

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.

HONORING REVEREND MAURICE MOYER

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.

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

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.

A TRIBUTE TO PAUL C. SCHLENKER

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

percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the years.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Paul's service project included researching, designing and installing historical signs at each end of the Summerset Bike Trail in Warren County, which stretches from Carlisle to Indianola. Paul's signs recount the history of the railroad that formerly occupied the trail. The work ethic Paul has shown in this project, and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank, speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Paul and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him in obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and will wish him continued success in his future education and career.

DR. VICTOR F. GRECO

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Victor F. Greco, who will receive the prestigious 2012 Marconi Science Award presented by UNICO National. Dr. Greco is a fellow native of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and a 1941 graduate of my alma mater, Hazleton High School. UNICO National, the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States, presents the Marconi Science Award to a U.S. citizen of Italian descent involved in the physical sciences who exemplifies Marconi's vast scientific and creative accomplishments through their own life's achievements.

The University of Scranton accepted Dr. Greco to college early because of his outstanding academic record. He graduated magna cum laude in 1947. He has the honor of being the only graduate of a Jesuit university to finish eight semesters of education in six semesters. After graduating, he continued his education at Jefferson Medical College and earned his degree as a medical doctor. During his time at Jefferson Medical, he was one of six students inducted to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. Dr. Greco completed his internship at the Philadelphia General Hospital in 1951–1952, and was a research fellow at Jefferson Medical College from 1952–1953. Two years later, he completed his fellowship in cancer surgical research while serving as chief surgical resident.

Dr. Greco trained as a general and thoracic surgeon. He played a crucial role in the development of the heart-lung machine that allowed surgeons to operate on the heart, specifically allowing surgeons to open the heart and replace damaged valves. While the machine keeps the patient's heart and lungs functioning, the surgeon is able to surgically cor-

rect defects that were previously impossible. This notable achievement allows for the correction of a multitude of congenital vascular defects.

The UNICO chapter in my hometown of Hazleton is proud of Dr. Greco's achievements and his nomination for the Marconi Science Award. Overall, his membership and involvement in UNICO has helped promote and enhance the image of Italian-Americans, and he encourages other members to serve our community.

Mr. Speaker, today, Dr. Victor F. Greco stands as an icon in the Hazleton, Pennsylvania, UNICO chapter. I join my fellow Italian-Americans in congratulating Dr. Greco for receiving the Marconi Science Award. I commend him for his years of dedicated service to his patients, community, and country.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM DAVIS
SNIDER

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and career of William Davis Snider, who eloquently chronicled the struggle for civil rights in North Carolina as a newsman while quietly helping to usher in a new era of race relations in his beloved home state.

A native of Salisbury and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he served as a Lieutenant with the U.S. Army Signal Corps in the India-Burma Theater in World War Two. Returning home, he served as private secretary to Gov. R. Gregg Cherry and later as administrative assistant to Gov. W. Kerr Scott.

Bill Snider's experience in war and politics steeled him for the social upheaval of the mid-1960's, when he was associate editor and opinion writer for the Greensboro Daily News. His columns and editorials from that tumultuous era established him as a leading voice of white moderation. Simultaneously, he worked behind the scenes with civic, religious, and business leaders to prevent racial tensions from exploding into violence.

While his colleagues respected his clear and principled arguments for restraint, he was not without his critics and his work resulted in a burning cross on his lawn and broken windows on his family home. One of his eulogists remarked that Bill probably appreciated that someone was actually reading his columns, though he would have preferred they express their disapproval with a letter to the editor instead.

Later rising to Editor of the Greensboro News-Record, Bill's forthright, yet measured and helpful criticism influenced a new generation of journalists who later came to national prominence. His service as president of the National Conference of Editorial Writers and on the Pulitzer Prize Jury further attests to his stature in his profession.

He also wrote two books: Helms & Hunt, The North Carolina Senate Race published in 1984 and a history of his Alma Mater: Light on the Hill, a History of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill published in 1992. Jim Exum, the former chief justice of the N.C. Su-

preme Court, who is from Greensboro said: "Bill was a very deep and careful thinker and a clear writer and a gentle giant in his field."

He was also a devoted family man who celebrated 63 marriage anniversaries with his beloved wife, Florence. Bill and Flo were blessed with four accomplished and loving daughters, one of whom is a valued member of my staff and a dear friend. Their golden years together were enriched with the gift of 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Those who had the good fortune to know Bill Snider personally say he epitomized the ideal of the Southern gentleman. Throughout his long life, he retained a twinkling sense of humor and a love of learning, especially about the history, politics, and natural beauty of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, we are all fortunate that in a time of uncertainty and ugliness in America's history, Bill Snider and other progressive Southerners persuaded their neighbors to abandon the prejudices of the past and embrace the spirit of our founding declaration that All Men are Created Equal. His life and work stands as an enduring testament to the difference one person can make in the lives of others, and of our great nation.

HONORING HOMER GEORGE AND
NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION
WEEK

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Homer George and National Poison Prevention Week, observed March 18 through 24, 2012. Mr. George was instrumental in the establishment of National Poison Prevention Week, and this year marks its 50th anniversary.

After treating many cases of accidental poisoning, Mr. George, a St. Louis College of Pharmacy graduate and Cape Girardeau pharmacist, realized that the most effective way to treat poisonings was by prevention. Mr. George brought this issue to the mayor of Cape Girardeau in hopes of establishing a poison prevention week. Cape Girardeau Mayor Walter Ford proclaimed October 12 through 18, 1958, as the first Poison Prevention Week. He cited the total number of poisonings as almost 1,000,000 annually, mostly due to careless handling and storage of common household items, including lye, pharmaceuticals, insect poisons, coal oil, and cosmetics.

Missouri Governor James T. Blair immediately expanded the declaration to a statewide Poison Prevention Week. Mr. George followed up on this success by enlisting Congressman Paul Jones to introduce legislation establishing a national Poison Prevention Week. A joint resolution was introduced in Congress on February 1, 1960, and President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on September 26, 1961. Congressman Jones presented the signing pen to Homer George in recognition of his public service in preventing childhood poisonings and the creation of National Poison Prevention Week.

Today, more than two million poisonings are reported each year to the 57 poison control centers across the country. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home.