

mom's favorite. The trucking business was tough enough, but when something like that happens, it did hurt. You'd hire the trucks out for \$45 an hour and it would cost \$47 to run them. But, I attribute his love of the trucking business was due to the fact that he never had any toys to play with.

Now I'm going to fast forward to 20 years ago, because I know the attention span of the average S.W. Rotarian is less than 10 minutes. And there is already a fair amount of money that has been bet on the over and under, 10 minutes.

Billy started Environmental Services, they now employ over 55 people and have approximately 100 different pieces of specialized equipment. The office often is in a constant state of confusion and activity, Billy's computer screen clearly shows where he has left off on the game of solitaire. A quick look around reveals all the latest types of health foods imaginable (and boy if that isn't an understatement). Visitors coming and going, and so when I go there and bring him a coffee, it's so easy to understand why I forgot what I went there for in the first place. But, I'll tell you this, Billy loves oil companies, just loves us passionately. You see we deliver oil products for \$3-\$4 per gallon and God help you if you spill it, he will clean it up for \$100 per gallon!

Throughout his many years, Billy has had a unique way of handling pressure, and I really admired this talent. Picture this, "courtroom scene" Billy is the co-defendant in a suit brought against him. He is represented by the Big East Hartford law firm, Leone, Throwe, Teller and Nagle. In the midst of the proceedings, Judge George Ripley smacks his gavel down and says Attorney Throwe approach the bench, so Jim approaches the bench and Judge Ripley says if you don't wake your client up I'll hold you both in contempt. Can't you see we have students present observing these proceedings. That's about as relaxed as you can get!

Not long ago Billy was honored by the S.W. Volunteer Fire Department for his many years of service and recently he was selected to be the Town Marshall representing the Town of S.W. for the St. Patrick's Day parade. This is despite the fact that I think he is actually polish. Oh well!!!

Additionally his recent awards and citations include one from Governor Dan Malloy, Secretary of State, Denise Merrill, the General Assembly, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Mayor John Pelkey and the S.W. Town Council, Atty. General George Jepson and State Comptroller Kevin Lembo. (I think he's trying to snag his signature stamp). After all this prominence, I decided to stop by the office and ask him if he was dying. Billy says "No, why how do I look?" I said well maybe you might want to lose a pound or two and don't roll up your tee-shirt so high—but we are who we are.

Over the many, many years, Billy has always supported Rotary's fund raising efforts by either donating items for the auction or the purchasing of countless car raffle tickets, which was started by Andy Charboneau, and Rotary's many other worthy causes.

Billy's never been a Rotarian although he's been asked many, many times. He never held a public office, he never excelled in sports and when we played baseball in the lot next to our home in East Hartford and things didn't go well for our youngest sister, the game was over because it was her bat and her ball. Billy exhibits the kind of quality that you would like to see in everyone, a compassion for his fellow man and a willingness to help whenever and however he possibly can. He exhibits to the highest degree, the first rule of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self". Billy's life style reflects the work ethic of a seemingly distant era, except

for maybe his favor nephew Davids. Billy is asleep by 8 p.m., awake by 4 a.m. and on his way to the 7-11 on Ellington Rd., where he may be asleep in the parking lot, stocking shelves or making coffee for the attendant. It was on one such early Sunday morning on his way there that he noticed a raging garage fire starting to lick the side of a home. A mother with her 3 children lie asleep inside and he pounded on the door and was able wake them and call the Fire Department to respond. It is quite likely that he saved their lives.

When that final book is written, I believe it will not be the measure of one's achievements or wealth but what that person has done with his or her life to help make this a better and caring world.

Fellow Rotarian's and guests, I submit to you the nominee for Rotary's highest award, the Paul Harris Award to Billy F. Mitchell.

#### MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY MS150 BIKE RIDE FROM HOUSTON TO AUSTIN 2012

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, rise to discuss Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and to support the Multiple Sclerosis MS150 Bike Ride from Houston to Austin occurring this weekend. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has sponsored this and many other events over the course of last 32 years.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS), itself, is an unpredictable disease of the central nervous system which disrupts communication between the brain and other parts of the body.

Sadly, there is no known cure for multiple sclerosis at this time. However, there are therapies that may slow the disease. The goal of treatment is to control symptoms and help you maintain a normal quality of life. Most people experience their first symptoms of MS between the ages of 20 and 40; the initial symptom of MS is often blurred or double vision, red-green color distortion, or even blindness in one eye.

