

the doctor—sometimes an hour per visit—giving the doctor the time to build a true relationship with their patients, so they can better understand and address their health needs.

Today, DPC is providing high-quality care at lower cost for individuals of all ages and incomes across America. By partnering with wrap-around insurance plans that cover non-primary care services, DPC practices now serve patients with private insurance, Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid managed care. As opposed to “concierge” physician practices, DPC practices typically charge a low monthly fee of \$50–\$100 per month and serve low and moderate-income patients. However, IRS interpretation of the tax code prevents Americans with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) from using this promising alternative payment model.

The Primary Care Enhancement Act clarifies two small provisions in the Internal Revenue Code that treat these innovative primary care arrangements for employees and individuals as health plans rather than medical services. More than twenty states have passed laws defining DPC as a medical service and not a health plan regulated by state insurance law. Likewise, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) rules on Essential Health Benefits clearly state that DPC arrangements are medical services, not health insurance. However, the current IRS interpretation of the statute prohibits individuals with HSAs from funding their accounts if they have a DPC arrangement. Furthermore, individuals cannot use their existing HSA dollars to pay for the monthly or annual DPC fees as qualified medical expenses, even though the fees are giving them access to their primary care doctor and primary care services that would otherwise be HSA-eligible.

As more individuals and employers seek to utilize the DPC delivery model, it is important that an outdated tax barrier not get in the way of patients accessing this successful model of care.

While many of us have philosophical differences about HSAs and their role in health care, my legislation is not an expansion of HSAs themselves; rather, it is a narrow clarification providing tax equity for individuals who want to use DPC arrangements. I urge my colleagues support this bipartisan effort to expand access and continue the movement towards better primary care at lower costs.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF STEMME FARMS

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Warren Stemme and his family on the 150th anniversary of their farm in Missouri's 2nd Congressional District.

Founded in 1869, Stemme Farms has become a landmark in St. Louis County, helping develop the community while playing an integral role in Missouri agriculture over the past century and a half.

One of the few full-time operations in the area, the 1,100-acre corn and soybean farm embraces the latest in agricultural technology, providing an indispensable source of edu-

cation for school groups, advocates, and elected officials alike.

A fourth-generation farmer, representative of the St. Louis County Farm Bureau, and former president of the Missouri Soybean Association, Mr. Stemme is one of the premier farmers and agricultural advocates statewide.

It is my honor to recognize and congratulate Stemme Farms for providing the St. Louis community with nutrition, economic development, technological insights, and breathtaking scenery for the past 150 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TARA
WELCH GALLAGHER

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the late Tara Welch Gallagher, who was senselessly murdered in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center shooting. Virginia Beach lost Tara far too soon.

Tara was a hardworking engineer who worked to educate the community about clean water. She served the Department of Public Works for the City of Virginia Beach for six years and contributed significantly to the mission of improving the water quality of the Lake James Watershed. Tara's life of hard work and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Tara will be missed by all her loved ones. Hampton Roads significantly benefited from her presence; she made our community a better place. Today we remember and honor her life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
WORK OF FRANCIS “FRAN”
JOHNSON

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Francis “Fran” Johnson for her commitment to community service in the District of Columbia on the occasion of her 70th birthday on July 23, 2019.

Johnson is a third-generation District native. She began her service to the District as a candy-striper at Howard University Hospital, formerly known as Freedman's Hospital, in 1964. Over the years, she has advocated for critical issues such as equality in education and housing and improved financial literacy, among others.

As a neighborhood advocate, she has increased the number of signs in the community to help children with hearing impairments and called for more lighting in her neighborhood to help reduce crime. She fights for a D.C. with clean streets, safe neighborhoods and flourishing communities.

Building on her experience as a Ward 4 resident, she cofounded a non-profit named Shammah, Inc, which provides low-income families with food, shelter and the opportunity to learn life skills.

Over the years, she has been recognized for her commitment to service. In 2009, she was named “Superwoman” by NBC News 4, and in 2017, she was crowned Ms. Senior District of Columbia. As Ms. Senior District of Columbia, she attended over 200 community events, amplifying the voice of older D.C. residents and advocating for an age-friendly D.C. In her role as Ms. Senior District of Columbia, she testified at D.C. Council hearings and partnered with several D.C. Office on Aging and Community Living programs.

Johnson attended St. Cecilia's Academy and D.C.'s first land-grant college, the Washington Technical Institute. She graduated with academic honors and a degree in Business Administration/Secretarial Science.

She began her professional career in 1970, as the first African-American legal secretary for the International Business Machines Corporation's (IBM) intellectual property division. After 30 years at IBM, she retired and joined the Business Executives for National Service as the office receptionist and Assistant to the CFO.

While she has embraced many roles during her lifetime—wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, professional and community advocate—Johnson still makes time for sports, music, traveling and many other hobbies.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Francis “Fran” Johnson on the occasion of her 70th birthday and for her lasting contributions to the District of Columbia.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GIUMARRA, JR.

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John G. Giumarra, Jr., who passed away on June 30, 2019 at the age of 78. John was a well-respected businessman not only in Kern County, but throughout California.

Born to a family that had been growing grapes in California since 1922, John joined the family business at an early age. John earned his bachelor's degree from University of California, Berkeley, and went on to earn his Juris Doctor from Stanford Law, working as the Book Review Editor of the Stanford Law Review. He initially moved to Newport Beach to work for a law firm, but the family business quickly drew him back to Bakersfield. There, John applied his legal acumen in assisting his father with the company that bears their family name—Giumarra Vineyards. Working as the in-house counsel, John played a critical role in developing contracts with other businesses, as well as playing a lead role in working with U.S. and foreign government officials to expand American grape exports.

For years, John worked tirelessly, embracing an increasingly important role as the face of his family business. Through his dedication, John transformed Giumarra Vineyards into an internationally-known brand. A pioneer in viticulture, John imported Chilean grapes in the 1980's for use in Giumarra Vineyards products during the off season in the U.S., a move that bolstered the company's market share and served to enhance its rapidly-growing footprint.