

a Sikh," Dr. Aulakh noted. "Tohra worked with the Indian government in its most brutal efforts to suppress the Sikh Nation's effort to realize the Guru's blessing by reclaiming its sovereignty," he said.

"Democracies don't commit genocide," Dr. Aulakh said. "Only in a free and sovereign Khalistan will the Sikh Nation prosper. In a democracy, the right to self-determination is the sine qua non and if India is truly a democracy, it should accept the sovereignty of the Sikh Nation," he said.

AETNA'S "GOOD CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP" VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to report on the "Good Corporate Citizenship" of AETNA, a constituent company in my district. During the week of April 26th, approximately 1,100 employees from Aetna's Consumer Markets segment across the country will donate more than 4,400 hours to charitable causes in their communities.

Aetna has a long history of volunteerism and contributing to the communities where it operates. In 2003, Aetna and the Aetna Foundation contributed approximately \$16.5 million nationally, with nearly \$4.4 million directed at entities in Connecticut, Aetna's home State for 150 years.

Every day, Aetna employees across the country demonstrate their compassion and commitment to this goal by devoting hundreds of hours of personal time to volunteerism. This commitment has created what is now recognized as Aetna's "Culture of Caring"—a tradition of volunteerism that has become a part of Aetna's core values.

As part of this April 2004 charitable initiative, employees from 20 sites around the country will join together to make an impact in the lives of others. In my home State of Connecticut, this fine group of Aetna employees will focus on assisting The Children's Home of Cromwell, where they will collect school supplies and backpacks for resident children; The American Red Cross, where employees will paint houses and clean yards for low-income housing residents; Foodshare of Greater Hartford, where Aetna staff will participate in the Walk Against Hunger and will sort food at the Hartford Farmer's Market; The Shepherd Home, where employees will collect small appliances and furniture for transitional housing residents; and Community Renewal Team, where Aetna employees will paint classrooms for low-income, inner-city preschools, read to students, and provide nutritional snacks.

Being a leader in health care is a source of pride for the entire Aetna community. I am proud to represent Connecticut and Aetna's employees, especially as they demonstrate that corporate responsibility and employee volunteerism are key business objectives, objectives which help make Aetna such an integral part of the local community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TONI WINTERS McMAHON

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Toni Winters McMahon, who passed away on January 21, 2004.

Born Catherine Antoinette Winters in Keene, New Hampshire, Mrs. McMahon was a music graduate of Tufts University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She then pursued graduate study in public administration at George Mason University.

In Northern Virginia, Mrs. McMahon became involved in her community as a school activist. She served as president of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and started projects to encourage high school seniors to volunteer at the county's various human services agencies. In 1981, she raised over \$100,000 to save the Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run in McLean when the National Park Service withdrew funding. Several years later in 1984, she was named the Fairfax County Citizen of the Year, an award cosponsored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and The Washington Post.

Since 1984, Mrs. McMahon served as president/CEO of the Arts Council of Fairfax County, overseeing events such as the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. While in this position, she fully committed herself to fund-raising, grant-writing, board development, and long-range planning. In 1999, Mrs. McMahon received the Jinx Hazel Arts Citizen of the Year Award from the Arts Council of Fairfax County.

Mrs. McMahon always will be remembered for her dedicated efforts on behalf of the arts. She is a remarkable individual who played an integral role in making the arts in Fairfax County what they are today. At the time of her death, her board memberships included the George Mason University Center for the Arts, the Lorton Arts Foundation, and the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington. Her survivors include four children: Dr. Doug McMahon of Medford, Oregon; John W. McMahon of Warrenton, Virginia; and Toni L. McMahon and Norwood McMahon, both of Fairfax, Virginia; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to pay tribute to the life and work of Mrs. McMahon and express my deepest condolences to all who knew and loved her.

HONORING MR. TOM REILAND

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Tom Reiland of Shaler, Pennsylvania, who recently had an asteroid named in his honor: Minor Planet 10320 Reiland. It brings me great pleasure to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, the congressional district in which Mr. Reiland resides.

Director of the Nicholas E. Wagman Observatory in Frazer Township, Pennsylvania,

and member of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh, Mr. Reiland has devoted himself to improving the astronomy facilities in western Pennsylvania. Mr. Reiland, along with fellow members of the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh, opened the Nicholas E. Wagman Observatory in 1982. Since then he has gone on to sponsor numerous events that help to inform the public about the joys of astronomy. In fact, he is now the chairman of the association committee that coordinates star parties at Wagman Observatory. The star parties give the public insight into astronomy and a chance to see celestial objects through the observatory's two large telescopes. It was on February 28, 2004, at the annual Wagman Winterfest star party that Mr. Reiland was informed the asteroid would be named after him.

I ask that all my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring such a dedicated and inspirational citizen of the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania. It is truly my pleasure to honor someone who has given so much back to southwestern Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOHN SHEEDY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John Sheedy of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, for his countless contributions to the Home Nursing Agency and on receiving the Visiting Nurse Associations of America Volunteer Board Member of the Year Award.

As a life-long resident of Blair County, Dr. Sheedy has connected with citizens in the area in a way that few are able. Since the late 1960s, when he worked alongside nurses to launch the first home care agency, Dr. Sheedy worked diligently to make positive changes throughout the system so that health care would be more accessible to Pennsylvania's immobilized citizens. From the very beginning, he served as medical director, and he was one of the first members of the board of directors. The impact he has had on the Home Nursing Agency, as well as central Pennsylvania, is immeasurable.

For more than 30 years, Dr. Sheedy has taken advantage of the opportunities to teach and challenge others on staff at the agency, and he has worked tirelessly to make improvements where they have been needed. His devotion and commitment to those in the community are admirable, and I am grateful for all that he has accomplished throughout Blair County.

Dr. John Sheedy has served this Nation every day of his life, touching the lives of every American citizen indirectly as he served in the United States Navy, as well as directly, as he has visited countless homes and patients in need. Central Pennsylvania is a better place because of the contributions that Dr. Sheedy has made. Thank you for all that you have done, Dr. Sheedy, and congratulations on receiving this much-deserved award.