

the energy sources and industries of tomorrow, and address the realities of climate change, rather than continue down the misguided path of President Bush and the previous Republican Congresses—a path that has led us to an unprecedented dependence on foreign oil, skyrocketing gas prices, and economic recession.

Once again, I urge passage of this legislation—legislation with broad support from industry, the environmental community, and even power companies—and I thank Speaker PELOSI and Chairman RANGEL for making energy security a priority for the 110th Congress.

PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL
HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY
ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express concerns with H.R. 1424, the “Paul Wellstone Mental Health Addiction and Equity Act of 2007.” First, let me say I am a strong supporter of providing mental health parity and was pleased to support the alternative in the House Education and Labor Committee during mark-up. Senate bill 558 is a reasonable approach that will protect consumers and insurance providers alike and why it passed the Senate under unanimous consent. Unfortunately, the bill under consideration today in the House constitutes a costly employer mandate that has the potential to increase costs, leading to decreased coverage. The Congressional Budget Office estimates H.R. 1424 would impose mandates on private insurance companies totaling \$3 billion annually by 2012. These costs will ultimately hit employers offering health insurance and employees seeking to obtain coverage.

Furthermore, I am concerned with using a substantial increase in the Medicaid prescription drug rebate as one of the offsets to pay for this legislation. This increase raises the basic rebate on innovator brand pharmaceutical companies by 33 percent. Increasing the discounts prescription drug manufacturers already provide the government under Medicaid could stifle innovation in the development of future treatments. My constituents yearn for the latest breakthrough therapies for cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, and so many other diseases. We owe it to them to encourage that innovation and not hinder its development with federal legislation.

These are just two examples of why we should oppose H.R. 1424. I would urge my colleagues to support the reasonable alternative House Republicans will bring to the floor today.

RALPH TEMPLE TO RECEIVE
ACLU–NCA BARTH AWARD

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, the American Civil Liberties Union of the National

Capital Area on March 18, 2008, will present to Attorney Ralph J. Temple their Annual Alan and Adrienne Barth Award for exemplary volunteer service. Alan Barth was a founder of the ACLU–NCA, and Adrienne Barth was an ACLU activist in her own right, a regular weekly legal intake volunteer for decades.

Legions of friends, fellow lawyers, past clients and others, who have been so inspired, over the years, by the bold, trailblazing and trend-setting efforts of Ralph Temple are expected to gather at the luncheon. His defense in particular of matters involving the first amendment is noteworthy and typified his tenure with the ACLU and in other venues.

In April 2000 in connection with DC police mass arrests of World Trade protesters, Ralph prepared a series of memoranda presenting a strategy for challenging mass arrests, based on ACLU–NCA's 1960s and 1970s victories against the mass arrests of anti-Vietnam war protesters. Those memoranda were supportive of litigation culminating in the unprecedented 2004 settlement in *Abbate v. Ramsey*, requiring across the board reform in DC police mass demonstration policies and practices. In December 2003 Ralph wrote the ACLU–NCA's report, “The Policing of Demonstrations in the Nation's Capital: A Misconception of Mission and a Failure of Leadership.” On December 17, 2003, his report was presented to the District of Columbia Council along with Ralph's 1½ hours of testimony as a special witness, and significantly contributed to the council's enactment of the Police Standards Act of 2004, the Nation's most profound legislation restricting police conduct during mass demonstrations, legislation that has helped to illuminate the vital importance of free speech to our constitutional Government.

In 1975, he was involved in *A Quaker Action Group v. Morton*, 7-year litigation, that produced five opinions by the U.S. Court of Appeals and culminated in invalidating restrictions the Government tried to impose on demonstrations at the White House. In 1972, he was involved in *Jeannette Rankin Brigade v. Chief of the Capitol Police*, wherein the Court invalidated a statute prohibiting demonstrations at the U.S. Capitol, based on the record established by the ACLU in *U.S. v. Nicholson*. He was involved in *Women Strike for Peace v. Morton*, a case that forced the Government to allow protest activities and displays in Federal parks on the same basis that civic or religious activities and displays are allowed, and in *Sullivan v. Murphy*, another of Ralph's cases, the Court enjoined prosecution of 14,517 people arrested during anti-Vietnam war protests during May Week 1971, the largest mass arrests in American history, and ordered expungement of arrest records.

In 1971, he was involved in *Dellums v. Powell*, *McCarthy v. Kleindienst*, *Knable v. Wilson* and *Tatum v. Wilson*, wherein the ACLU won a class action jury verdict in *Dellums*, judge verdict in *Tatum*, and obtained settlements in the other cases, recovering over \$5 million in damages for the wrongful arrests in May Week 1971; and in *Washington Mobilization v. Cullinane*, another of Ralph's cases, a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals reversed an injunction against police sweep arrests, indiscriminate violence, and protracted booking procedures.

