

make the grade. Hundreds of millions of us around the world know in our hearts that you have lifted our lives. You've done enormous good. You have blessed us.

In presenting this Gold Medal of Honor and recognizing you and Mrs. Graham, the United States of America makes a powerful statement about what is truly important in our national life. You have touched that part of the American spirit that knows providence has a grander purpose for our nation.

There is a spiritual hunger in modern America.

It is a hunger all Americans feel although we may describe it in different ways. As our lives race faster amidst so much that is fleeting, we search for what endures.

In synagogues, churches, mosques and other places of worship, we celebrate faith and a power greater than ourselves. We pray for the grace of God and the courage to live our lives according to the wishes of the God of whom you have told us.

We honor the diversity of faiths in America. And within that commitment to diversity and in that spirit, please allow me to add a personal note as a Christian. I have appreciated the poetry and power that you have brought to the religious tradition that so many of us share with you. I've also admired how the force of your convictions has been fueled by the gentleness of your soul.

There was a controversial book written a few years ago in which the author attempted to survey all of the religious traditions and all of those who have attempted to bring the message of God. When asked what she had learned about preachers and others attempting to deliver the message of God, she said she had concluded as a result of her scholarship that if a preacher is angry and hurtful, he does not know God. But if he is kind and loving, perhaps he does know God.

In our tradition, Jesus teaches that God is love. There is a wonderful passage in Corinthians that is frequently used as part of a marriage ceremony, looking prospectively, which can also, I believe, be used as an assessment of what you have done and are doing in your role as a minister.

Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Dr. Graham, you and Ruth have been patient and kind. You have not envied nor boasted. You have not been proud. You have not been rude nor self-seeking nor easily angered. You've kept no record of wrongs. You've not delighted in evil. You have rejoiced with the truth.

So today, let us rejoice with the truth that these two extraordinary people have brought to our lives. For reminding us of faith's gentleness and endurance, we honor Billy Graham and his partner Ruth Graham. We trumpet their achievements. We celebrate their commitment. And we formally thank them, this man and this woman, who have served this nation by serving God.

READING BETWEEN THE LINES:
AMA EXPLAINS CAPITATION TO
MEMBERS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the rush is on to push all Americans—except the wealthy who can afford medical savings accounts—into managed care and capitated plans.

What is capitation? The American Medical Association recently published a booklet entitled "Capitation: The Physicians Guide." It is designed to help doctors understand capitation, how to negotiate a managed care contract, and survive in this new world of managed care.

It is artfully worded, but reading between the lines is pretty easy. The following are quotes from the booklet:

To be successful under capitation, you also have to change the way you practice medicine. . . . When patients use fewer services than anticipated in setting the Per Member, Per Month (PMPM) payment, you get to retain unspent funds.

Many capitation agreements also offer physicians the opportunity to participate in risk pools, another opportunity for financial gain. . . . thus risk pools provide physicians with an opportunity to benefit financially from reduced utilization of non-physician services.

Capitation forces you to broaden your focus from considering the health care needs of the individual patient to considering the health care needs of the group.

Capitation offers a strong financial incentive to provide cost-effective care to all patients. Under fee-for-service, providing more services translates into higher practice revenue and thus higher income. But under capitation, providing more services adds only to your costs. Improvements you can make in your practice style that reduce utilization and increase cost effectiveness increase your profitability.

When primary care physicians accept capitation and are subject to risk pools, they have an incentive to reduce all types of utilization, including the use of specialists. . . . Generally, primary care physicians reduce referrals by about one-fourth when they are at risk for referred services.

Mr. Speaker, the fee-for-service system where a doctor can make more by endlessly doing more is outdated and bankrupting us. It has to be changed. But be careful—managed care and capitation can kill you. Do you really want your doctor worrying more about his group than you, when you get sick? As a society, as a government we do not yet have good measures of how to judge quality, of how to know when someone is undertreating and underreferring patients. Managed care is happening very quickly, and we should not be further speeding up the movement into managed care until we have adequate consumer protections and quality measures in place.

TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE FLORENCE
KERINS MURRAY

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an outstanding Rhode Islander, Justice Florence Kerins Murray, who is celebrating the 40th anniversary of her appointment to the bench.

Justice Murray was educated in the Newport, RI public school system and graduated from Syracuse University with a bachelor of arts degree. Following a brief teaching career at the Prudence Island School, she attained her L.L.B. from Boston University Law School and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar.

During World War II, Justice Murray enlisted in the Women's Army Corps and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1942. She served in various capacities and left the corps as a lieutenant colonel, but was later recalled for a special duty assignment in 1947.

Justice Murray returned to Rhode Island to practice law and raise a son with her beloved late husband, Paul. In 1948, she began her career in public service, serving with distinction on the Newport School Committee and in the Rhode Island State Senate concurrently until 1956. During this time, she displayed keen understanding of government policy and the legislative process and specialized in issues involving the welfare of children and the needs of the elderly. She served as master in the superior court and as chair of a special commission that led to the establishment in Rhode Island of the Nation's first family court.

In 1956, Gov. Dennis J. Roberts appointed Florence Murray as an associate judge of the Rhode Island Superior Court, the first woman justice in the history of our State. Twenty-two years later, she was named the first female presiding justice of that court, and in 1979, she was elected to her present position on the Rhode Island Supreme Court, one of the first women to serve on a State supreme court.

The career of Justice Murray is an exemplary one, and she is renowned throughout the country as an outstanding jurist. She is a recipient of nine honorary doctorates and of the coveted Herbert Harley Award from the American Judicature Society.

She is respected for her leadership, personal integrity, love of the law, sense of justice, and for her unselfish contribution to the welfare of the community. She has been a champion of professionalism in the courts and an inspiration to furthering the careers of women in the field of the law. Her intelligence, reason, compassion, and sense of fairness have been an enduring presence in the Rhode Island court system.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Justice Murray. She is a remarkable woman of impeccable character and reputation who honors all of us with her service. I urge you to recognize Justice Murray for her significant contribution to our legal system. This milestone is significant, and I am delighted to join in this most fitting tribute.

HONORING CONNIE CLANCY FOR 35
YEARS' SERVICE TO SOUTH HADLEY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of western Massachusetts most dedicated public servants, Connie Clancy, who is retiring after 35 years of service to the South Hadley Public Library. Connie Clancy's dedication and commitment to her community should serve as an inspirational example to us all.

Connie started with the South Hadley Public Library in 1961 and worked her way up to director of the entire library system by 1969. In addition to her job, Connie was an active advocate for libraries and education. She started the Literacy Volunteers of America affiliate in