

Center Marcel Hetu, and the Board of Trustees deserve special recognition for their leadership and commitment to education in our Valley.

The beginnings of this fine institution were set in motion during the Great Depression and it is to the credit of the greatest generation and their forward thinking that this college came to be. Established to provide much needed educational opportunities for our Valley's rural areas, West Hills College has been on the forefront of efforts to ensure the hard-working residents of the Central Valley have access to a quality education and the opportunity to improve their circumstances. The North District Center shares in the wonderful history of the local community, having been a restaurant, a bowling alley, and business offices prior to the service it provides today to students. The college district includes campuses in Lemoore and Coalinga, with numerous satellite operations in nearby towns enhancing educational access for our Westside communities.

West Hills College has shown great commitment to supporting student learning and providing educational, cultural, and economic development opportunities to students and the local and global communities that they serve. Academic and vocational programs, including administration of justice, agriculture, child development and nursing among many others, give local students the tools they need to succeed. West Hills College has truly become a premier interactive learner-centered community college and it is fitting that this institution is recognized today for its contribution to our Valley's educational, social, cultural and economic vitality.

I am proud to have West Hills Community College as part of my congressional district and furthermore proud to have an alumnus of the North District Center as a member of my staff. It was with great honor that I spoke at commencement ceremonies in May 2006, and it is again with that same honor that I rise today to celebrate West Hills College and their outstanding programs.

It goes without saying, "Once you go here, you can go anywhere." As we celebrate one of America's best, let us applaud the dedication West Hills Community College has shown to the community throughout the years. Please accept my warmest congratulations on being rated the 34th Best Community College in America and the highest ranking community college in California and our deepest thanks for your contributions to our Valley.

HONORING DR. PRINCE JACKSON,
JR.

HON. JOHN BARROW

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BARROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents and one of my heroes, Dr. Prince Jackson, Jr., who died last Tuesday at the age of 85. There's an old proverb, "He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Dr. Jackson proved it, because he spent his entire life refreshing others, and he certainly seemed to be refreshed all along the way.

A mathematician by profession, with a master's degree from New York University and a

Ph.D. from Boston College, Dr. Jackson was trained to think logically. But it was a passion for justice and equal opportunity that led him to fight the system of legal and economic discrimination that once defined our part of the country. After having been fired from his position in the public schools for daring to advocate an end to segregation, Dr. Jackson went on to become president of his alma mater, Savannah State University, and served as the president of the Savannah Branch of the NAACP. Even in retirement, Dr. Jackson continued to mentor teens and worked to overcome the economic vestiges of discrimination and the violence that threaten so many of our youth.

Dr. Jackson leaves an indelible footprint on the academic and political landscape of Georgia. He was a good friend to me personally, but more importantly, he was a great man and a great leader.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ADCARE
HOSPITAL OF WORCESTER, INC.
ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker I rise today to congratulate and thank AdCare Hospital of Worcester, Inc. on this 35th Anniversary for its unwavering dedication to our community in its mission to help individuals and their families overcome the disease of addiction. Over the years AdCare Hospital has provided invaluable services to our community by responding to area demand for alcohol and drug abuse treatment. I am proud to have an institution in the Massachusetts Third Congressional District that has provided so many resources to the citizens of the district and beyond for so many years; your work is truly remarkable.

Conceived in 1975 as a 10-bed alcoholism unit in an acute care hospital setting, ADCARE grew into one of the most comprehensive provider's of alcohol and drug abuse services in the country. In 1984 Adcare converted the entire 114-bed medical/surgical facility to an addiction treatment hospital. ADCARE continued to expand beyond its inpatient roots, by opening Adcare Outpatient Services Worcester in 1986. Their mission of providing quality alcohol and drug abuse treatment in a safe environment and throughout the continuum of care expanded even further with the establishment of AdCare Outpatient Services in Boston in 1989, North Dartmouth in 1993, Warwick, Rhode Island in 2000, Quincy in 2003, and West Springfield in 2005. All are fully licensed clinics in convenient locations throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

ADCARE is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and Licensed by the Department of Public Health demonstrating strict compliance with national standards for patient safety and quality of care and is a member of the Northeast Node of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trials Network, participating in research designed to improve clinical treatment outcomes. ADCARE continues to expand national access to treatment through

1-800-ALCOHOL, the nationwide Admission and Referral Line, founded and sponsored by ADCARE HOSPITAL.

Over the years AdCare Hospital employees have answered more than 3 million 1-800-ALCOHOL calls; admitted over 150,000 patients for a total of over 1 million days of patient care; and conducted in excess of 750,000 outpatient visits to individuals and families seeking services for substance abuse treatment. This was achieved thanks to a committed clinical, medical and administrative staff that all work together to treat a debilitating and chronic disease.

Madam Speaker, I am sure that the United States House of Representatives joins me in recognizing AdCare Hospital of Worcester for its important role in our community.

KAGAYAKI KOBE SOCIAL
WELFARE ORGANIZATION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, people helping their fellow men and women in their time of need is so prevalent amongst us that we can only believe it is an integral part of our makeup, that which gives us our humanity.

An organization in this mode is the Kagayaki Kobe Social Welfare Organization, in Kobe, Japan, who, with its volunteers and supporters, is dedicated to providing services to the physically and mentally handicapped, their families and to the community at large. Part of the aid includes job training, daily living skills, assisted living, training and support for family members, all ongoing features of this organization's selfless dedication to gaining acceptance, integration and fair treatment of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Kagayaki Kobe focuses on the individual needs of the disabled. It has promoted creativity and self expression through the staging of the popular "Clown Angels" performers, through art and calligraphy and in the production of crafts. The organization provides psychological and physical therapy, medical assistance and the forum for group activities to encourage openness and communication so that we all can better understand and provide assistance for others.

From November 20th through November 23rd the Kagayaki Kobe International Event will celebrate the people who strive endlessly to make possible the good work of this organization: Mrs. Polissa Choueke, International Liaison, Mrs. Miyoko Ikeyama, President, and Mrs. Natsuko Dama, Financial Director, and all of the volunteers and supporters who so are dedicated.

The Choueke Family, including Tony Choueke and Mrs. Polissa Choueke, also maintains a museum in Kobe as home to many artworks, antiques, interior decoration and a garden open to the public to benefit community events and charitable causes. The building, designed as an English mansion with a blend of Japanese and international influences, was acquired by the Choueke family in 1954 and for four generations, the Choueke family has been dedicated to its preservation and acquiring the artworks that adorn the interior.