

against compounded medications in general. I believe that this new policy may have far-reaching and serious consequences for Medicare beneficiaries who rely on nebulizer medications. Eliminating compounding will severely restrict access to these critical medications for Medicare beneficiaries and their prescribing physicians.

The FDA's legal position on compounding medications, its aggressive enforcement policies against several compounding pharmacies and the agency's intervention and influence on CMS's recent policies on compounded medications establishes a dangerous precedent for all pharmacy compounding throughout the United States. Ignoring the recent Federal court decision *Medical Center Pharmacy v. Gonzales*, 451 F. Supp.2d 854, 865 (W.D. Tex. 2006), the FDA reassessed its legal position "that all compounded drugs are unapproved new, and therefore illegal, drugs under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA)". Contrary to the FDA's position, the Federal Court held that "compounded drugs, when created for an individual patient pursuant to a prescription from a licensed practitioner, were implicitly exempt from the new drug definitions contained in the Act".

As a result of the FDA's position and CMS's new policy on compounding, more than 29,000 citizens of West Virginia suffering from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) that depend on these medications as well as the hundreds of compounding pharmacies and their employees, will be adversely affected. For this reason, I am asking that CMS rescind the recent policy excluding compounding medications.

Thank you, for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR I. JACKNOWITZ,  
*Professor and Distinguished Chair,  
Department of Clinical Pharmacy.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST.  
FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL FOOT-  
BALL TEAM

### HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate and pay tribute to the St. Francis High School football team for reaching the Michigan High School Athletic Association 2007 Division Seven State Championship game. It was their fifth State finals appearance in 10 years.

The St. Francis Gladiators lost a hard-fought state championship game to Mendon High School. It was the end to an impressive play-off run in which they outscored their opponents 188-8 in the four games leading up to the finals. They finished their season with a 12-2 record.

The Gladiators accomplishments are a testament to the years of hard work and dedication of these student athletes. They have proudly carried on their school's tradition of excellence. I commend them on a successful season.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I congratulate the St. Francis High School football team on their achievements and wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT NEWELL  
WISNER

### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker. I rise today to recognize the retirement of Robert Newell Wisner, after 41 years as an Iowa State University Extension economist.

Since February of 1967, Robert Wisner has provided a remarkable service to the agricultural community in Iowa and across the globe. He is extremely innovative in his methods of presenting market outlooks and analyzing marketing and risk-management strategies. Robert's publications on risk management and genetically-modified crop marketing have been widely used in Japan and China and have benefited countries in Europe as well. He pioneered work on revenue assurance contracts and regularly educated crop insurance agents about different risk management tools.

Robert also has a gift in relating his work to the common farmer. He has converted his highly complicated market research and analysis into an easily understandable format. Robert is known for checking up-to-the-minute information, seconds before presentations, to give his audience the most accurate statistics. He has worked hard to gain the confidence of farmers by conducting over 2,200 extension meetings and authoring more than 1,500 publications. Robert is a trusted source of expert agricultural economic information and for this I offer him my utmost congratulations and thanks.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Robert Wisner for his leadership and service to the farmers of America. I consider it an honor to represent Robert in Congress and I wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING OFFICER ARMANDO ALEXANDER OF THE WAUKEGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

### HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer Armando Alexander of the Waukegan Police Department for his selfless act of heroism.

On February 3, 2007, Officer Alexander was assisting with closing a local bar. At 2:49 a.m., Officer Alexander heard gunfire erupt in the parking lot next to the establishment. Without regard for his own personal safety, he ran toward the gunfire where he witnessed two subjects firing shots at a victim in a parked car. The victim was shot three times before the suspects fled. Officer Alexander then chased the suspects on foot through a residential development and construction site. He apprehended one of the suspects and recovered the firearm used in the crime. The second suspect was later arrested.

Officer Alexander's outstanding efforts took two dangerous gang members off the streets of my district and made Waukegan, Illinois, a safer place.

As a member of the Significant Incident Group on the Waukegan Police force, Officer Alexander is a leader and a role model for local law enforcement in the 10th Congressional District of Illinois.

I am proud to count this heroic American as a constituent and a friend.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT AND  
ROSALEE WELLING

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2007*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this moment to recognize the exemplary and extended service of Bob and Rosalee Welling, who will receive the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Central Missouri.

Bob received his juris doctorate from St. Louis University School of Law. Following law school he spent 2 years in the United States Army and then moved to Warrensburg, MO, to begin a 50-year career in law. In 1985, Bob received the Missouri Bar President's Award.

Bob served as president of the Missouri State Board of Education and as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Boards of Education. He was a former chair on the board's Governmental Affairs Committee and was a mentor in the association. Bob has also presided as chair of the Regional Council for Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO.

Currently, Bob is a member of Children's Mercy Hospital Planned Gift Council and board member of its nonprofit subsidiary, Family Health Partners. He is also serving as a gubernatorial appointee to the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission.

Rosalee graduated from the University of Central Missouri with a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in speech pathology and audiology. Following graduate school, she served as a physical education and health teacher in the Raytown School District and then as a speech pathologist at the Children's Therapy Center. She then joined the University of Central Missouri and taught until her retirement in 2002.

While at the university, she served for 13 years as director of the Early Childhood Communication Special Education Preschool, spent 6 years as the coordinator of Clinical Services in the Welch-Schmidt Center for Communication Disorders, and was guest lecturer in the Department of Phonetics at the University of Helsinki, Finland.

Today, Rosalee is director emeriti of the University of Central Missouri Alumni Association Board and the Foundation Board. She also serves as a tutor in the Johnson County Adult Literacy Program.

The Wellings are known in the State of Missouri for their outstanding civic involvement and volunteer service. I trust that Members of the House will join me in wishing Bob and Rosalee Welling and their family the best in their future endeavors.