Multiple sclerosis (MS) affects women more than men. 75% of the people diagnosed with MS are female. The disease is most commonly diagnosed between ages 20 and 40, but can be seen at any age.

I would personally like to thank the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for spreading awareness about MS and for organizing the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's 2012 X Event/ Bike Ride from Houston to Austin.

In additions, I would like to thank all the participants who are biking and supporting those who are participating in this meaningful bike riding.

Their efforts have raised funds and hopes not only in support of researching a cure for Multiple Sclerosis, but also providing programs for people affected by the disease to address their daily challenges.

Multiple Sclerosis is known to be one of the most debilitating chronic diseases. It is a terrible affliction that interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body. Every single day, over 400,000 people battling with the physical, mental and emotional challenges of this disease.

It is an unpredictable disease that affects each person differently. Symptoms can be

mild, such as some numbness in the limbs. Or, they can be severe, such as paralysis or loss of vision. The progress, severity, and specific symptoms of MS are erratic and vary from one person to another.

Thanks to organizations like the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, however, today new treatments and advances in research are giving new hope to people affected by the disease.

#### BIKE MS150 OVERVIEW

Beginning in 1980, Bike MS150 has grown to be the largest organized charity bicycling event in the US, inspiring over 100,000 volunteers to participate every year. For the last 6 years my office has volunteered to participate in the MS150. Together, we have raised more than \$600 million for this noble cause.

I also know there are other Multiple Sclerosis events, such as MS walks and golf tournaments through which people raised the public awareness and delivered their love, support and care to the members of the MS community.

#### THE STORY OF NICOLE

I would like to share with you the story of Ms. Nicole. Diagnosed with MS in 2000 while attending nursing school, Nicole didn't give up her dream, persevered, and finished her degree. Sadly, the development of the MS forced her to give up her nursing career in 2009. But the disease never stopped her from pursuing a full and beautiful life.

Nicole started a personal blog and re-adapted to all the physical difficulties in her life. I would like to take this moment to share with you a sentence from her blog, "emotionally I'm stronger, more resilient and tenacious than ever. Looking forward, my new normal is uncertain. In my heart I feel it is going to get better."

It is going to get better because Nicole has a determination to battle the disease; because everyone of us here today are dedicated to offer our support; because together we believe we can make a difference to people and their families living with the diseases.

Again, I am honored to be part of this event, and applaud all of those involved in the effort to free people from MS.

#### KEY POINTS

##### 1. The Disease.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is caused by damage to the myelin sheath, the protective covering that surrounds nerve cells. When this nerve covering is damaged, nerve signals slow down or stop. The nerve damage is caused by inflammation. Inflammation occurs when the body's own immune cells attack the nervous system. This can occur along any area of the brain, optic nerve, and spinal cord. It is unknown what exactly causes this to happen.

Multiple sclerosis (MS) affects women more than men. 75% of the people diagnosed with MS are female. The disease is most commonly diagnosed between ages 20 and 40, but can be seen at any age.

Those living with MS experience muscle weakness in their extremities and difficulty with coordination and balance. These symptoms may be severe enough to impair walking or even standing.

In the worst cases, MS can produce partial or complete paralysis. Most people with MS also exhibit paresthesias, transitory abnormal sensory feelings such as numbness, prickling,

or "pins and needles" sensations. Some may also experience pain. Speech impediments, tremors, and dizziness are other frequent complaints. Occasionally, people with MS have hearing loss.

Approximately half of all people with MS experience cognitive impairments such as difficulties with concentration, attention, memory, and poor judgment, but such symptoms are usually mild and are frequently overlooked. Depression is another common feature of MS.

#### *The MS150 Bike Ride.*

The purpose of the ride is to raise money for multiple sclerosis research and other services supported by the National MS Society. The ride typically takes place over the course of two days and are generally around 150 miles long, though they can be as short as 3 miles (for a family fun ride) or as long as 250 over five days.

Bike MS events aim to pull the whole community together by gathering support from local businesses, elected officials, residents and people living with MS. In 2008 the Society created a special website so riders can select a ride based on dates, length, location or difficulty.

Donations raised through Bike MS directly help people affected by multiple sclerosis through support programs and cutting-edge research. The Upper Midwest Chapter serves more than 17,000 people living with the disease and Bike MS makes a difference to each one.

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### HONORING REVEREND MAURICE MOYER

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#### HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the Reverend Maurice Moyer who died Tuesday at age 93. Rev. Moyer was one of Delaware's most prominent civil rights leaders. As president of the Wilmington Branch of the NAACP from 1960 and 1964, Rev. Moyer led the fight for open public accommodations and fair housing.

