

rare combination of enterprise, persuasiveness, grace and good humor to build a successor for this woman who has done so much for Fond du Lac."

I am proud to call attention to the many accomplishments of my friend, JoAnn Ward, and join the members of the Fond du Lac community in honoring her as she continues to pursue new horizons.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 1999*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2506) to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research:

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Chairman, the grant program included in Representative JOHNSON's amendment has broad bipartisan support of over 190 Members of the House, including the chairs, ranking members and other members of subcommittees and committees of jurisdiction—the Commerce, Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees. I am a proud cosponsor of Representative JOHNSON's related legislation and I look forward to the passage of this amendment.

Children's Hospitals across this Nation, especially Children's Hospital and Health Center in San Diego, are critical to the future of pediatric medicine and therefore to the future health of all children. Because of the inequity in our current federal GME funding structure, our Children's Hospitals are disadvantaged

when compared to other teaching facilities. Because GME funds are based on the amount of Medicare patients in each hospital, and Children's Hospitals rarely treat patients that use Medicare funds as payments, these hospitals are treated unfairly compared to other teaching schools that receive funds allocated through the Medicare Program.

The grant program in this amendment would provide \$280 million in FY 2000 and \$285 million in FY 2001. Since comprehensive GME reform will take more time to develop, this amendment would provide immediate financial assistance through a capped, time-limited authorization of appropriations.

Children's Hospital and Health Center in San Diego is the region's only pediatric medical center, a 220-bed hospital offering comprehensive programs in diagnosis and treatment, research, rehabilitation, medical education, outcomes and community outreach and education. Founded in 1954 to treat polio victims, Children's has continually grown in direct response to the needs of the communities it serves through the San Diego and Imperial regions.

Mr. Chairman, I look forward to working with Representative JOHNSON and my other colleagues on this issue because the education and training programs of these institutions are critical to the future of pediatric medicine and the health of our children.

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DR. KATHLEEN C. CRATES NAMED  
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

**HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 1999*

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize my former Findlay High School

classmate, Dr. Kathleen C. Crates, upon her selection as Ohio's 1999 Principal of the Year.

This award, sponsored by MetLife and given by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), acknowledges the achievements of Ohio's most outstanding secondary school principal. Candidates were judged based on their relationships with teaching staff, their ability to promote positive change, and their use of creativity in solving problems. In announcing Dr. Crates's selection, Ohio NASSP Director Steven Raines cited her outstanding leadership skills and her creation of a caring environment at Findlay High School, a facility that serves more than 2,100 students.

Before she was named principal of our alma mater in 1995, Dr. Crates served as principal of Findlay's Donnell Middle School, assistant principal at Findlay High School, and as a teacher of learning disabled students. She completed her undergraduate work at Findlay College, now the University of Findlay, in 1968, and earned her master's and doctoral degrees from nearby Bowling Green State University. Dr. Crates has supplemented her skills through seminars at Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and the University of California.

In her honor, March 12, 1999, was designated "Dr. Kathleen Crates Day" by the students and staff of Findlay High School. Last month, Dr. Crates was further honored as one of six Ohio educators chosen to receive Ohio's first ever Pioneer in Education Awards, presented by the Ohio Department of Education.

Dr. Crates will now compete on the national level with 49 of her peers, as they vie for the title of National Principal of the year.

I am proud to join the chorus of voices saluting Kathy's quarter century of dedication to the young people of Findlay. I congratulate her on a job well done, and wish her the best of luck in the national competition and in all her future endeavors.