

Connecticut. For over six decades she lived in a townhouse on East 49th Street in the Turtle Bay neighborhood near the United Nations headquarters. Even after she retired permanently to Connecticut, she remained a generous and loyal dues-paying member of the local community group, the Turtle Bay Association to the end of her life. Her efforts on behalf of the Turtle Bay community led local residents to name a garden in Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza on East 47th Street in her honor in 1997. Every year, on her birthday of May 12, the community continues to celebrate their pride in their illustrious neighbor's achievements and character with a display and a ceremony in her honor. Following the news of her death at the age of 96, the Turtle Bay Association and Friends of Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza immediately established a memorial in the Katharine Hepburn Garden in tribute to their illustrious and beloved neighbor, complete with photographs, candles and flowers.

Because of her notable achievements on stage and screen and her indomitable and distinctive presence, Katharine Hepburn's spirit and presence will live on forever. It is only fitting that we salute her remarkable life and career and recognize her as a great American.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY MISSION
OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the City Mission for providing shelter, hope and faith to individuals and families within our Cleveland community.

The facilities, programs and services that were developed at the Mission in 1910 on Superior Avenue have evolved over the years, but the vision, assistance, compassion and faith have remained a constant source of comfort and hope for more than ninety years. Within the Mission walls, Reverend Peter Bliss, Reverend Robert Sandham, Executive Director Tim Campbell and the nearly forty dedicated staff members continue the Mission legacy of reaching out, empowering and uplifting the hearts, souls and lives of thousands of women, men and children every year.

The Mission's commitment to helping and healing every person that walks through the door is a true testimony to the power of faith, the reality of miracles, and the existence of angels and heroes that walk among us. The angels are those we call staff—the staff who've dedicated their lives to helping others get back in the game. The heroes are those who enter here—despite painful histories, despite illnesses and addictions, despite physical, emotional or financial devastation and despite fear. These heroes among us—the women, men and children of our community—reflect courage, dignity, wisdom, an unfaltering will to survive, a refusal to give up, and an unbreakable inner strength and faith as they rise up into the light of a brighter day.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude of the City Mission of Cleveland—a sanctuary in our community. Faith and love abound within these walls, producing miracles everyday—healing the lives of all who enter here—and uplifting our entire community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MRS. SKELTON

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker:

Dear Mrs. Skelton, Happy Birthday to You! Juanita Skelton, nee Juanita Katherine Campbell, was born on July 8, 1913, near Panhandle, Texas. She graduated from White Deer (Texas) High School in 1930. That year she was Vice President, Girl Favorite, Editor of the Annual, General News Reporter for the Weekly Newspaper, President of the Library Society, President of the Dramatic Club, and Yell Leader for the Pep Squad, and a guard on the women's basketball team. Of course there were only 13 members of her graduating class. She was referred to as "our seniors' most representative girl."

She graduated from West Texas State with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1934 and started teaching in Canadian, Texas. She married Hiram Bowmer Skelton on March 3, 1944, when she was 31 years old. They lived in Panhandle, Texas and she helped him run the movie theatre that the family owned. When her husband died, she moved with her son to Arlington, Texas in 1953. She resumed being a high school English teacher at that time. Mrs. Skelton went on to get her Master's in Speech Pathology from Denver University in 1956 and became the first speech therapist in the Arlington School District in 1956. She became the Coordinator of Speech Therapy in 1957 and the Coordinator of Special Education in 1965. She also became the first Director of Special Education in 1974. Mrs. Skelton retired in 1978 after 25 years with the Arlington School District.

During her years in special education, Juanita received the following recognition and awards: President of the Texas Association of Administrators in Special Education "Administrator of the Year Award for Outstanding Leadership;" Texas Council for Exceptional Children Award as the "Outstanding Contributor to Special Education." In 1989, the Mayor of Arlington, Texas recognized Juanita as the "outstanding senior citizen."

She moved to Fort Collins, Colorado in 1997.

Again, congratulations on your 90th birthday!

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG
AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Chairman THOMAS' willingness to clarify that FEHBP plans will be able to take advantage of the subsidies in H.R. 1. However, I have another concern that Federal employees are often treated differently from current Federal employees in ways that are not always equitable. For example, current employees are allowed to pay their health insurance premiums from pre-tax dollars; retirees are not. I know this concern is shared by a number of my colleagues, but specifically JO ANN DAVIS, Chair of the Civil Service Subcommittee. I am pleased Mrs. DAVIS will soon be taking up that specific issue in her subcommittee.

FEHBP currently does not provide different benefits for retirees and current employees—one simply is a member of FEHBP. I believe it is important this dynamic remain, once a Medicare prescription drug benefit is put in place. As Chairman of the Government Reform Committee, I look at this from an employer's perspective. We do not want private employers to drop the prescription drug coverage they provide for their retirees. H.R. 1 includes incentives so they will not do so. However, we as the Federal Government must lead by example.

Along with Chairwoman DAVIS, FRANK WOLF, and JIM MORAN, I have introduced legislation that simply states that Federal retirees will remain on par with current employees when it comes to prescription drug benefits. I regret we were unable to include this language in H.R. 1, but am grateful to have the commitment of Speaker HASTERT and Leader DELAY to bring this bill to the floor as soon as we return from recess.

IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GEORGE E. FEDOR
MANOR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the founding members, current administrators and residents of the George E. Fedor Manor of Lakewood, Ohio, as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary.

In 1979, Father Richard Ondreyka, Pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, attorney George E. Fedor and local businessman Peter Shimrak brought together their personal and professional experience to form SS. C. & M. Haven, Inc., with the goal of constructing an apartment community for low-income senior citizens.

In May of 1983, Fedor Manor—a not-for-profit facility—opened its doors to welcome its first residents. For twenty years, the 145-unit structure has served as a place of comfort and care for our most treasured citizens—our elderly. Fedor Manor offers an array of social services focused on the emotional, social and physical well-being of every resident.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Twentieth Anniversary of the George E. Fedor Manor. The founding members and their mission have created a structure well beyond mere bricks and steel—they've raised this building as a haven of comfort and peace—and a place where hundreds of seniors along Madison Avenue call 'home'. The collective commitment of staff and residents, woven with the mission of the founding members, has remained constant for two decades: To provide a secure and warm life setting for the seniors of our community. "Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home."—Eleanor Roosevelt.