He was part of the 1963 March on Washington and participated in the voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965.

Rev. Moyer fought tirelessly for equal rights for all and was an inspiration for everyone who knew him. He did so much to make Delaware and our country a better place for all of us.

Rev. Moyer was one of Delaware's most respected and beloved citizens. It was a privilege for me to know him personally and to join his family and friends for his 90th birthday party where we celebrated his incredible life and legacy.

I will always remember Rev. Moyer's broad smile, his strong voice and his kind heart.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN DONALD PAYNE

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2012*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker. DONALD PAYNE was a man of few words, but his actions spoke loudly and boldly for those who could not speak for themselves. He dedicated his life to helping the less fortunate, and to expanding and protecting human rights for all, both in the United States and abroad.

He served 12 distinguished terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, and was the first African American congressman from New Jersey. He served as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health and Human Rights. His work on behalf of Darfur; his involvement in the fight against HIV and AIDS; and his extensive travels to places like Rwanda, Somalia and Haiti demonstrated the depth of his passion for social justice, and served as an example for all who seek to make the world a better place.

On a personal level, I will never forget him traveling to Connecticut for the launching of the Freedom Amistad Schooner in 2000. DONALD was also instrumental in commemorating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, and ensured the success of the Amistad's anniversary trip. He himself traveled to Sierra Leone and back to honor the 53 slaves that were held aboard that fateful ship. He followed the Amistad's journey very closely, and it was through his tireless efforts that the Congressional Black Caucus succeeded in bringing the Amistad to DC.

Last year I was also fortunate to host DONALD and a delegation from the Congressional Black Caucus in Hartford to celebrate the 200th anniversary of author Harriet Beecher Stowe—the woman who wrote the book that started a great war. Given DONALD's commitment to social justice, and his respect for history, I knew it would be a meaningful and symbolic occasion. His attendance meant so much to me, and I was grateful for the chance to show him my district.

It was an honor to serve with Representative PAYNE, and he will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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### PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JERRELL J. COCKRELL'S 30 YEARS OF UNIFORMED SERVICE TO OUR NATION

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#### HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Colonel Jerrell J. Cockrell for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Colonel Cockrell will retire from the United States Army Reserve while on Active Duty in March 2012 after serving his country with integrity, dedication and visionary leadership for

over 30 years. Over his illustrious career, Colonel Cockrell has held various positions within the military medical community from Medical Platoon Leader to United States Army Reserve Army Medical Department Outsourcing Contracting Officer to Medical Observer/Trainer to Medical Training Brigade Commander, and culminating as the Chief of Staff for Army Reserve Medical Command.

While his accomplishments are numerous, these deserve special notice. Shortly after the events of September 11, 2001 he was named as the Senior Medical Coordinator of the Crisis Operations Team at Joint Forces Command. Colonel Cockrell was instrumental in ensuring the Office of Command Surgeon accomplished all assigned missions during this time of high fear and uncertainty within our Nation. In 2005, Colonel Cockrell was named Director of Army Medical Department Region at Human Resources Command where his team professionally supported over 40,000 Reserve Medical Soldiers including the management of over two-hundred, ninety day rotator healthcare professionals ensuring a continuum of Reserve physicians deployed in support of Homeland Security and the Global War on Terror. In 2007, Colonel Cockrell became the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of Human Resources Command in St. Louis where he ensured the success of the first ever assembly/muster of over 8,000 Inactive Ready Reserve Soldiers. The successful muster validated the efficacy of our strategic reserve and brought much needed relief to our Army at war. As Chief of Staff for Army Reserve Medical Command, Colonel Cockrell successfully managed the day to day operations of over 10,000 Reserve Soldiers with 15% to 20% being mobilized or deployed at any given time. His years of leadership and mentoring were formally recognized in 2011 when Major General David Rubenstein, Chief of the United States Army Medical Service Corps, selected him as the (United States Army Reserve) Medical Service Corps, Mentor of the Year.

Colonel Cockrell's exemplary leadership and selfless devotion to duty has touched fully two generations of Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and their Families. His integrity and credibility are unsurpassed, and his expertise is unquestioned. Colonel Cockrell's 30 years of service to our Army and the Nation can only be characterized as honorable and distinguished.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Colonel Jarrell J. Cockrell for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to his country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Army Reserve and we wish him, his wife Janice, his daughter Melissa, and son Aaron, all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

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### A TRIBUTE TO PAUL C. SCHLENKER

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#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Paul Schlenker of Indianola for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five