

Current Chapter 12 bankruptcy law helps farmers restructure their debts to allow them to keep farming during the toughest times. We need to permanently extend this law because it works. Families are able to save their farms and map out a manageable repayment schedule. And we have seen that creditors are comfortable with this debt reorganization approach because it simply allows families to lengthen the period they have to repay their loans.

IN HONOR OF POLICE OFFICER DANIEL ALDAY AND HIS 26 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF MILPITAS, CA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Officer Daniel Alday, a dedicated member of the Milpitas Police Department for over two decades. Officer Alday retired on February 14, 1999 and will be honored later this month by the Milpitas Police Department.

Office Alday joined the Department on January 31, 1977, after four years of experience as a County Animal Control Officer. Officer Alday's bilingual abilities were a great asset to the Department over the years. His ready assistance was much appreciated by other officers and the Hispanic community.

Office Alday was a K-9 officer from 1980 to 1983. During this time, he and his dog were productive in locating and apprehending suspects; they received numerous commendations from the community, and neighboring police agencies.

From 1983 to 1992, Officer Alday served in the traffic division as a Motorcycle Traffic Officer. He attended the California Highway Patrol Academy for motorcycle training, and surpassed their rigorous requirements. During his tenure as a traffic officer, Officer Alday was certified by the courts as an expert in DUI cases. He advanced to accident reconstructionist after completion of accident reconstruction school and certification by the State of California.

From 1989 to 1996, Officer Alday served as a hostage negotiator. He assisted in many difficult situations that ended peacefully.

Officer Alday returned to patrol in 1992 and was selected for the position of DARE Officer. In 1994, Dan was assigned to the Public Relations Unit as a DARE Officer. He taught the DARE curriculum each year to four elementary schools, where he was instrumental in bringing new ideas to the DARE program. DARE activities included Skate Night for DARE students, lunch with the DARE Officer, and slide presentations of Student DARE activities that promoted parent participation to DARE graduations.

Officer Alday's duties also included giving safety presentations to women's groups, businesses, and the community-at-large. He also conducted Mock Robbery Training courses for bank employees. Officer Alday continued to receive commendations from the community during his time with the Public Relations Unit.

Regrettably, Officer Alday's police career is ending early because of a job-related injury. He has been an asset to the Milpitas Police Department because of his long-term service

to the community. His contributions are numerous and his example is an inspiration. I join the Milpitas community in applauding Officer Alday's dedication, expertise and achievements. I wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF RE-ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE II, UNITED STATES CODE

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 808, a measure that would extend by an additional 3 months the Chapter 12 farm bankruptcy code. This legislation is a stopgap measure that would continue the program past its April 1 expiration date.

Farmer friendly bankruptcy and reorganization provisions are needed now more than ever before. This past Friday, dairy farmers saw their price collapse by 39% as the February Basic Formula Price fell to \$10.27 per hundredweight, a \$6 decline from the preceding month.

When Congress originally passed the Chapter 12 farm bankruptcy code in the mid-1980s they realized that our nation's family farmers oftentimes face economic difficulties that were not of their making and are essentially out of their control. The prices of nearly all commodities including livestock, milk, grains and feedstuffs were or are at near record low prices. As a result, it is imperative that Congress work to create federal financial mechanisms that recognize these difficulties.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to join my colleagues in supporting this worthwhile measure.

HONORING THE JAMES H. QUILLEN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University located in the First District of Tennessee. This month, the Quillen College of Medicine celebrates its 25th anniversary.

The College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University was established in March of 1974 by the Tennessee General Assembly. It was formally dedicated as the James H. Quillen College of Medicine in honor of the tireless efforts of my predecessor and friend, Congressman James H. (Jimmy) Quillen, who served the First District with distinction for 34 years. Congressman Quillen recognized the severe shortage of primary care physicians in the 1970's, especially in many of the rural areas in East Tennessee, and was instrumental in the efforts to establish this school.

In August of 1978, the first class of 24 students enrolled at the College of Medicine.

Since their graduation in 1982, the college has awarded more than 850 Medical Doctor degrees, including a significant number of resident physicians, fellows, and biomedical students. A substantial number of these students are serving the health care industry today as primary care physicians, filling many of the shortages which led to the creation of the institution in 1974.

The Quillen College of Medicine remains focused today on primary care and has earned notes of recognition by several national organizations and publications for the institution's successful rural medicine programs and its efforts to train more primary care physicians.

One of the more innovative approaches utilized by the Quillen College of Medicine is its utilization of the region's hospitals. Rather than having one teaching hospital, East Tennessee State University has affiliated itself with nine area hospitals, providing its students with access to more than 3,000 beds in the areas and training in every area of primary and tertiary care medicine. Furthermore, the immediate success of the college in its primary care work led to the receipt of the largest grant in the university's history, \$6 million in 1991 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. This financial support allowed the college to move into two additional rural communities in the First District, training over 80 students on site using a team approach in which the medical, nursing, and public and allied health students learn together.

The ETSU Quillen College of Medicine continues to expand its scope while remaining focused to its original purpose of creating primary care physicians. All of the teaching and research facilities at the university and its affiliated hospitals are fully supported by modern classrooms, laboratories, and clinical facilities. New facilities are being built to serve the expanded demands of this popular school, and I am confident that the Quillen College of Medicine will continue to meet the growing needs of the health care industry in the next millennium.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the great accomplishments of the James H. Quillen College of Medicine in its 25th year of existence. It has served the region and the country well, providing a wealth of trained, experienced doctors to serve our health care needs. Its presence has been a leading force in revolutionizing the health care industry in the Upper East Tennessee/Southwest Virginia region. There will be many great things to come from this fine institution, and it is my hope that my colleagues here in the Congress will join me in honoring the college's alumni, students, residents, fellows, faculty, staff, and others for their past and future contributions to improving health care in America.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT L. OZUNA

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a heartfelt tribute to Robert L. Ozuna, Chief Executive Office of New Bedford Panoramex Corporation from 1966 to date. My good friend died on Saturday, March 6, 1999, at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Coquina at the age of 69.