

of Marketing. Mr. Christian presently serves as a substitute teacher for the Wake County Public Schools in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. Christian is a member, deacon and Sunday school teacher at the Trinity Baptist Church. He has received numerous awards, including the Ford Foundation Fellowship Award, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Durham Sertoma Club. He is also a recipient of the Silver Citation from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Joe Christian, Jr., a man who has touched innumerable lives in his community in countless ways. As we celebrate Homecoming at our alma mater, South Carolina State University, I wish him continued success and Godspeed!

MEDICAL DEVICE USER FEE AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the House passed H.R. 3580, the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization 2002.

Kosciusko County in Northern Indiana is one of the nation's largest centers of the medical device industry. I have visited many of the medical device manufacturers in my home state, and continue to be amazed with the marvels that these companies produce every day. Injuries and illnesses that only a decade ago would have been debilitating are now curable, thanks in no small part to the ingenuity and innovation of companies that produce medical devices.

H.R. 3580 is a win for both medical device producers and for consumers. It streamlines the process by which medical devices will be approved by the Food and Drug Administration by establishing a new user fee program similar to the one that exists for pharmaceuticals and biologics. By doing so, it helps medical device producers get their products to the marketplace more quickly, making them available to those who need them. The legislation also establishes a new Office of Combination Products at the FDA so that producers of combination drugs and medical devices do not have to be approved by two separate agencies.

Even more impressive is that medical device consumers are not being forced to pay for the creation of a new, faster approval system for medical devices. Under this legislation, the companies themselves will fund the expedited process.

It is important to note that this expedited procedure will not sacrifice thoroughness for speed. This legislation carefully spells out strict standards to ensure the absolute highest level of safety.

On behalf of medical device manufacturers in Warsaw, Indiana as well as those across the nation who benefit from their products, I am pleased to support this bill, and urge its passage.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MELVIN MURRAY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF FOSTORIA

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman, and good friend, from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Melvin Murray, of Fostoria, Ohio, is being honored for his dedicated service and loyalty to the citizens of Fostoria.

Mr. Speaker, Melvin's efforts are being recognized by the Kaubisch Memorial Public Library, of which he has served on the Board of Directors for over fifty years. Serving the community was not only Melvin's duty but also his honor. These chances to give back to the community have brought him a lifetime of both personal and professional achievement. Melvin truly is a valued asset to the City of Fostoria.

Melvin has served Fostoria well throughout his years, both professionally and philanthropically. He began as a radio station manager in Fostoria immediately following his graduation from The Ohio State University, and has since utilized his talents and skills to become the station's president, and largest shareholder of the same radio corporation which would soon own several radio stations throughout greater Northwest Ohio.

Melvin, now enjoying his retirement years, has dedicated his charitable services to the Fostoria Glass Heritage Gallery & Museum, serving as its curator. He has also spent his time authoring several books on the subject of antique glassware, and is regarded as the foremost authority in the country on identification of Fostoria, Ohio glassware.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Melvin Murray. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Melvin, who care about the well being and stability of their communities. We wish him the very best on this special occasion.

HONORING DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KATHERINE CROWLEY OF UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Deputy Assistant Director Katherine Crowley of the United States Secret Service. After serving in a liaison capacity between Congress and the Secret Service for the last seven years, Katherine, who is known as K.C. to her friends, will be leaving Washington, D.C. to become the Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service's Little Rock Field Office.

It has been a privilege to work with K.C. these last several years. She is well known throughout the congressional community, including by her colleagues in the U.S. Capitol Police, and is widely respected and valued for

her professionalism, integrity, work ethic and of course, her kind heart. She has not only ably represented the Secret Service these last seven years, but has become a friend of the United States Congress.

Next year, K.C. will be celebrating her 20th year as a member of our Nation's most elite law enforcement agency. K.C. graduated from Westfield State College in her home state of Massachusetts in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. She took a position as an officer with the Arkansas State Police, and worked in the Little Rock area for nearly four years. She then applied for a special agent position with the Secret Service through their Little Rock office, and became an agent in 1983. She worked as a field agent in Little Rock for three years before transferring to the Vice Presidential Protection Division for another three years. K.C. returned to her home state in 1989 for a four-year stint in the Boston Field Office. In 1993, K.C. was assigned to the prestigious Presidential Protection Division, with responsibility for protecting President Clinton and the First Lady.

K.C. continued her rise in the Secret Service in 1996, when she was promoted to the position of Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge of the Capitol Hill and Interagency Liaison Division. It was during this time when many of us in Congress were first introduced to this exceptional individual. K.C. was again promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Office of Congressional Affairs in 1999, and later became the Special Agent in Charge of the same division. In 2001, K.C. was named Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Government and Public Affairs, one of the highest ranking women in the entire Secret Service.

This year, in addition to being named as the Special Agent in Charge of the Little Rock Field Office, K.C. was also selected as a candidate for the Senior Executive Service.

During her tenure as a liaison representative to Congress, K.C. helped steer legislation that will have a lasting impact on the future mission and role of the Secret Service. This included legislation to provide the Secret Service with jurisdiction to investigate cyber crimes, to coordinate security at National Special Security Events, to provide a nationwide expansion of the Secret Service electronic crime task force initiative, and to launch their world-renowned National Threat Assessment Center.

On behalf of the House of Representatives, I want to express our gratitude and appreciation to K.C. Crowley for her many years of public service as a member of the Secret Service. She will be dearly missed, but we all join in wishing her well in her new role as the head of the Little Rock Field Office.

CHARLES E. COBB, JR. AWARD

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I had the distinct pleasure of participating and helping to select this year's recipients of the annual Charles E. Cobb, Jr. Award for Initiative and Success in Trade Development. The award recognizes both an Ambassador and non-Ambassador