

Brazos County, as an active member of the Rotary Club of College Station, and as a docent for both the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the Texas A&M Sports Museum.

Even after leaving City Council, Birdwell would take on other city causes such as a petition drive that led to freezing property taxes for senior citizens and the disabled. He would also serve on the cemetery board and as an alternate member of the zoning board of adjustments.

College Station Mayor Nancy Berry may have said it best when she described the passing of Dick Birdwell as "a phenomenal loss for our community."

Today I pay tribute to a great Aggie who served College Station with honor and great respect. I know I am not alone as I say thank you, Dick Birdwell, for all that you have done for the Aggie community.

SUPPORT OF HOME HEALTH CARE

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for home health care providers and care givers. As we look for ways to ensure that Medicare remains solvent in the years to come and continues to provide affordable, quality health care to our nation's seniors, it is important to highlight those initiatives that are currently working well and saving money for the program.

Studies have shown that home health care services have saved Medicare \$2.8 billion dollars over three years. This is because it is often less expensive to care for Medicare beneficiaries in their own homes than a skilled nursing facility or hospital setting. Further, quality care at home can prevent these more costly and intrusive interventions in the first place, as well as prevent repeat hospitalizations.

Home health care also provides a more convenient and comfortable standard of living both for those receiving care and their families. The advantage of being home with your loved ones can make the world of difference in positive health outcomes. This is particularly important in rural areas like many parts of my district, where there often are fewer providers and choices when it comes to nursing care.

As we work to find cost savings, it is important to keep in mind that home health care providers deliver quality, effective health care to our seniors and helps to keep Medicare costs down.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the members of the Hammond, Indiana Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club as they celebrate the organi-

zation's 80th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club will be hosting an anniversary banquet on September 15, 2012 at the Restaurant at Lost Marsh in Hammond, Indiana.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Club of Hammond, Indiana was founded by forty-two members of Polish ancestry on December 3, 1932. The Club has grown over the years, and currently consists of 110 members. The mission of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club is to "maintain high standards and secure the best possible candidate for the Democratic Party." Since its inception, club members have selflessly given their time and support to the community of Northwest Indiana. The residents of Northwest Indiana truly benefit from the Club's "Candidates' Night," which is held the week before each primary and general election. This is an outstanding opportunity for voters to meet candidates and discuss with them the needs of their community. For their significant contributions to upholding the ideals of the democratic process in their communities and throughout Northwest Indiana, the members and leaders of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club are to be highly commended.

The dedication and generosity of the Club and its members has also been evidenced over the years by their innumerable charitable acts to those in need throughout the broader community, irrespective of their political beliefs. I also must acknowledge the sheer kindness the members of the Club show to all.

I still fondly recall the first Franklin D. Roosevelt Club meeting I attended in March of 1983. I didn't know anyone in the Club when I entered St. Casimir Hall. But through the graciousness of the late President Ed Nawracaj and his wife, Sophie, as well as Wally and Paula Skibinski, Dorrie Kometz, and many others, I was welcomed as a lifelong friend and left the hall "knowing everyone."

The warmth a "total stranger" enjoyed that evening, and many to follow, remain forever in this Member's heart.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the 2012 Franklin D. Roosevelt Club officers. They are: President Gregory J. Sanchez, First Vice President Kay Pucalik, Second Vice President Leslie Stanish, Secretary Barney Stodola, Treasurer Mary T. Hildebranski, Sergeant at Arms Brian Krupinski, Chaplain Reverend Stephen D. Kosinski, and Trustees Diana Beyer, Joe Scasny, and Rosemary Wojdyla.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the members of the Hammond, Indiana Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club on the 80th anniversary of their organization. The work of this truly admirable organization is a great asset to the people of Northwest Indiana, and for their selfless service, the leadership and members of the Club are worthy of the highest praise, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, D.C.

REMEMBERING ANN ARNOLD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ann Arnold. After a decades-

long battle with leukemia, she passed away earlier this month at the age of 67. Ms. Arnold is the longtime president and CEO of the Texas Association of Broadcasters, and served as the press secretary to former Texas Governor Mark White.

Ms. Arnold was always fascinated by the media and its ability to uncover the truth. She founded her junior high school newspaper and moonlighted for community newspapers, covering evening city council and school board meetings. In 1968, she earned a journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin. To pay her way through college, Ms. Arnold worked three jobs; including working at the Capitol Bureau of the Dallas Times-Herald. In 1966, she received the Headlines Award.

After graduation, Ms. Arnold joined the Capitol Bureau of United Press International. That same year she married her high-school sweetheart, Reg Arnold. In 1980, Ms. Arnold joined the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Capitol staff. In 1983, she became the press secretary for Governor Mark White, the first Texas woman in history to hold the position.

Shortly after Governor White lost his bid for re-election to a second term, Ms. Arnold was diagnosed with leukemia. Although she was told that she only had six months to two years to live, twenty years later, and after an experimental treatment at Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Ms. Arnold was still going strong and became an icon of hope statewide.

As executive director of the Texas Association of Broadcasters, and through her work at the Texas Capitol, before Congress and the Federal Communications Commission, Ms. Arnold was influential in helping broadcasters achieve a positive business climate in Texas. Ms. Arnold also positioned the Texas Association of Broadcasters as a primary defender of Texas' open government laws and was repeatedly recognized for her achievements on behalf of the industry. In 2001, she received the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas' James Madison Award with then Attorney General JOHN CORNYN.

During her tenure at the Texas Association of Broadcasters, Ms. Arnold doubled station membership, expanded an array of member services for stations, recruited top professional staff, and oversaw the construction of the association's permanent home just blocks from the Texas Capitol. In 2007, Ms. Arnold received the Texas Association of Broadcasters' "Lifetime Achievement Award".

Ms. Arnold's successes with the broadcast industry and local communities throughout Texas have strengthened the communities she worked with and her passion and dedication will certainly be missed. I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to Ms. Arnold's family and friends.

MAJOR DONALD HOLLEDER

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Donald Hollender, Major, United States Army.

Donald Hollender was born on August 3, 1934, in Buffalo, New York. He was an outstanding high school athlete, and was sought