

Health Policy and Research, for his 30 years of service to the National Kidney Foundation.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Kidney Caucus, I have come to understand the need for kidney patients to have a strong advocate, and they certainly have one with Dolph.

Few people can say they have made a direct impact on the lives of millions of Americans as Dolph Chianchiano can. He has guided the NKF on almost every legislative and policy decision in the history of the Medicare ESRD program, which started 35 years ago.

He helped shape the National Organ Transplant Act in 1984, the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act in 2000, the Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act in 2004 and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act in 2008. These laws have helped raise the standards for dialysis facilities, establish, regulate and improve the organ donation process, and provide funding for education, early screening and life-saving treatments for kidney patients.

He has been diligent to make sure that the promise of legislation becomes a reality for patients, making sure that the laws are implemented well through rulemakings and that appropriations follow the authorizing legislation. His ability to work to build support in the kidney community and his institutional memory of regulations and legislation over three decades makes his work even more profound.

We know Dolph's work will continue and for that we are thankful. But today, I want to honor him for his passion, commitment and dedication to kidney and transplant patients for the past 30 years and wish him the best as we work together to improve the lives of people touched by kidney disease.

RESTORING RESPECT AND DIGNITY TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, last week, in this chamber, the House hosted the Members of the U.S. Senate and the President of the United States.

The President used that opportunity to address Congress and the American people about this country's health care crisis.

During the speech a member of this body shouted a personal insult—rude and disrespectful words—at the President of the United States that violated the rules of decorum of this House and disgraced this institution.

To insult the President of the United States—an invited guest in this House—in such a manner brings shame on this body and all its members.

Disrespect, incivility, and personal attacks have no place in the People's House if we are to get the people's business done.

As a matter of honor, respect, and common decency the representative of the people of South Carolina's 2nd District should stand in the well of the House and apologize to his colleagues for his words and his conduct.

Since the representative from South Carolina has refused to apologize I urge all Mem-

bers, Democrats and Republicans, to vote in favor of H. Res. 744 and support restoring respect and dignity to the U.S. House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, September 14, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 696 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 6); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 697 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 459); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 698 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 59, as Amended).

RECOMMENDING TEACHING CONSTITUTION TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to express my support, not only for the principles of House Resolution 686, but for all of the historical foundations of our Nation and its laws. The Constitution is our Nation's most precious and important document. The Constitution spells out the vision that our founders had for this land and its people, while directing us on how to protect the many freedoms and gifts it provides us. A fundamental understanding of social studies, like many other subjects, is imperative for our children, and our Nation, to achieve their greatest potential. That understanding of social studies must include many things, but most importantly an understanding of our Constitution, our Founding Fathers, their vision and ideals for this Republic, and a sense of civic duty that embodies charity and the American spirit of independence. In order for our students to grasp these concepts and relate them to the rest of their educational experiences and daily lives, these concepts and themes must be revisited throughout the education of young Americans and not just for a week in September. As the Constitution is the foundation of our Republic and its laws and principles, in teaching our students about American government and American history the Constitution should provide a foundation and frame of reference throughout the educational process. I am greatly appreciative for all of our teachers and education professionals and thank them for the service they provide to our communities. I would encourage them to include our founding documents and the lessons provided by our Founding Fathers into their classrooms whenever possible.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ROGER McCaULEY FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OHIO AND THE APPALACHIAN REGION

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Roger McCauley served as the Executive Director of the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development, because of his expertise about and dedication to Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has been a long-standing advocate of affordable housing for all through his service on the board of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has, throughout his career, been of invaluable service to community economic development and poverty advocacy groups; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has been an up-standing and irreplaceable leader in his community, having served on the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council, as President of the Oakdale Water District, and as President of the Burr Oak Regional Water District;

Whereas, Roger McCauley has spent forty years of his distinguished life fighting in the War on Poverty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I applaud Roger McCauley for her distinguished record of service to Ohio and the Appalachian Region. We are grateful for his dedication and service.

HONORING THE WORK OF ARA PARSEGHIAN

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ara Parseghian for his years of dedication as a loving husband and father, legendary football coach and most notably, an advocate for scientific research to discover cures for two rare diseases which afflict hundreds of thousands of Americans—Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

Ara Parseghian spent much of his career serving as a leader and role model to the many young men who came under his guidance during his tenure as the head football coach at Miami University, Northwestern and the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Parseghian's impressive record at Notre Dame included two consensus national championships and three bowl victories in the 1970 Cotton Bowl, the 1973 Sugar Bowl and the 1974 Orange Bowl. Mr. Parseghian was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1980 in recognition for these tremendous accomplishments.

Many Americans have heard stories about Ara Parseghian's legendary football career, but what many may not know is that some of his most important work began after his football career. For nearly fifteen years, Ara has been fighting Niemann-Pick Type C disease.