that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD show that had I been present, I would have voted ''yea'' on H. Con. Res. 260 (Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, Nostra Aetate, and the continuing need for mutual inter-religious respect and dialogue), ''yea'' on H.R. 1973 (Water for the Poor Act of 2005), and ''yea'' on H. Res. 444 (Gynecological Resolution for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education).

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF SISTER ANNE LOUISE STOELZEL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of deep gratitude and sorrow that I rise to pay tribute to the life of Sister Anne Louise Stoelzel, an Ursuline sister of Toledo, Ohio who passed from this life on Nov. 19. Sister Anne Louise dedicated her life to the education of young women and men, and helped build St. Ursula Academy in our community into a premier institution of advanced learning at the high school level. She tutored students even into her 80's and remained a smiling and vibrant presence to all who knew her.

Sister Anne Louise took on the task of moderating the school's large, and growing alumnae association for 30 years, no small task, after having taught mathematics for two decades. In 1990, she received the Alumna of the Year Award and was sought out and loved by the school's graduates. She remembered them, followed their lives, amazingly, kept in touch with thousands of girls, their families, and their lives.

She was an avid fan of St. Ursula sports teams and a regular attendee at games as St. Ursula's winning teams rose to fame locally and statewide. She rooted on the bench with all she had in her.

Sister Anne Louise was a Toledoan through and through. She carried its values. She grew up in the Old West End, a parishioner at Rosary Cathedral, and a woman in service to Christ throughout her most generous life. She held bachelor of arts and science degrees from the former Mary Manse College in Toledo, and received a master's degree from the Catholic University of America. Her pursuit of lifelong learning took her to many universities—Notre Dame, St. Louis University, Bowling Green, Ohio State, and the University of Toledo.

No measure can be placed on the gift of the life of one woman to her community. The life of Sister Anne Louise stands as living testament to a woman who loved others more than herself, who believed in the education and potential of young women to excel and make contributions to life beyond what we know today. It was to that future that she gave herself long before even the laws in the United States afforded women equal opportunity in education.

Our entire community sends its sympathies to the sisters of St. Ursula and the loving community of women and men that surrounded her, and St. Ursula's ongoing mission toward education of young women, and the advancement of learning for the betterment of humankind. Sister Anne Louise lived with distinction the legacy of St. Angela Merici, the foundress of the Order of St. Ursula. May Sister Anne Louise rest in peace, a beloved daughter of the Lord who served with love and faith throughout her precious life.

ST. URSULA GRAD TAUGHT MATH AT ALMA MATER

SISTER ANNE LOUISE STOELZEL, 1922–2005

Sister Anne Louise Stoelzel, 83, a graduate of St. Ursula Academy who taught mathematics at her alma mater for 20 years and was moderator of the school's alumnae association for 30 years, died Tuesday of congestive heart failure in the Ursuline Center.

Sister Anne Louise retired from classroom teaching in 1991, but she continued to tutor math students until about two years ago.

''She was a very good teacher and very patient,'' Sister Kathleen Padden said. ''As a tutor, she taught not only the girls from the academy, but boys from St. Francis [de Sales High School] and students from the public schools whose mothers might have been alumnae.''

She was a strict teacher, ''but an excellent teacher,'' said Fran Sears, whose daughter, Ellen, was a student of Sister Anne Louise's. ''She knew and understood math perfectly,'' Mrs. Sears said.

Sister Anne Louise was moderator of the St. Ursula Alumnae Association from 1971 to 2001 and was moderator emerita afterward. She received the Alumna of the Year Award in 1990.

Not only was she a regular at St. Ursula reunions, she kept in touch with alumnae and followed the events of their lives.

''She knew all the grads, all the alumnae. She knew their families and their daughters and granddaughters,'' Mrs. Sears said. ''You mentioned somebody, she could tell you about her.''

Sister Anne Louise was a fan of St. Ursula sports teams and followed local high school sports, Mrs. Sears said.

She was born Marie Kathryn Stoelzel and grew up in the Old West End. She was a parishioner of Rosary Cathedral when she entered the Ursuline Community in 1943.

Sister Anne Louise received bachelor of arts and bachelor of science in education degrees from the former Mary Manse College. She received a master's degree from Catholic University of America in Washington.

She was awarded National Science Foundation grants to pursue her post-graduate education during summer breaks. Her studies took her to the University of Notre Dame, St. Louis University, DePauw University, Bowling Green State University, the University of Toledo, and Ohio State University.

Sister Anne Louise previously taught at the elementary schools of St. Teresa and St. Thomas Aquinas in Toledo and at Lima, Ohio, Central Catholic High School.

She and her sister, Gertrude Trompeter, were close, and she visited the Trompeter home on holidays and other occasions, her brother-in-law, Carl Trompeter, said. She also took a keen interest in her four nephews—they called her Aunt Marie—and their families.

Her sister died Nov. 19, 2003.

There are no immediate survivors.

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. today in the Ursuline Center, where there will be a vigil service at 7 tonight. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Ursuline Center. Arrangements are by the Coyle Funeral Home.

It is suggested that tributes be to the Ursuline Sisters Retirement Fund.

THE HIPAA RECREATIONAL INJURY TECHNICAL CORRECTION ACT OF 2005

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Health Care Parity for Participation for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act. This bill would protect those individuals who participate in legal recreational activities from being discriminated against by their employers for health insurance purposes.

In 1996, Congress passed and the President signed into law the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This legislation was enacted so that employees could continue health care coverage if they switched jobs and so that employees would not be denied health care coverage based on a pre-existing medical condition or participation in legal recreational activities.

On January 5, 2001, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a Final Rule for Nondiscrimination in Health Coverage in a Group Market, which was required under HIPAA. Under the rule, employers are prohibited from refusing coverage based simply on an employee's participation in a legal recreational activity, such as motorcycling, skiing, snowmobiling, horseback riding and all-terrain vehicle riding. However, CMS, in its interpretation of the word ''participation'' effectively legalized the denial of benefits for any injuries sustained while participating in these activities. Clearly, Congress did not include specific language in HIPAA to provide coverage for people who engage in these activities, only to be denied coverage in the event they sustain an injury. The rule is counter to the intent of Congress and should be corrected.

In 2001, I joined with several of my House colleagues in sending a letter to HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson asking him to reverse the CMS ruling, but he said it would take an act of Congress. I cosponsored legislation that addressed this issue in the 108th Congress. There is legislation that has been introduced in the 109th Congress but that bill excludes individuals who participate in skiing and snowboarding. That excludes a large number of people in my district and throughout the country who are winter sports enthusiasts, and I think it's critical that they be covered for any injuries they sustain from participating in winter sports.

Mr. Speaker, this bill, which is identical to legislation introduced by Senator SUSAN COLLINS, is about fairness in health coverage for the millions of Americans who enjoy skiing, motorcycle riding, horseback riding, ORV riding, or any other legal recreational activity. It also further clarifies Congress' intent when it passed this landmark law, which has helped so many Americans keep or obtain health insurance. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass this important legislation.