Swim Team Parent's Association.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring Melissa Sieg. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute citizens such as Melissa who make the communities that they live in truly special.

HONORING PATRICIA SCATOLONI DEDICATION TO EDUCATION AND HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 25, 2005*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Patricia D. Scatoloni who served her local community as a school teacher for 50 years and served the people of Macedonia as a member of the Peace Corps since December. She died of natural causes on January 1, 2005.

Patricia Scatoloni began her Peace Corps training in September 2004, and took her official oath as a volunteer in December. She focused on English education in the village of Leskoec where she worked on both elementary and adult education. Since 1961 the Peace Corps has sent more than 178,000 volunteers to live and work around the world.

The 74-year-old mother of three will be remembered as an enthusiastic and creative teacher who cared deeply about her students. She taught in the Los Angeles public schools for 18 years and finished her career in the Pasadena public schools as a full-time substitute teacher.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring the memory of Patricia Scatoloni for her immense dedication to public service.

REMEMBERING THE DEATH OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

**HON. MAC THORNBERRY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 25, 2005*

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to submit for the RECORD a statement by the Churchill Centre commemorating the 40th anniversary of the death of Sir Winston Churchill. The Churchill Centre has members around the globe and a mission to "foster