

HONORING MARIANNE McGUIRE OF  
ST. RENE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding educator in my district, Marianne McGuire, who has been nominated for entry into the 2007 edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers. For over 20 years, Mrs. McGuire has tirelessly served her students and the community at-large.

Currently, Marianne McGuire teaches the fourth and fifth grades at St. Rene Goupil, a Catholic elementary school in Chicago's Clearing neighborhood. A graduate of Quincy University and a veteran teacher, Marianne brings valuable insight and perspective to the classroom. She has the reputation of being an excellent academic instructor who is involved in the lives of her students before and after school—tutoring, assisting with the TerraNova tests, and coordinating the Geography Bee.

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, first published in 1990, gives exceptional students an opportunity to honor the teachers who have positively contributed to their lives and invested in their futures. It is a great privilege to be included in this publication, which is meant to let teachers know that they truly make a difference. Mrs. McGuire's impact has given her a nomination to be included in this publication.

It is my honor today to recognize Marianne McGuire for her achievements as an outstanding teacher. She and countless other educators serve to enhance our overall education system, while impacting one student at a time. I thank Marianne, along with all of our Nation's teachers, for their hard work, dedication, and noble service.

HONORING MONTEREY HIGH  
SCHOOL AS A NO CHILD LEFT  
BEHIND BLUE RIBBON AWARD  
WINNER

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the students, faculty and staff of Monterey High School for earning a 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Award for academic superiority.

No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon schools are selected by the U.S. Department of Education as a way to recognize schools across the country that show either high achievement or dramatic improvement.

Monterey High School is a rural high school with only 18 full-time teachers. Forty percent of the school's 373 students come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Despite this, the students consistently rank in the top 10 percent on state achievement tests.

This award is evidence of the hard work put forth by the faculty, students and staff at Monterey High School. I am truly proud of them for their efforts, and I commend them on this achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF SAINT CECILIA  
SCHOOL

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize Saint Cecilia's School, located in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, as it celebrates 100 years of academic excellence. This institution has served the educational needs of countless students in the community, and it is with great pleasure that I recognize its strident efforts on this momentous occasion.

Since its inception, Saint Cecilia's has fostered both the intellectual and spiritual development of local students, providing them with the resources they need for success in the classroom. Through the leadership and dedication of its first rate faculty, this institution boasts a commendable record of academic achievement, thereby enriching the lives of school age children throughout our community.

St. Cecilia's School has a longstanding tradition of promoting a culture of community-oriented citizens that are devoted to the interests of Brooklyn, as well as our Nation. Its comprehensive approach to education has contributed to the ongoing revitalization of our neighborhoods, inspiring a new generation of informed, engaged activists committed to real change and, ultimately, a more prosperous future.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the students, faculty and parents of Saint Cecilia's School as they celebrate 100 years of educational distinction in the Greenpoint community and extending best wishes for further success in the years that lie ahead.

**USNS COMFORT**

**HON. CYNTHIA MCKINNEY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 8, 2006*

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

In an effort to save both U.S. and Iraqi lives by adhering to International War and common decency, I sent the following letter to the Captain of the Navy's top hospital ship. Thomas J. Nagy, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow in Public Health, Johns Hopkins, '77-'79.

NOVEMBER 12, 2006.

TO THE CAPTAIN, USNS COMFORT: Would it not be to the benefit of all if the USS Comfort were to return immediately to the Persian Gulf to provide life-saving health care to Iraqi infants and children who are dying in huge numbers for the lack of medical services and supplies.

Further, does not the Geneva Convention on the Responsibilities of Occupying Powers require that the U.S., as the de facto if not de jure Occupying Power in Iraq furnish life-saving health care to Iraqis?

Finally, please forward my note to the U.S. Navy's Judge Advocate General as well as the captain of the USN HOPE and the captains of any other USN Hospital Ships.

I request a written reply.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. NAGY.

From: Shimkus, Albert J CAPT  
To: Thomas J. Nagy  
CC: Herden, Mary J CAPT  
Subject: Your Email of 12 November  
Date: 14 Nov 2006

DR. NAGY: Thank you for your email note of 12 November.

I will forward your email note as you have requested.

Sincerely,

A. SHIMKUS,  
*Commanding Officer,  
Medical Treatment  
Facility, USNS  
COMFORT (T-AH  
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**UNBORN CHILD PAIN AWARENESS  
ACT OF 2006**

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 6, 2006*

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 6099.

H.R. 6099 is an extreme intrusion into the relationship between a woman and her doctor. Rather than improving informed consent as the authors claim, this legislation would put into federal law inflammatory rhetoric that has not been proven to be fact.

In 2004 a federal district court found that there is "no consensus of medical opinion" on the issue of fetal pain. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, it is highly improbable that a fetus could feel pain before the third trimester. In addition, studies conducted by JAMA on this issue showed that additional anesthesia, as is proposed in this bill, poses increased risk to a woman's health.

Yet this bill would force health care providers to tell patients seeking an abortion that there is "substantial evidence" regarding fetal pain and force them to offer anesthesia for the fetus. It would also force the patient to sign a statement to prove she understood that information.

H.R. 6099, if passed, would actually require a medical professional, under federal law, to give women inaccurate and potentially harmful information. This law makes no exceptions for individual patient circumstances or a doctor's judgment of medical necessity. And if a doctor does not provide this information, he or she will face civil sanctions.

Our health care system—the best in the world by many measures—depends on the quality of our health care providers and their ability to communicate with and care for their patients. It is outrageous for Congress to remove the discretion of doctors and instead, rely on politics to make medical decisions. This legislation is based on inaccurate information and political motivation and should be rejected.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing H.R. 6099 today and in working to improve health care for all Americans in the 110th Congress.