

the postmaster general has told its top managers that they could see performance bonuses of up to 25 percent of their salaries."

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think when an agency or a business, whatever it might be, is losing a projected \$2 billion this year, yet they are giving bonuses to their top management of 25 percent, with the taxpayers of this country who use the postal system paying the freight for that increase, there is something wrong.

The second part of the paragraph says, "The postal service has increased postal rates twice this year, but United States Postal Service officials are still projecting a deficit of \$1.6 billion to \$2.4 billion, blaming higher fuel costs and increasing competition from online services."

Mr. Speaker, the reason I wanted to come forward is because in the year 2000, the post office ended the year with a \$1.9 million loss, yet that same year, the year 2000, they paid out \$197 million in bonuses to employees. Again, I came to the floor tonight because I think there is something seriously wrong when the U.S. Postal Service is losing that kind of money yet paying those kind of bonuses.

In this great Nation that we live, America, we are usually rewarded for being successful, not for losing money and then charging the customer the rates they have been charging. Let me read a couple other points to my colleagues.

This is from the Federal Times Postal News, and it says "The outlook may appear sour for this year for the U.S. Postal Service, which is facing a potential \$2 billion deficit, but many postal service executives may be on the brink of a banner year. Postmaster General John Potter told top postal executives if the postal service continues increasing productivity this year, their bonuses could amount to 25 percent of their salaries."

He says they are increasing productivity, yet they are still losing between \$1 billion and \$2 billion. That is kind of laughable to me, quite frankly, Mr. Speaker. Let me also mention that in 2000, which I mentioned earlier, they paid out over \$208 million while losing money.

Mr. Speaker, I guess the reason I wanted to come to the floor tonight is simply to point out that the American people are looking to those of us in the United States Congress to tell the post office to get their act straight, to start serving the people and making some money, and then maybe those bonuses will be worth it.

I have put in a resolution that would deal with this. It is a nonbinding resolution, quite frankly, but it would give Members of the House a chance to come to the floor and talk about the fact that they are not worthy of this kind of increase in their bonuses, in my opinion.

I will make quick reference to a Washington Times article of this past

Friday called "Going Postal Bonus," and it talks about just how absolutely ridiculous it is that the post office is giving themselves this kind of bonus and raise when they are losing money.

So, Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would just like to say to my fellow colleagues in the United States House of Representatives that I hope my colleagues will support my nonbinding resolution so we can come to the floor of the House and speak on behalf of those small businesses and patrons of the United States Postal Service who are paying a whole lot in increases while the executives, who are losing money, up to \$2 billion, are giving themselves a bonus.

As my colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT), would say, shame on them and shame on us if we do not debate this on the floor of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO ISABEL BRIGGS MYERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about an interesting conference that will soon take place in my congressional district. On September 20 and 22, 2001, Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, is sponsoring a symposium in honor of a truly remarkable woman: Isabel Briggs Myers. Isabel Briggs Myers devoted more than half her lifetime to the observation, study, and measurement of personality and gave us the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, the most widely used personality instrument in the world.

The story of Isabel Myers and the Type Indicator is unique in the history of psychology and shows how much a single individual can achieve in the face of formidable obstacles. The story begins with Isabel's mother, Katharine Cook Briggs, a thinker, a reader, and a quiet observer who became intrigued with the similarities and differences in human personality. Katharine Cook Briggs became interested in the work of a Swiss psychologist named Carl Jung. She passed that interest on to her daughter, Isabel.

Isabel Briggs, after being home schooled except for a year in public school, entered Swarthmore College at age 17 and graduated first in her class in 1919. At the end of her junior year, she married Clarence Myers. Until the outbreak of World War II, she functioned as a mother and homemaker although she found time to publish two successful mystery novels.

The outbreak of World War II stirred her desire to contribute to the national effort. With the departure of much of the male workforce into the armed services and the emergence of many women new to the industrial workplace to fill their jobs, she saw a place where she could help. She was convinced that an understanding for human personality differences could help a person find a successful and rewarding kind of job and avoid unnecessary stress and conflict. Having long since absorbed her mother's admiration of Jungian typology, she determined to devise a method of making the theory of practical use. Thus was born the idea of the Type Indicator.

With no formal training in psychology, with no academic sponsorship or research grants, Isabel Myers began the painstaking task of developing a set of questions that would tap the attitudes, feelings, perceptions, and behaviors of the different psychological types as she and her mother had come to understand them. A habitual reader, she haunted libraries and taught herself what she needed to know of statistics and test construction. She persuaded countless school principals in eastern Pennsylvania to allow her to test their students, and she spent many a long evening scoring questions and tabulating data.

Isabel Myers Briggs spent decades working to perfect the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. At the age of 82, she was still at work on a revised manual for the indicator, long after she was profoundly weakened by her final illness. Today, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator has been translated into over 30 languages and is used by career counselors, colleges and universities, the Department of Defense, and numerous corporations.

On September 22, 2001, Hartwick College will confer, posthumously, an honorary doctorate degree to Isabel Briggs Myers. It is well deserved.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to bid the symposium attendees and Isabel's family my best wishes for the success of their event; and I applaud their desire to honor such an able scholar and true visionary: Isabel Briggs Myers.

SUPPORT OF BIPARTISAN PATIENT PROTECTION ACT, H.R. 2563

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. LANGEVIN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to voice my strong support of the Ganske-Dingell-Norwood-Berry patients' bill of rights. I am a proud cosponsor of this bill which our wise counterparts in the Senate passed more than 1 month ago.

Over 800 organizations endorse the Ganske-Dingell-Norwood-Berry patient bill of rights, and numerous surveys show overwhelming support for the