

be required and monitored by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The point is this: The chairman, board of directors, CEO, CFO, accountants and analysts could each stop a debacle from developing. A systemic approach to ensuring the separation of powers would put them in a position where they would be free and motivated to take action.

I am not against prosecuting individuals responsible for financial chicanery and other bad behavior. In fact, this must be done. But tarring and feathering CEOs and CFOs as a class will not solve the underlying problem. Restructuring and strengthening the entire system of checks and balances of the institutions that make up and monitor the U.S. capital markets would serve us far better.

Reworking design, engineering and manufacturing processes to meet the quality challenge from the Japanese in the 1980s took five to 10 years. It was motivated by tremendous losses in market share and employment. Similarly, the tremendous loss of market value from the recent scandals provides a strong motivation for reform. But let us not kid ourselves. Effective reform will take years of painstaking reconstruction.

Our society faces huge problems. Many of our citizens have no access to health care; some of our essential infrastructure is deteriorating; the war on terror and our domestic security require additional resources. Attacking these problems requires a vital economy. Shouldn't we take time to think through how we can address the very real problems in our corporations without demonizing and demoralizing the managers whose entrepreneurial energy is needed to drive our economy?

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FALLON COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fallon Community Health Plan and to congratulate the men and women of that organization on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Fallon Community Health Plan was created in 1977 in Worcester, Massachusetts, largely through the work of the physicians of Fallon Clinic. The Clinic itself, the first group practice in central Massachusetts, was founded in 1929, the vision of John Fallon, M.D. The doctors of that group have provided high quality and compassionate medical care to several generations of area residents, and have a uniquely cooperative relationship with the Health Plan.

While mergers and consolidations have generally ruled the health care world in the last few years, Fallon Community Health Plan has continued as a locally-controlled, not-for-profit plan, one that truly lives up to the word "community" in its name. In 1988, the Fallon Clinic and Health Plan partnered to establish the Fallon Foundation. With the help of community members, local businesses, and public officials, Fallon Foundation promotes a healthy community through grants and other resources dedicated to direct services, education, and research. Fallon Community Health Plan is a valued civic partner in Worcester and other cities and towns of central Massachusetts.

Fallon Community Health Plan has four times been rated the number one health maintenance organization in the entire country. It has long been looked to as a model of innovative and affordable health coverage. It consistently scores highly in measures of quality of medical outcomes. Fallon Community Health Plan was also one of the five original health plans to enroll Medicare beneficiaries, demonstrating how more comprehensive care than Medicare alone provides could be delivered to Medicare eligibles at an affordable cost. The Health Plan continues to participate in the Medicare+Choice program and its Fallon Senior Plan has an accreditation status of "excellent" from the National Committee for Quality Assurance. It is also a partner with the Federal Government in PACE, a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly, and is in fact the only health maintenance organization in the country with such a program.

Fallon Community Health Plan is a relatively small health care organization whose national influence far exceeds its size. We in Worcester are proud of its success and the contributions it makes to our community. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate the people of Fallon Community Health Plan for twenty-five years of service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CLAIRE TRAYLOR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I speak here to recognize the life and passing of Mrs. Claire Traylor of Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Mrs. Traylor was a state legislator who worked diligently on behalf of Colorado to promote fair and effective legislation throughout the state.

Mrs. Claire Traylor served in the Colorado General Assembly from 1982 to 1994, first in the House and then in the Senate. One of her most renowned accomplishments as a legislator was her strong commitment to education. Mrs. Traylor was a member of the Joint Budget Committee and Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, she used her Position to approve funding for the repair and reconstruction of buildings on college campuses. It was for these efforts that the Colorado School of Mines just recently announced plans to recognize Mrs. Traylor by naming a building in her honor. Mrs. Traylor also fought hard for healthcare legislation that would benefit all citizens of Colorado, including the poor and uninsured.

Mrs. Traylor was a proud Republican who understood the necessities of sound fiscal responsibility. However, on any given issue she didn't hesitate to follow her own principles and convictions. But no matter how difficult the opposition or how controversial the issue, it was her integrity and reputation for fair dealing that won her the bipartisan esteem of her colleagues. For all the legislative achievements that can be accredited to Mrs. Claire Traylor, it will be her amiable personality, her gracious demeanor, and her impeccable character that we will remember the most.

Mr. Speaker, it is with genuine gratitude that I recognize the life of Mrs. Claire Traylor be-

fore this House of Representatives and before this Nation today; she lived life to the fullest, a public servant who worked diligently for her constituents and the State of Colorado. Claire Traylor will be missed, but her presence will continue to be felt in the thousands of lives which she touched.

HONORING ARMANDO DE LEON,
RECIPIENT OF THE 13TH ANNUAL
PROFILES OF SUCCESS HISPANIC
LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize an outstanding citizen who has been honored for his life-long dedication to Latino issues through which he has impacted the lives of many in our community. On September 6th, the Honorable Armando de León was honored by his peers at the annual Profiles of Success Hispanic Leadership Awards presentation in Phoenix, Arizona. This event, coordinated by Valle del Sol, a local non-profit community based organization, kicks off National Hispanic Heritage Month in Arizona and is now in its thirteenth year of honoring worthy individuals.

Judge de León began a 32-year career in the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a judge advocate. After being admitted to practice in Arizona, he worked briefly as a law clerk/bailiff. In 1965, Armando entered private practice in Phoenix, specializing in international law and serving as general counsel and volunteer pro bono attorney for twenty non-profit organizations.

Armando served four years on the Phoenix City Council. He served on the Arizona-Mexico Commission and on Federal Advisory Committees to the U.S. Attorney General and INS Commissioner as well. He was appointed to the Arizona Superior Court bench in 1983 with rotations on civil litigation, criminal, domestic relations, and special assignment calendars. He chaired the Court Interpreter Policy & Bilingual Forms Committee, and the Unified Extern Program Liaison Committee of the Superior Court and the Arizona State University College of Law. Upon retirement from the bench, he returned to his hometown of Tucson, where he served as an adjunct professor at the University of Arizona College of Law.

Armando's extensive community involvement includes serving as general counsel and board member to the National Council of La Raza, referral attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, board member of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, memberships in the Hispanic National Bar Association, Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association, the Phoenix Hispanic-Jewish Coalition, and the League of United Latin American Citizens.

He served as a General Officer and was awarded the Legion of Merit upon retirement in 1991, as well as the Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this outstanding citizen for his fine work and dedication. Throughout his life Judge de León has been a long time advocate for the Latino community and he has been a great role model for many.