

has since established itself as a leader worldwide in performing this mission.

I want to share with my colleagues why Maryland's Med-Evac program has become the envy of other units throughout the world with the same mission. Since that maiden flight in March 1970, this unit has transported over 62,000 patients, delivering them to a hospital system that includes the University of Maryland Hospital at Baltimore, where Dr. R. Adams Cowley pioneered his principle of the Golden Hour, the critical time following trauma when a patient's life is most vulnerable. Maryland's Med-Evac program is unique because it uses a multimission approach carried out by the Maryland State Police Aviation Division. This unit provides law enforcement, search and rescue, and medical evacuation, providing a high quality service for the least cost.

Working with other local officials, I was pleased that former Gov. William D. Schaefer agreed to upgrade the State's helicopter fleet to provide state of the art helicopters at each of the 8 bases throughout Maryland. In October 1994, a new American Eurocopter Dauphine began operating from its base in St. Mary's County for the southern Maryland area, making Maryland the only State that provides 24 hour per day Med-Evac coverage for its citizens, with the ability to fly in most weather conditions. This service has become an intricate, high-technology link in the statewide emergency medical services system, utilizing a sophisticated communications system to incorporate a systematic approach to interface with all licensed medical care institutions in an effort to match the needs of the patient with the most appropriate treatment center.

The significant achievements of the aviation division have not come without sacrifice. Six pilots have been killed while performing three separate missions. Following each tragedy, actions have been taken to upgrade the equipment and training needed to conduct this important mission.

Today, Major Johnny Hughes is the commander of the 144-person unit which operates 11 helicopters from the 8 sites throughout Maryland. All Maryland State Police flight paramedics are nationally registered EMT-paramedics, possessing emergency and critical care skills with the ability to function as complete pre-hospital practitioners.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the accomplishments of the Maryland State Police Aviation Division and the excellent continuous service they provide, along with the emergency medical services community in our great State. I ask that my colleagues join with me to commend them for this extraordinary record of service to the people of Maryland for the past 25 years.

TRIBUTE TO THE IHM SISTERS:
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HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, this coming Sunday, March 26, 1995, the IHM Sisters in my home State of Michigan, are celebrating their 150th anniversary.

The Sisters, servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary were founded in 1845. One of

the founders was Theresa Maxis, a member of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. She was an educated and deeply spiritual woman. Another founder was a young Redemptorist priest named Louis Florence Gillet. He was a missionary experiencing difficulty in recruiting religious women to educate young girls. Along with Oblate Charlotte Schaaf and Theresa Renaud, a young women from Fr. Gillet's Mission, they formed the new religious institute.

Maxis was the daughter of a Haitian woman and a British Army officer. As a woman of color, she was subject to the racism that pervaded civic and ecclesial society. Discrimination against people of color and women was the norm. In many ways, the founders of the IHM's were visionaries who were ahead of their time. Together, they began an on-going mission of educating and advocating for spiritual and psychological development—and, social justice.

As a former seminarian, I feel a close affinity with the Sisters and their commitment to develop an understanding of the structural causes of injustice. This is not merely an academic exercise, but an attempt to alleviate oppression and provide the tools to critique and transform its causes.

The IHM's pursuit of this endeavor lead to the founding of Marygrove College in 1910. Moved from Monroe to Detroit in 1927, the Sisters of IHM continue to respond to the religious, intellectual, moral, and social well-being of men and women in our rapidly changing society.

The devotion the IHM Sisters have displayed to their faith and the community is an inspiration. Although they are a congregation of women in the Roman Catholic tradition, people of all faiths and denominations around the world have benefited from their work. Their social and spiritual contributions are many and they deserve our gratitude for their compassion and leadership.

As the Catholic community prepares for an afternoon of celebration and song, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Sisters for their many contributions. May the next 150 years be a continued fruitful ministry.

A SALUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION
MICHIGAN COMMANDER WILLIAM
F. MILLER

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, we all owe a great debt to the many veterans of America's Armed Forces. Many of them have sacrificed greatly to protect our freedoms and to help make our Nation the greatest in the world. I know that our veterans who respect and revere true leadership also feel that a debt is owed to those individuals who lead our veterans' organizations, helping to gain public recognition of the contribution of veterans and the needs of many of their legion.

This weekend American Legion Post 18 is honoring William F. Miller, the Commander of the Department of Michigan of the American Legion for his years of service to his Legion, and to our Nation. Commander Miller will be completing his term as State Commander this July and is being recognized for his devotion

to his beliefs. A Korean war veteran from Bay City Post 18, State Commander Miller has served the American Legion in many capacities, including both Commander of Post 18 and 10th District Commander. He also set new records for membership as the Department Membership Director, and then served as Department 4th Zone Vice Commander and as Chairman of the Vice Commanders.

Commander Miller's presence is well known throughout the Bay area and the State of Michigan. Having served as President of the local Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman of the Board for the Bay County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and as Director of the Bay County Growth Alliance, he has done all that he can to help promote his own community. He has done all of this while being a self-employed electrical contractor for more than 21 years.

Perhaps one of the greatest achievements is having been able to do all of these things with the strong support of his wife, Darlene, because we all appreciate that the demands for time often force us to make choices that ask others to make a sacrifice. Darlene has been a source of essential support having served herself as Past President of Unit 18 and the Auxiliary's 10th District.

It has been my great pleasure and honor as a Member of Congress to work closely with a number of veterans who have served their Nation well. In some cases the attention and assistance of Members of Congress is needed, but in more cases the representation of effective veterans' organizations like the American Legion and leaders like Commander William Miller is essential. I invite all of our colleagues in thanking Commander Miller for his services to our Nation and to the Legion, and wishing him the very best with the many new activities in which he is sure to excel.

TRIBUTE TO COL. NORME FROST

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a remarkable individual, Col. Norme Frost, of Tryon, NC. Earlier this year, Colonel Frost turned 99 years of age, and his local newspaper, the Tryon Daily Bulletin, briefly recounted a few of Norme's many contributions to our Nation. Norme is especially renowned in the field of aviation, where he was an early pioneer, and flier in both world wars.

Mr. Speaker, Norme has an equally outstanding wife, the former Betty Doubleday. Betty is related to Abner Doubleday, who is credited with inventing our national pastime, baseball. Betty met Norme overseas as a Red Cross executive during World War II. Today, Betty continues her charitable efforts by assisting many of the local charities in Tryon. Betty is also Tryon's unofficial town historian. I am sure that Norme owes much of his success to his lovely wife.

Mr. Speaker, Norme was not only a witness to history, he was also an active participant in making the history that has preserved and enriched our Nation. I congratulate Norme for his