

Basilone and his men successfully repelled a Japanese assault. Other survivors reported that their success can be attributed to one man: "Manila John." He crossed enemy lines to replenish a dangerously low stockpile of ammunition, repaired artillery pieces, and steadied his troops in the midst of torrential rain. He went several days and nights without food or sleep, and the U.S. military was able to carry the day. His exploits became Marine lore, and served as a patriotic inspiration to others facing daunting challenges in the midst of war.

For his courage under fire and profound patriotism, Basilone was the first enlisted Marine to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. When he returned to the United States, he was heralded as a hero and quickly sent on tour around the country to help finance the war through the sale of war bonds. The Marine Corps offered to commission Basilone as an officer and station him far away from the frontlines.

But Basilone was not interested in riding out the war in Washington, DC. He was quoted as saying, "I ain't no officer, and I ain't no museum piece. I belong back with my outfit." In December 1944, he got his wish and returned to the frontlines.

General Douglas MacArthur called him "a one-man army," and on February 19, 1945 at Iwo Jima, Basilone once again lived up to that reputation. Basilone destroyed an enemy stronghold, a blockhouse on that small Japanese island and commanded his young troops to move the heavy guns off the beach. Unfortunately, less than two hours into the assault on that fateful day in February, Basilone and four of his fellow Marines were killed when an enemy mortar shell exploded nearby.

When Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone died he was only 27, but he had already earned the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, the Purple Heart, and the appreciation of his Nation. Basilone is a true American patriot whose legacy should be preserved.

Now more than ever, the United States needs to honor and praise the courageous efforts put forth by the men and women of our military. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this resolution as an important message to our soldiers that we appreciate and admire all of their efforts in the war on terrorism.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 57—HONORING DR. NORMAN CHRISTOPHER FRANCIS, PRESIDENT OF XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA, FOR HIS LONG-STANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE SPECIFIC TO XAVIER UNIVERSITY AND TO EDUCATION AS A WHOLE**

Ms. LANDRIEU submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. CON. RES. 57

Whereas Dr. Norman C. Francis, an educator and institution builder, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Xavier University of Louisiana, received a Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola University of the South Law School, and served in the Third Armored Division of the United States Army;

Whereas Dr. Norman C. Francis has served as president of Xavier University of Louisiana for 34 years, which ranks him among the most tenured of college presidents now serving in the United States;

Whereas Dr. Norman C. Francis embodies a spirit of greatness and leadership in his roles as an outstanding president and advocate for academic excellence at Xavier University;

Whereas Dr. Norman C. Francis has created an environment at Xavier University that gives students the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and skills that are necessary for success in today's challenging world; and

Whereas Dr. Norman C. Francis has diligently served the African-American and other minority communities: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),*

**SECTION 1. COMMENDATION.**

That Congress—

(1) is grateful to Dr. Norman Christopher Francis;

(2) honors Dr. Francis for his steadfast commitment and dedication to education;

(3) commends Dr. Francis for recognizing the need for diversity in education; and

(4) hopes that Dr. Norman C. Francis, an educator and institution builder, continues to be a leader of the best and brightest students and educators.

**SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.**

The Senate directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dr. Norman Christopher Francis.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I rise to make a few remarks concerning an individual who has longstanding dedication and service specific to Xavier University and to education as a whole. Dr. Francis is being honored by the Urban League of Greater New Orleans on June 28, 2003, for his leadership at Xavier University as an outstanding President and advocate for academic excellence.

Mr. President, I wish to recognize Dr. Norman C. Francis who has exhibited a spirit of greatness and for his leadership at Xavier University of Louisiana as an outstanding President and advocate for academic excellence.

It is certainly important to reflect upon his accomplishments as Dr. Francis is still motivated to new levels, to enhance educational opportunities throughout our colleges and universities and throughout the community at large.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED & PROPOSED**

SA 1094. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other

purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1095. Mr. REID (for Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1096. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1097. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1098. Mr. DAYTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1099. Mr. DAYTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1100. Mr. DAYTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1101. Mr. DAYTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1102. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1103. Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1104. Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1105. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1106. Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1107. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1108. Mr. DURBIN proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1109. Mr. BURNS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1110. Mr. BAUCUS (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1111. Mr. BAUCUS (for Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. CLINTON)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1112. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1113. Mr. GRASSLEY proposed an amendment to the bill S. 312, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

SA 1114. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

SA 1115. Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1116. Mr. DAYTON (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. SMITH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1117. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra.

SA 1118. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, *supra*.

SA 1119. Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1120. Mr. DAYTON (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. SMITH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1121. Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GREGG, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. LOTT) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1, *supra*.

SA 1122. Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, *supra*.

SA 1123. Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1124. Mr. ROBERTS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1125. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1126. Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. EDWARDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1, *supra*.

SA 1127. Mr. CHAMBLISS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1128. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1129. Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Daschle to the bill S. 1, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1130. Mr. ROBERTS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1131. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1132. Mr. SANTORUM proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1, *supra*.