Madam Speaker, censorship has never been the best answer to bad speech. The best answer is more speech, good speech, free

speech. Throughout his illustrious career, Ralph Temple has been a steadfast defender of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and especially our First Amendment Freedoms, even when the causes he defended may not have been popular. It is fitting, therefore, that the ACLU of the National Capital Area recognize Ralph with the Barth Award. There are many wonderful things about America.

CONGRATULATING THE BAKERSFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL DRILLERS
VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the student athletes and coaches of the Bakersfield High School Drillers varsity football team on winning the 2007 California Interscholastic Federation Central Section Division I title.

On Friday, November 30, 2007, the Drillers defeated Clovis West High School 19–16 in its last game of the season to win the title. This was truly an outstanding achievement to wrap up a near perfect season, a season where the Drillers finished with a record of 13–1. The Driller victory marked the 34th Central Section football championship for Bakersfield High School. Driller football fans, students and the Bakersfield community were treated to an exciting championship game where in the fourth quarter with a tied score and 25 seconds left, the Drillers' skill, training, hard work, and athleticism paid off with an emotional 43-yard field goal victory.

I want to extend my congratulations to the Bakersfield High School Drillers student athletes for their impressive championship win and 2007 season. The 2007 roster included Tim Etchevery, Emanuel Turner, Matthew Varvel, Alfonso Jackson, Marcus Nelson, Alex Mitchell, George Ming, Craig McMahon, Donovan Littles, Peter Mitchell, Mark Durando, Cooper Damron, Jerek Johnson, James Diaz, Jesus Mora, Emmanuel Ojeriakhi, Vince Van Horne, Demetri Katsantonis, Criston Moore, Irving Gant, Johnny Noorwood, Kenneth Wallace, Anthony Padilla, Sean Andrew, Louie Miranda, Emilio Cantu, Tevin Jackson, Johnny DePina, Kyle Billington, Collin Ellis, Mitch Knoy, Joel Turrubiates, Johnny Ghilarducci, Peter Welsh, Jake Hunt, Vincent Morales, Jacob Miller, Jason Erickson, Blake Pursel, Joe Benyon, Jamaal Littles, Patrick Parker, Saige White, Charles Anderson, Keith Fingers, Christian Selby, Stephen Schroeter, Chris Landa, Gabriel Cardenes, Mark Van Kopp, Joshua Rojas, Max Hefflin, Dakota Velasquez and Jeovany Nunez.

I also want to congratulate the coaching and support staff who helped lead the team to its championship season. The Driller head coach is Paul Golla and his coaching team includes Sean McKeown, Chris Rzewuski, Lance McCullah, Kirk Erickson, Josh Canales, Clint Tobias, Gus Theodore, Pete Mitchell, John Bumerts, Chad Stoner, and Adam Levinson. Supporting the team is Dean of Athletics Jeff Scott, Physical Therapist Kurt Wingate, Dr. Nick Valos, Trainer Big Joe and Trainer Steve Johns.

Participation in athletics is a wonderful component of a high school education because it

provides opportunities for leadership, teamwork and competition. The months of physical and mental training and the teamwork that was required to win this Central Section Division I title will benefit these young men long after their high school graduation.

On behalf of the residents of the 22nd Congressional District, I once again commend the Bakersfield High School Drillers on winning the 2007 Central Section Division I title. I am very proud of the accomplishments of the 2007 Drillers football team, and I know the parents, teachers, neighbors and fans in our community will remember this season for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS H. ALLEN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, on March 11, 2008, I was unavoidably absent from the House due to a family illness.

If I had been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 111, a motion by Mr. GOHMERT of Texas that the House do now adjourn.

SUNSET MEMORIAL

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I stand once again before this body with yet another Sunset Memorial.

It is March 11, 2008 in the land of the free and the home of the brave, and before the sun set today in America, almost 4,000 more defenseless unborn children were killed by abortion on demand—just today. That is more than the number of innocent American lives that were lost on September 11th, only it happens every day.

It has now been exactly 12,832 days since the travesty called Roe v. Wade was handed down. Since then, the very foundation of this Nation has been stained by the blood of almost 50 million of our own children.

Some of them, Madam Speaker, cried and screamed as they died, but because it was amniotic fluid passing over their vocal cords instead of air, we couldn't hear them.

All of them had at least four things in common.

They were each just little babies who had done nothing wrong to anyone. Each one of them died a nameless and lonely death. And each of their mothers, whether she realizes it immediately or not, will never be the same. And all the gifts that these children might have brought to humanity are now lost forever.