SA 1133. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1, *supra*.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 1094.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, to amend title XVII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 637, line 1, strike "no debt" and all that follows through line 5, and insert the following: "the sponsor of such an alien shall be responsible for paying 100 percent of the costs attributable to the provision of such assistance, unless the sponsor demonstrates that the sponsor has an extreme and unusual financial hardship that prevents the sponsor from paying such costs."

**SA 1095.** Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) proposed an amendment

to the bill S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ MEDICATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.

##### (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish an assessment program to contract with qualified pharmacists to provide medication therapy management services to eligible beneficiaries who receive care under the original Medicare fee-for-service program under parts A and B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eligible beneficiaries.

(2) SITES.—The Secretary shall designate 6 geographic areas, each containing not less than 3 sites, at which to conduct the assessment program under this section. At least 2 geographic areas designated under this paragraph shall be located in rural areas.

(3) DURATION.—The Secretary shall conduct the assessment program under this section for a 1-year period.

(4) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall implement the program not later than January 1, 2005, but may not implement the assessment program before October 1, 2004.

(b) PARTICIPANTS.—Any eligible beneficiary who resides in an area designated by the Secretary as an assessment site under subsection (a)(2) may participate in the assessment program under this section if such beneficiary identifies a qualified pharmacist who agrees to furnish medication therapy management services to the eligible beneficiary under the assessment program.

##### (c) CONTRACTS WITH QUALIFIED PHARMACISTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enter into a contract with qualified pharmacists to provide medication therapy management services to eligible beneficiaries residing in the area served by the qualified pharmacist.

(2) NUMBER OF QUALIFIED PHARMACISTS.—The Secretary may contract with more than 1 qualified pharmacist at each site.

(d) PAYMENT TO QUALIFIED PHARMACISTS.—(1) IN GENERAL.—Under a contract entered into under subsection (c), the Secretary shall pay qualified pharmacists a fee for providing medication therapy management services.

(2) ASSESSMENT OF PAYMENT METHODOLOGIES.—The Secretary shall, in consultation with national pharmacist and pharmacy associations, design the fee paid under paragraph (1) to test various payment methodologies applicable with respect to medication therapy management services, including a payment methodology that applies a relative value scale and fee-schedule with respect to such services that take into account the differences in—

(A) the time required to perform the different types of medication therapy management services;

(B) the level of risk associated with the use of particular outpatient prescription drugs or groups of drugs; and

(C) the health status of individuals to whom such services are provided.

##### (e) FUNDING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall provide for the transfer from the Federal Supplementary Insurance Trust Fund established under section 1841 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395t) of such funds as are necessary for the costs of carrying out the assessment program under this section.

(2) BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—In conducting the assessment program under this section, the

Secretary shall ensure that the aggregate payments made by the Secretary do not exceed the amount which the Secretary would have paid if the assessment program under this section was not implemented.

(f) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may waive such requirements of titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.; 1395 et seq.) as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the assessment program under this section.

(g) AVAILABILITY OF DATA.—During the period in which the assessment program is conducted, the Secretary annually shall make available data regarding—

(1) the geographic areas and sites designated under subsection (a)(2);

(2) the number of eligible beneficiaries participating in the program under subsection (b) and the level and types medication therapy management services used by such beneficiaries;

(3) the number of qualified pharmacists with contracts under subsection (c), the location of such pharmacists, and the number of eligible beneficiaries served by such pharmacists; and

(4) the types of payment methodologies being tested under subsection (d)(2).

##### (h) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the completion of the assessment program under this section, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a final report summarizing the final outcome of the program and evaluating the results of the program, together with recommendations for such legislation and administrative action as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(2) ASSESSMENT OF PAYMENT METHODOLOGIES.—The final report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include an assessment of the feasibility and appropriateness of the various payment methodologies tested under subsection (d)(2).

##### (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) MEDICATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT SERVICES.—The term "medication therapy management services" means services or programs furnished by a qualified pharmacist to an eligible beneficiary, individually or on behalf of a pharmacy provider, which are designed—

(A) to ensure that medications are used appropriately by such individual;

(B) to enhance the individual's understanding of the appropriate use of medications;

(C) to increase the individual's compliance with prescription medication regimens;

(D) to reduce the risk of potential adverse events associated with medications; and

(E) to reduce the need for other costly medical services through better management of medication therapy.

(2) ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY.—The term "eligible beneficiary" means an individual who is—

(A) entitled to (or enrolled for) benefits under part A and enrolled for benefits under part B of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395c et seq.; 1395j et seq.);

(B) not enrolled with a Medicare+Choice plan or a MedicareAdvantage plan under part C; and

(C) receiving, in accordance with State law or regulation, medication for—

(i) the treatment of asthma, diabetes, or chronic cardiovascular disease, including an individual on anticoagulation or lipid reducing medications; or

(ii) such other chronic diseases as the Secretary may specify.

(3) QUALIFIED PHARMACIST.—The term "qualified pharmacist" means an individual who is a licensed pharmacist in good standing with the State Board of Pharmacy.