Yet even in the full glare of such tragedy, this generation clings to a blind, invincible ignorance while history repeats itself and our own silent genocide mercilessly annihilates the most helpless of all victims to date, those yet unborn.

Madam Speaker, perhaps it is important for those of us in this Chamber to remind ourselves again of why we are really all here.

Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and its happiness and not its destruction is the chief and only object of good government."

The phrase in the 14th amendment capsulizes our entire Constitution. It says: "No state shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Madam Speaker, protecting the lives of our innocent citizens and their constitutional rights is why we are all here. It is our sworn oath.

The bedrock foundation of this Republic is that clarion Declaration of the self-evident truth that all human beings are created equal and endowed by their creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every conflict and battle our Nation has ever faced can be traced to our commitment to this core self-evident truth. It has made us the beacon of hope for the entire world. It is who we are.

And yet Madam Speaker, another day has passed, and we in this body have failed again to honor that foundational commitment. We failed our sworn oath and our God-given responsibility as we broke faith with nearly 4,000 more innocent American babies who died today without the protection we should have been given them.

But perhaps tonight, Madam Speaker, maybe someone new who hears this sunset memorial will finally realize that abortion really does kill little babies, that it hurts mothers in ways that we can never express, and that 12,832 days spent killing nearly 50 million unborn children in America is enough; and that the America that rejected human slavery and marched into Europe to arrest the Nazi Holocaust, is still courageous and compassionate enough to find a better way for mothers and their babies than abortion on demand.

So tonight, Madam Speaker, may we each remind ourselves that our own days in this sunshine of life are also numbered and that all too soon each of us will walk from these Chambers for the very last time.

And if it should be that this Congress is allowed to convene on yet another day to come, may that be the day when we finally hear the cries of the innocent unborn. May that be the day we find the humanity, the courage, and the will to embrace together our human and our constitutional duty to protect the least of these, our tiny American brothers and sisters, from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

It is March 11, 2008—12,832 days since Roe v. Wade first stained the foundation of this nation with the blood of its own children—this, in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, regarding the H.R. 1424, the Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act, I have previously shared with my colleagues in this body my serious concerns with several provisions in this Act. I

have stated my sincere conviction that this bill, if signed into law, will result in increased overall health care costs, increased mental health costs, and decreased mental health coverage for many Americans. Let me share just a few more problems with this well meaning but misguided legislation.

I am concerned with the use of a 33 percent increase in the Medicaid prescription drug rebate as one of the offsets to pay for this legislation. This represents a significant increase. In fact, it hits the innovator pharmaceutical companies almost double what we might think. While we might have the cost of mental health parity offset by about \$1.7 billion over 5 years, that is \$1.7 billion to the Federal Government. The cost to the research pharmaceutical companies is nearly double that amount because their rebate is split between the Federal Government and the States. This is a double hit to an industry that Americans rely on to find life-saving treatments for cancer, Parkinson's disease, HIV/AIDS and mental illness.

Furthermore, as a physician I have seen first-hand the stifling impact price controls have on innovation and who loses in that equation—patients do. We only have to look to Europe as recently as the 1990s for evidence of the failure of drug price controls. Once the world's leader in research and development for new cures, Europe has been surpassed by the United States who had committed 24 percent more to pharmaceutical R&D by 2002. Therefore, I urge the sponsors of this bill to find a more equitable offset and not one that could have such a negative impact on a single industry.

HONORING KIDS AGAINST HUNGER—FOX VALLEY

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fox Valley Chapter of Kids Against Hunger, located in Roselle, Illinois.

Kids Against Hunger is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide nutritious food to impoverished children around the world.

The Fox Valley chapter of Kids Against Hunger located in my district focuses on providing meals to impoverished families in Nicaragua. As the second poorest nation in its hemisphere, 80 percent of Nicaragua's population lives on less than \$2 a day.

In 2007, 140 youth and adult volunteers at the Fox Valley Chapter of Kids Against Hunger packaged and provided more than 108,440 meals.

Pastor Darrel Malcom, from Poplar Creek Church in Bartlett, Illinois, recently traveled to Nicaragua to observe the food being received. He visited the Casa Bernabe Orphanage, where several hundred of the Kids Against Hunger meals were distributed. Pastor Malcom had an opportunity to see firsthand the incredible impact Kids Against Hunger is having.

In addition to serving the needy in Nicaragua, Kids Against Hunger serves individuals right here in our own communities, including Streamwood, Illinois. More than 110 seniors in DuPage and Kane Counties have received humanitarian services through the Fox Valley Chapter.